

Reading Response Topic
Sources of Data

Readings

- Prewitt, Kenneth. 2005. "Politics and Science in Census Taking." Pp. 3-48 in Reynolds Farley and John Haaga, eds., *The American People: Census 2000*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Bryan, Thomas and Robert Heuser. "Chapter 3: Collection and Processing of Demography Data." Pp. 43-63 in J. S. Siegel and D. A. Swanson (eds.), *The Methods and Materials of Demography*, Second Edition. San Diego, CA: Elsevier Academic Press.
- Fricke, Tom. 2003. "Culture and Causality: An Anthropological Comment." *Population and Development Review* 29(3):470-479.

Please answer each of these questions in a paragraph or two, and come prepared to discuss your answers.

Question 1

Are you encouraged or discouraged by Prewitt's account of politics and the Census? Why?

Question 2

Fricke (p. 478) refers to the "unobservability of causal relations." What is that? Why is this reading under "Sources of Data"?