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Subject: Re: Caste correlation table

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Hey Brigitte, I am not completely comfortable with the absence of supporting documentation on the caste codes. Essentially we have no way to confirm the validity of the underlying data--especially if codes between 2000-7000 are missing from the documentation. I mean this absence also casts doubt on whether the available document with 0-2000 codes is actually the correct document or the proper set of codes used to code the data.

I imagine it is not an easy situation to track down this info, but as scholars we are getting a lot more pressure to prove the validity of the data that we use. I am sure you are aware of the recent data falsification scandals in political science at UCLA. So I just want to make sure that if someone asks about the data, I have appropriate documentation and auditing to point back to. Also note that without the appropriate caste codes, that caste variable is not really useable in the survey. Is it possible to contact the original coders of the data to see if they might know the codes?

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