Appendix A – Coding Procedures and Data File References		
Variable		**Coding rule and notes**
MilitaryConf		GSS variable `conarmy`; Harris (1972, 1996, 2005): `p19_p`; `e1_1`; `q506a` Coding (both datasets): "hardly any" → *MilitaryConf* = 0; "only some" →1; "great deal" →2 Harris 1972 only: "none" →0; "hardly any" → 1; "only some" → 2; "great deal" →3
Female		GSS: `sex`; Harris (1972, 1996, 2005): `f9`, `sex`, `q1020` "Female"→*Female*=1; else 0
NonWhite		GSS: `race`; Harris `f8`, `f8`, `q238` Any response but "White" → *NonWhite*=1
Edu-HS *Edu-College*		GSS: `degree`; Harris: `f5`, `f3`, `q216` High school diploma or "some college" reported →1; all other cases 0 Bachelor's degree or graduate degree →1; all other cases 0
BoomerGen		GSS: `cohort`; Harris (1972, 1996, 2005): `p13`, `f2`, `q1030` Birth year > 1942 and < 1962 →1; other cases 0 Note: test regressions included *WW2* (birth year <1925); *Silent* (1925-1942); *GenX* (1962-1980); *Millenial* (1980-), dropped for final regression; see endnote 6
Married		GSS: `marital` = "currently married" → *Married*=1; otherwise 0 Harris: n/a
RegionSouth		GSS: `region`; Harris `s11`, `region`, `q343` (response options per 9-region Census defn) region S. Atlantic, E. So. Central, or W. So. Central →*RegionSouth*=1; otherwise 0 Note: test regressions included region dummies for Northeast, Midwest, West; dropped for final regression, see endnote 7
Democrat *Republican*		GSS: `partyID`; Harris: `p1c`, `b1`, `q220` `partyID` = 0,1,2 (Strong Dem, Dem, "Ind but Near" Dem) → *Democrat*=1; otherwise 0 `partyID` = 4,5,6 ("Ind but Near" Rep, Rep, Strong Rep) → *Republican*=1; otherwise 0 Harris: party ID response 'Democrat' → *Democrat=1;* "Republican" → *Republican*=1
Dem-Strong *Rep-Strong*		GSS: `partyID` = 0 → *Dem-Strong* = 1 GSS: `partyID` = 6 → *Rep-Strong* = 1; Harris: n/a
Liberal *Conservative*		GSS: `polviews` = {0,1,2} → *Liberal* = {3,2,1}; otherwise 0. `polviews` = {4,5,6} → *Conservative* = {1,2,3}; otherwise 0. Harris: 1972: n/a; 1996: `f4`; 2005: `q226` "liberal" → *Liberal*=1; "conservative" → *Conservative*=1; otherwise 0.
PresAprv		Harris: 1972 `p16a`; 1996 `a2`; 2005 `q417` Coded: 'poor' → 0, 'fair'→ 0.33; 'pretty good' → 0.67; excellent → 1.0.
Aprv_Vietnam *Aprv_Bosnia* *Iraq-Stay* *Iraq-GWOT*		Harris: all recoded to '1' for 'agree', 0 otherwise 1972 `p14a`, "Approve the heavy bombing of N. Vietnam by U.S. planes" 1996 `a5_1`, "Approve the deployment of U.S. troops to Bosnia" 2005 `q462`, "Keep large number of U.S. troops in Iraq" 2005 `q465`, "Invasion of Iraq strengthened the War on Terrorism"
Missing cases		Cases were dropped if the dependent variable (MilConf) or any independent variables were missing, refused, or "don't know"; the main cause of dropped cases is that the *MilitaryConf* question is only asked of about 2/3 of GSS respondents per year
Weight variables		GSS: Constructed a year-balancing weight variable as follows: (`WTSSALL` * `FORMWT` * `OVERSAMP`) * (Mean responses with non-missing MILCONF/year for all years in regression) ÷ (Total # of non-missing MILCONF responses for `YEAR`) The first three terms are standard GSS weights; the year-balancing term adjusts for uneven # responses per year (range from approx 500 to approx 2000) Harris: Harris-supplied weight variable (`weight`)

Data Sources		
GSS		General Social Survey Cumulative Release 1972-2016, published March 2017 Datafile availble at (NORC): http://gss.norc.org/
Harris		1972: Louis Harris survey #2234. 1996: Louis Harris survey #961101. 2005: Harris Interactive survey #23283. Datafiles at (UNC – Odum Center): https://dataverse.unc.edu/dataverse/harris

Harris surveys for Figure 1		Fig. 1 "Harris" trend computed from surveys:
		   1702 (1967), 2234 (1972), 2434 (1974), 7581 (1975), 7681, 7690, 792103 (1979),
		   802125, 818375, 822115, 832101, 842234, 85123, 864011, 881202 (1988), 891202,
		   901209, 911108, 921102, 931101, 941101, 951101, 961101, 718210, 818375, 918653,
		   11767, 13599, 15652, 17800, 20621, 23283, 26827, 28335, 33084, 35884, 37767,
		   401111, 41437 (final year – 2012).
		Datafiles at (UNC – Odum Center): https://dataverse.unc.edu/dataverse/harris

Appendix B: Descriptive Statistics for Variables

Table B1
Descriptive Statistics for GSS Independent Variables

	Range		Nixon-Ford		Carter		Reagan-Bush		Clinton		G.W.Bush		Obama	
Variable	Min	Max	Mean	Std.Dev	Mean	Std.Dev	Mean	Std.Dev	Mean	Std.Dev	Mean	Std.Dev	Mean	Std.Dev
MilitaryConf	0	2	1.22	0.69	1.19	0.65	1.23	0.66	1.28	0.66	1.42	0.67	1.45	0.65
Female	0	1	0.52	0.50	0.55	0.50	0.55	0.50	0.54	0.50	0.54	0.50	0.55	0.50
NonWhite	0	1	0.13	0.33	0.11	0.32	0.15	0.35	0.19	0.39	0.23	0.42	0.26	0.44
BoomerGen	0	1	0.32	0.46	0.41	0.49	0.42	0.49	0.40	0.49	0.35	0.48	0.30	0.46
Edu-HS	0	1	0.51	0.50	0.54	0.50	0.58	0.49	0.61	0.49	0.60	0.49	0.58	0.49
Edu-College	0	1	0.13	0.33	0.14	0.35	0.17	0.38	0.23	0.42	0.26	0.44	0.28	0.45
RegionSouth	0	1	0.32	0.47	0.33	0.47	0.34	0.47	0.36	0.48	0.37	0.48	0.37	0.48
Married	0	1	0.73	0.44	0.69	0.46	0.63	0.48	0.57	0.49	0.57	0.50	0.52	0.50
Democrat	0	1	0.56	0.50	0.54	0.50	0.49	0.50	0.45	0.50	0.44	0.50	0.46	0.50
Republican	0	1	0.29	0.46	0.32	0.46	0.38	0.49	0.37	0.48	0.36	0.48	0.33	0.47
Dem-Strong	0	1	0.17	0.38	0.15	0.36	0.16	0.36	0.14	0.34	0.15	0.36	0.16	0.37
Rep-Strong	0	1	0.07	0.25	0.07	0.26	0.10	0.30	0.11	0.31	0.12	0.32	0.10	0.30
Liberal	0	3	0.47	0.81	0.41	0.76	0.42	0.77	0.43	0.80	0.43	0.80	0.48	0.86
Conservative	0	3	0.47	0.79	0.50	0.80	0.55	0.84	0.59	0.88	0.60	0.89	0.58	0.90

Raw data from General Social Survey cumulative file,1972-2016; variables coded per Appendix A

Survey years in each time block (missing years due to GSS availability):
Nixon-Ford: 1973-1976; Carter: 1977, 1978, 1980; Reagan-Bush: 1982-1984, 1986-1991;
Clinton: 1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000; G.W.Bush: 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008; Obama: 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016

Table B2
Descriptive Statistics for Harris Independent Variables

Variable	Range Min	Range Max	1972 Mean	1972 Std.Dev	1996 Mean	1996 Std.Dev	2005 Mean	2005 Std.Dev
MilitaryConf	0	3 (1972) 2 (96/05)	2.14	0.84	1.39	0.63	1.35	0.68
Female	0	1	0.50	0.50	0.52	0.50	0.52	0.50
NonWhite	0	1	0.13	0.34	0.20	0.40	0.24	0.43
BoomerGen	0	1	0.24	0.43	0.37	0.48	0.36	0.48
Edu-HS	0	1	0.53	0.50	0.69	0.46	0.64	0.48
Edu-College	0	1	0.17	0.38	0.20	0.40	0.25	0.44
RegionSouth	0	1	0.24	0.42	0.33	0.47	0.31	0.46
Democrat	0	1	0.48	0.50	0.33	0.47	0.38	0.49
Republican	0	1	0.31	0.46	0.27	0.45	0.32	0.47
Liberal	0	1	.	.	0.19	0.39	0.22	0.41
Conservative	0	1	.	.	0.39	0.49	0.33	0.47
PresidentAprv	0	1	0.55	0.30	0.46	0.31	0.42	0.35
Aprv-Vietnam	0	1	0.46	0.50	.	.	.	.
Aprv-Bosnia	0	1	.	.	0.49	0.50	.	.
Iraq-Stay	0	1	.	.	.	.	0.40	0.49
Iraq-GWOT	0	1	.	.	.	.	0.49	0.50

Data from Harris surveys 2234, 961101, 23283. In 1972, military confidence included response "none" in addition to "hardly any / some / great deal". Presidential approval is a 4-response item, rescaled 0, .33, .66, 1.0.