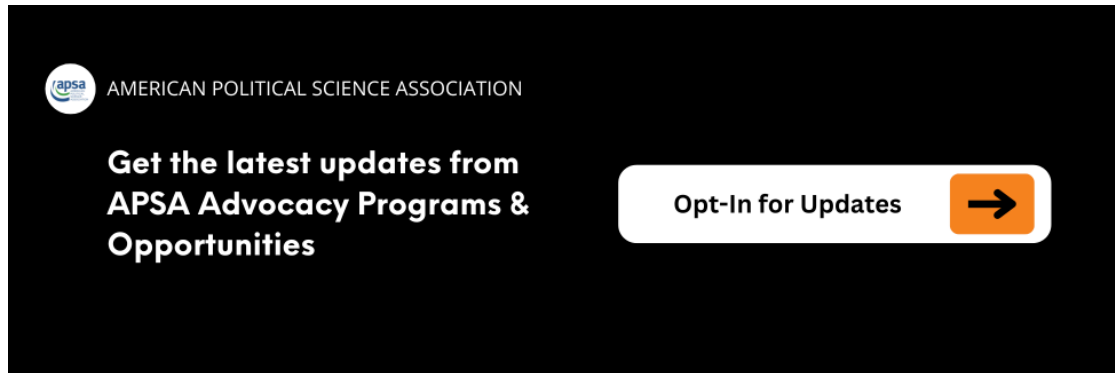


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▸ ACTION ALERT

### Write Congress TODAY about the Need to Reopen the Federal Government

Funding for most government activities expired at midnight on September 30. Since Congress has failed to reach an agreement to keep the government open, all federal agencies are now shut down.

The shutdown and lack of clarity on FY 2026 funding damages the ability of federal research and statistical agencies like the National Science Foundation to meet their missions. Those harms are passed on to researchers who rely on support from the federal government.

Federal science and statistical agencies have already experienced destructive effects this year as a result of Trump Administration policies, including termination of thousands of research and training grants, program cancellations, mass layoffs, pauses or cancellations of important data collections, and elimination of federal advisory bodies, to name a few. The government shutdown only exacerbates these damages and further degrades U.S. scientific leadership by delaying grant competitions and award decisions, leaving current grantees without access to

technical assistance from program officers, and causing issues with accessing already-obligated funds, among others.

**Write to your Members of Congress TODAY** to urge them to end the shutdown and work with their colleagues to complete the FY 2026 appropriations process without further delay. This is an initiative of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA). The APSA is a governing member of COSSA.

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## ▸ RESOURCES

### **New Advocacy Resource: What is a Government Shutdown?**



APSA is inviting folks to take advantage of a new advocacy resource from COSSA, [A Crash Course on the Federal Government](#).

Through this series COSSA provides easy-to-understand information about the inner workings of the federal government and how they affect social and behavioral science research. The series begins with a brief on [“What is a Government Shutdown?”](#)

Additional topics will be added in the days and weeks ahead including: “What is Appropriations?”, “What is an Executive Order?”, and “What is a Continuing Resolution?”

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