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| **Background:**  This documents both a briefing today by Metadata Technician, Alexandre Paquet, on standardizing our variable groups to make **data retrieval more effective and efficient** and the outcome.  The General Social Survey (Enquête sociale générale) is an example of a survey series for which Statistics Canada has used some consistency in variable groupings and as many inconsistencies, including groups with over 50 variables. Using Statistics Canada’s variable groups is therefore often a barrier to effective data discovery.  **Adoption:**  The groupings to the right illustrate the convention that we have adopted today to standardize our variable groupings, covering order and names of standard groups. Groups outside of these standard groups will be ordered alphabetically between : “Renseignements géographiques” et “Pondération”. |  | New Practice : Illustration  Identificateur  Renseignements démographiques  Répondant (ou Répondant et ménage)  Conjoint  Parents  Renseignements géographiques  Éducation  Langue  Logement  Revenu  Pondération  Pondération – Bootstaps pondérés |
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