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Notification of Initial Study Exemption Determination

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Protocol Title:	2016 Cooperative Congressional Election Study
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Protocol #:	IRB16-0257
Funding Source:	None
IRB Review Date:	3/4/2016
IRB Review Action:	Exempt

On 3/4/2016 it was determined this Initial Study submission meets the criteria for exemption per the regulations found at 45 CFR 46.101(b)(4).

The documents that were finalized for this submission may be accessed through the IRB electronic submission management system at the following link: 2016 Cooperative Congressional Election Study.

Additional review is not required. However, any changes to the protocol that may alter this determination must be submitted for review via a modification (by selecting the Create Modification activity in the ESTR system) to determine whether the research activity continues to meet the criteria for exemption.

The IRB made the following determinations:

- Research Information Security Level: The research is classified, using Harvard's Data Security Policy, as Level 1 Data.

Please contact me at pannseymour@yahoo.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

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