

Dear Panel Study Online Commons proposers,

We write to announce a change in our calendar. Due to the overwhelming interest in the panel, the broad range of proposals we received, and the dynamic nature of the upcoming elections and the panel instrument, we have decided to delay today's scheduled announcement of Online Commons outcomes.

We expect to contact all Online Commons proposers by May 1. At this time, each proposer will receive one of two kinds of letters. One kind of letter will notify proposers that we are not able to include their questions on the Panel Study. As we have proposals for many more questions than can ever be included on the Panel Study, such letters are sad but necessary. Another kind of letter will notify proposers that some or all of their questions remain in the pool of questions from which we are designing the questionnaires for the six ANES panel study waves. Over the coming months, we will work with recipients of these latter letters to determine whether, when, and how often to ask the kinds of questions they propose.

Given the rapidly changing nature of the election (e.g., states deciding to move the dates of their primaries, candidates dropping in and out of the race) it is wise to retain some flexibility about the content of each wave of the panel study. Therefore, we will announce an official list of winning proposals after the questionnaire for each wave is completed. The first winning proposal announcement will be distributed early this summer. Subsequent announcements will occur throughout the following year.

On behalf of the ANES user community, we thank you for the many interesting and innovative proposals. We will be in touch soon.

Sincerely,

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