

## marital history & field of degree questions on the ACS

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Hello. I have learned that the census bureau elected to retain the field of degree and marital history questions in the ACS. This is a huge relief and will allow these questions and research on which they are based to be a boon to policy makers, scholars, students, industry and others. Unfortunately, I have also learned that the Census Bureau is suggesting that after 2016, the marriage questions may appear only intermittently or will be given to a subset of respondents. This is a travesty! These questions form the backbone of the census and it is extremely important to retain these questions in each year for all ACS respondents. I urge the Census Bureau to retain these questions for all respondents at every asking.

Sincerely,

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