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I continue to hear rumors about changes in the ACS, of which I am a regular research user. For example, I have heard that there are proposals to change the marital history question in a way that will reduce its value and disrupt comparability between years. It is important that major surveys like the ACS change or eliminate questions only when there is clear and widely accepted evidence that the original question is insufficient or unreliable. It is particularly important to retain the ACS, since the "long form" has been eliminated from the decennial Census. Changes in the ACS should not be considered without discussions with the research community that relies on it.

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