On March 12, Congressman Ted Poe (R-TX) reintroduced his bill from the last session of Congress that would make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary. His bill differs from the last version in that it would also prohibit the Census Bureau from asking questions about religious beliefs or affiliations. Existing law already prohibits the Census Bureau from asking such questions; thus, it is not clear why this additional language was added to the new bill. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) introduced a companion bill, S. 530, in the U.S. Senate. Census Project Co-Director Terri Ann Lowenthal wrote a recent blog, commenting on these bills: http://censusprojectblog.org/2013/03/20/the-option-of-ignorance-gutting-the-acs-puts-democracy-at-risk/