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Column 1: focyear: Focal year for the SCCS society

Column 2: hraf_no: Human Relations Area File code for the SCCS society

Column 3: Name: Society Name

Column 4: sccs. SCCS number for the society

Columns 5-14 v149 to v158 Division of Labor by Sex variables

The original STDS06.DAT and STDS06.COD files are provided as supplemental files with names STDS06ori.DAT and STDS06ori.COD.

149. Scale 1- Writing and Records

N	Code	Meaning
73	1	None (original 0)
49	2	Mnemonic devices (original 1)
21	3	Nonwritten records (original 2)
12	4	True writing; no records (original 3)
31	5	True writing; records (original 4)

150. Scale 2- Fixity of Residence

N	Code	Meaning
28	1	Nomadic (original 0)
21	2	Seminomadic (original 1)
20	3	Semisedentary (original 2)
15	4	Sedentary; impermanent (original 3)
102	5	Sedentary (original 4)

151. Scale 3- Agriculture

N	Code	Meaning
38	1	None (original 0)
17	2	Less than 10% of food supply (original 1)
11	3	More than 10%; secondary (original 2)
63	4	Primary; not intensive (original 3)
57	5	Primary; intensive (original 4)

152. Scale 4- Urbanization—(average population of local communities)

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N	Code	Meaning	
56	1	fewer than 100 persons (original 0)	
43	2	100-199 persons (original 1)	
33	3	200-399 persons (original 2)	
30	4	400-999 persons (original 3)	
24	5	1000 persons (original 4)	

153. Scale 5- Technological Specialization

N	Code	Meaning
39	1	None (original 0)
27	2	Pottery only (original 1)
31	3	Loom weaving only (original 2)
56	4	Metalwork only (original 3)
33	5	Smiths, weavers, potters (original 4)

154. Scale 6- Land Transport

N	Code	Meaning
108	1	Human only (original 0)
42	2	Pack animals (original 1)
14	3	Draft animals (original 2)
11	4	Animal-drawn vehicles (original 3)
11	5	Automotive vehicles (original 4)

155. Scale 7- Money

N	Code	Meaning
77	1	None (original 0)
14	2	Domestically usable articles (original 1)
43	3	Alien currency (original 2)
27	4	Elementary forms (original 3)
25	5	True money (original 4)

156. Scale 8- Density of Population

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N	Code	Meaning
58	1	less than 1 person/square mile (original 0)
25	2	1-5 persons/square mile (original 1)
28	3	5.1-25 persons/square mile (original 2)
35	4	26-100 persons/square mile (original 3)
40	5	100 persons/square mile (original 4)

157. Scale 9- Political Integration

N	Code	Meaning
11	1	None (original 0)
71	2	Autonomous local communities (original 1)
47	3	1 level above community (original 2)
28	4	2 levels above community (original 3)
29	5	3 levels above community (original 4)

158. Scale 10- Social Stratification

N	Code	Meaning
65	1	Egalitarian (original 0)
52	2	Hereditary slavery (original 1)
19	3	2 social classes, no castes/slavery (original 2)
20	4	2 social classes, castes/slavery (original 3)
30	5	3 social classes or castes, with or without slavery
		(original 4)