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CONGRESS

- Congress Passes Funding for NSF, Higher Ed, and IES in \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 Relief Bill
 - More: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/>
- House Science Committee Organizes, Holds Hearings on COVID-19
 - More: <https://science.house.gov/>

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- NIH Issues RFI on Advancing DEI in Biomedical Research Workforce, Health Disparities Research
 - More: <https://www.nih.gov/ending-structural-racism/unite>
- NSF Releases New “Understanding the Rules of Life” Solicitation
 - More: <https://www.cossa.org/2021/02/16/nsf-releases-new-understanding-the-rules-of-life-solicitation/>



COMMUNITY

- National Academies Seeking Applications for 2021 Cohort of New Voices Initiative
 - More: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6161817/a4ab29158f8c>
- Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Ed Launches Partner Network
 - More: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/action-collaborative-on-preventing-sexual-harassment-in-higher-education>
- New Guidance SEAN Guidance on Vaccine Confidence, Planning for Natural Disasters during COVID-19
 - More: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/societal-experts-action-network>

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- Registration for Virtual Social Science Advocacy Day Opens
 - More: <https://www.cossa.org/event/2021-advocacy-day/>
- “Why Social Science?” Celebrates Anthropology Day
 - More: www.whysocialscience.com



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Homework Assignment



- Register for Social Science Advocacy Day – April 27, 2021**
<https://www.cossa.org/event/2021-advocacy-day/>
- Respond to the NIH UNITE RFI, share your responses with COSSA – Respond by April 9**
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-066.html>



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- Send us your ideas for DEEP DIVES (email Ben at bgoodrich@cossa.org)

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PAST DEEP DIVE TOPICS:

- February 2021: Biden's First Weeks
- January 2021: COVID-19 Vaccination Communication
- December 2020: 2021 Policy Landscape
- November 2020: 2020 Election
- October 2020: Election Polling
- September 2020: Tracking School Reopening Plans
- August 2020: The Psychology of COVID-19
- July 2020: The Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN)
- June 2020: A Conversation on Police Violence
- May 2020: A Conversation with an Epidemiologist
- April 2020: Communication Strategies in an Emerging Public Health Crisis
- March 2020: White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Updates



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