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***The General Social Survey and the International
Social Survey Program: Monitoring America
across time and in comparative perspective***

by

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The National Data Program for the Social Sciences (NDPSS) is the largest and longest-term program supported by the Sociology Program at the National Science Foundation. Its major components are the General Social Survey and the International Social Survey Program. This talk describes the evolving structure of the NDPSS and new features that are being implemented. Attention is also devoted to describing some of the societal change that has occurred across the last four decades.

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