Satisfaction with Data Reuse: Survey Results from Users of a Social Science Data Archive

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Abstract: How do researchers view their experience reusing data from a digital repository? What contributes to a satisfactory reuse experience? During the summer of 2012, a survey was administered to 1683 quantitative social scientists that cited Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) data in articles they published from 2008 to 2012. They were surveyed about three major topics: the data reused in their paper and their data reuse satisfaction, their experience with ICPSR and intentions to continue using this resource, and demographic information. This presentation will focus on one aspect of the survey data and examine how different aspects of the social scientists’ demographic profile might impact their data reuse satisfaction. The survey is a part of the Dissemination Information Packages for Information Reuse (DIPIR) Project, a three year Institute of Museum and Library Services funded initiative that seeks to investigate data reuse across three academic communities: archaeology, zoology, and quantitative social science.

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