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Subject: Re: creating panel of EAs?

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My understanding is that generating such a panel is impossible. I have also seen it done and then asked how that was possible, and the general impression I get is that people just assumed V001==1 means the same thing in each survey round - I am about 99% certain that it does not.

There may be some possibilities for generating panels at other levels, such as region (once they are coded to comparable regions, which change across surveys), and there may be ways to use the GPS to guess at clusters that were close together (even though there is random displacement in GPS coordinates) but in general I think that trying to make the cluster-level panel is a fundamental mistake people keep making.

I would love it if one of the DHS folks could confirm all this, but I've definitely noticed the same thing and been very, very suspicious.

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