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IMMIGRANTS IN THE NEPS: IDENTIFYING GENERATION STATUS AND GROUP OF ORIGIN

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Background

This supplement informs about two central decisions which were taken after the working paper 41a was published. First, three *additional* variables will be included in the next Scientific Use Files which inform about the origin of NEPS respondents. Second, the supplement informs about the approach handling the longitudinal data structure with respect to the generated variables on generation status and origin.

Supplement 1: Identifying the 3.75th generation

In contrast to the already implemented variable on the generation status, cases in which the target person and the parents were born in Germany and only one grandparent was born abroad (3.75th generation) are separately categorized in the new variable (see table 1). In the already existing variable on the generation status (t400500_g1 and p400500_g1) these cases are assigned to the majority.

In consequence, the distributions of the variables on origin and missing values change. Therefore, additional variables are generated. While the new variable on generation status has an additional category, the categories of the new variables on origin group and missing values stay the same.

The three already existing variables, where the 3.75th generation is assigned to the majority, remain in the Scientific Use Files. In future, these variables will be marked by the suffix *v1* and are named as follows: t400500_g1v1, t400500_g2v1, t400500_g3Rv1 as well as p400500_g1v1, p400500_g2v1 und p400500_g3Rv1. In contrast, the newly generated variables will be named t400500_g1, t400500_g2, t400500_g3R as well as p400500_g1, p400500_g2 und p400500_g3R.

Table 1

Values of the new generation status variable: t400500_g1 and p400500_g1

Value	Label	Description
0	Majority	Target person and parents born in Germany, at most one grandparent (if any) born abroad
1	1st generation	Target person born abroad and immigrated <u>after</u> the age of six
2	1.5th generation	Target person born abroad and immigrated <u>before</u> the age of six
3	2nd generation	Target person born in Germany and both parents born abroad
4	2.25th generation	Target person born in Germany and one parent born abroad; other parent born in Germany and <u>both</u> of that parent's parents born abroad
5	2.5th generation	Target person born in Germany, one parent born abroad; other parent born in Germany and <u>one</u> of that parent's parents born abroad
6	2.75th generation	Target person born in Germany, one parent born abroad; other parent born in Germany and <u>neither</u> of that parent's parents born abroad
7	3rd generation	Target person and parents born in Germany; <u>all four</u> grandparents born abroad
8	3.25th generation	Target person and parents born in Germany; <u>three</u> grandparents born abroad
9	3.5th generation	Target person and parents born in Germany; <u>two</u> grandparents born abroad
10	3.75th generation	Target person and parents born in Germany; <u>one</u> grandparent born abroad
-55	Not determinable	

Supplement 2: The variables in longitudinal perspective

The variables on origin, generation status and missing values are generated on the basis of data on the migration biography gathered at the time of the first interview. In consequence, in the younger cohorts, where parents are interviewed repeatedly, changes over time, for example as result of changing partners, are not considered.