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Deep Dive

The 2020 Census
Citizenship Question
Will there be one on the 2020 Census?

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Disclaimers

You may have come to the wrong place!
I DON'T KNOW MAN

I DON'T KNOW
The question itself

Is this person a citizen of the United States?

- Yes, born in the United States
- Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas
- Yes, born abroad of U.S. citizen parent or parents
- Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization – *Print year of naturalization*
- No, not a U.S. citizen
How we got here

Questions Planned for the 2020 Census and American Community Survey
Federal Legislative and Program Uses

Issued March 2018
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Federal Legislative and Program Uses

Issued March 2018
Asked for a long time, but not recently of everyone

Citizenship asked since 1820.¹

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¹ Citizenship asked 1820, 1830, 1870, and 1890 to present.
Problem one— an untested question

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Problem two

The questions screams for non-response!
NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS BRIEF

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the American Statistical Association, American Sociological Association and Population Association of America respectfully seek leave to file the accompanying brief as *amicus curiae* in support of Plaintiffs' position at trial.
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A QUESTION ABOUT A PERSON’S CITIZENSHIP IS USED TO CREATE STATISTICS ABOUT CITIZEN AND NONCITIZEN POPULATIONS.

These statistics are essential for enforcing the Voting Rights Act and its protections against voting discrimination.

CITIZENSHIP DATA HELP COMMUNITIES:

Enforce Voting Rights Law
Knowing how many people reside in the community and how many of those people are citizens, in combination with other information, provides the statistical information that helps the government enforce Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and its protections against discrimination in voting.

Understand Changes
Knowing how many citizens and noncitizens live in the United States, in combination with other information, is of interest to researchers, advocacy groups, and policymakers.

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1 Citizenship asked 1820, 1830, 1870, and 1890 to present.
Congressional Districts - VA

Total population vs. citizen voting age population (CVAP)
Congressional Districts - NC
Synonyms

To: Karen Dunn Kelley, Under Secretary for Economic Affairs

From: Secretary Wilbur Ross

Date: March 26, 2018

Re: Reinstatement of a Citizenship Question on the 2020 Decennial Census Questionnaire

Dear Under Secretary Kelley:

As you know, on December 12, 2017, the Department of Justice ("DOJ") requested that the Census Bureau reinstate a citizenship question on the decennial census to provide census block level citizenship voting age population ("CVAP") data that are not currently available from government survey data ("DOJ request"). DOJ and the courts use CVAP data for determining violations of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act ("VRA"), and having these data at the census block level will permit more effective enforcement of the Act. Section 2 protects minority population voting rights.

Following receipt of the DOJ request, I set out to take a hard look at the request and ensure that I considered all facts and data relevant to the question so that I could make an informed decision on how to respond. To that end, the Department of Commerce ("Department") immediately
In the newly-discovered unpublished 2015 study, Dr. Hofeller explained how a switch from the current norm of drawing legislative districts of equal total population pursuant to *Wesberry v. Sanders*, 376 U.S. 1 (1964) to using CVAP data for redistricting purposes could shift political power in favor of white voters and away from Hispanic voters. ECF No. 162-3 at 60–108. To generate the CVAP data necessary to make this switch—a change that would “be advantageous to Republicans and Non-Hispanic Whites”—Dr. Hofeller concluded that a citizenship question would need to be added to the 2020 Census. *Id.* at 68.
President Trump

Responding to reporters outside the White House on Friday, the president said the question was necessary “for many reasons.”

“Number one, you need it for Congress — you need it for Congress for districting,” Trump said. “You need it for appropriations — where are the funds going? How many people are there? Are they citizens? Are they not citizens? You need it for many reasons.”
GPO AWARDS NEW CONTRACT FOR 2020 U.S. CENSUS MATERIALS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) has awarded the contract for 2020 Census printing materials and mailing services to R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company (RRD) following a competitive procurement process. RRD is a Chicago based company, and production will take place at several of its facilities across the country. The contract was awarded for $114,557,201.27, which is well within the U.S. Census Bureau’s budget. It covers the production of materials that will help the public respond to the 2020 Census, including questionnaires, letters, inserts, postcards, and envelopes. GPO and U.S. Census Bureau employees will conduct quality control and testing throughout the contract period.
That's a lot of printing!

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Fix it by adding three questions

The census belongs to the president. He needs to get it back. Here’s how.

By Hugh Hewitt
June 29

But to get that specific price, we need specific data. Hence the census questions: Are you a legal immigrant? Have you been resident in the United States at least five years? Are you a resident of the United States who entered without permission of the United States government whether via the asylum process, an unregulated entry or via the overstay of a visa?
Where are we now?
The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct.
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