



TESS ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ITS THIRD SPECIAL COMPETITION  
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Deadline for New Phone Experiments is March 1, 2005

Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) is a National Science Foundation-supported project that provides social scientists with new opportunities to conduct innovative experiments on large, diverse subject populations. Last July, TESS announced its third Special Competition, making an open call for innovative survey-based experiments. Leading scholars from across the country judged the entries. The winning experiments were selected because of their potential to increase the precision with which fundamental social, political and economic dynamics are understood. Consistent with the project's mission to promote innovation and provide more social scientists with opportunities to collect high-quality, original data, TESS runs these experiments free of charge for the scholars who proposed them. Diana C. Mutz of the University of Pennsylvania and Arthur Lupia of the University of Michigan are TESS' Principal Investigators.

This announcement reveals the winners of the special competition along with other proposals accepted in the last year. The winning proposals are:

Scott Althaus, University of Illinois (Speech Communication) for "Who Moves Presidential Approval?"

Kevin Arceneaux, Yale University (Institution for Social and Policy Studies) for "Going Against the Grain: The Intersection of Framing, Source Credibility, and Predispositions."

Deborah Avant and Lee Sigelman, George Washington University (Political Science) for a study of how the public responds to the deaths of soldiers and private security forces in Iraq.

George Bizer, Eastern Illinois University (Psychology) and Jeff Larsen, Texas Tech (Psychology) for a study of the generalizability of framing effects.

John Darley, Princeton University (Psychology); Joseph Sanders, University of Houston (Law) and Lawrence Solan, Brooklyn Law School for "Moral Luck, Loss of Chance, and Legal Liability."

Andrew W. Delton and Leda Cosmides, University of California, Santa Barbara (Psychology) for "Motivational systems in political collective action: Managing free-riders, exiters, and recruits."

John DiNardo, University of Michigan (Economics) for a study of whether respondent uncertainty leads to systematic biases in public opinion polls.

John H. Evans, University of California, San Diego (Sociology) for "Social Dehumanization through Biotechnology: An Empirical Examination."

Scott Feld, Purdue University (Sociology and Anthropology) and Richard Felson, Penn State (Sociology) for "The Appropriateness of Retaliatory Violence: Effects of Gender and Relationship."

James Fowler, University of California—Davis (Political Science) for "Party Dynamics and Voter Behavior."

Stephanie Goodwin and Kipling D. Williams, Purdue University (Psychological Sciences) for "Effects of Ostracism and Stigma on Self-Esteem."

Phil Gussin and Matthew Baum University of California, Los Angeles (Political Science) for an experimental study of media bias.

Michael J. Hanmer, Georgetown University (Government); Michael Traugott, University of Michigan (Communication Studies/Center for Political Studies) and Fred Conrad, University of Michigan (Survey Research Center) for "Experiments to Understand How Americans React to New Election Procedures."

Daniel Hopkins and Gary King, Harvard University (Government) for "Priming to Increase the Information in Survey Responses."

Vincent Hutchings, University of Michigan (Political Science) for a study of how different populations interpret the Confederate flag in southern states.

William G. Jacoby, Michigan State University (Political Science) for "Value Choices in the Mass Public: Testing for Framing Effects and Hierarchical Structure."

Alexander L Janus, University of Wisconsin—Madison (Sociology) for "The List Experiment as an Unobtrusive Measure of Attitudes Towards Immigration and Gay Marriage"

Cindy Kam, University of California, Davis (Political Science) and Robert Mikos, University of California, Davis (Law) for "The Impact of Federalism on Citizen Support for Legislative Action."

Megan L. Knowles and Wendi Gardner, Northwestern University (Psychology) for "Maintaining a Sense of Belonging among the Socially Isolated."

Taeku Lee, University of California, Berkeley (Political Science) for "Social Constructivism, Self-Identification, and the Measurement of 'Race'."

Edward Lemay, Carnegie Mellon University (Psychology) for a study on the effects of social rejection.

Walter Mebane and Israel Waisman-Manor, Cornell University (Government) for a study of how minor party candidates on the ballot affects major party candidates.

Pablo Mitnik, University of Wisconsin (Sociology) for "Public Attitudes towards a Supplementary Income Program for Low-wage Workers."

Stefanie Bailey Mollborn, Stanford University (Sociology) for "Measuring Teenage Pregnancy Norms and Their Effects on Resource Provision."

Markus Prior, Princeton University (Politics) for "Does Self-Reported News Exposure Measure Political Interest, not Actual Exposure?"

Glenn Reeder, Michael Griswell and John B. Pryor, Illinois State University (Psychology) for "Exploring the Generality of Naïve Realism."

Lisa Rashotte and Murray Webster, University of North Carolina – Charlotte (Sociology and Anthropology) for "Status Effects of Gender."

Beth Simmons and Michael Hiscox, Harvard University (Government) for "American Attitudes Toward the International Criminal Court: Framing Effects, Endorsement Effects, and the Idea of Multilateral Justice."

Robert C. Sinclair, Laurentian University; Norman R. Brown, University of Alberta and Sean E. Moore, Mount Saint Vincent University (Psychology) for "Estimating Number of Lifetime Sexual Partners: A Strategy Activation Study."

Paul M. Sniderman, Stanford University (Political Science) for "Political Brand Names: Signaling and Constraint in Mass Belief Systems."

Mathieu Turgeon, University of Texas at Austin (Political Science) for a study of how asking respondents to "stop and think" affects survey responses.

Craig W. Trumbo, University of Vermont (College of Medicine) for "Perception of Synergistic Risk: Adjusted Anchoring Vignettes for Optimized Measurement."

Cheryl Wakslak and John T. Jost New York University (Psychology) for "The Dynamics of System Justification."

James Yocom, University of Wisconsin – Madison (Sociology) for "Studying the Effect of Income on Punitive Attitudes with a Two-List Factorial Survey Method."

TESS accepts proposals on a continuous basis. For more details on how to submit a proposal and to view data from previous studies, visit our website, [ExperimentCentral.org](http://ExperimentCentral.org). Because TESS is nearing the end of its initial funding period, we will temporarily discontinue soliciting telephone-based proposals on March 1, 2005. Scholars who wish to use this interview mode should submit their proposals before the deadline. We will continue to accept Internet-based proposals throughout the year. For more details on this decision, please visit [experimentcentral.org](http://experimentcentral.org).

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### Explanation of March 1, 2005 Deadline for Telephone-Based Studies

As announced in our news release of January 26, 2005, TESS will accept proposals for telephone-based survey experiments until March 1, 2005. After that, it will accept only proposals for Internet-based experiments for the remainder of 2005. There are several reasons for this change. The principal reason is demand from the scientific community. When we created TESS, telephone based surveys were well established, while Internet-based surveys were in their infancy. In 2000, when we designed this part of the project, we anticipated roughly equal demand for each survey mode. However, for the two modes has been quite unequal. Since March 1, 2004, for example, TESS has received 111 proposals. Only 28% were telephone-based requests.

The current grant for TESS expires in June of 2005. In devoting our remaining funding to Internet, we believe we are best serving the areas of greatest demand for the unique experimental opportunities that TESS can offer. Later this year, plans for the continuation of TESS will commence. At that time, we plan to revisit the issue of telephone-based studies and the role that they should play in future grant proposals. We would appreciate your input on this issue and we thank you for your continuing involvement in and support of TESS.