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Origins and Consequences of Affective Polarization in the United States

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Abstract

In this lecture, Professor Iyengar will describe the literature documenting the extent of animus across the party divide encompassing survey, implicit, and behavioral measures. He will then discuss the variety of factors responsible for the intensification of partisan animus. He will also explore the consequences of affective polarization, highlighting how partisan affect influences attitudes and behaviors well outside the political sphere. Finally, he will speculate over interventions that might mitigate partisan discord, and conclude with some suggestions for future work.

Biography

Professor Shanto Iyengar is Professor of Political Science at Stanford University and the Principal Investigator for the American National Election Studies. Professor Iyengar's current research focuses on political polarization in the United States and the role of "new media" in fanning the flames of political discord. He is the author of several books, most recently *Media Politics: A Citizen's Guide* (Norton, 2018) and over 100 scholarly papers on topics ranging from immigration to inter-party marriage. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.

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