

Data-PASS Data Deposit Agreement

The Data Preservation Alliance for the Social Sciences (Data-PASS) is a partnership project led by the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), at the University of Michigan in collaboration with The Roper Center, at the University of Connecticut; the Odum Institute, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; the Harvard-MIT Data Center of the Institute for Quantitative Social Science, at Harvard University; and the Henry A. Murray Research Archive of the Institute for Quantitative Social Science, at Harvard University¹. The project is supported by an award from the Library of Congress as part of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program. The Data-PASS partners and the Library of Congress together are referred to as the Partners.

The data deposit agreement grants permission for Data-PASS, through its Partners, to archive and distribute your data collection. Please sign the form below to attest to the six statements above the signature line.

Please sign below. By signing, you give assurance of the following:

1. I give my permission to <Name of Partner Organization> to make the Data Collection publicly available through the Data-PASS project under the <Name of Partner Organization's> standard terms of use.
2. I give my permission that a copy of this data collection may be made available to other Partners, with the exception of NARA, for the purpose of preservation and future access.
3. I give my permission to <Name of Partner Organization> for the Data Collection to be used by Data-PASS, through its Partners, for the following purposes, without limitation:
 - To disseminate copies of the Data Collection in a variety of distribution formats according the standard terms of use of <Name of Partner Organization>
 - To promote and advertise the Data Collection in any publicity (in any form) for Data-PASS and the <Name of Partner Organization>
 - To describe, catalog, validate and document the Data Collection
 - To store, translate, copy or re-format the Data Collection in any way to ensure its future preservation and accessibility
 - To incorporate metadata (cataloging information) or documentation in the Data Collection into public access catalogues

¹ The Electronic and Special Media Records Service Division of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is also a Data-PASS partner. However, due to its federal mandate, NARA does not accept data under this deposit agreement.

As approved by the Operations Committee, May 18, 2006.

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4. I give my permission to the Partners under Data-PASS to enhance, transform and/or rearrange the Data Collection, including the data, metadata, and all associated documentation, for any of the following purposes:

- protect respondent confidentiality, as required by applicable laws, regulations or best practices.
- improve usability

5. In preparing this data collection for public archiving and distribution, I have removed all information directly identifying the research subjects in these data, and I have used due diligence in preventing information in the collection from being used to disclose the identity of research subjects.

6. I further agree to release and hold harmless Partners of Data-PASS and the Partners' home institutions from any and all liability from claims arising out of any legal action concerning identification of research subjects, breaches of confidentiality, or invasions of privacy by or on behalf of said subjects.

Printed name and title: _____

Institutional affiliation: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____