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I would like to defend the question "How many times have you been married?" for inclusion in the ACS. It is bad enough that total number of children ever born has been removed from the Census, and apparently was never included in the ACS, but to remove marriage questions is DUMB. How do you think economists can estimate marriage rates and divorce rates? The importance of marriage and fertility is paramount to the survival of any society. It is bad that the government believes that the CPS is good enough to ask fertility, but please keep the marriage question in the ACS! Please add the fertility question to the ACS as well!

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