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Appointment	<b>Technical University of Munich</b> Postdoctoral Research Fellow, The Munich School of Politics and Public Policy	2021-
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Education	Ph.D., Political Science, New York University Committee: Jonathan Nagler, Joshua A. Tucker, Patrick Egan, Hye Young You, Neal Beck M.B.A., University of Chicago B.A., Economics, Harvard University	2022 2014 2009
Papers	<p>[18] Artificial Intelligence, Social Media, and the Politics of Anti-Technology (with T. Zeitzoff). Accepted. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>. APSA's Information Technology and Politics Division Best Conference Paper Award (2025)</p> <p>[17] Conspiracism and Government Distrust Predict COVID-19 Vaccine Refusal (with Y. Theocharis). 2025. <i>Humanities and Social Sciences Communications</i>.</p> <p>[16] Can AI-Attributed News Challenge Partisan News Selection? Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment (with A. Zoizner et al.) 2025. <i>The International Journal of Press/Politics</i>.</p> <p>[15] Economic Evaluations and Partisan Faultfinding (with J. Bisbee). 2025. <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i>.</p> <p>[14] Explaining 2020 Trump Support: The Role of Anti-Muslim, Pro-Police, and Anti-BLM Attitudes (with N. Lajevardi). 2025. <i>Electoral Studies</i>.</p> <p>[13] The Trump Advantage in Policy Recall Among Voters (with J.A. Tucker and J. Nagler). 2025. <i>American Politics Research</i>, 53(2), pp. 91-102.</p> <p>[12] Justifying an Invasion: When is Disinformation Successful? (First author, with 23 co-authors.) 2024. <i>Political Communication</i>, 41(6), pp. 965-986.</p> <p>[11] Toxic Speech and Limited Demand for Content Moderation on Social Media (with F. Pradel, Y. Theocharis &amp; S. Kosmidis). 2024. <i>American Political Science Review</i>, 118(4), pp. 1895-1912.</p> <p>[10] Left-Right Political Orientations Are Not Systematically Related to Conspiracism (with A. Enders, C. Kloststad, S. Littrell, J. Miller, Y. Theocharis &amp; J. Uscinski). 2024. <i>Advances in Political Psychology</i>.</p> <p>[9] Donate to help us fight back: Political fundraising and toxic rhetoric online (with S.S. Kim &amp; B. Brew). 2024. <i>Party Politics</i>.</p> <p>[8] Beliefs in Conspiracy Theories and Online News Consumption During the Pandemic (with S. Jin, F. Pradel and Y. Theocharis). 2024. <i>Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media</i>, (4)1.</p> <p>[7] Division Does Not Imply Predictability: Demographics Continue to Reveal Little About Voting and Partisanship (with S.S. Kim). 2024. <i>Political Behavior</i>, (46)1, pp. 67-87.</p> <p>[6] Exposure to the Russian Internet Research Agency foreign influence campaign on Twitter in the 2016 US election and its relationship to attitudes and voting behavior (with G. Eady, T. Paskhalis, R. Bonneau, J. Nagler and J.A. Tucker). 2023. <i>Nature Communications</i>. 14(62), pp. 1-11.</p>	

	<p>[5] Geographic Boundaries and Local Economic Conditions Matter for Views of the Economy (with J. Bisbee). 2023. <i>Political Analysis</i>. 31(2), pp. 288-294.</p> <p>[4] Don't Republicans Tweet Too? Using Twitter to Assess the Consequences of Political Endorsements by Celebrities (with C. Vaccari, J. Nagler and J.A. Tucker). 2020. <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>, (18)1, pp. 144-160.</p> <p>[3] Democratic deconsolidation revisited: Young Europeans are not dissatisfied with democracy. 2019. <i>Research &amp; Politics</i>. (6)1.</p> <p>[2] How Many People Live in Political Bubbles on Social Media? Evidence From Linked Survey and Twitter Data (with G. Eady, J. Nagler, A. Guess and J.A. Tucker). 2019. <i>SAGE Open</i>, (9)1.</p> <p>[1] The Happiness Gap in Eastern Europe (with S. Djankov and E. Nikolova). 2016. <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i>, (44)1, pp. 108-124.</p>	
Working Papers	<p>People Deserve to Know: How Response Scale Design Influences Conspiracy Theory Endorsement</p> <p>The Dark Side of American Politics: Assessing the Impact of Dark Psychological Traits on Non-normative Political Attitudes and Behaviors (with J. Uscinski, A. Enders, and C. Klostad)</p> <p>Algorithmic ad pricing disparities for election campaigns on Facebook (with F. Votta et al.)</p>	
Other writing	<p><i>Selected examples of policy writing &amp; public scholarship</i></p> <p>The Epstein files have managed to unite liberal and conservative media, <i>Good Authority</i>, 2025.</p> <p>Good to Know: Anti-establishment orientation, <i>Good Authority</i>, 2025.</p> <p>Content Warning: Public Attitudes on Content Moderation and Freedom of Expression. With Y. Theocharis, S. Kosmidis, F. Quint, &amp; F. Pradel. <i>TUM Think Tank Report</i>, 2025.</p> <p>Is the FBI impartial? Over half of Republicans say 'no.' With S. Kates, J. A. Tucker and J. Ladd. <i>The Washington Post Monkey Cage</i>, 2022</p> <p>Did Trump keep his campaign promises? Here's what Americans think. With J. Nagler, and J. A. Tucker. <i>The Washington Post Monkey Cage</i>, 2020</p> <p>Why didn't more congressional Republicans condemn Trump's racist tweets about the 'Squad'? This graph explains. <i>The Washington Post Monkey Cage</i>, 2019.</p>	
Grants	<p>Fellowship for excellent researchers, EU Recovery and Resilience Plan, 2024-26</p> <p>TUM funding for designing a new course, <i>AI, Society and Governance</i>, 2024</p> <p>HfP Seed Funding Grant for survey research, 2024</p> <p>The Center for Growth and Opportunity Research Grant (with T. Zeitzoff), 2023</p> <p>Reboot Social Media grant, TUM Think Tank (with 3 co-PIs), 2022</p>	<p><b>€58,705</b></p> <p><b>€6,638</b></p> <p><b>€5,000</b></p> <p><b>\$18,000</b></p> <p><b>€35,500</b></p>
	<p><i>Other Awards and fellowships</i></p> <p>MacCracken Fellowship, approx. <b>\$150,000</b>, Good Authority Fellowship, <b>\$2,500</b>, TUM Global Initiative (with Y. Theocharis), <b>€10,000</b>, Craig Newmark Fellowship, approx. <b>\$14,000</b>, Shelby Davis Scholar <b>\$40,000</b>, APSA ITP Best Conference Paper Award, Fellowship from the NYU Provost's Global Research Initiatives, George Downs Prize (2018 and 2019), Fama-Miller Center Research Grant, University of Chicago Booth School of Business Graduate Fellowship, Oscar Mayer Fellowship, Marshall Goldman grant (Davis Center at Harvard University)</p>	
Presentations	<p><b>Invited Talks</b></p> <p>University of Innsbruck (scheduled)</p>	

University of Houston, 2025  
 University of Southern Denmark, 2025  
 Slovak Academy of Sciences, 2025  
 École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Center for Digital Trust, 2024  
 Bundeswehr University, 2024  
 VŠE Prague Research Seminar Series in Economics, 2024  
 ETH Zurich (virtual presentation), 2022

### **Selected Conferences and Workshops**

APSA Annual Meetings 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 (scheduled)  
 EPSA 2022, 2023  
 MPSA 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023  
 APSA PolComm pre-conference, 2023, 2025 (scheduled)  
 Society for Political Methodology (poster in Provo, 2018; online in 2020 and 2021)  
 Zurich Digital Democracy Workshop (scheduled)  
 Tilburg Law and Economics Center (scheduled)  
 Royal Holloway Workshop on Content Moderation, Free Speech and Platform Governance, 2025  
 TUM-Georgetown workshop, 2025  
 MENA/Asian PolMeth meeting (NYU Abu Dhabi), 2024  
 EUI Workshop on Political Behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe, 2024  
 Annual Meeting of the German Political Psychology Network, 2024  
 TUM Think Tank workshop on disinformation, 2024  
 Zurich Disinformation Workshop, 2023  
 University of Miami Conspiracy Theory conference, 2023  
 CSMaP Annual Conference in Florence, 2023  
 World Association for Public Opinion Research annual conference (WAPOR), 2023  
 TUM Workshop on Content Moderation, 2023  
 PolMeth Europe, 2021  
 ICA in Washington D.C., 2019  
 Toronto Political Behavior Workshop, 2019  
 Economic Science Association, 2019  
 NYU Abu Dhabi Winter Experimental Social & Sciences Institute, 2019  
 University of Zurich Technocratic Challenge to Democracy workshop, 2017

### Teaching

#### **Technical University of Munich**

R and Data Visualization, 2022-25  
 AI, Society and Governance, Winter 2024, Spring 2025, and Winter 2025 (scheduled)  
 Political Information in the Digital Age: Insurgent Politics and Conspiracy Theories, 2021-24  
 Campaigns, Elections, and Social Media, Winter 2022 and Spring 2023  
 Seminar on Applications of Behavioral Economics to Politics, Winter 2021 and Spring 2022

#### **Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, LMU Munich**

Collecting Digital Trace Data, Summer 2023

#### **Teaching assistantships and fellowships at NYU and Harvard**

Courses included: Inequality, Populism and Voting, Introduction to Political Theory, Politics Senior Honors, Experiments in Economics, Psychology and Economics, and Principles of Economics.

Service	<p><i>Peer Reviewer:</i> American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Nature Human Behavior, Scientific Reports, Public Opinion Quarterly, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Political Psychology, Electoral Studies, PLOS One, The International Journal of Press/Politics, European Political Science Review, Scientific Data, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Democratization, JQD:DM, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Applied Economics Letters, Kyklos</p> <p><i>Workshop co-organizer:</i> The Evolution of Digital Platforms, TUM-Georgetown meeting (May 2025)</p> <p><i>University service:</i> Graduate admissions (TUM), <i>Coordinator:</i> Munich Data Science Lightning Talks</p> <p><i>Editorial Board:</i> Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media</p>
References	<p>Yannis Theocharis, Chair of Digital Governance: <a href="mailto:yannis.theocharis@hfp.tum.de">yannis.theocharis@hfp.tum.de</a></p> <p>Joshua A. Tucker, Professor of Politics and Data Science: <a href="mailto:joshua.tucker@nyu.edu">joshua.tucker@nyu.edu</a></p> <p>Jonathan Nagler, Professor of Politics and Data Science: <a href="mailto:jonathan.nagler@nyu.edu">jonathan.nagler@nyu.edu</a></p> <p>Patrick J. Egan, Professor of Politics and Public Policy, <a href="mailto:patrick.egan@nyu.edu">patrick.egan@nyu.edu</a></p> <p>Joseph E. Uscinski, Professor of Political Science: <a href="mailto:uscinski@miami.edu">uscinski@miami.edu</a></p> <p>Christopher Wlezien, Professor of Government: <a href="mailto:wlezien@austin.utexas.edu">wlezien@austin.utexas.edu</a></p>