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Abstract:

If a network battery is to be included in the 2000 study, the name generator should not be restricted to discussants outside the household. A central advantage of including a network battery within NES is that it would provide an opportunity for studying network effects on turnout. In *Making Democracy Work*, Putnam (1993) argues that the success of democratic politics depends on horizontal networks of social relations among citizens (also see Coleman 1988 and Granovetter 1985). By incorporating a social network battery within the National Election Study, we would be making a significant contribution toward incorporating these horizontal networks within the analysis of American elections.