

# Are Geodemographic Categories Universal?

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**‘Educated Cosmopolitans’** contains young people, mostly single and well educated, who positively enjoy the variety and stimulation afforded by life in large cities.

Typically international in their outlook and with a rich network of personal contacts, they are quick to explore and adopt new social and political attitudes and are important agents of innovation, both in terms of lifestyles and the adoption of consumer products.

Most are at the stage of their lives when the development of ‘human’ capital, ie skills, contacts, knowledge, continue to take precedence over the maximization of their incomes or indeed the accumulation of financial assets. Much of their income is spent on ‘experiences’, such as entertainment, eating out, travel, books and magazines, rather than on equipment.

They exhibit a variety of household arrangements and typically marry and have children late in their lives. Such people gravitate towards the smarter downtown areas of major cities where they spend short periods of time living in small, rented apartments.

# Coverage of neighbourhood classification systems : 2004



# Recurring Groups

**Educated  
Cosmopolitans**

**Old Wealth**

**Career  
focussed  
Materialists**

**Better off  
Elders**

**Midscale Salariat**

**Blue Collar  
Self Sufficiency**

**Hardened  
Dependency**

**Low Income  
Elderly**

**De-industrial  
Legacy**

**Agrarian  
Heartlands**



# Grouping options

- 1 : Common variables : re-cluster zones
- 2 : Common variables : re-group clusters
- 3 : Using proxies for key dimensions :  
apply rule set

# Key dimensions

## **Dimensions used in Global Mosaic rule set**

**aged 0-4**

**aged 25-34**

**aged 65+**

**singles, no children**

**affluence**

**deprivation**

**flats**

**agriculture**

**manufacturing**

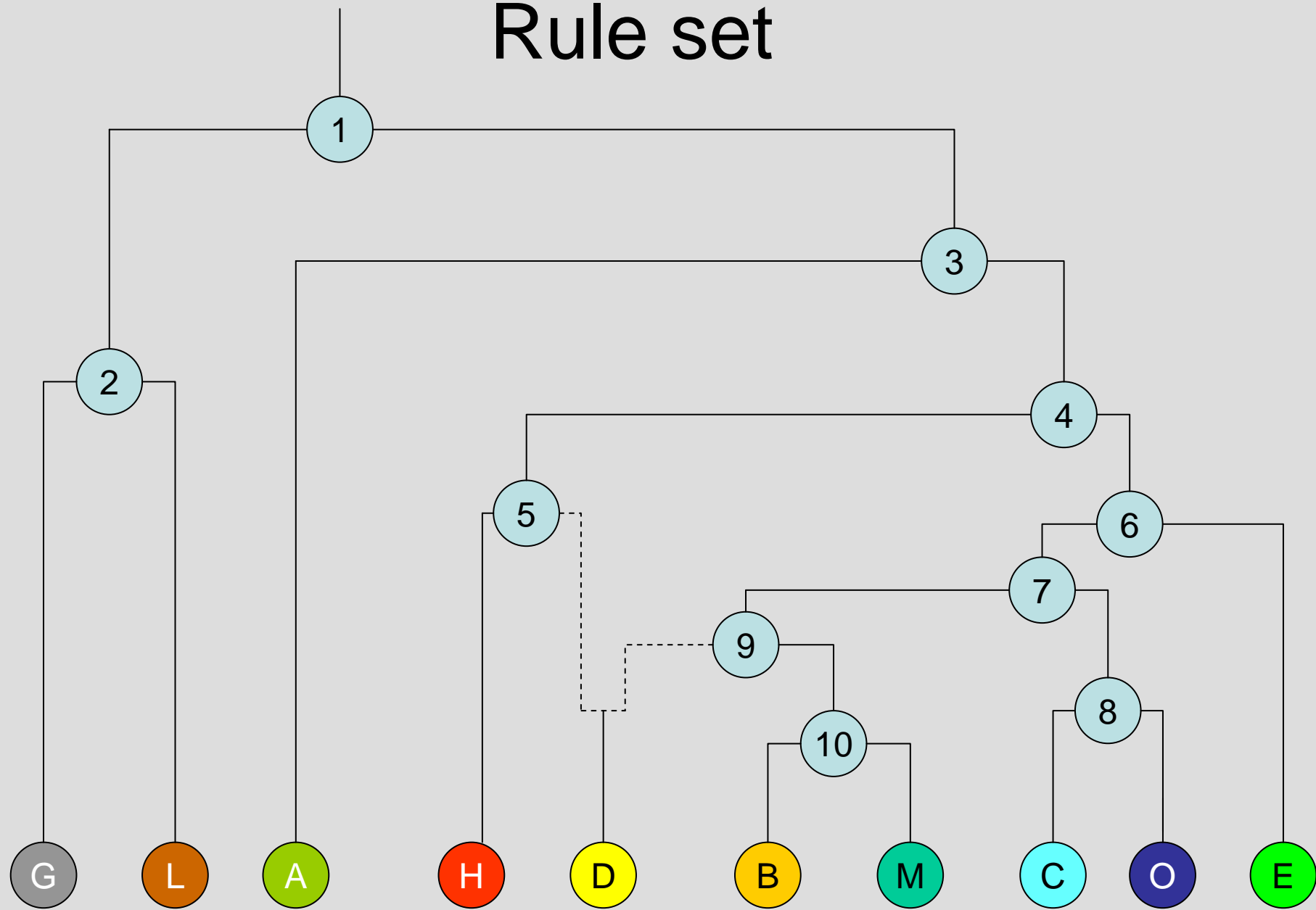
**economic migrants**

**owner occupiers**

# Proxies

<b>Dimension</b>	<b>Aged 0-4</b>	<b>Aged 25-34</b>
<b>Market</b>	<b>Proxy</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
<b>australia</b>	<i>Aged 0-4</i>	<i>Aged 25-34</i>
<b>denmark</b>	<i>Aged 0-4</i>	<i>Aged 25-29</i>
<b>finland</b>	<i>Aged 0-6</i>	<i>Aged 25-34</i>
<b>france</b>	<i>Aged 0-3</i>	<i>Aged 20-39</i>
<b>greece</b>	<i>Aged 0-4</i>	<i>Aged 25-34</i>
<b>hong kong</b>	<i>Aged 0-9</i>	<i>Aged 20-29</i>
<b>ireland</b>	<i>Number of Children 2 (L)</i>	<i>Aged 18-30</i>
<b>netherlands</b>	<i>Households, child 0 - 5</i>	<i>Aged 25-34</i>
<b>new zealand</b>	<i>Aged 0-5</i>	<i>Aged 25-34</i>
<b>norway</b>	<i>Aged 0-4</i>	<i>Aged 25-34</i>
<b>spain</b>	<i>Aged 0-4</i>	<i>Aged 25-34</i>
<b>sweden</b>	<i>Aged 0-4</i>	<i>Aged 25-29</i>
<b>uk</b>	<i>Aged 0-4</i>	<i>Aged 26-35</i>
<b>usa</b>	<i>Households with children</i>	<i>Aged 18-34</i>

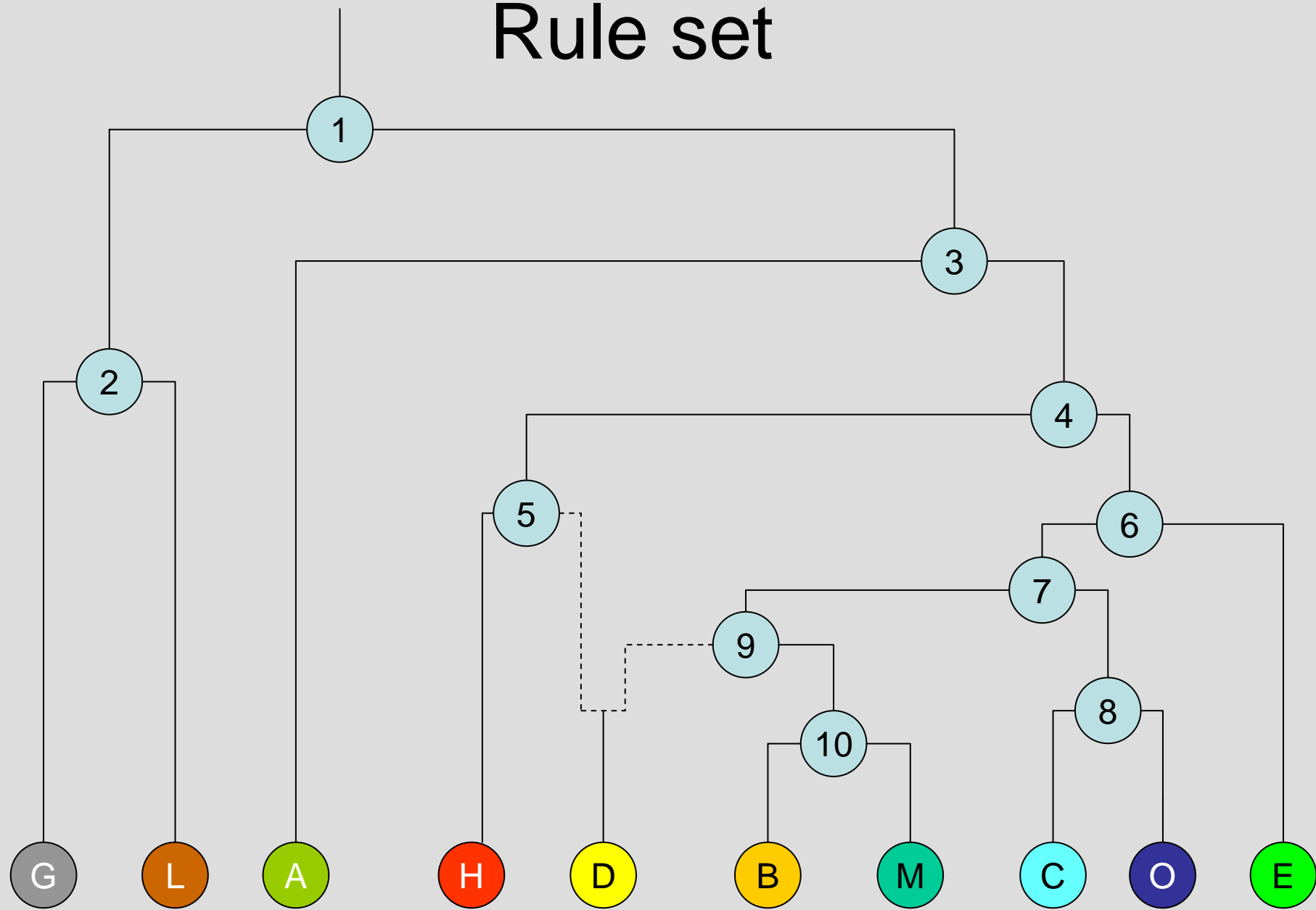
# Rule set



# Rule set (left hand path)

1. Aged 65+ > 200
2. (Affluence / Deprivation) > 150
3. Agriculture > 200
4. (Deprivation / Affluence) > 175
5. (Manufacturing \* Owner Occupiers) > 100
6. Singles > 175
7. (Affluence / Deprivation) < 150
8. Aged 65+ < Aged 25 – 34
9. (Manufacturing \* Owner Occupiers) > 100
10. Manufacturing > 97

# Rule set



# Educated Cosmopolitans



# Old Wealth

## A1 Finance Administrators

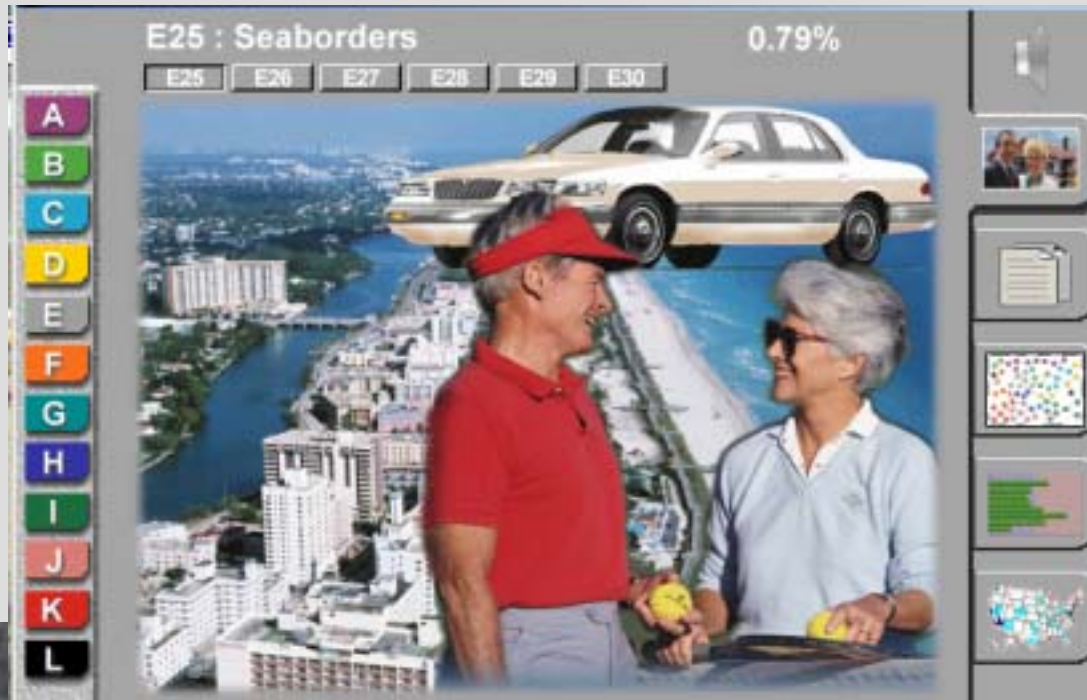




# Career focussed Materialists



# Better Off Elders



# Midscale Salarariat

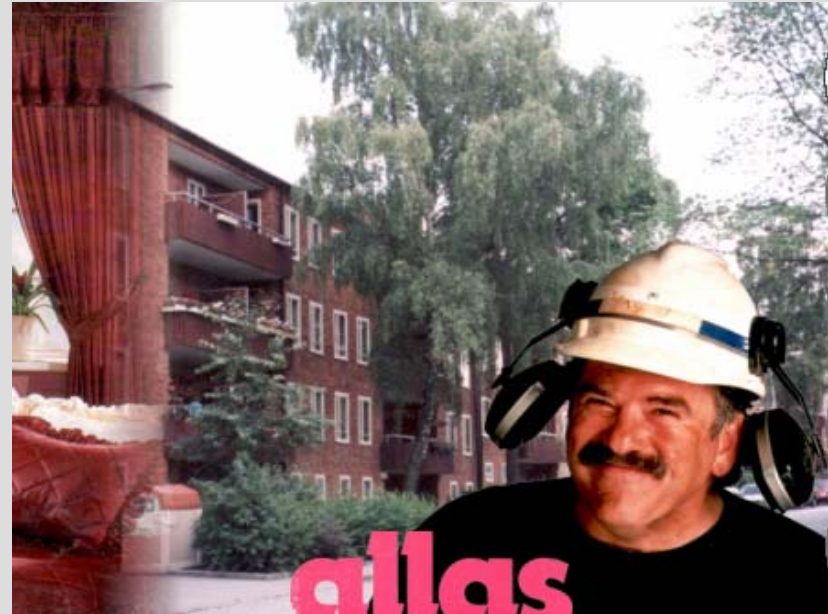


**F35 : Chicano Blues** 1.02%

F31 F32 F33 F34 F35

A  
B  
C  
D  
E  
F  
G  
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I  
J  
K  
L

# Blue Collar Self Sufficiency



# Agrarian Heartlands



# Hardened Dependency



# Low Income Elderly

**Group : B  
Middle  
Cadres**

**Type : B7**

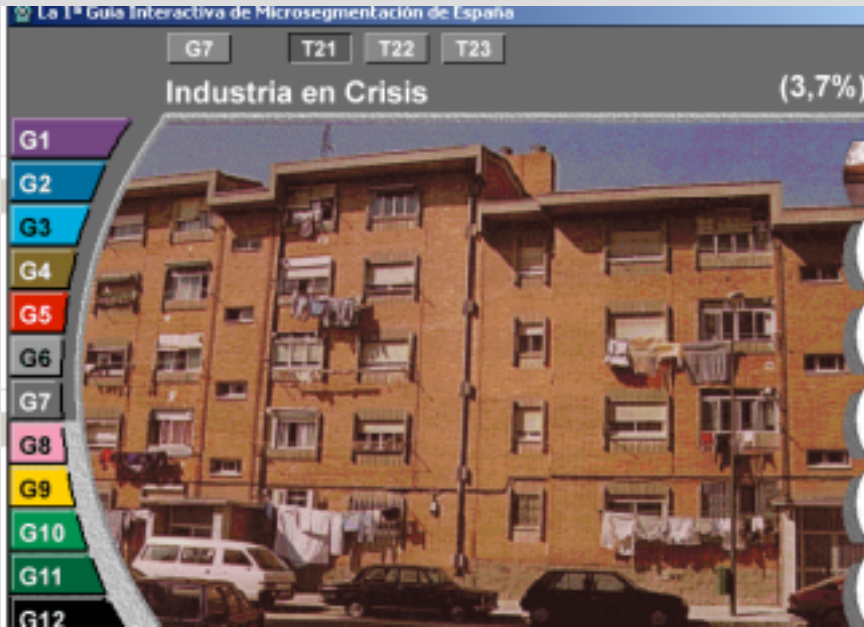
**B7 Senior & Secured in 70s Ownership**



**Twilight Subsistence**



# De-industrial Legacy





( + Shack and Shanty)



# Similarities : Differences

# A01 : Symbols of Success / Global Connections



Belsize Park Gardens, Hampstead, NW3 4LH



Rothesay Terrace, Edinburgh, EH3 7RY



# E33 : Urban Intelligence / Town Gown Transition



Connaught Road, Cardiff, CF24 3PT



Meadow Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1JZ



# K58 : Rural Isolation / Greenbelt Guardians



Church Street, Staverton, Northampton, NN11 6JL



Lower Stoke, Limpley Stoke, Bath, BA2 7FR



# J54 : Grey Perspective / Bungalow Retirement



# C20 : Suburban Comfort / Asian Enterprise



Wakemans Hill, Colindale, NW9 0UU



Himley Crescent, Wolverhampton, WV4 5DA



# Potential applications

- Global implementation of consistent segmentation strategy
- Comparison of national profiles of specific brands
- New market launches
- Coding of multi-country surveys
- Comparability of tests and test markets
- Geographical relevance of social theories



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