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**CSES:
In search of the Holy Grail?**

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Michigan on a mission

‘The essential uniqueness of political science is to be found in the need to understand the contributions, the roles and the impact of the institutions of politics and government. In the study of mass behavior it is, of course, the impact of institutions on the attitudes and behavior of citizens that is of central interest.’

(Warren Miller 1990)

Research agenda stimulus paper 1994

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Stimulus paper 1994 vs planning committee 1996

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- The evaluation of democratic institutions and processes