Frequently Asked Questions & Answers
**This FAQ will be updated as needed**

Q. What is the CMPS?
A. The CMPS is a nonpartisan post-election survey developed by academic researchers in 2008. Starting in 2016, the CMPS adopted an innovative cooperative funding strategy which broadens the scope of access to high-quality national survey data with large and generalizable samples of racial and ethnic groups in the United States.

Q. Who can contribute content for the survey instrument?
A. Any researcher (faculty, lecturers, postdocs, students, and staff) affiliated with an accredited post-secondary educational institution is welcome to participate.

Q. What if I do not hold an affiliation with an accredited post-secondary educational institution?
A. The CMPS does not allow pollsters, community-based organization, non-profits, or private companies to directly purchase question content on the CMPS. These groups may partner with an accredited post-secondary educational institution, who will be responsible for overseeing and contributing question content to the survey instrument.

Q. What if I hold an affiliation with an accredited post-secondary educational institution outside of the United States.
A. If you hold an affiliation with an accredited post-secondary educational institution outside of the United States, please contact the CMPS team at cmpsurveycoop@gmail.com for more details on international collaborations.

Q. When will the survey take place?
A. The CMPS is a post-election survey to be following the 2020 Presidential Election. We expect that the survey will be fielded from about December 1, 2020 to February 1, 2021.

Q. Where is the cooperative study currently based?
A. The cooperative study is currently based at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Q. Who are the co-Principal Investigator (PIs)?
A. The co-PIs of the 2020 CMPS are Matt Barreto, UCLA, Lorrie Frasure-Yokley, UCLA, Edward D. Vargas, Arizona State University, Janelle Wong, University of Maryland-College Park.

Q. How long is a sitting for the survey?
A. The survey may take on average about 45 minutes for a respondent to complete.
Q. Are respondents compensated for their time?  
A. Yes, the administrators of the survey will offer respondents a gift card.

Q. How is the survey distributed?  
A. The survey is distributed online. Pacific Market Research (PMR) is handling the recruitment of the study for all samples. https://www.pacificmarketresearch.com

Q. Is the 2020 CMPS a panel survey?  
A. Starting in 2020, we tentatively plan the 2020 CMPS as a panel design (16-20-24). Pending funding, the tentative plan is to re-interview as many of the 2016 respondents as possible to create a partial 2016 / 2020 panel. Pending funding, we plan to conduct a short re-interview panel in 2022, and then full re-interview panel in 2024. At this time, we anticipate that all collaborators will received these data with no additional costs.

Q. Are the survey responses proprietary?  
A. No, the CMPS is collaborative and thus all data will be delivered to all collaborators.

Q. Is there core content across all respondents?  
A. Contributors will receive core demographic measures across all samples. Beyond those measures, only through purchasing questions across the sub-samples will a question be available on all samples. Users can submit survey questions for just one single sample, or common questions across multiple samples, depending on their interest. NOTE: In cases where two or more different collaborators submit very similar questions, the PIs will synthesize content, where needed or create a single common question.

Q. What if I do not have a question to contribute, are there other access options?  
A. For pricing details regarding access (license) to all survey content without adding survey content, please contact the CMPS team at cmpsurveycoop@gmail.com for cost sheet.

Q. Is there assistance with formulating or refining survey questions?  
A. Yes, the CMPS team will work with contributors to improve design of question content.

Q. Is the CMPS approved by an IRB?  
A. Yes, IRB#19-001234.

Q. Must individual collaborators secure their own IRB approval for their submitted question content?  
A. UCLA serves as the lead institution for the 2020 CMPS. Generally, all contributors/collaborators will use the survey data via a “secondary analysis of pre-existing data.” However, we encourage you to check with your institution for its IRB approval guidelines.

Q. Can contributors propose survey experiments for the instrument?  
A. Yes
Q. Can contributors propose split sample wording for their questions?
A. Yes

Q. How long will the 2020 data be embargoed?
A. In keeping with best practices and data transparency ethics in the social sciences, the data will be embargoed to collaborators and their co-authors for up to 2-years following the release of the individual level dataset, including the data deposit, cleaning and archival timeframe. Following the data embargo, the individual level data will be deposited at ICPSR.

Q. Can contributors co-author, using the CMPS data, outside of the collaborative?
A. Until the ICPSR Posting, Licensee may not give the data away to any non-Licensee. Licensee may co-author papers with any person, but at least one of the authors listed must be a Licensee who has signed the contract/agreement.

Q. Will there be administrative variables appended to the CMPS 2020?
A. Yes

Q. Are there restricted variables in the data?
A. No, all collected data can be accessed by all contributors/collaborators.

Q. Can contingent faculty members (non-tenure track) submit questions?
A. Yes