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CONGRESS

- FY 2020 Appropriations Bills taking shape
 - More: <u>www.cossa.org/advocacy/funding-updates</u>

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- Comments Sought on Federal Data Strategy Action Plan (due July 5)
 - More: https://strategy.data.gov/action-plan/
- OBSSR Seeks Examples of Behavioral and Social Science Accomplishments (due July 31)
 - More: https://obssr.ideascale.com
- NSF Seeks Input into 2026 Idea Machine Entries (due June 26)
 - More: www.cossa.org/2019/06/11/nsf-seeks-input-into-2026-ideamachine-entries

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- COSSA Collecting Social Science Stories
 - More: www.cossa.org/share-your-story
- TAKE ACTION
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FY 2020 Appropriations

- Positive numbers for science in House bills
- 2 Language in support of social science research and agencies
- 3 NO attacks on SBS



	Enacted FY 2019	President's Request	COSSA's Request	House FY 2020
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
Economic Research Service	86.8	60.5	87.0	87.8
National Agricultural Statistics Service	174.5	163.0	180.0	180.8
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE				
Bureau of the Census	3821.4	6149.4	8450.0	8450.0
Bureau of Economic Analysis	101.0	108.0	108.0	
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
Institute of Education Sciences	615.5	521.6	670.0	650.0
International Education and Foreign Language Studies	72.2	0.0	106.0	89.1
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
National Institutes of Health	39084.0	34367.6	41600.0	41084.0
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	338.0	256.0	460.0	358.2
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	7282.4	6531.8	7800.0	8203.0
National Center for Health Statistics	160.4	155.0	175.0	160.4
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				
Bureau of Justice Statistics	43.0	48.0	48.0	43.0
National Institute of Justice	37.0	46.5	46.5	37.0
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR				
Bureau of Labor Statistics	615.0	655.0	655.0	675.8
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION	8075.0	7066.0	9000.0	8636.1

NSF Language:

Social, Behavioral, and Economic (SBE) Sciences.—The Committee supports SBE and recognizes the fundamental importance of its research for advancing our understanding of human behavior and its application to a wide range of human systems, including public health, national defense and security, education and learning, and the integration of human and machine. SBE funds over half of our nation's universitybased social and behavioral science research but remains the smallest of NSF directorates. The Committee believes this research provides an evidence-based understanding of the human condition, resulting in more-informed policymaking and better-informed spending on a full range of national issues. The recommendation includes no less than the fiscal year 2019 level for SBE.

NSF Language:

The Committee supports basic research in fundamental science areas and expects that as NSF uses the 10 Big Ideas as a focusing tool, the funding for the fundamental scientific disciplines will be maintained. Within amounts provided, NSF shall allocate no less than fiscal year 2019 levels to support its existing scientific research...

NIH Language:

Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.—The OBSSR was established to coordinate and promote basic, clinical, and translational research in the behavioral and social sciences in support of the NIH mission. The Committee supports OBSSR's activities aimed at strengthening these sciences by enhancing trans-NIH investments in longitudinal datasets, technology in support of behavior change, innovative research methodologies, and promoting the inclusion of behavioral and social sciences in initiatives at the NIH Institutes and Centers. In partnership with other Institutes and Centers, OBSSR cofunds highly-rated grants that the ICs cannot fund alone. While the NIH budget has grown in recent years, OBSSR funding has remained stagnant. Therefore, the Committee encourages NIH to provide OBSSR funding commensurate with increases given to the ICs.

Census Language:

SEC. 534. None of the funds made available in this Act or any other Act may be used by the Department of Commerce to incorporate into the 2020 Decennial Census any question that was not included in the 2018 End-to-End Census Test in Providence County, Rhode Island.

USDA Language:

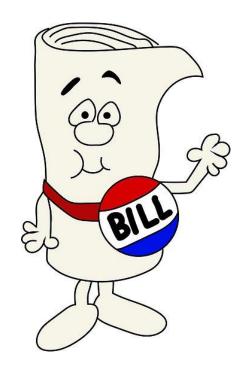
ERS/NIFA relocation.—On August 8, 2018, the Secretary sent the Committees a letter notifying them that he was planning to move the Economic Research Service (ERS), and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture outside of the greater Washington, D.C., area. Seven days later, without waiting the statutorilyrequired 30 days after notification, in violation of the reprogramming rules in P.L. 116–6, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019, the Secretary published a Federal Register notice that the Department was seeking expressions of interest from parties interested in housing the two agencies. At no point in this process, however, has USDA solicited public comment on this proposal. Since then, it has moved forward, despite the clearly expressed opposition of many members of the House and Senate.

It failed to comply with the direction of the conferees on the 2019 Act to submit all cost benefits for the move and a detailed analysis of any research benefits of a relocation. It has flatly refused numerous requests from this Committee and other members of Congress to provide the initial cost benefit analysis that preceded the decision to go ahead with the proposal. These agencies' mission is to achieve the best science through research that advances U.S. agriculture and our understanding of the agricultural economy. The Committee believes that the Department's proposal puts that mission at risk and the Committee has therefore included bill language to prevent it.

Where are we in the process?

Regular Order:

- FEB President's Budget Request released
- APR Congress adopts budget resolution
- MAY Appropriations Committees set allocations for 12 subcommittees
- MAY-JUN Subcommittees write and "mark up" bills
 - JUN Full Appropriations Committee considers/amends bills
- JUL House Floor debate/vote on each bill individually
- SEP Differences negotiated (conference committee), each chamber votes on compromise
- BY SEP 30 To the President to sign/veto
- OCT 1 New fiscal year begins



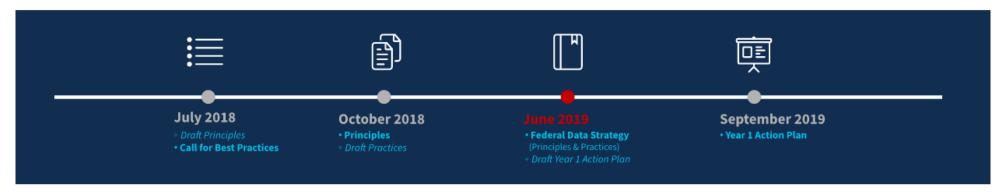


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Federal Data Strategy

- 10-year vision for how the government will accelerate the use of data to support the foundations of democracy, deliver on mission, serve the public, and steward resources while protecting security, privacy and confidentiality
- Mission: fully leverage the value of federal data for mission, service, and the public good by guiding the Federal Government in practicing ethical governance, conscious design, and a learning culture.





JULY 5: Comment deadline for 2019-2020 Action Plan

Principles

Ethical Governance

- 1. Uphold Ethics
- 2. Exercise Responsibility
- 3. Promote Transparency

Conscious Design

- 4. Ensure Relevance
- Harness Existing Data
- 6. Anticipate Future Uses
- 7. Demonstrate Responsiveness

Learning Culture

- 8. Invest in Learning
- 9. Develop Data Leaders
- 10. Practice Accountability

https://strategy.data.gov/principles/

Practices

- Practices 1-10:
 Building a Culture that Values
 Data and Promotes Public Use
- Practices 11-26:
 Governing, Managing, and
 Protecting Data
- Practices 27-40:
 Promoting Efficient and Appropriate Data Use

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Draft Year 1 Action Plan (2019-2020)

Shared Actions: Government-wide Data Services

- Action 1: Create an OMB Data Council
- Action 2: Develop a Curated Data Science Training and Credentialing Catalog
- Action 3: Develop a Data Ethics Framework
- Action 4: Develop a Data Protection Toolkit
- Action 5: Develop a Repository of Federal Data Strategy Resources and Tools
- Action 6: Pilot a One-stop Standard Research Application
- Action 7: Pilot an Automated Inventory Tool for Data.gov
- Action 8: Pilot Standard Data Catalogs for Data.gov

Community Actions: Cross-Agency Collaboration

- Action 9: Improve Data Resources for Artificial Intelligence Research and Development
- Action 10: Improve Financial Management Data Standards
- Action 11: Improve Geospatial Data Standards

Agency-Specific Actions: Agency Activities

- Action 12: Constitute a Diverse Data Governance Body
- Action 13: Assess Data and Related Infrastructure Maturity
- Action 14: Identify Opportunities to Increase Staff Data Skills
- Action 15: Identify Data Needs to Answer Key Agency Questions
- Action 16: Identify Priority Datasets for Agency Open Data Plans



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Draft Year 1 Action Plan: Request for Comments

- 1. Identify any additional fundamental actions to implement the Federal Data Strategy that are not included in this draft Year-1 Action Plan and explain why.
- Identify any additional actions that would align with or complement ongoing Federal data initiatives or the implementation of new legislation, such as the Foundations for Evidence-based Policy Making Act and explain why.
- 3. Identify any actions in this draft Year-1 Action Plan that should be omitted and explain why.
- 4. For each action, provide any edits and additional detail to ensure that they accurately and effectively describe needed activities, responsible entities, metrics for assessing progress, and timelines for completion.
- 5. For each action, provide information about the implementation resources necessary to ensure success of these Action Steps.

https://strategy.data.gov/action-plan/







July 8: Data Coalition & OMB Public Forum

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-forum-action-items-for-implementing-the-federal-data-strategy-tickets-63307488402

Accomplishments in the Social and Behavioral Sciences



- NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) seeks accomplishments important to **public health and healthcare**
- Not limited to NIH-funded research!
- Submit and vote on accomplishments at **obssr.ideascale.com**

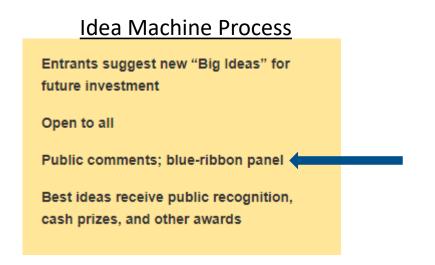






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- COSSA uses real examples and stories to advocate on your behalf.
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 - Notable research finding
 - Example of SBE being applied/used effectively
 - Positive/transformative educational experience

• Etc.

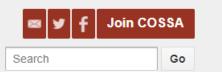


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Because It Helps to Address Graduate Unemployment in Sub-Saharan Africa

April 23, 2019

By Joseph K. Assan, PhD, Assistant Professor of International Political Economy of Sustainable Development, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

Social scientists are actively involved in working with government officials, academics, the private sector, NGOs and policy officials to understand as well as develop solutions to address the current challenges of graduate unemployment and under employment in sub-Saharan Africa. This is a problem that is close to home for me as an African scholar and a social scientist who undertakes research that has application to social policies and development. I have been keen on understanding and investigating the factors that allow these patterns of unemployment to persist given the enormity of its impact on individuals, households, communities and countries across the continent.

Understanding Sub-Saharan Africa's Unemployed Graduate Youth Crisis

"Social scientists are actively involved in working... to understand as well as develop solutions to address the current challenge of graduate unemployment and under employment in sub-Saharan Africa."

Sub-Saharan Africa has the fastest growing youth population in the world, with 60 per cent of its population under 24 years old. Harnessing their capability would require increased and focused investments in education, to ensure a healthy labor force that is capable of meeting the demands of our current local and globalized job markets. The International Labour Organization (ILO) suggests that the youth (15-24 years) unemployment outlook for the major economies of the African region remains

quite mixed, ranging from 1.8% in Benin to 54.4% in South Africa. ILO further reveals that working poverty rates among youth in sub-Saharan Africa was nearly 70 per cent in 2016, translating into 64.4 million working youth living in extreme or moderate poverty (less than \$3.10 per day). According to the same source, the number of poor employed youth has unfortunately risen by as much as 80% over the past 25 years. Many sub-Saharan African countries are experiencing a youth bulge with some having up to 80% of the population under 35 years. Given the region's emerging demographic projections, this problem will not go away anytime soon. It is my view that for university graduates to effectively contribute to their respective national economies, and address the current youth unemployment crisis, there should be employment initiatives and approaches to transition them to formal employment.

Understanding the Reality of the Problem

The region's public sector is shrinking, and the private sector is unable to absorb the number of job-seeking graduates. Encouraging startups and innovation in business is an important aspect to jump-start entrepreneurship; yet there is a lack of capital investment and skills for university graduates to be successful in these ventures. Many young people have subsequently enrolled in tertiary (postsecondary) institutions with the hope of overcoming this vicious cycle. Such decisions have consequently created another problem; how to transition university students to job seekers and entrepreneurs.

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WHERE YOU LIVE CAN MAKE YOU

to pedestrian activity versus driving-can

influence obesity rates, which in turn

health outcomes. Everything from the

programs and parks to the prevalence of

activity, stress levels, and social dynamics.

THE TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION HAS

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the principal employers of linguistically-

trained professionals. Major leaps in

Study of the systematic nature of

linguistics-has made important

language - a central question within

ROOTS IN LINGUISTICS

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socialize affect behaviors, such as diet,

the availability of public bike share

influences the incidence of type 2

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HEALTHIER

To achieve results in these and other pressing areas, science should be put to work for the nation. Social and behavioral science research is an integral component of the U.S. STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) research enterprise. Though often misunderstood and underappreciated, federally supported social and behavioral science research makes meaningful contributions to

So many of the immediate challenges facing our nation will require solutions based on sound, reliable science. Federally-supported

of our troops, early childhood education, and improved efficiency of American businesses, to name a few.

scientific research—including social and behavioral science research—provides an evidence base that policy makers can use to produce

science-backed strategies for addressing issues of national importance, such as crime prevention, health care for the underserval, the safety

emulating human mental capabilities in the fields of information technology and Built environments can greatly influence computer science, such as in machine health behaviors. Social science has taught translation and artificial intelligence, have been possible thanks to basic linguistic neighborhoods-how conducive an area is research.

ANTHROPOLOGISTS SLOW THE SPREAD OF

diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other Anthropologists working for the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response number and proximity of grocery stores to were the first to discover why Ebola was spreading so quickly during its initial outbreak in West Africa. As a cultural practice, communities in the affected areas delay burying their dead for days at a time, making on conflict prevention. often bringing the bodies into their homes for mourning and funeral preparation. Working with a global network of anthropologists, the UN team delivered briefings and targeted reports, producing evidence that helped guide policy and shape interventions and strategy in contributions to the creation of computer combatting the epidemic.

IMENT FUNCTIONS

Fundamental research in economics has improved government policies, including in the areas of trade liberalization, air-transport deregulation, monetary economics, welfare-to-work reform, and antitrust practices. Much of this fundamental from the federal government.

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POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH SUPPORTS COUNTER-TERRORISM AND CONFLICT Political science plays a critical role in

understanding causes of international conflict and informing the means to prevent it. Research in the discipline. including federally funded projects, has tracked the growth of violent extremist organizations and relationships among groups to understand patterns in how they evolve and operate. Other political science work has mined foreign language data across the globe to understand causes of international strife and inform decision

SOCIAL SCIENCE CAN HELP YOU SAVE FOR

Research in psychology and economics has shown that individuals are not saving enough for retirement and that they are generally passive when it comes to their savings behavior. Research conducted with support from the federal government led to enactment of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which encourages employers to adopt features such as automatic enrollment, employer contribution, contribution escalation, and qualified default investment alternative practices. As a result, an increasing number of U.S. families are now saving more for

Why Social Science Matters for

NATIONAL SECURITY

TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM

The National Science Foundation (NSF) played an early role in supporting research on terrorism and counterterrorism, beginning in the late 1980s. Recognizing that terrorists' behavior responds to counterterrorism policies in rational ways, this research used game theory to develop a model to inform counterterror policy. The U.S. Departments of Homeland Security and Defense have sponsored subsequent applications of this research. These applications have focused on government hostage negotiations; an evaluation of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) cooperative program for combating international terrorism; the value of counterterror intelligence; and the first evaluation of the use of metal detectors to screen airline passengers.

FORECASTING POLITICAL INSTABILITY

NSF has funded research examining the root causes of political instability and indicators of early observable cues that a change in governance or political state is imminent. That research specifically studied cooperation and conflict, ethnic conflict, state stability, governance, and terrorism. Social science research was applied through support from DARPA and the U.S. Navy to create the Worldwide Integrated Crisis Early Warning System, which provides policy makers, operational commanders, and intelligence analysts insights and forecasts of changes in political stability.



SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSIS FOR THE MILITARY AND NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE



Social network analysis identifies and allows people to understand the relationships among individuals, organizations, and entities. It can illuminate key characteristics of relationships, such as the frequency of communication, affiliation, and other social relationships. Social network analysis can be applied to telephone data, school records, organizational structures, or any other relationship-based data. Some NSF-supported research has combined social network analysis with automated text analysis techniques to provide valuable information about the patterns of behavior of backers and the vulnerabilities of the nation's cyber networks. These tools analyze hacker chats and other data more efficiently than had previously been possible, with the potential to improve predictions about future threats that are based on hackers' intentions.





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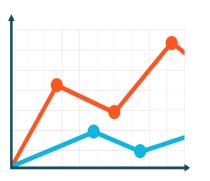
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