



Dear Panel Study Online Commons proposers,

We write to announce a change in our calendar. Due to the dynamic nature of the upcoming elections and the many high quality proposals we received, we must delay today's scheduled announcement of Online Commons outcomes.

We expect to contact all Online Commons proposers by June 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.

While we regret the delays, we can report substantial progress on the panel study. Many key aspects of the design are now being refined and finalized. One change is particularly noteworthy. Potential users of the Panel Study will be happy to know that we have arranged to collect data early in or near the first week of February 2008 so that we may document respondent attitudes at times that are close to when they will have voted in (the new dates of) presidential primary elections. We are also working on many other innovations to the Panel Study that will increase its value to the user community.

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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