



**ANES Announces Research and  
Publication Opportunities:  
Evaluate the 2006 Pilot Study**

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We are writing to announce a new opportunity for scholars who are interested in advancing the survey-based study of elections. In 2006, the ANES ran a Pilot Study. The Pilot Study's purpose is to implement new ideas for measuring currently (and potentially) important concepts. The Pilot Study data are now available for evaluation and we seek your input about whether to include these new measures in future ANES surveys.

All of the new questions on the Pilot Study originate from the tremendous scholarly response to or call for proposals. Using the first ever ANES Online Commons, scholars from a wide range of disciplines proposed over 1100 questions. All of these proposals can be viewed at:

<http://www.electionstudies.org/onlinecommons.htm>

Over 100 new questions appeared on the Pilot Study. Some involve new measurements of familiar topics, while others involve measures of topics that are new to the study of elections. All of the questions can be viewed at:

[ftp://ftp.electionstudies.org/ftp/nes/studypages/2006pilot/anes\\_2006pilot\\_int.txt](ftp://ftp.electionstudies.org/ftp/nes/studypages/2006pilot/anes_2006pilot_int.txt)

With these data, many exciting research opportunities exist.

We invite interested scholars (faculty and graduate students alike) to take the lead in helping the ANES user community evaluate the new questions. Scholars may submit Pilot Study reports for as many questions as they like. By so doing, they can shape how researchers think about these new ideas and influence how the ANES will be conducted in the future.

The stated goals of the Pilot study can be viewed at:

[http://www.electionstudies.org/announce/newsltr/ANES\\_OCprocess\\_20060929.pdf](http://www.electionstudies.org/announce/newsltr/ANES_OCprocess_20060929.pdf)

Ideally, a Pilot Study report will speak to the stated goals of the Pilot Study, and will contain one of two kinds of analyses:

- Analyses of wording/order/format experiments of items according to the ability of constructs to predict variables of interest to election scholars, including vote choice and turnout. An example of a report analyzing an experiment can be found here: <http://www.electionstudies.org/resources/papers/Pilot2006/nes011881.pdf>
- Analyses of sets of items, assessing correlational validity in the same manner. An example can be found here: <ftp://ftp.electionstudies.org/ftp/nes/bibliography/documents/nes008997.pdf>

Already, we have received reports from the original authors of the proposals that generated the questions. They may be viewed at: <http://www.electionstudies.org/resources/papers/pilotrpt.htm>

But numerous opportunities remain to further analyze the Pilot Study. There are many questions for which we have not received reports and there are also opportunities for scholars to run new and unique analyses of questions for which some reports already exist. Both kinds of reports can be very valuable.

We will accept Pilot Study reports from the public on a rolling basis beginning July 1. Submissions will be reviewed and we will post all Pilot Study reports that meet the criteria listed above on the ANES web site.

If there are enough excellent Pilot Study reports, we will seek to publish them in an edited volume with a leading university press. The book is tentatively titled “The ANES Book of Ideas” and will help scholars better understand key properties of election study data. **If you would like to submit a report that is considered for this publication opportunity, we must receive a draft of the report that meets the criteria listed above by 5:00pm pacific time on September 7, 2007.** Inclusion in the book may be contingent upon revision.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Matthew DeBell, the Director of Stanford Operations for the ANES, at “[debell@stanford.edu](mailto:debell@stanford.edu)”. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,  
Jon A. Krosnick and Arthur Lupia  
ANES Principal Investigators

### **List of Pilot Study Questions**

<b>Module #</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Variables</b>
1	Character judgments	V06P501
2	Defensive confidence	V06P502
3	Need for closure	V06P503 - V06P511
4	Belief in a just world	V06P512
5	Self-monitoring	V06P513 - V06P518
6	Trust	V06P519 - V06P522
7	Values	V06P523 - V06P544
8	Borrowing	V06P545 - V06P547
9	Sociotropic voting	V06P548 - V06P551b
10	Religion	V06P552 - V06P557
11	Christianity	V06P558 - V06P566
12	Optimism/pessimism	V06P567x - V06P586
13	Social networks	V06P587 - V06P629
14	Attention to politics	V06P630 - V06P634
15	Ambivalence	V06P635 - V06P643
16	Efficacy	V06P644 - V06P653
17	Trust in government	V06P654 - V06P663
18	Media	V06P664 - V06P679x

19	Party identification	V06P680 - V06P688
20	Abortion	V06P689x - V06P731
21	Tolerance	V06P732a - V06P732b
22	Justice	V06P733 - V06P736
23	Gender	V06P737 - V06P764
24	Tax	V06P765 - V06P769
25	Partisan differences	V06P770 - V06P773
26	Vote	V06P774 - V06P787
27	Branching-pres. approval	V06P788x - V06P807c
28	Economy	V06P808
29	Death	V06P809 - V06P810

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