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## FEATURED NEWS

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### 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.

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## COSSA IN ACTION

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### 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

- 5/30/2019: [Letter in Support of H.R. 3038, the Securing American Science and Technology Act of 2019](#)

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## 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](#).



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## CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

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### 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](#).

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## FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

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### 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

outstanding research leaders annually through its Vannevar Bush Award and Public Service Award.

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)
- AHRQ: [National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality: Request for Nominations for Members](#) (Closes: August 12, 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)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

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### 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](#)

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## 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@coffa.org](mailto:jmilton@coffa.org).

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 American Psychological Association  
 American Society of Criminology  
 American Sociological Association  
 American Statistical Association  
 Law and Society Association  
 Linguistic Society of America  
 Midwest Political Science Association  
 National Communication Association  
 Population Association of America  
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology

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Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management  
Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations  
Association of American Law Schools  
Association of Research Libraries  
Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences  
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  
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Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
Southern Political Science Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
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