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**Memorandum of Agreement between  
The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research and  
"Survey Research Organization"**

Whereas the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research, a world leader in data archives, maintains an extensive archive of high-quality survey and public opinion data from the United States and around the world from 1935 to the current day. The Roper Center is committed to promoting transparency in methodological disclosure and supports the American Association of Public Opinion Research's Transparency Initiative, and;

Whereas the "Survey Research Organization" (hereafter Partner) conducts high-quality public opinion survey research of substantial significance to the public opinion research community;

Therefore, the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research (hereafter Roper) and Partner agree, upon signing, to work together to archive and, where applicable, disseminate these valuable collections of survey datasets to the academic social science and the policy research communities in the United States and around the world.

- I. Roper agrees to serve as a permanent repository of data files from public opinion surveys collected by Partner that meet criteria for acquisition as described in the Roper data acquisition policy and facilitate access to these data by scholarly and other policy researchers.

Roper further agrees to include these datasets in their online data catalog and to cite the "Survey Research Organization" as the data producer.

Roper further abide by any mutually agreed upon data access restrictions indicated on the data submission form (section II b).

Roper further agrees to require that users, prior to gaining access to dataset downloads, consent to Roper's terms and conditions of use for dataset files, including those of Partner, archived at the Roper Center.

Roper further agrees to provide Partner with access to all datasets and supplemental materials provided by Partner upon request.

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- II. Partner agrees to provide Roper with all mutually agreeable recurring and individual surveys and associated datasets for the purposes of being archived.
  - a. Data will be provided at mutually agreed upon intervals (at least every XX). This timeframe can be updated at any time.
  - b. Data submissions will be processed individually, using the data deposit guidelines and procedures set forth on the Roper Center website - <http://ropercenter.cornell.edu/polls/deposit-data/#materials>. Access restrictions, dissemination embargoes and other issues will be agreed to and documented individually.
  - c. Partner will provide all applicable material and documentation for each survey, including codebooks, descriptions of design and methodology, survey results, and related materials.
  - d. To protect respondent confidentiality, as required by applicable laws, regulations or best practices, Partner will have removed all information directly identifying the research subjects in these data.
  - e. Partner gives Roper the authority to modify the data files to protect respondent confidentiality or ensure understandability and usability of the data.

Partner further agrees to allow Roper to use the name and/or logo of Partner in promotion of Roper’s data resources to scholarly and other policy researchers.

Partner further agrees to release and hold harmless Roper 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.

- III. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon six (6) months written notification to Partner and Roper Center.

Partner hereby grants permission for this data collection to be disseminated by the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research under its standard terms of use.

"Survey Research Organization"

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