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Administration Ends Attempts to Add Citizenship to 2020 Census

On July 11, President Trump announced that he would no longer seek to add a question on citizenship to the 2020 Census. The announcement appears to resolve over a year of controversy and confusion, which culminated in a tumultuous two weeks that included a [Supreme Court ruling](#) stating the question could not be asked unless the Administration could provide a better

explanation, an [announcement](#) that the Census Bureau had begun printing materials without a citizenship question, a [commitment from the Department of Justice](#) to continue fighting to add the question back in, and [upheaval](#) in the government's legal team. Census stakeholders are hoping that the resolution of this issue can allow preparations for the Census to move forward smoothly and allow the community to focus on encouraging full participation in the 2020 Census. COSSA issued a [statement](#) praising the decision.

While the Administration will no longer seek to modify the 2020 questionnaire, President Trump signed an [executive order](#) that directs the Census Bureau to compile estimates of citizenship using existing data from administrative records. However, the order has little practical impact on the Census Bureau, as it already had access to the majority of the data in question and in fact [originally proposed](#) producing such estimates as a less costly and more accurate alternative to adding a citizenship question to the decennial census.

Congressional committees have shifted their focus from the citizenship question to ensuring an accurate count on the 2020 Census. The Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee [hosted Census Director Steven Dillingham](#), along with representatives of the Government Accountability Office, last week and the House Oversight and Reform Committee will examine how to reach an accurate census count [later this week](#).

COSSA IN ACTION

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

Congress and White House Strike Budget Deal Before Congress Leaves for Recess

As Congress prepares to leave for its annual August recess, Congressional leaders [have struck a deal](#) with the White House to raise the budget caps and debt ceiling for the coming fiscal years. The deal will allow for an increase in defense and non-defense discretionary spending, and provide relief from the [final two years of automatic budget cuts](#) put in place by the Budget Control Act of 2011. This deal means that increases are now possible for programs across the government, including research, healthcare, and the upcoming 2020 Census. [As COSSA has reported](#), the House of Representatives is nearly done working on fiscal year (FY) 2020 appropriations, but the Senate was delaying any spending decisions until a deal was reached to address the limits discretionary spending. The Senate is now expected to start working in haste to draft spending bills after they return from recess. Congress has until the end of September to finish work on FY 2020, pass a continuing resolution, or risk another government shutdown.

COSSA has released an [Action Alert for COSSA Members](#) to communicate directly with their Senators to urge them to support social science research.

House Science Committee Holds Hearing on Scientific Integrity at Federal Agencies

On July 17, the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology hosted a [joint subcommittee hearing](#) on scientific integrity in federal agencies. The hearing, which was hosted by the Subcommittee on Research and Technology and the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, included discussion of current and past issues of scientific integrity in the federal government and [H.R. 1709, the *Scientific Integrity Act*](#). The *Scientific Integrity Act*, introduced by Representative Paul Tonko (D-NY), directs federal agencies that fund or direct public science to establish and maintain clear scientific integrity principles and formalizes existing scientific integrity policies. The bill also clarifies that science within the federal government should determine policy without political, ideological, or financial conflicts of interest.

Witnesses included John Neumann, the Managing Director of Science and Technology Assessment at the Government Accountability Office (GAO); Michael Halpern, the Deputy Director of the Center for Science and Democracy at the Union of Concerned Scientists; Dr. Roger Pielke, a professor in the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Colorado; and Joel Clement of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School. Both Democrat and Republican members of the committee emphasized the importance of scientific integrity in their statements, but recommended different approaches moving forward; Democrats recommended the committee advance the *Scientific Integrity Act*, while Republicans argued that the issue of scientific integrity was being politicized and science advice was being inappropriately conflated with policy recommendations.

A recording of the hearing and statements from committee leadership and witnesses can be found on the [committee's website](#).

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

OMB Releases First Set of Evidence Act Guidance

The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued the first set of [guidance](#) related to implementing the [Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act](#) (or Evidence Act), legislation that builds on the recommendations of the [Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking](#) to formalize the use of data and evidence in informing the everyday work of federal agencies. The guidance provides detailed information for federal agencies on developing Learning Agendas, which identify the agency's priority questions to be informed by evidence; sets out the requirements and responsibilities for the senior roles mandated by the legislation—Chief Data Officer, Evaluation Officer, and Statistical Official; and provides direction on creating evaluation plans, undertaking capacity assessments, and identifying data needs. The full guidance is [available online](#). OMB will release additional Evidence Act guidance covering open data access and management, data access for statistical purposes, and program evaluation in the coming months.

NSF Releases Dear Colleague Letter on Research Protection

The Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) released a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) on July 11 summarizing efforts at the agency to address security risks to the U.S. science and engineering enterprise. The letter explains that international collaboration is still a priority of NSF, but that they are instituting policies to ensure NSF research is protected from foreign interference and other security threats.

The letter outlines some upcoming and proposed policy changes related to research security. The imminent plans include changes to the Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide to include clarifications of reporting requirements for support from NSF, both current and

pending, as well as professional appointments. The draft Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide is currently open for comment in the [Federal Register](#). Additionally, the agency is issuing a policy clarifying that NSF personnel and detailees working at the agency through the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (or IPAs) cannot participate in foreign government talent recruitment programs.

The letter also includes a proposal, likely to take effect in January 2020, requiring grantees to use an electronic format for submission of biographical sketches, including disclosure of all appointments.

Lastly, NSF has commissioned the independent scientific advisory group JASON to conduct a study to assess risks and recommend possible practices for NSF and its awardee organizations to achieve the best balance between openness and security of science. More information and the Dear Colleague Letter can be found on the [NSF website](#).

White House Announces Winners of Early Career Awards in Science and Engineering

On July 2, the White House [released](#) a list of recipients of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE). The award recognizes scientists and engineers in the early stages of their research careers who show exceptional promise for the future of scientific leadership. Several social scientists were named among the recipients, showcasing expertise in fields such as economics, education, linguistics, public policy, psychology, sociology, and others. The full list of award recipients can be found on the [White House website](#).

Nomination Opportunities

- NSF: [Vannevar Bush Award](#) (Closes: September 27, 2019)
- 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)
- **NEW:** MCC: [Millennium Challenge Corporation Economic Advisory Council Call for Nominations](#) (Closes: August 2, 2019)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** OMB: [Phase 1 Implementation of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018: Learning Agendas, Personnel, and Planning Guidance](#)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Request for Information on VIA Task Force Report: R&D Opportunities in Video & Image Analytics](#) (Closes: August 31, 2019)
- **NEW:** OMB: [Identifying Priority Access or Quality Improvements for Federal Data and Models for Artificial Intelligence Research and Development \(R&D\), and Testing; Request for Information](#) (Closes: August 9, 2019)
- 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)

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** OMB: [Federal Data Strategy Data Governance Playbook](#)
- **NEW:** OMB: [Digital Services Playbook](#)
- **NEW:** OMB: [U.S. Public Participation Playbook](#)

Open Positions

- NIH/NCI: [Program Director, Cancer Survivorship](#)
- NIH/NCI: [Program Director, Tobacco Cessation](#)
- NIH/NCI: [Program Director, Health Communication Research](#)
- CDC/NCHS: Director, National Center for Health Statistics ([Title 42: 0602](#)) ([Title 42: 0601](#)) ([Title 42: 1520](#)) ([SES: 1530](#)) (Closes: August 12, 2019)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

AAAS' Rush Holt Retires, Alan Leshner Named Acting CEO as Search for Successor Continues

On July 15, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) [announced](#) that AAAS CEO Rush Holt will be on leave prior to his designated retirement date of September 1, 2019. Former AAAS CEO Alan Leshner has been named Acting CEO as the search for Holt's permanent successor continues. Holt had [announced](#) in February of his intention to retire sometime later in 2019, sparking an international search for a new AAAS chief (read [COSSA's previous coverage](#)).

Leshner served as AAAS CEO for 13 years prior to Holt's tenure. He has served in a wide variety of leadership roles in federal science agencies including as director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), deputy and acting director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), and numerous senior roles at the National Science Foundation (NSF). Leshner was the kickoff speaker at COSSA's 2019 [Social Science Advocacy Day](#) training seminar earlier this spring. More information may be found on the [AAAS website](#).

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)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- NEW: Funder Collaborative [Civic Science Fellow](#) (Priority Deadline: August 15, 2019)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [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
- [2019 Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Annual Meeting](#), November 6-9, 2019, Atlanta, GA
- [2019 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference](#), November 7-9, 2019, Denver, CO
- [Evaluation 2019 \(American Evaluation Association\)](#), November 11-16, 2019, Minneapolis, MN
- [2019 North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting](#), November 13-16, 2019, Pittsburgh, PA
- [2019 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting](#), November 13-16, 2019, San Francisco, CA
- [2019 National Communication Association Annual Convention](#), November 14-17, 2019, Baltimore, MD
- [COSSA Headlines | November Headlines & Deep Dive TBA](#), November 14, 2019, 2:00 pm
- [2019 African Studies Association Annual Meeting](#), November 21-23, 2019, Boston, MA

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.

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