



ANES Announces Winning Proposals for its 2006 Pilot Study

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From March 8 to June 15, 2006, the American National Election Studies introduced a new way of soliciting public input for its surveys. This first ever ANES Online Commons (www.electionstudies.org/onlinecommons.htm) allowed interested persons to propose questions for the 2006 ANES Pilot Study. The Online Commons is designed to increase participation in, and the transparency of, the survey development process. It also provides a forum for participants to exchange ideas about posted proposals or other matters relevant to the scientific study of elections.

The response to this new opportunity was tremendous. Over 300 scholars from a range of scientific disciplines registered for the Online Commons. Collectively, they proposed over 1100 questions – with many coming from younger faculty and graduate students. These proposals remain on the Online Commons and can be viewed at the website listed above.

After the close of the proposal period, an evaluation process commenced. As the purpose of the Pilot Study is to evaluate new questions that have not been included on previous ANES surveys but could prove valuable to scholars if included in the future, the evaluative criteria supported this goal. The evaluation criteria were: novelty of idea, theoretical foundation, empirical support, suitability to ANES, breadth of relevance, controversy-relevance, bridge-building, generalizability, value of pilot data, and the extent to which the likely value of the question to ANES users could be credibly evaluated as a result of inclusion on the pilot study. The evaluation also proceeded with the knowledge that only about 120 of the 1100 questions could be included on the 45 minute Pilot Study. A separate report detailing the evaluation process can be found here:

http://www.electionstudies.org/announce/newsltr/ANES_OCprocess_20060929.pdf

The Board and the PIs discussed their evaluations at a two day meeting at Stanford University in late July 2006. After reviewing this feedback further, the PIs began to contact authors of proposals that were best suited to be the basis of Pilot Study questions. They are now well in the process of finalizing the Pilot Study questionnaire. At the same time, the PIs are preparing individualized and detailed responses to the authors of all of the other proposals. These responses not only thank scholars for their contributions for the project and provide feedback but also attempt to build on the content of these proposals so that the ideas may be of greater use to ANES and other studies in the future. These responses are now being sent to Online Commons proposers.

The Principal Investigators would like to thank the hundreds of persons who were involved in making the Online Commons and the design of the 2006 ANES Pilot Study a great success. A new version of the Online Commons will open in October 2006. It will be devoted to the development of the 2007-09 ANES Panel Study. For more information on that study, visit:

http://www.electionstudies.org/studypages/future_data_collections.htm

Subject to space availability on the final version of the questionnaire, the following winning proposals have been selected to be the basis of questions for the 2006 ANES Pilot Study. Congratulations!

“Alternative Measures of Partisan Ambivalence”

Marco Steenbergen, UNC Chapel Hill
Howard Lavine, Stony Brook University

"Assessing Sexual Orientation and Contact with Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals"

Patrick Egan, University of California, Berkeley
Randall Sell, Columbia University
Kenneth Sherrill, Hunter College, CUNY

"Basic Values"

Shalom Schwartz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"Born-Again Identity"

David Barker, University of Pittsburgh
Lawrence James Zigerell Jr., University of Pittsburgh
Heather Marie Rice, University of Pittsburgh

"Candidate Gender and American Political Behavior"

Kira Sanbonmatsu, Ohio State University
Kathleen Dolan, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

"Character Judgments and Voting Behavior"

Daniel Molden, Northwestern University

"Collective Identity, Ethnic Organization Participation, and Political Behavior"

Belinda Robnett-Olsen, University of California, Irvine

"Crime, Perceived Criminal Injustice, and Electoral Politics"

John Hagan, Northwestern University
Ross L. Matsueda, University of Washington
Ruth D. Peterson, Ohio State University
Lauren J. Krivo, Ohio State University

"Defensive Confidence and Exposure to Political Information"

Dolores Albarracin, University of Florida

“End Times Beliefs” alternate version proposed by Michael K. Earl, Trinity University

"Everyday Political Talk"

Vivian Martin, Central Connecticut State University

"Extending Political Efficacy"

Daniel Schneider, Stanford University

"Federalism and Trust in Government"
Joe Gershtenson, Eastern Kentucky University

"Figuring Out Voters' Values"
Steven Hitlin, University of Iowa

"Financial Resources and Security"
Katherine Porter, University of Iowa College of Law
Teresa A. Sullivan, University of Michigan
Deborah Thorne, Ohio University
Elizabeth Warren, Harvard Law School

"Generalized Trust Questions"
Eric M. Uslaner, University of Maryland

"Measuring Ambivalence about Government"
Stephen C. Craig, University of Florida
Jason Gainous, University of Louisville
Michael D. Martinez, University of Florida

"Measuring Political Interest"
Danielle Shani, Princeton University

"The Need for Closure and Political Attitudes"
Christopher Michael Federico, University of Minnesota
John T. Jost, New York University
Antonio Pierro, Universita delgi Studi di Roma
Arie W. Kruglanski, University of Maryland

"New Abortion Items"
David Barker, University of Pittsburgh
Lawrence James Zigerell Jr, University of Pittsburgh
Heather Marie Rice, University of Pittsburgh

"People's Attitudes toward Equality, Redistribution and a Progressive Tax System" by
Ruben Durante, Brown University
Louis Putterman, Brown University

"Perceptions of Entitativity and Similarity of Political Groups"
Sara Ann Crump, UC Santa Barbara
David Hamilton, UC Santa Barbara

"Polarization and Perceived Polarization on Policy Issues"
Charles Judd, University of Colorado
Leaf Van Boven, University of Colorado
David Sherman, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Political Networks"
Betsy Sinclair, Caltech

"Political Trust: Reconciling Theory and Practice"
Dennis L. Plane, Juniata College

"Questions about Social Mood"
Wayne D. Parker, Socionomics Foundation

"Questions Measuring Authoritarianism"
Fred Slocum, Minnesota State University, Mankato

"Religion and Electoral Behavior"
David C. Leege, University of Notre Dame
Stephen T. Mockabee, University of Cincinnati
Kenneth D. Wald, University of Florida

"Self-Monitoring and Political Attitudes"
Adam Berinsky, MIT
Howard Lavine, Stony Brook University

"Sociotropic Voting and the Media"
Stephen Ansolabehere, MIT
Marc Meredith, Stanford GSB
Erik Snowberg, Stanford University
James M. Snyder, Jr., MIT

"Testing a New Generation of Media Use Measures for the ANES"
Scott Althaus, University of Illinois
David Tewksbury, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

"Values Assessment Proposal"
Kennon M Sheldon, University of Missouri-Columbia
Charles Nichols, University of Missouri-Columbia

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