

**DATA USER AGREEMENT REGARDING USE OF DATA FROM THE UNDERSTANDING AMERICA STUDY**

This data use agreement applies only to the signatory. Any other associated data users must apply for separate account(s)

**IMPORTANT: ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED**

**THE UNDERSIGNED:**

First Name, Initial, Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Position (check all that apply)**

- Researcher
- Professor
- Journalist

I am a student: [ ] Undergraduate [ ] master’s degree [ ] Ph.D. [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

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1. He/She will not undertake to re-identify the data using information from UAS or any other sources.
2. He/She will undertake to keep confidential any information in the data concerning individual persons, households, enterprises or institutions which comes to his/her knowledge during the work on the data. This includes not publishing specific identifying information about individuals that could serve to inadvertently identify them, alone or in connection with other information.
3. He/she undertakes not to distribute UAS data to others without explicit permission from CESR UAS. This includes colleagues, thesis advisors and other collaborators. Anyone accessing the data file must create a separate account.
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5. He/she provides a copy of all journal publications based on the data to CESR UAS c/o Tania Gutsche ([tgutsche@usc.edu](mailto:tgutsche@usc.edu))
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Researcher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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