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APPOINTMENTS

Faculty Director of the Open Inquiry Program <i>Dartmouth College</i>	2026-present
Associate Professor <i>Department of Government, Dartmouth College</i>	2021-present
Assistant Professor <i>Department of Government, Dartmouth College</i>	2015-2021

FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Fellow <i>Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University</i>	2026-2027
Visiting Fellow <i>Hoover Institution, Stanford University</i>	2023-present
W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow <i>Hoover Institution, Stanford University</i>	2022-2023
Postdoctoral Fellow <i>Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University</i>	2014-2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D. <i>Stanford University</i>	2014
M.A. <i>Stanford University</i>	2014
M.S.c. <i>London School of Economics and Political Science</i>	2008
B.A. <i>University of Nevada</i>	2007

AWARDS

Cozzarelli Prize <i>National Academy of Sciences</i>	2025
Friedman Fellowship <i>Dartmouth College</i>	2021
Best Paper Honorable Mention <i>ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems</i>	2015
Roberta Sigel Junior Scholar Paper Award <i>International Society of Political Psychology</i>	2015
Nathan Maccoby Dissertation Award <i>Stanford University</i>	2015
Burke Award <i>Dartmouth College</i>	2015

AI USE

I use AI extensively to assist with coding, analysis, data cleaning, data classification, writing, proof-reading, revision, and more. I review and edit all AI output before use. I take full responsibility for all content and for any errors. I use models in the Claude, Gemini, and GPT families.

BOOKS

PUBLICATIONS AND ACCEPTED PAPERS

citations: 14.7k

3. **Westwood, Sean J.**, & Frederick, S. (In preparation). Dead on Arrival: Why Electoral Reforms Won't Revitalize American Democracy.
AI Used
2. **Westwood, Sean J.** (In preparation). Divided We Stand: The Myths of American Polarization.
AI Used
1. Grimmer, J., **Westwood, Sean J.**, & Messing, S. (2014). The Impression of Influence: Legislator Communication, Representation, and Democratic Accountability. Princeton University Press.
Reviewed in: Journal of Politics, Choice, Congress
42. Holliday, D. E., Lelkes, Y., Mitchell, E. M., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (in press). America's political pulse: A database of democratic attitudes across all levels of U.S. government. *Nature Scientific Data*.
AI Used
41. Walk, E., Holliday, D. E., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (in press). Defending democracy or fueling division? Admonishing anti-democratic behavior in a polarized nation. *British Journal of Political Science*.
AI Used
40. Dancygier, R., Mummolo, J., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (in press). Nationalist frames erode opposition to violent hate crimes. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Nexus*.
AI Used
39. Iyengar, S., Lelkes, Y., Levendusky, M., Malhotra, N., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (in press). Affective polarization: Recent developments and future directions. *Annual Review of Political Science*.
AI Used
38. Holliday, D., Lelkes, Y., Ploger, G., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (in press). Skepticism and common ground in political reform: Navigating public, elite and partisan divides. *Nature Communications*.
AI Used
37. Lelkes, Y., Mitchell, E. M., Walk, E., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2026). Public responses to atrocities depend on partisanship and context, not labels. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
AI Used
36. Jacob, M., Wolken, S., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2026). Systemic electioneering from the evangelical pulpit: Evidence from a computational analysis. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
Covered in: The Economist, Axios, Harper's AI Used
35. Jacob, M., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2026). Entrepreneurs of Conflict: Media Attention without Consequences. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Nexus*.
AI Used
34. **Westwood, Sean J.**, & Frederick, S. (2026). Reply to Van der Stigchel et al.: Empirical evidence that AI survey contamination is real and substantial. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
AI Used
33. Cely, T., Jacob, M., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2026). Levels of Office and Voter Accountability for Democratic Norm Violations. *Public Opinion Quarterly*.
AI Used
32. **Westwood, Sean J.** (2025). The Potential Existential Threat of Large Language Models to Online Survey Research. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
Covered in: The Economist, The Times of London, Science, Nature, Mother Jones, The Guardian, Fox, Fast Company, News-Nation
AI Used
31. Holliday, D., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2025). Why Depolarization is Hard: Evaluating Attempts to Decrease Partisan Animosity in America. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
Covered in: Christian Science Monitor AI Used
30. Gaebler, H., Goel, S., Iyengar, S., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2025). No news is good news? The

declining information value of broadcast news in America. *PLOS One*.

Written with a student AI Used

29. Holliday, D. E., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2024). The July 2024 Trump Assassination Attempt was Followed by Lower In-Group Support for Partisan Violence and Increased Group Unity. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
Covered in: New York Times, Associated Press AI Used
28. Fasching, N., Iyengar, S., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2024). Persistent Polarization: The Unexpected Durability of Political Animosity Around US Elections. *Science Advances*.
Written with a student AI Used
27. Holliday, D., Grimmer, J., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2024). Who are the Election Skeptics? Evidence from the 2022 Midterm Elections. *Election Law Journal*.
AI Used
26. Holliday, D., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2024). Affective polarization is uniformly distributed across American states. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Nexus*.
AI Used
25. Dias, N. C., Aarslew, L. F., Vrede Skaaning Frederiksen, K., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2024). Correcting misperceptions of partisan opponents is not effective at treating democratic ills. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Nexus*.
Written with a student AI Used
24. Holliday, D., Iyengar, S., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2024). Uncommon and Nonpartisan: Anti-Democratic Attitudes In The American Public. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
Covered in: New York Times AI Used
23. Wang, C., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2024). Information Diets in an Information Desert: Selective Exposure in a Restricted Information Environment. *China Quarterly*.
Written with a student
22. Clark, C. S., Paluck, E. L., **Westwood, Sean J.**, Sen, M., Malhotra, N., & Jessee, S. (2024). Effects of a US Supreme Court ruling to restrict abortion rights. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 8(1), 63–71.
Written with a student
21. Goerger, S., Mummolo, J., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2023). Which police departments want reform? Barriers to evidence-based policymaking. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 10(3), 403–412.
Written with a student
20. Broockman, D. E., Kalla, J. L., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2023). Does affective polarization undermine democratic norms or accountability? Maybe not. *American Journal of Political Science*, 67(3), 808–828.
Covered in: New York Times
19. **Westwood, Sean J.**, Grimmer, J., Tyler, M., & Nall, C. (2022). Reply to Kalmoe and Mason: The pitfalls of using surveys to measure low-prevalence attitudes and behavior. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(32), e2207584119.
Written with a student
18. **Westwood, Sean J.**, Grimmer, J., Tyler, M., & Nall, C. (2022). Current research overstates American support for political violence. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(12), e2116870119.
Written with a student
Covered in: New York Times, FiveThirtyEight, ABC News, The Hill, NPR, The Guardian, Christian Science Monitor, Nature
17. Davenport, L. D., Iyengar, S., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2022). Racial identity, group consciousness, and attitudes: A framework for assessing multiracial self-classification. *American Journal of Political Science*, 66(3), 570–586.
16. **Westwood, Sean J.** (2022). The partisanship of bipartisanship: How representatives use bipartisan assertions to cultivate support. *Political Behavior*, 44(3), 1411–1435.
Covered in: The Hill, Vox
15. **Westwood, Sean J.**, & Peterson, E. (2020). The inseparability of race and partisanship in the

United States. *Political Behavior*, 1–23.

Covered in: New York Times

14. **Westwood, Sean J.**, Messing, S., & Lelkes, Y. (2020). Projecting confidence: How the probabilistic horse race confuses and demobilizes the public. *The Journal of Politics*, 82(4), 1530–1544.
Covered in: New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, and more
13. Mummolo, J., Peterson, E., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2019). The Limits of Partisan Loyalty. *Political Behavior*, 1–24.
Covered in: Washington Post
12. **Westwood, Sean J.**, Peterson, E., & Lelkes, Y. (2019). Are there Still Limits on Partisan Prejudice? *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 83(3), 584–597.
11. Iyengar, S., Lelkes, Y., Levendusky, M., Malhotra, N., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2019). The origins and consequences of affective polarization in the United States. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 22, 129–146.
Covered in: New York Times, The New Yorker, Washington Post
10. Cottrell, D., Herron, M. C., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2018). An exploration of Donald Trump's allegations of massive voter fraud in the 2016 General Election. *Electoral Studies*, 51, 123–142.
Covered in: Washington Post, CNN, etc.
9. **Westwood, Sean J.**, Iyengar, S., Walgrave, S., Leonisio, R., Miller, L., & Strijbis, O. (2018). The tie that divides: Cross-national evidence of the primacy of partyism. *European Journal of Political Research*, 57(2), 333–354.
Covered in: New York Times
8. Grimmer, J., Messing, S., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2017). Estimating heterogeneous treatment effects and the effects of heterogeneous treatments with ensemble methods. *Political Analysis*, 25(4), 413–434.
7. Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2017). The Limits of Partisan Prejudice. *The Journal of Politics*, 79(2), 485–501.
6. Iyengar, S., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2015). Fear and Loathing across Party Lines: New Evidence on Group Polarization. *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(3), 690–707.
Covered in: New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, etc., NPR, Vox
5. **Westwood, Sean J.** (2015). The Role of Persuasion in Deliberative Opinion Change. *Political Communication*, 32(4), 509–528.
4. Messing, S., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2014). Selective Exposure in the Age of Social Media. *Communication Research*, 41(8), 1042–1063.
3. Grimmer, J., Messing, S., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2012). How Words and Money Cultivate a Personal Vote: The Effect of Legislator Credit Claiming on Constituent Credit Allocation. *American Political Science Review*, 106(4), 703–719.
Covered in: Pew Research Center
2. Lottridge, D. M., Rosakranse, C., Oh, C. S., **Westwood, Sean J.**, Baldoni, K. A., Mann, A. S., & Nass, C. I. (2015). The Effects of Chronic Multitasking on Analytical Writing. *Proceedings of the 33rd Annual ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing*.
Written with a student
1. Lew, L., Nguyen, T., Messing, S., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2011). Of course I wouldn't do that in real life: advancing the arguments for increasing realism in HCI experiments. *CHI'11*.
Written with a student
2. Adida, C. L., Dancygier, R., Hopkins, D. J., Mummolo, J., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2026). Anti-semitism is not a red line for most voters. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
AI Used
1. Walk, E., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2026). Meta-perceptions are pseudo-beliefs. *American Journal of Political Science*.
AI Used

PEER REVIEWED
PUBLICATIONS IN
OTHER FIELDS

REVISE & RESUBMIT

UNDER REVIEW

5. Lelkes, Y., Walk, E., Hopkins, D. J., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2026). Visibility of ideological outliers: A cross-platform analysis of the u.s. media ecosystem. *Under Review*.
AI Used
4. Holliday, D. E., Mitchell, E. M., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2026). Partisan affiliation dictates perceptions of and responses to political violence. *Under Review*.
AI Used
3. Walk, E., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2026). Citizens of democracies value government responsiveness to crises over democratic norms. *Under Review*.
AI Used
2. Holliday, D., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2025). Most violence is political: Diagnosing the nature and threat of political violence in america. *Under Review*.
AI Used
1. Brown, X., Lelkes, Y., Ahn, C., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2025). Hearts not minds: Coalition cues, group affect, and the limits of the group-centric model. *Under Review*.
AI Used

WORK IN PROGRESS

7. Grimmer, J., Hersh, E., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2025). How to measure the burdens of voting. *In Progress*.
AI Used
6. **Westwood, Sean J.**, Grimmer, J., Hall, A. B., & Stewart, C. (2025). Measuring perceived slant in large language models through user evaluations. *In Progress*.
AI Used
5. Walk, E., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2025). Media incentives and the amplification of ideological outliers in U.S. politics. *In Progress*.
AI Used
4. Ploger, G., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2025). Measuring support for democratic norms. *In Progress*.
AI Used
3. Tyler, M., Grimmer, J., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2025). A statistical framework to engage the problem of disengaged survey respondents: Measuring public support for partisan violence. *In Progress*.
Written with a student
2. Jacob, M., Lelkes, Y., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2025). Support for political violence in the United States in comparative perspective. *In progress*.
AI Used
1. Grimmer, J., Knox, D., & **Westwood, Sean J.** (2025). Determining the accuracy of probabilistic U.S. presidential election forecasts may take decades. *Under Review*.

GRANTS

funded: \$7.7 million

Private Gift (2027-2029; PI)	\$500,000
The Carob Trust (2026-2027; PI)	\$500,000
Stand Together Trust (2026-2027; PI)	\$400,000
Vine & Fig Tree (PI)	\$25,000
Private Gift (2025; PI)	\$50,000
Private Gift (2025; PI)	\$100,000
Stand Together Trust (2025-2026; PI)	\$533,000
Carnegie Corporation (2024-2027; PI)	\$500,000
William H. Neukom Institute for Computational Science (2024; PI)	\$40,000
Charles Koch Foundation (2022-2025; PI)	\$3,350,000
William & Flora Hewlett Foundation (2023-2026; PI)	\$250,000
Institute for Humane Studies (2023-2024; PI)	\$20,000
Knight Foundation (2023-2026; PI)	\$450,000
Templeton World Charity Foundation (2023-2026; PI)	\$649,944
New Pluralists (2022-2023; PI)	\$100,000
National Science Foundation (2022-2023)	\$60,000
Facebook (2019; PI)	\$100,000
Facebook (2018; PI)	\$25,000
Google (2010; Co-PI)	\$60,333

PENDING GRANTS

pending: \$8.6 million

Pending proposal (5 years; PI)	\$5,000,000
Pending proposal (1 year; PI)	\$2,000,000
Pending proposal (3 years; PI)	\$750,000
Pending proposal (3 years; PI)	\$500,000
Pending proposal (3 years; PI)	\$300,000

SERVICE TO THE FIELD AND SOCIETY

- Board Member, More in Common
- Co-Chair, Dartmouth's Heterodox Academy Chapter
- Associate Editor, Public Opinion Quarterly (2024-)
- Lead Guest Editor, Public Opinion Quarterly Special Issue on Polarization (2027)
- Academic Advisory Board, Revitalizing American Institutions, Hoover Institution
- Member APSR Editorial Board (2024-)
- Guest Editor, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
- Member APSA Task Force on AI and Public Opinion
- Advisory Committee for US Democracy Futures Project (2024-)
- Faculty Advisory Board, FIRE Faculty Survey (2026)
- Member, IFIT Depolarization Community of Practice (2025-)
- Advisor, National Governors Association Disagree Better Initiative (2023)
- APSA Centennial Scholar Reviewer
- APSA Political Communication Section — Doris Graber Outstanding Book Award Committee Member
- Chair for the Voting Behavior Section, Program Committee for the 2020 MPSA
- Member Social Science One Polarization Committee
- Member APSA 2015 Experimental Section Best Paper Committee
- Convener Dartmouth Government Seminar Series (2016, 2019)

- Founder and Faculty Lead, Dartmouth Democracy Fellows (2025-)
- Member, Dartmouth Dialogues Executive Director Search Advisory Committee (2026)
- Director of Undergraduate Research, Quantitative Social Science, Dartmouth (2017-2018)
- External PhD Examiner, Massey University (2026)
- Political Communication, Editorial Assistant (2012)

EXPERT WITNESS AND CONSULTING

- Expert Witness for the Defense, *Vote.org v. Byrd*, No. 4:23-cv-00111 (N.D. Fla.) (2023)
- Consultant, American National Election Studies, Cumulative Data File online tool (2023-2026)

REVIEWER 354 reviews

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| • American Journal of Political Science | • Oxford University Press |
| • American Political Science Review | • Party Politics |
| • American Politics Research | • Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin |
| • Behavior Research Methods | • Perspectives on Politics |
| • Behavioural Public Policy | • PLOS ONE |
| • British Journal of Political Science | • Political Analysis |
| • Cambridge University Press | • Political Behavior |
| • Carnegie Corporation of New York | • Political Communication |
| • Communication Research | • Political Psychology |
| • Comparative Political Studies | • Political Research Quarterly |
| • Congress & the Presidency | • Political Science Quarterly |
| • Dutch Research Council (NWO) | • Political Science Research and Methods |
| • Election Law Journal | • Politics & Gender |
| • Electoral Studies | • Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences |
| • Harvard IQSS Peer Pre-Review | • Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Nexus |
| • International Journal of Forecasting | • Public Opinion Quarterly |
| • Israel Science Foundation | • Regional & Federal Studies |
| • Japanese Journal of Political Science | • Research & Politics |
| • Journal of Communication | • Review of Economics and Statistics |
| • Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication | • Science |
| • Journal of Conflict Resolution | • Science Advances |
| • Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties | • Scientific Reports |
| • Journal of Experimental Political Science | • Security Studies |
| • Journal of Mixed Methods Research | • Social Science Computer Review |
| • Journal of Politics | • Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada |
| • Journalism | • Templeton World Charity Foundation |
| • Legislative Studies Quarterly | • Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) |
| • Liverpool University Press | • Trends in Cognitive Sciences |
| • National Science Foundation | • University of Chicago Press |
| • Nature Communications | • West European Politics |
| • Nature Human Behaviour | • World Politics |
| • Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes | |

CHAPTERS

2. Clinton, J. D., Barari, S., Busby, E., Buskirk, T. D., Duch, R., Haensch, A.-C., ... **Westwood, Sean J.** (2026). Public opinion in the age of AI. In N. Persily & J. A. Tucker (Eds.), *Artificial intelligence, politics, and political science*. American Political Science Association.
1. Peterson, E., **Westwood, Sean J.**, & Iyengar, S. (2020). Advances in experimental political science. In J. N. Druckman & D. P. Green (Eds.), (chap. Beyond Attitudes: Incorporating Measures of Behavior in Survey Experiments). Cambridge University Press.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. **Westwood, Sean J.** (2016). Review of *Why Washington Won't Work: Polarization, Political Trust, and the Governing Crisis*, by Marc J. Hetherington and Thomas J. Rudolph. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 80(2), 589–591.

INVITED TALKS

- 2027** Dead on Arrival: Why Electoral Reforms Won't Revitalize American Democracy
Emory Apr 12
- 2026** Electoral Reforms Offer No Detectable Benefits
University of North Carolina Nov 13 · Harvard Sep 25
- Antisemitism Is Not a Red Line for Most Voters
Columbia Sep 22 · Yale Sep 2
- The Potential Existential Threat of Large Language Models to Online Survey Research
Taiwan Empirical Survey Data (Keynote) Jul 31 · Text-as-Data Reading Group May 13 ·
UC Berkeley May 7 · Princeton Psychology Apr 29 · University of Idaho Apr 16 · NYU Political
Science Mar 9
- Dead on Arrival: Why Electoral Reforms Won't Revitalize American Democracy
Yale Apr 30
- A Conversation About AI Bots in Survey Research
University of Vermont Apr 10
- Why Depolarization Is Hard: Evaluating Attempts to Decrease Partisan Animosity in America
University of Vermont Apr 9
- Why We Should Still Be Optimistic About Democracy in the United States
Imagine Conference Mar 2
- PANEL** What Institutions Owe: A Liberal Framework for Rebuilding Trust
Institute for Humane Studies Oct 20–22
- WORKSHOP** AI and Elections
MIT Oct 13
- PANEL** Campus Political Violence in Modern America
Oakland University Oct 1
- PANEL** LLM Pollution in Online Surveys
International Association for Conflict Management Jul 8
- 2025** The Potential Existential Threat of Large Language Models to Online Survey Research
Pew Research Center Dec 2 · University of Toronto Nov 7 · Indiana University Oct 31 ·
University of Pennsylvania Oct 24
- Dead on Arrival: Why Electoral Reforms Won't Revitalize American Democracy
Charles Koch Foundation Dec 1
- When Opposition to Hate Crime Erodes: The Differential Impacts of Religion and Nationalism
Yale Law School Jun 5
- Entrepreneurs of Conflict: Media Attention Without Consequences
Princeton (Democracy) Apr 25
- Public Perceptions of Political Bias in Large Language Model Outputs
Hoover Institution Mar 21
- Why Depolarization Is Hard: Evaluating Attempts to Decrease Partisan Animosity in America
Texas A&M Mar 3 · Princeton Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Feb 20 ·
UC Berkeley Jan 24
- Differential Responses to Military Attacks
Princeton (Antisemitism) Feb 10
- ROUNDTABLE** Trust and Government
Institute for Humane Studies Nov 19

SESSION Ideas to Action: Paradigms

Charles Koch Foundation Nov 19

PANEL Democratic Trust and Ideological Transformation

Institute for Humane Studies May 30

2024 Entrepreneurs of Conflict: Media Attention Without Consequences

Masaryk University Dec 16 · European University Institute Jun 27

What Do We Know About Partisan Animosity?

University of Chicago, Harris Oct 17

Uncommon and Nonpartisan: Antidemocratic Attitudes in the American Public

New Hampshire Bar Association May 14

Public Support Is Not a Prerequisite for Elite Backsliding

Notre Dame May 8

2023 Public Support Is Not a Prerequisite for Elite Backsliding

Harvard/MIT Polarization Conference Dec 2

Measuring Rare Attitudes

CloudResearch (Keynote) Oct 13 · Stanford University Feb 21

Who Are the Election Skeptics? Evidence From the 2022 Midterm Elections

Hoover Institution May 4

Current Research Overstates American Support for Political Violence

Rice University Mar 24

PANEL Correcting the Perception Gap

National Governors Association Sep 12

PANEL Populism and Democratic Norms

Institute for Humane Studies Jul 31

PANEL Uniting the Divided States: Applying Conflict Resolution to U.S. Polarization

Salve Regina University Apr 17

PANEL Un-Democratic America

University of Pennsylvania Mar 22

2022 Measuring Partisan Animosity in America

Hoover Institution Oct 18

2021 American Support for Political Violence Is Low

University of Wisconsin Sep 20

2019 Compound Partisanship: How Political and Racial Identities Overlap and Reinforce

Facebook Jun 26 · University of California, San Diego Jun 6

2018 Compound Partisanship: How Political and Racial Identities Overlap and Reinforce

University of Pennsylvania Nov 14

2015 The Tie That Divides: Cross-National Evidence of the Primacy of Partyism

Duke Law School Jun 5

2026 The Potential Existential Threat of Large Language Models to Online Survey Research

American Political Science Association Sep 5

Support for Political Violence in the United States in Comparative Perspective

American Political Science Association Sep 3–6

No News Is Good News? The Declining Information Value of Broadcast News in America

IC2S2 Jul 28–31

Measuring Perceived Slant in Large Language Models Through User Evaluations

PolMeth Jul 17

**CONFERENCE PRE-
SENTATIONS**

- 2025** **Meta-Perceptions Are Pseudo-Beliefs**
American Political Science Association Sep 13
- Hearts Not Minds: Coalition Cues, Group Affect, and the Limits of the Group-Centric Model**
American Political Science Association Sep 13
- How to Measure the Burdens of Voting**
PolMeth Jul 18
- Does Partisan Willingness to Accept Elite Democratic Transgressions Depend on the Severity of the Transgression?**
AAPOR May 13–16
- Skepticism and Common Ground in Political Reform: Navigating Public, Elite and Partisan Divides**
Midwestern Political Science Association Apr 4
- POSTER** **Defending Democracy or Fueling Division? Admonishing Anti-Democratic Behavior in a Polarized Nation**
IC2S2 Jul 21–24
- POSTER** **Attack Rhetoric and Strategy by U.S. Politicians**
IC2S2 Jul 21–24
- 2024** **Skepticism and Common Ground in Political Reform: Navigating Public, Elite and Partisan Divides**
American Political Science Association Sep 7
- A Statistical Framework to Engage the Problem of Disengaged Survey Respondents: Measuring Public Support for Partisan Violence**
American Political Science Association Sep 6 · PolMeth Jul 20 · European Political Science Association Jul 4–6
- Measuring Support for Democratic Norms**
American Political Science Association Sep 6
- Entrepreneurs of Conflict: Media Attention Without Consequences**
Midwestern Political Science Association Apr 4
- 2023** **ROUNDTABLE** **Our Common Bonds: How Affective Polarization Impacts Democracy (Author Meets Critics)**
American Political Science Association Sep 1
- 2019** **Projecting Confidence: How the Probabilistic Horse Race Confuses and Demobilizes the Public**
American Political Science Association Aug 31
- Margins of Democracy: Forecasting, Elections and Turnout**
Midwestern Political Science Association Apr 6
- 2018** **Projecting Confidence: How the Probabilistic Horse Race Confuses and Demobilizes the Public**
ICA May 24–28
- Are There Still Limits on Partisan Prejudice?**
Midwestern Political Science Association Apr 5
- 2017** **An Exploration of Donald Trump's Allegations of Massive Voter Fraud in the 2016 General Election**
Southern Political Science Association Jan 14
- 2016** **The Effects of Domestic Partisan Conflict on Foreign Opinion and Behavior**
American Political Science Association Sep 3
- 2015** **The Partisanship of Bipartisanship: How Representatives Use Bipartisan Assertions to Cultivate Support**
American Political Science Association Sep 5

The Effects of Representations of Local Public Opinion on Political Outcomes
American Political Science Association Sep 4

2014 The Limits of Partisan Prejudice

International Society of Political Psychology Jul 4–7

Estimating Heterogeneous Treatment Effects and the Effects of Heterogeneous Treatments
With Ensemble Methods

Midwestern Political Science Association Apr 6

Allocating Credit for Collaboration on Particularistic Spending Is Not Zero Sum

Midwestern Political Science Association Apr 5

Two Sides to Every Story: What Happens When Public Opinion and Expert Opinion Disagree?

Midwestern Political Science Association Apr 3

2013 Fear and Loathing Across Party Lines: New Evidence on Group Polarization

American Political Science Association Aug 29–Sep 1

Estimating Heterogeneous Treatment Effects and the Effects of Heterogeneous Treatments
With Ensemble Methods

PolMeth Jul 18–20

All the News That Is Fit to Print? Gatekeeping Effects in Newspaper Coverage of Interna-
tional Affairs

ICA Jun 17–21

How Social Distance Structures Selectivity and Evaluation of Content in Social Media

ICA Jun 17–21

Does Being Polled Demobilize Voters? Evidence From a 2012 Pre-Election Experiment

AAPOR May 17

The Impression of Influence: Legislator Communication, Representation, and Democratic
Accountability

Midwestern Political Science Association Apr 13

2012 How Words and Money Cultivate a Personal Vote: The Effect of Legislator Credit Claiming on
Constituent Credit Allocation

American Political Science Association Aug 30–Sep 2 · Midwestern Political Science
Association Apr 14

Selective Exposure in the Age of Social Media

Midwestern Political Science Association Apr 15

2011 Hard Times, Hard Choices: Michigan Citizens Deliberate

American Political Science Association Sep 3

The Process of Deliberative Discussion: Testing Equality of Interaction and the Educative
Effects of Interaction on Political Knowledge

International Society of Political Psychology Jul 9–12

The Role of Persuasion in Deliberative Opinion Change

Midwestern Political Science Association Apr 3

Selective Exposure in the Age of Social Media

Midwestern Political Science Association Apr 1

POSTER Citizen Consultation on Policy Proposals: Examining Differing Priorities Identified
Through Deliberative Polling, Traditional Opinion Polling and Online Consultation

American Political Science Association Sep 2

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Languages R, Python, SQL, TypeScript/JavaScript, Java, C#, PHP, Perl, Bash, HTML/CSS, LaTeX

Methods LLM classification of text and audio at scale, autonomous AI agents, machine learning, web scraping, large-scale survey experiments

Tools Linux, Amazon AWS, Google Cloud Platform, Docker, Terraform, Git