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Lloyd,

According to COSSA, social sciences have done quite well in the budget: SBE directorate is up 10.3 percent (including the Office of International Science and Engineering). The two research divisions -- Behavioral and Cognitive Science and Social and Economic Science -- are up 10.9 percent and 9.3 percent, respectively. The Human and Social Dynamics priority is slated for \$23.3 million, about \$16 million from SBE. In comparison, non-defense, non-homeland security research is up 0.5 percent. NSF has a 3 percent increase overall. Research and related activities is up 4.7 percent.

Re Economic Statistics: Most of the statistical agencies have increases ranging from quite large, the Census Bureau up 34 percent to ramp up for 2010, to the Bureau of Economic Analysis up 22 percent, to Economic Research Service at Ag, up 15 percent.

Certainly we need to do all the appropriate things to protect these increases through the budget process of course, and we'll be working with COSSA to do that. I don't know of anything on your idea for the comparative foreign policy observation sites, but I think that will require some prospective PI's putting in a formal proposal.

Michael