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Dr. Brian Harris-Kojetin,

I am writing about the plan to drop the "number of times married" question from the American Community Survey. I am an undergraduate student at Harvard University, and I have used ACS family data to study families and gender in the United States. The ACS is an extremely useful data source because of the large, representative sample. Dropping this question would seriously reduce our ability to measure the proportion of people who have divorced or conduct survival analysis to understand factors which predict marriage length.

This data is one of many great contributions to knowledge provided by the ACS, and I hope you will do whatever possible to retain the marriage question.

Thank you,
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