

# The National Institutes of Health & Social & Behavioral Science

The **National Institutes of Health** (NIH) is the world's leading supporter of basic biomedical, behavioral, and social science research, fostering discoveries to enhance the health and well-being of Americans. The **Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research** (OBSSR) was established in recognition of the important role behavioral and social factors often play in illness and health. OBSSR's mission is to stimulate behavioral and social sciences research across the agency to improve understanding, treatment, and prevention of conditions and disease.

Provide at least  
**\$32 billion**  
in FY 2016 for NIH and  
**End sequestration**

## SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

includes, but is not limited to the fields of: sociology, anthropology, political science, psychology, economics, statistics, language and linguistics, demography, law, communications, educational research, criminology and criminal justice research, geography, and history.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

studies social contexts across various time and spatial scales, including economic, cultural, demographic, and political contexts.

## BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH

seeks to better understand learning, cognition, emotion, temperament, motivation, and biobehavioral interactions.

## Behavioral and Social Science Discoveries Supported by NIH have:

- Reduced tobacco use, possibly the biggest public health success story of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- Reduced the risk of developing type-2 diabetes by demonstrating the impact lifestyle changes, such as diet and regular physical activity.
- Slowed the HIV/AIDS epidemic by extending our knowledge about decision-making, drug use, and sexual behavior.



CONSORTIUM of SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS

1701 K Street NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20006

Phone: 202.842.3525

Web: [www.cossa.org](http://www.cossa.org)

Twitter: @COSSADC

Facebook: SocialScienceAssociations