

Keep questions on ACS

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To:FN-OMB-OIRA-Submission <OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov>;

I am writing in response to the request for comments about the Am Community Survey (ACS):

As a demographic historian, I have used information from the US Census bureau for most of my career. So have many, many other scholars.

While I appreciate your decision to still ask vital questions about marital history and college degrees in 2016, I am concerned with the suggestion that you may drop those questions or ask them only intermittently in the future.

Please keep the questions since it will enable historians and population scholars to understand the present, past, and even the future more effectively.

Thank you.

Happy Trails and Be good to your Horse,
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