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**Post 1**

The American Statistical Association has learned that five statistical science advisory committees under the Department of Commerce have been disbanded. These committees have served for decades as crucial resources for the Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Bureau of Labor Statistics, providing expert guidance on complex statistical challenges.

This concerning development threatens the quality and integrity of federal data that policymakers and businesses rely on daily. Without these independent advisory bodies, federal statistical agencies lose both valuable expertise and an essential accountability mechanism that ensures their methodologies remain sound and transparent.

We urge the statistical community to join us in advocating for the reinstatement of these committees to maintain the high standards of federal data collection and analysis that our nation's decision-makers depend upon.

**Post 2**

Recent suggestions to remove the public sector from GDP accounting are troubling. The public sector is a large and important component of the nation's economy. If one wants to look separately at the various components of GDP, that can already be done. Eliminating measures of the government sector's contributions to GDP would present an incomplete picture of the nation's economic activity.