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Science Funding in an Age of Austerity

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Governing Members

- American Association for Public Opinion Research
- American Economic Association
- American Educational Research Association
- American Historical Association
- American Political Science Association
- American Psychological Association
- American Society of Criminology
- American Sociological Association
- American Statistical Association
- Association of American Geographers
- Association of American Law Schools
- Law and Society Association
- Linguistic Society of America
- Midwest Political Science Association
- National Communication Association
- Population Association of America
- Rural Sociological Society
- Society for Research in Child Development

Also 25 Member Organizations, 57 Universities, 13 Centers and Institutes



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30 Years of Advocacy for the Social and Behavioral Sciences

- 1981 Reagan Budget Cuts Social Science Research, COSSA formed.
- 1982 COSSA moves beyond NSF and beyond budgets
- COSSA ensures Social Sciences at the Table in U.S. Science Policy
 - Separate Directorate at the National Science Foundation (NSF)
 - Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research at the National Institutes of Health
 - Assistant Director for Social and Behavioral Science, White House OSTP
- Responding to Attacks on Social Science
 - Eliminate the NSF Directorate 1995-96
 - Sen. Hutchison Attacks on NSF SBE Directorate 2005-06
 - Attempts to Defund Sexual Behavior Research – latest 2009
 - Attacks on Social/Behavioral Science at NSF– eliminate political science program 2009
 - Boehner/Cantor letter; Coburn Report



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**THE SOCIAL AND
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
AND PUBLIC POLICY**

A Colloquium Celebrating
COSSA's
30 Years of Advocacy

November 2 - 3, 2011
Washington, DC



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COSSA ACTIVITIES

- Routine Lobbying – meet with congressional, agency staffs
- Testifying – Appropriations Hearings
- Coalitions – working with the rest of science and higher education community
- Newsletter – COSSA Washington UPDATE; Special Budget Issue
- Capitol Hill Briefings & Receptions
- Briefing Constituency Groups
- Enhancing Diversity Retreat and Seminar – CEDS

- www.cossa.org and Facebook



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COALITIONS

- Coalition to Promote Research (CPR) – COSSA co-chairs
- Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Science Research (CAHT-BSSR) – COSSA co-chairs
- Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) – COSSA chaired 1994-2000
- Census Stakeholders Group
- Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding – COSSA on Steering Committee
- Friends of ... (health and disease groups)



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President Obama: 2011 State of the Union

“We will win the future”

Out Innovate – NSF Increases, Energy including Behavior, ARPA-E

Out Educate – RTT, IES Increases, ESEA Reauthorization, First in the World, STEM Teachers

Out Build – New Highway Bill, National Infrastructure Bank, Wireless Broadband



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OBAMA FY 2012 BUDGET

NSF Increased – 13 Percent Over FY 2010;
SBE Large Boost 18 Percent, SEES

NIH Slight Increase

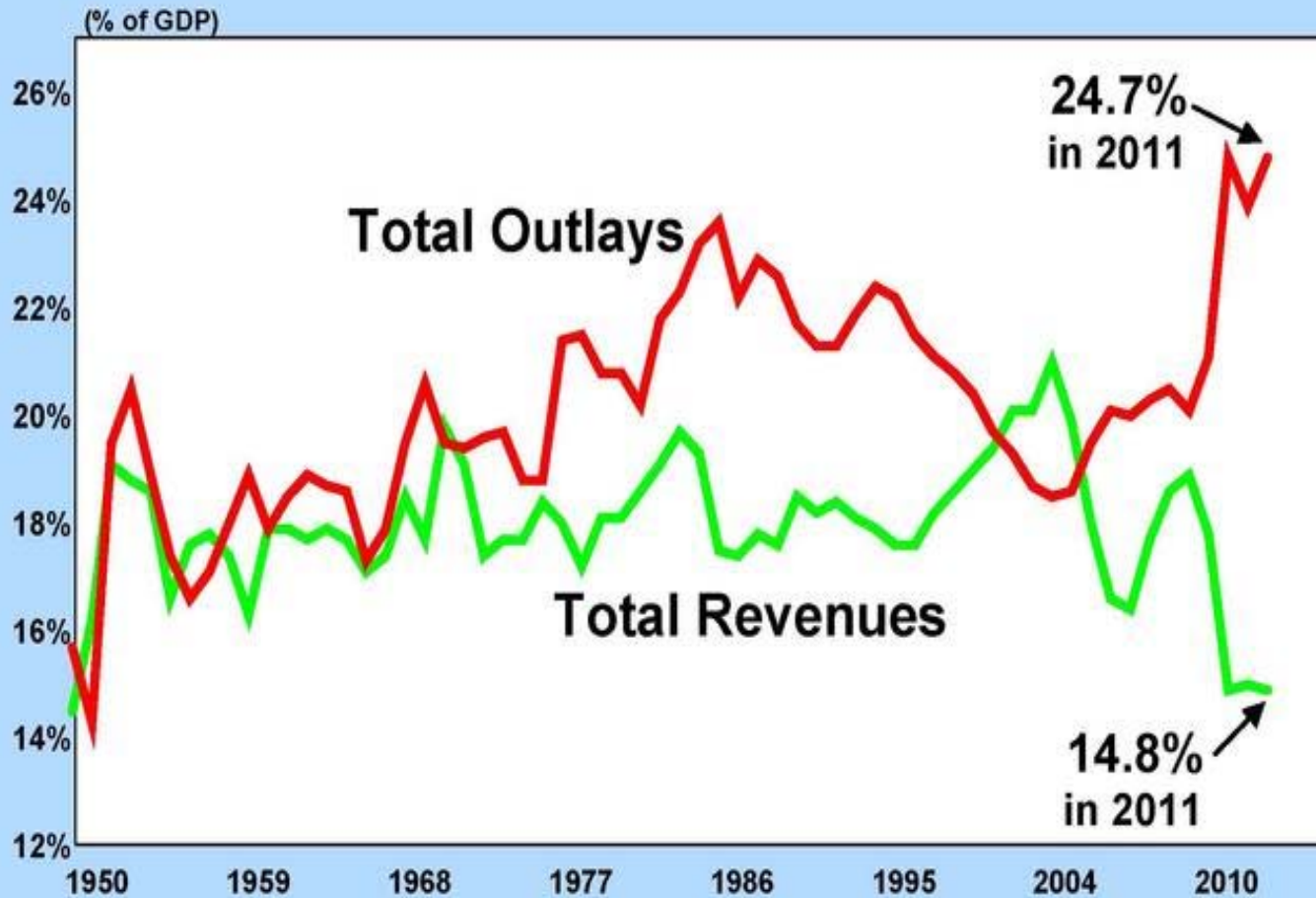
BEA Large Increase; Census In Year 2; Economic Census

Increases For Agriculture Research And Data

IES Increased, Continued Build Up Of Statewide Data Systems

NCHS Increased

Spending and Revenues



Sources: OMB, CBO



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BUDGET CONTROL ACT DISCRETIONARY CAPS

FY 2012 -- \$1.043 Trillion

\$7 Billion Below FY 2011

\$24 Billion Above House Budget Resolution

Divided among 12 Appropriations Subcommittees



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SUPERCOMMITTEE

12 MEMBERS – 6 House, 6 Senate, 6 Dems, 6 Reps

Co-chairs: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)

GOAL: Reduce The Deficit By An Additional \$1.2 Trillion Over the Next Ten Years

Mandatory and Discretionary Programs on Table

Defense and Non-defense

Revenue Raisers; Jobs Bill?

Hearings Held; Now Behind Closed Doors

Report By November 23; Congress Up or Down By Dec. 23



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SEQUESTRATION

No Agreement or Congressional Rejection

Automatic Across-the-Board Cuts

Cuts Go into Effect in January 2013

Some Programs for Poor Exempt – Medicaid, Social Security, SNAP, PELL Grant

Estimates are 9 Percent Reductions for Non-Exempt Programs



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IN THE MEANTIME: FY 2012 APPROPRIATIONS

Fiscal Year 2012 Began October 1

Once Again Congress Does Not Complete Appropriations Process

Out Of Twelve Spending Bills: House Passes Six; Senate One

Continuing Resolution (CR) Funds Government Agencies And Programs Until November 18

Omnibus – All Twelve Bills In One Package; Minibus – Three At A Time

Majority Leader Reid – Send CJS To Senate Floor

House Labor, HHS, ED Subcommittee Chair Rep. Denny Rehberg Issues His Own Proposed Bill – No Committee Or Floor Action Planned



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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2012
	Enacted	Request	House CJS Mark	Senate CJS Mark
Research and Related Activities	\$5,563.87	\$,6,253.54	\$5,606.96	\$5,443.0
Education and Human Resources	861.034	911.2	835	829
Major Research Equipment & Facilities Construction	117.06	224.68	100	117.06
Agency Operations & Award Management	299.4	357.74	299.4	290.4
National Science Board	4.531	4.84	4.53	4.4
Office of Inspector General	13.972	15	13.97	14.2
NSF Total	\$6,859.87	\$7,767.0	\$6,859.87	\$6,698.1



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	FY 2011	FY 2012 R	FY 2012 H	FY 2012 S
Periodic	891.2	752.7	596.8	690.0
S&E	258.5	272.1	258.5	253.3
Total	1,149.7	1,024.8	855.3	943.3

- Year 2 Economic Census Requirement; Congressional Briefing
- Senate Report Language: Next Decennial Definitely Less Costly Than 2010;
If Possible Less Costly Than 2000
- 2010 Products Release Continues
- Difficulties In 2010 Evaluation; 2020 Plans



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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

	FY 2011	FY 2012R	FY 2012 H	FY 2012 S
	30.7 B	32.0	31.7B “Draft Bill”	30.5 B

- National Children’s Study Continues To Get Funding
- Senate Report Language On Longitudinal Studies – ADDHEALTH, NLS YOUTH SUPPLEMENT, PSID, HRS
- OPPNET – Basic Behavioral And Social Science
- NICHD Visioning Process Includes Behavior, Population Dynamics
- Nat’l Center For Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS)



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OTHER AGENCIES

	FY 2011	FY 2012 R	FY 2012 H	FY 2012 S
Nat'l Institute of Justice	47.8	55.0	41.0	40.0
Bureau of Justice Stat.	60.0	57.5	46.6	45.0
Bureau of Econ Analysis	97.1	112.9	97.1	95.1
IES, Research	199.8	260.4	199.8	199.8
Educ Statistics	108.3	117.0	108.3	109.3
Internat'l ED	75.7	125.9	66.7	75.7
Econ Research Service	81.8	86.0	69.5	77.7



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COPING

Science and Technology a Priority – Key to the Future. “Innovation”

Rising Above the Gathering Storm; China

Education and Training – STEM; Duplication of Programs

Interdisciplinary, Cross Directorate, Cross Institute
Evidence-Based Policy



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PARTNERSHIPS

- INTERAGENCY: STAR Metrics, SciSIP, Data Challenges
- INTERUNIVERSITY: Consortia (virtual), USDA Regional Studies, ICPSR Data Archiving
- INTERNATIONAL:
 - Social Surveys: GSS, ESS
 - ESRC Well-Being Indicators
- BUSINESS: NSF's ICorps, NCATS
- FOUNDATIONS: MacArthur Networks; Spencer – What is Evidence in the Social Sciences?



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“Perhaps the most important role of the social sciences, among their many roles, is to provide this basic fund of knowledge about ourselves and our institutions – a foundation of reality for the thinking and decision making of legislators, managers, both governmental and corporate, and all of us as citizens, householders, and employees.”

*Nobel Prize and National Medal of Science Recipient Herbert Simon
before the House Committee on Science and Technology*



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