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## Introducing the NSHAP Wave 3 Elder Mistreatment Module

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# Who makes NSHAP data useful?

- NSHAP Data Users!



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# Presentation Overview

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- Overview of NSHAP
- NSHAP W3 Elder Mistreatment Module
  - Data Access

# Overview of NSHAP



# What is NSHAP?

## **NSHAP is...**

- A nationally representative study of community dwelling older adults
- A longitudinal study

# What is NSHAP?

## What are the objectives of NSHAP?

### Describe the health of older adults:

- **Evaluate** the **social** pathways through which older adult interpersonal and intimate connections affect health
- **Identify** the **biological** pathways through which social connectedness affects various aspects of health
- **Examine** any differences between groups in the relationships between social connectedness and health



# 3 Waves of Data Collection So Far





# Wave 3 Sampling Goals

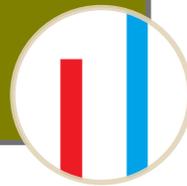
- Collect longitudinal data from everyone included in W1 & W2

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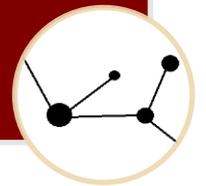
- Collect a first wave of NSHAP data from Baby Boomers to refresh the NSHAP sample and facilitate cohort comparisons

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- Collect data from respondents' co-resident spouses & romantic partners

3



# W3 Sample Sizes

- Cohort 1

(a.k.a. “Greatest Generation” & “Returning Respondents”)

**N = 2,409**

Age eligible Rs given  
new elder mistreatment  
questions

- Cohort 2

(a.k.a. “Baby Boomers” & “New Cohort”)

**N = 2,368**

Not given the elder  
mistreatment module

# NSHAP Data from Two Cohorts

National area probability sample of community residing older adults, which includes an oversampling of African Americans and Hispanics

## Cohort 1 Wave 1 (2005-2006)

- ✦ Adults born between 1920 and 1947 (1 person per household selected)
- ✦ Interviewed every 5 years – 3 waves of data collected to date
- ✦ Co-resident romantic partners of any age added in 2nd wave

## Cohort 2 Wave 1 (2015-2016)

- ✦ Adults born between 1948 and 1965 (all age eligible household members selected)
- ✦ Age ineligible co-resident romantic partners included in 1st wave



# NSHAP Cohort 1 Sample Sizes

## Wave 1 (2005-2006)

**3,005**  
**respondents**  
**ages 57-85**

## Wave 2 (2010-2011)

**2,422 respondents**  
**ages 62-90**  
**+**  
**955**  
**co-resident**  
**romantic partners**  
**ages 36-99**

## Wave 3 (2015-2016)

**2,409**  
**=**  
**1,678**  
**respondents**  
**ages 67-95**  
**+**  
**731**  
**co-resident romantic**  
**partners**

# What can we learn from NSHAP?

- **Social Networks**
- **Social Support**
- Social Activities
- Sexuality
- Physical Health
- Mental Health
- Personality
- **Cognition**
- Medications
- Background Demographics
- Religion
- Attitudes
- **Elder Mistreatment**

# Elder Mistreatment



# NSHAP W1 EM measures

## 4 main questions

1. Is there anyone who you feel is **too controlling** over your daily decisions and life?
2. Is there anyone who **insults you or puts you down**?
3. Is there anyone who has **taken your money or belongings without your OK** or prevented you from getting them even when you ask?
4. Is there anyone who **hits, kicks, slaps, pushes or throws** things at you?

## 2 follow-up questions

- a. In the past 12 months, how many people have done this?
- b. Thinking about the person who does this most often, is this person someone we wrote down on your roster earlier?

Yes: RECORD LINE NUMBER

No: Which of the following best describes this person's relationship to you? (USE HAND CARD)



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# Applications: W1 Elder Mistreatment

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## Does Embeddedness Protect? Personal Network Density and Vulnerability to Mistreatment Among Older American Adults

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Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

# NSHAP W2 EM Questions

- **Wave 2 measures**

- 2 new questions
- 0 follow-up questions

- **For all W2 respondents**

How often have you felt threatened or frightened by a family member or one of your friends? Would you say never, hardly ever or rarely, some of the time or often?

- **For W2 respondents with partners**

How often have you felt threatened or frightened by your partner?



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### **Elder Mistreatment Predicts Later Physical and Psychological Health: Results from a National Longitudinal Study**

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# Improved Measures in Wave 3

- **NIA administrative supplement supported inclusion of enhanced elder mistreatment measures in NSHAP Wave 3!**
- **Added New Measures**
  - **11 Stem Questions**
    - Adapted from the PINE study screener (Dong, et al. 2014)
  - **+ Follow Up Questions**
    - **Added Perceived Severity Measure**
    - Repeated follow-up network roster questions
    - **Added Potential Neglect Measure**

# 11 NSHAP Wave 3 EM Stem Questions

For this next section, please think about ways that people behave towards you that bother you. Specifically, think of people and your relationships with them. **Since you turned 60...**

1) ...has there been a family conflict at home?

**Yes**

**No**

**DON'T KNOW**

**REFUSED**

2) ...have you felt uncomfortable with anyone in your family?

# 11 NSHAP Wave 3 EM Stem Questions

## Since you turned 60...

- 3) ...have you felt that nobody wanted you around?
- 4) ...has anyone told you that you gave them too much trouble?
- 5) ...have you been afraid of anyone in your family?
- 6) ...has anyone close to you tried to hurt or harm you?
- 7) ...has someone in your family made you stay in bed or told you that you are sick when you know you are not?

# 11 NSHAP Wave 3 EM Stem Questions

## Since you turned 60...

8) ...has anyone close to you called you names or put you down or made you feel badly?

9) ...has anyone forced you to do things you didn't want to do?

10) ...has anyone taken things that belong to you without your OK?

11) ...has anyone borrowed your money without paying you back?

# EM Follow-Up Questions

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “YES” TO Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, Q8, Q9, Q10, or Q11, ask:

12A. **How serious of a problem** was this for you?

- Not serious
- Somewhat serious
- Very serious
- DON'T KNOW
- REFUSED

12B. Thinking about the person who has done this the most **since you turned 60**, **is this person someone we wrote down on your roster earlier?**



# W1 → W2 → W3 Longitudinal Analysis?

Dimension	Wave 1: in past 12 mo.	Wave 2: in past 12 mo.	Wave 3: since age 60
<b>Emotional</b> (Fear of Known Other)	N/A	Q17NP/Q19P. How often have you felt threatened or frightened by a family member or one of your friends?	Q5. ...have you been afraid of anyone in your family?
		Q18P. How often have you felt threatened or frightened by your partner?	
<b>Financial</b>	Q3. Is there anyone who has taken your money or belongings without your OK or prevented you from getting them even when you asked?	N/A	Q10. ...has anyone taken things that belong to you without your OK?
			Q11. ...has anyone borrowed your money without paying you back?

N = 2,409 Returning Respondents & Partners

- 37 cases “Missing Legitimately” (i.e., W3 partners who were not age eligible)

→ **2,372 valid responses** to each of the 11 EM stem questions

# Practical Uses of Findings

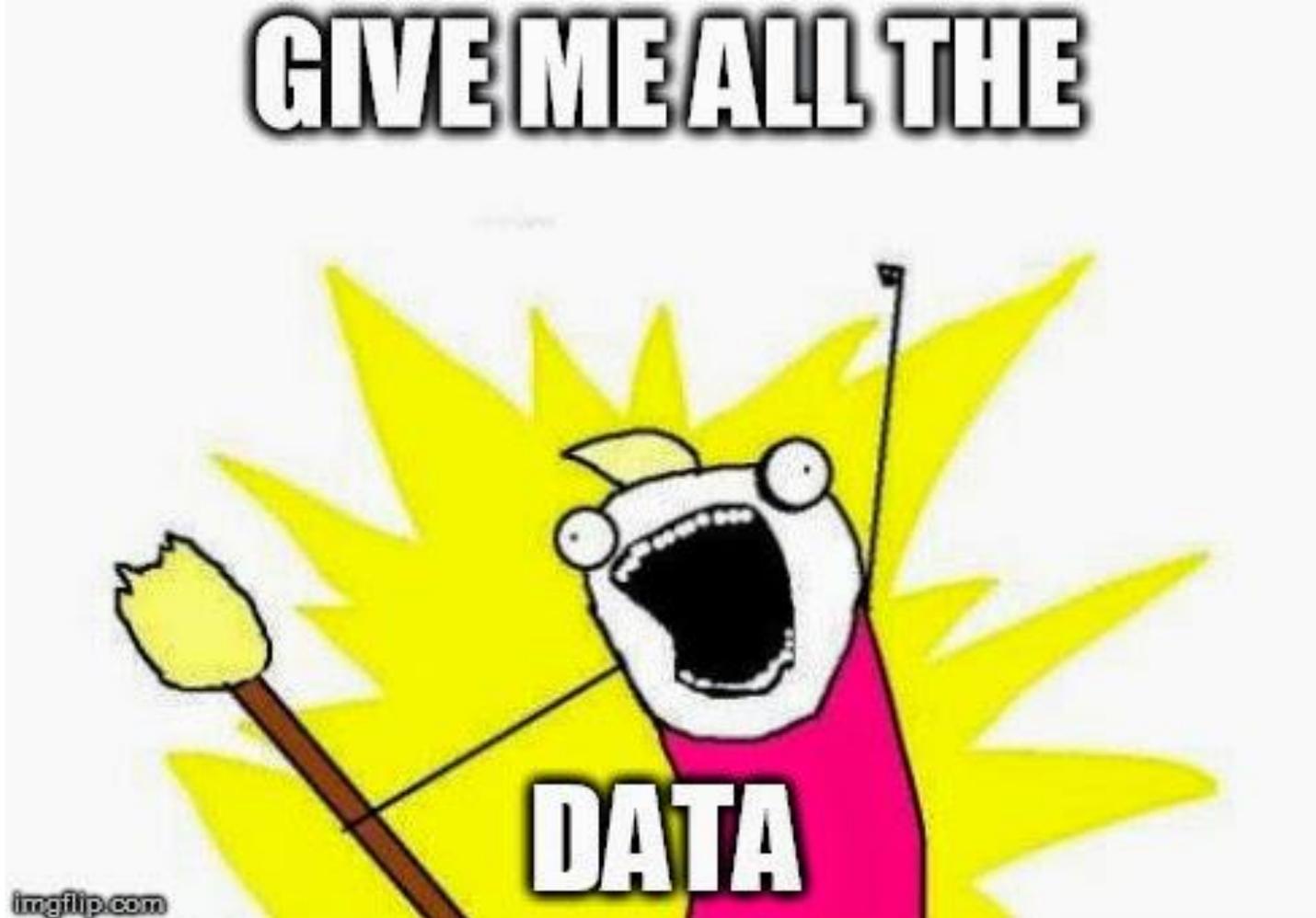
- **Inform** researchers, policy makers, and other practitioners about:
  - Risk factors
  - Protective factors
  - Polyvictimization patterns
  - Health Predictors & Outcomes
- **Fuel development** of interventions

# Accessing the Data





# W3 Data Release

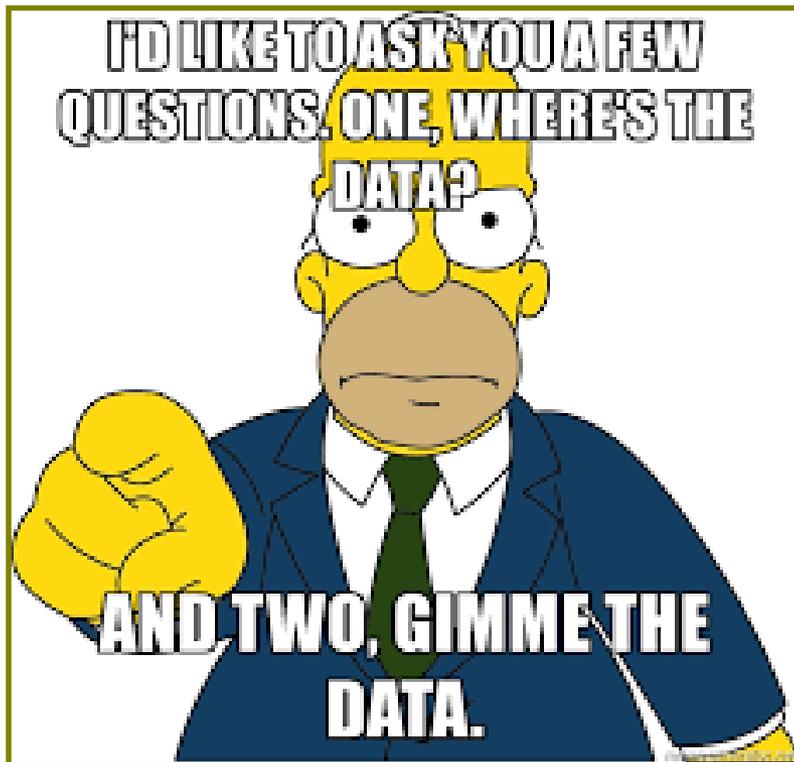


## Access to NSHAP Data

- NSHAP data are publicly available under a Data Use Agreement (DUA) through the **National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging (NACDA)**, located within ICPSR at the University of Michigan
- Data users must submit:
  1. The completed **data use agreement** with original signature(s)
  2. A copy of your **IRB approval** from your current institution
  3. A **data protection plan**, which is a written description of how the data will be stored at your site and how the data will be protected from unauthorized access on your institution's computer network



# Access to NSHAP Elder Mistreatment Data



- For people who already have an approved DUA through NACDA, the EM data are available now by contacting [Hanis-Jen@norc.org](mailto:Hanis-Jen@norc.org)
- The EM data will be incorporated into the next main NACDA release no later than the end of March
- Interested people who want to continue the discussion on NSHAP elder mistreatment data can do so on [nshap-data@listhost.uchicago.edu](mailto:nshap-data@listhost.uchicago.edu)



**Thank you!**