Census Citizenship Question Saga Continues

Despite a decision from the Supreme Court, the fate of the Census citizenship question remains uncertain. While the ruling was expected to be the final word on whether the government could include a question on citizenship on the 2020 Census, the Supreme Court decided on June 27 that the question could only be asked if the government provided a different, more acceptable justification. However, with time running out to begin printing the necessary forms and other lawsuits working their way through lower courts, it was unclear whether enough time
remained for the government to provide such a justification. See COSSA's analysis of the decision for more details.

On July 2, the federal government announced that it had begun printing Census forms without a citizenship question, in what many believed to be an end to the controversy. However, after confusion and contradictory tweets from the President, federal officials said they were still looking for a way to add the question to the Census and intended to continue to fight the legal challenges. The government's legal team defending the question was also replaced, in a sign that the Administration is not planning to accede to the standing rulings striking the question.

At this stage, many questions remain as to what Census documents are currently being printed, how much time the Census Bureau can realistically hold off on further printing without damaging the Census operation, how the Administration intends to justify the question, and whether enough time remains for the question to proceed through the court system. COSSA will continue to report on developments in the Washington Update.

**COSSA IN ACTION**

**Save the Date for Social Science Advocacy Day 2020**

COSSA's 2020 Social Science Advocacy Day, the only annual, coordinated advocacy day in support of all of the social and behavioral sciences, will take place on March 30-31, 2020. Social Science Advocacy Day brings together social scientists and other science advocates from across the country to engage with policymakers in Washington, DC.

COSSA provides in-depth training and logistical support (including scheduling meetings with Congressional offices and providing an on-call expert to answer day-of policy questions) as well as polished, up-to-date materials to help advocates bring their message to Capitol Hill. Participants are teamed up with other advocates from their area and partnered with experienced government relations professionals who will guide them through their meetings with members of Congress and staff. Watch for more details in the COSSA Washington Update and on the Advocacy Day webpage.

**July's Headlines Webchat to Feature Deep Dive on 2020 Census**

COSSA members are encouraged to sign up for the monthly Headlines webchat on Thursday, July 11, in which COSSA staff will recap the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month and answer participants' questions. The July chat will feature a deep dive discussion on the state of the 2020 Census with Ron Wasserstein, Executive Director of the American Statistical Association. Individuals employed by or affiliated with a COSSA member organization or university can register for the webchat here.

**Letters & Statements**


**Share Your Story with COSSA!**

COSSA is always looking for tangible examples from the social and behavioral sciences to help make the case that federal investment in these sciences is not only a wise use of taxpayer dollars, but that this research yields results that make the nation and world healthier, safer, and more prosperous. If you have a social science story-- a research success, an example of how
social science is being used effectively in your community, an educational experience or teacher who shaped the trajectory of your social science career, or any other experience or activity that showcases the many positive impacts the social and behavioral sciences make to all aspects of life-- share it with COSSA by filling out the form on our website.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

House Nearly Finalizes Appropriations; Senate Movement Uncertain

Before Congress left for its annual Independence Day recess, the House of Representatives got a few steps closer to completing its work on fiscal year (FY) 2020 appropriations. At the time of this writing, the House has passed ten of its twelve appropriations bills, with only the Homeland Security and Legislative Branch funding bills remaining. The House has passed funding for agencies important for social science including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), and Department of Agriculture. Details about the proposed funding for those agencies can be found in COSSA’s full analyses of the Commerce, Justice, Science, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; and Agriculture appropriations bills on COSSA’s website.

While the House has finalized nearly all of its appropriations bills, the Senate has signaled that they expect a deal on top-line funding levels or "caps" before beginning work on individual appropriations bills. Congress and the White House have not agreed on final discretionary spending levels for FY 2020, so it is unclear when the Senate Appropriations Committee will start the process of considering FY 2020 bills. As COSSA has reported, discretionary budget caps must be raised if federal agencies and programs are to receive any funding increases in FY 2020. Read COSSA’s full analysis of FY 2020 spending on the COSSA website.

House Science Committee Hosts Hearing on Societal and Ethical Implications of Artificial Intelligence

On June 26, the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology hosted a hearing to examine the societal and ethical implications of artificial intelligence (AI). The committee heard testimony from Meredith Whittaker of the AI Now Institute at New York University, Jack Clark of OpenAI, Joy Boulamwini of the Algorithmic Justice League, and Georgia Tourassi of the Health Data Sciences Institute at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Committee Members and witnesses discussed the impact of AI on bias, the changing nature of work due to AI, and the impact of AI on the economy, including the delivery of healthcare. Social science was highlighted multiple times as one of the areas where additional research is most needed. The Science Committee is expected to begin working on bipartisan legislation to support a national strategy on AI in the coming months. A recording of the hearing and copies of witness statements are available on the committee’s website.

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

National Science Board Seeks Nominations for 2020 Honorary Awards

The National Science Board (NSB), the policy-making body of the National Science Foundation (NSF), has issued a solicitation for nominations for its 2020 honorary awards. The NSB honors
The Vannevar Bush Award is given to leaders "who have made exceptional contributions toward the welfare of humankind and the nation through public service activities in science, technology, and public policy." The Public Service Award honors individuals or groups who have made "substantial contributions to increasing public understanding of science and engineering in the United States," such as through education and training, social media, and other areas. Nominations for the 2020 awards are due by September 27, 2019.

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** NSF: Vannevar Bush Award (Closes: September 27, 2019)
- **NEW:** NSF: Public Impact Award (Closes: September 27, 2019)

Funding Opportunities

- IES: Research and Research Training Grant Programs (LOIs Due: July 11, 2019; Closes: August 29, 2019)
- NIH: Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (Closes: July 16, 2019)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- NIH: Accomplishments in Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (Closes: July 31, 2019)
- NSF: Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; National Science Foundation Proposal/Award Information-NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (Closes: July 29, 2019)
- OSTP: Request for Information: National Research Strategy for the President's Roadmap To Empower Veterans and End the National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS) (Closes: July 15, 2019)

Open Positions

- **NEW:** NIH/NCI: Program Director, Cancer Survivorship
- **NEW:** NIH/NCI: Program Director, Tobacco Cessation
- **NEW:** NIH/NCI: Program Director, Health Communication Research
- CDC/NCHS: Director, National Center for Health Statistics (Title 42: 0602) (Title 42: 0601) (SES: 1530) (Closes: July 16, 2019)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- NCHS: Health Policy Graduate Fellow (Closes: June 28, 2019)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

Nomination Opportunities

- AAAS: Award for Science Diplomacy (Closes: August 1, 2019)
- AAAS: Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility (Closes: August 1, 2019)
- AAAS: Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science (Closes: August 1, 2019)
AAAS: Kavli Science Journalism Awards (Closes: August 1, 2019)
AAAS: Mani L. Bhaumik Award for Public Engagement with Science (Closes: August 1, 2019)
AAAS: John P. McGovern Award Lecture in the Behavioral Sciences (Closes: August 1, 2019)
AAAS: Mentor Awards (Closes: August 1, 2019)
AAAS: Philip Hauge Abelson Prize (Closes: August 1, 2019)

Recent Reports

- NEW: NASEM: Guiding Cancer Control: A Path to Transformation

EVENTS CALENDAR

- COSSA Headlines | July Headlines & Deep Dive on the 2020 Census, July 11, 2019, 2:00 pm
- History of Science Society Annual Meeting, July 23-27, 2019, Utrecht, Netherlands
- AMSTAT: Joint Statistical Meeting, July 27-August 1, 2019, Denver, CO
- Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, August 7-10, 2019, Richmond, VA
- COSSA Headlines | August Headlines, August 8, 2019, 2:00 pm
- American Psychological Association Annual Convention, August 8-11, 2019, Chicago, IL
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 10-13, 2019, New York, NY
- NASEM: Decadal Survey of Behavioral and Social Science Research on Alzheimer’s Disease and Alzheimer’s Disease-Related Dementias: Workshop on Lived Experience, Epidemiology, and Models of Care, August 14, 2019, Washington, DC
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition, August 29-September 1, 2019, Washington, DC
- COSSA Headlines | September Headlines, September 12, 2019, 2:00 pm
- 2019 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, October 24-27, 2019, Denver, CO
- 2019 Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, October 30 - November 2, 2019, San Diego, CA

A list of COSSA members’ annual meetings and other events can be found on the COSSA events page. COSSA members who have an upcoming event they would like to see listed in the Events Calendar and on our website should send an email to jmilton@cossa.org.

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- American Anthropological Association
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- American Economic Association
- American Educational Research Association
- American Political Science Association
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- American Society of Criminology
- American Sociological Association
- American Statistical Association
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- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
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- Council on Social Work Education
- Economic History Association
- History of Science Society
- Midwest Sociological Society
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Council on Family Relations
- North American Regional Science Council
- Rural Sociological Society
- Social Science History Association
- Society for Prevention Research
- Society for Research on Adolescence
- Society for Social Work and Research
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- Society of Behavioral Medicine
- Southern Political Science Association
- Southern Sociological Society
- Southwestern Social Science Association

## Centers and Institutes

- American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- American Academy of Political and Social Science
- Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences
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