

5.1 Introduction to Polarization

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1. SESSION A (LECTURE)



Introduction to Polarization

- Definitions and types of polarization: affective, ideological, social.
- Measurement techniques: surveys, social media analysis, network structures.
- Implications for democracy and governance: polarization's impact on political discourse and decision-making.

 [Polarization \(Slides\)](#)

2. SESSION B (SRG)

Discussion of readings.

1.  Iyengar et al. (2019) The Origins and Consequences of Affective Polarization in the United States. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 22(1), 129–146.
 2.  Baldassarri & Gelman (2008) Partisans without Constraint: Political Polarization and Trends in American Public Opinion. *American Journal of Sociology*, 114(2), 408–446. [10.1086/590649](https://doi.org/10.1086/590649)
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