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Subject: RE: Update on Sexual Orientation in GSS 2018

Hi all

A further update on this question (hopefully the last one now)...

After a number of discussions and analysis of the field test debrief and findings, the decision has been made to remove both the interviewer 'opt-out' and the explicit respondent 'choose not to answer' option for the main GSS.

The removal of these options is based around data quality primarily, but also to ensure that we are proceeding on a basis that assumes normalisation i.e. starting as we mean to continue with this question.

Both Paul Brown and Juilee Bhandekar have been consulted in their respective Respondent Advocate and Health and Safety capacities and both are comfortable with this decision. We are aware that there may be risks with removing these options, but we are hoping that a combination of training, comms and careful monitoring in the Field, will mitigate some of the risk.

Any questions about this decision, please let me know.

Thanks Calli

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Subject: Update on Sexual Orientation in GSS 2018

Hi all

As promised in Calli's previous email, here is the update on the Sexual Orientation question asked in the GSS Field Test:

Debrief: Interviewers were very positive about this question and despite 11 instances where interviewers did not ask the question, none of the interviewers felt unsafe at any time during the Field Test.

Results: The field test had an achieved sample rate of 55% and approximately 140 complete responses. Of the responses to the sexual orientation question, 95.9% selected heterosexual, 0.8% selected bisexual, and 3.3% selected refuse or choose not to answer. Given the sample size, very little can be determined from this result except that there are no red flags.

Respondents were also asked to rate how comfortable they were answering the question. Overall, 84.4% rated their comfort level as 6/10 or more.

What this means: Given the positive response from interviewers, the lack of anything worrying in the results, and assuming a good response to the classifications and standard's work on this topic, **the Sexual Orientation question will be asked in the main GSS.**

Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

Thanks

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