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We recommend the Census Bureau to test the impact of question categories' order on responses during the 2024 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Test, similarly to the way the Bureau tested other questions such as race/ethnicity questions. For example, testing alphabetical order of 'sex assigned at birth' categories (Female, Male) and/or testing group size order of current gender categories (based on 2021 Household Pulse Survey results: Female, Male, Transgender etc).

The Census Bureau could also benefit from testing the use of different categories such as heterosexual vs straight for sexual orientation and its impact on responses. Statistics Canada has standard SOGI questions already in use and their categories could be useful for the Bureau.

Thank you,

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