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Thanks.

Katie

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Katie,

I'll run these questions by our experts and should have a response for you a response by Thursday.

Thanks!

Julia

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Hi Julia,

Thanks for getting back to me. I'm working on a story about this right now, and I have some additional questions:

The information submitted to OMB mentions that the sexual orientation question asked in the pilot survey didn't perform as well as the gender identity questions. Would you be able to send me the metrics behind that? For instance, could you send me data on breakoff rates, nonresponse rates, completion times, and the rate of changed answers for those questions, as well as for other questions such as those asking about race, disability, and income? I think the scientific community would appreciate seeing the numbers that are driving the policy decision to not ask a question about sexual orientation.

- The new gender identity question won't allow respondents to select multiple options, as I understand it. What was the rationale behind that decision? You could imagine, for instance, a respondent wanting to select both "man" and "transgender" instead of having to decide on just one.
- Does NCSES plan to continue pilot testing questions related to sexual orientation? What's the plan going forward on that?
- There's an open letter circulating that expresses concerns about NSF's plans: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qWlql8xu-3BNq--W4FxxwkTmMrWTnJO4/edit>. The letter accuses NCSES of using "flawed analyses" and "selective reporting of its own pilot data to OMB." Do you have a response to that letter and/or to that specific accusation?

My deadline is Thursday so if you could get back to me by then I'd appreciate it.

Thanks,
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Katie,

Thank you for your questions regarding NCSES's efforts to collect sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) information on the Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR) and the Survey of Earned

Doctorates (SED). As part of [ongoing NCSES research efforts to accurately collect SOGI data while protecting privacy](#), NCSES recently submitted plans to OMB to revise the gender question on the 2023 National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) as documented in the [ICR Supporting Statement A](#). The planned revision includes the use of a two-step sex-at-birth/gender identity question. OMB's response to the NSCG submission, expected in February, will help inform our plans for both the SDR and SED. Plans for data collection will be released for public comment in the coming months in a Federal Register Notice concurrent with their submission to OMB for approval.

Let me know if you have any questions. Have a good weekend!
Julia

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From: Chamot, Joshua A. <jchamot@nsf.gov>

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Importance: High

Good morning,

Your query was forwarded to me regarding Survey of Doctorate Recipients and the Survey of Earned Doctorates. I apologize that it has taken this long to get to me, but please let me know your deadline and we will try to track down a response asap.

Best,
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Hi Suzanne,

I'm a reporter at *Science* who covers the scientific community. I see that you're the contact person for the Federal Register notices from earlier this month pertaining to the Survey of Doctorate Recipients and the Survey of Earned Doctorates. It wasn't clear to me on the Federal Register notices, so could you clarify something for me: Are you planning on changing or adding any questions to capture information about LGBTQ scientists? Or will the surveys be the same as previous years?

Thanks in advance for any information you can provide.

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