

The value of the long-form Canadian census for long-term national and international research



**• PRESERVING CANADA'S NATIONAL SERIES
OF MODERN NOMINAL CENSUSES**

**• THE CANADIAN CENSUS AND
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH DATA
INFRASTRUCTURES**

Premature termination of Canada's 154-year census series



- Importance of historically contextualizing social patterns
- U.S.: Integrated Public-Use Microdata Series, 1850 à 2008 (including ACS)
- Canadian censuses, 1852 to 2006
- Core set of questions: name, sex, age, birthplace, relationship to household head, school attendance, occupation
- Then, mother tongue, language spoken, nationality, class status, earnings
- Chercheurs universitaires, généalogistes, Stat Can

IPUMSi



- **International Integrated Public-Use Microdata Series**
- **55 countries – soon 70 countries**
- **International data collection practices**
- **Theories of knowledge, advocates of evidence-based decision-making**
- **Depoliticize Statistics Canada's relationship with federal government**



QUEL AGE AVEZ-VOUS, MADEMOISELLE ?

“How old are you, miss?”