

# Strengthening Democracy Challenge Submission Portal Template

Welcome to the Submission Platform for the Strengthening Democracy Challenge

The Strengthening Democracy Challenge provides a large-scale test of crowdsourced online interventions to reduce (1) anti-democratic attitudes, (2) support for partisan violence, and (3) partisan animosity in the United States.

We welcome and will accept submissions that target one, two, and/or all three of these outcomes.

If you would like to submit an intervention to the Strengthening Democracy Challenge, please click [Next](#).

Example ideas that would be suitable for the Strengthening Democracy Challenge can be found [here](#).

If you would like to read more about the Strengthening Democracy Challenge, you can read our handbook [here](#).

The deadline for submitting an intervention is October 1, 2021.

**Before uploading your intervention, please confirm that you understand the following requirements.**

### **Age of submitters**

All submitters must be 18 years of age or older.

I understand

### **Submission process**

Before proceeding, please (1) prepare a Word (.doc or .docx) or .pdf file in which you provide a detailed description of your intervention **or** (2) prepare a Qualtrics (.qsf) file that contains your intervention. Any additional materials like videos and photos must also be ready for upload.

**Several example interventions are available [here](#).** We strongly recommend that you prepare your intervention files before proceeding. All materials must be uploaded in a .zip file, for instructions on how to create a .zip file, click [here](#).

I understand

### **Formal check**

Our team will review your submission to ensure it can be deployed online and that it can be understood by English-speaking participants. If your intervention cannot be included, we will let you know. You are welcome to resubmit the intervention after fixing any errors.

I understand

### **Length**

A group of research assistants will test your intervention. We will ask you to shorten your intervention if the research assistants' average completion time is 8 minutes or more.

I understand

### **Ethics Approval**

We will submit your intervention for review at Stanford's IRB. We cannot field your intervention if it does not satisfy their review, but our team will work with you to respond to their questions.

Please adhere to the following basic guidelines in your intervention:

- (i) do not deceive participants,
- (ii) do not tell respondents how to respond to questions measuring outcomes (e.g., telling them to rate all feeling thermometers at 100),
- (iii) do not offer to pay participants beyond what they will earn for participating in the study,
- (iv) do not present hateful or disturbing information to participants,
- (v) do not ask participants to engage in hateful or disturbing behaviors.

I understand

### **Authorship**

Individuals can submit as many interventions as they want. However, individuals can only be listed as authors on a maximum of three interventions selected for the challenge. Submissions should list a contributor as author if and only if they have substantially contributed to the submission. If there are more than 4 authors, the submitting author should provide an explanation how each of the listed authors contributed.

I understand

### **Advisory Board**

We will also send your intervention out to be reviewed by our advisory board. All interventions will be scored on the basis of their likelihood of reducing (a) anti-democratic attitudes, (b) support for partisan violence, and/or (c) partisan animosity. They will also be scored for novelty. Final decisions for what will be fielded in the Strengthening Democracy Challenge will be made by our editorial board.

I understand

### **Forecasting Challenge**

We will also conduct a forecasting challenge where participants are paid for correct predictions regarding whether interventions will work or not. You are welcome to also participate in this challenge.

I understand

### **Openness Standards**

The Strengthening Democracy Challenge is committed to open science principles such as openness and transparency. We want to maximize the scientific and public insights from the Strengthening Democracy Challenge, and we want our procedures to be as transparent as possible for submitters and outside observers. We will preregister our analysis plan. Interventions, the anonymized data file, and our analysis scripts will be made public as soon as our first scientific paper on the Strengthening Democracy Challenge is published.

I understand

### **Please confirm that you have read and agree with these requirements.**

If you are unsure whether your proposed intervention satisfies these requirements, please submit an inquiry to [sdchallenge@stanford.edu](mailto:sdchallenge@stanford.edu).

I have read and agree with these requirements

On the following pages, please list all people who are authors of this intervention.

Please also designate a corresponding author who will receive all communications and correspondence regarding this intervention. You may only designate one corresponding author.

How many authors contributed to your submission? Please enter a number below.

If you have any problems, please contact [sdchallenge@stanford.edu](mailto:sdchallenge@stanford.edu).

Please enter the first and last name of each author in order.

Please enter an email address for each author in order.

Please enter the organizational affiliation of each author (e.g., their university or non-profit organization) in order.

Who is the corresponding author for this intervention? The corresponding author will receive all communications and correspondence regarding this intervention. You may only designate one corresponding author (once you designate a corresponding author, you will not be able to change

your answer unless you contact [sdchallenge@stanford.edu](mailto:sdchallenge@stanford.edu)).

Please provide an email address for the corresponding author. All correspondence regarding this intervention will be sent to this email address.

Organizational affiliation (e.g., corresponding author's university or non-profit organization):

If there are any special notes about authorship, e.g., equal contributions, please briefly describe them below:

Please provide a short description of the contributions of each author.

Which best describes your submission team? *(Select all that apply)*

- Member(s) of civil society organizations
- Economists
- Political Scientists
- Sociologists
- Psychologists

Communication Scholars

Researcher(s) working in (an)other field(s),  
namely:

None of these, please provide description:

To see possible responses to each of the following questions, you may view an example submission [here](#).

Please give your intervention a short, descriptive title (100 characters or fewer, please):

About how long do you expect participants will spend on your intervention? (Note that the maximum duration is 8 minutes):

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Briefly summarize what participants will read, do, watch, or respond to (200 words or fewer, please).

Which of the following outcomes did you design your intervention to reduce? (Check all that apply)

We welcome and will accept submissions that target one, two, and/or all three of the outcomes.

- Anti-democratic attitudes
- Support for partisan violence
- Partisan animosity

*Note: You will be asked to respond only to the questions that apply to your selections above.*

How do you think this intervention will reduce anti-democratic attitudes? That is, what thoughts, emotions, skills, reactions, or other mental processes is your intervention likely to affect such that you expect a reduction in anti-democratic attitudes? (150 words or fewer, please)

How do you think this intervention will reduce partisan animosity? That is, what thoughts, emotions, skills, reactions, or other mental processes is your intervention likely to affect such that you expect a reduction in partisan animosity? (150 words or fewer, please)

How do you think this intervention will reduce support for partisan violence? That is, what thoughts, emotions, skills, reactions, or other mental processes is your intervention likely to affect such that you expect a reduction in support for partisan violence? (150 words or fewer, please)

Have you ever tested the intervention you are submitting? (Note: prior testing is not required)

Yes

No

*If “Yes” is selected:*

Please describe the results of these prior tests. You may provide a link to published papers or pre-prints. In the case of unpublished experimental tests, please indicate the conditions you tested and the results of these prior tests. Please also note the number of unpublished prior tests you have run.

### **Qualtrics Upload**

Please upload a **.zip file** that contains

- (1) a Word (.doc or .docx), .pdf, or Qualtrics (.qsf) file that contains the intervention.
- (2) any additional files (photos, videos, audio recordings, etc.) that will be used in your intervention.

**Please note that the file must have the extension .zip, for instructions on how to create a .zip file, [click here](#).**

Responses to the following questions are for research purposes and will not affect the likelihood that your submission is selected.

We would like to hear your predictions about how you expect your intervention will affect each outcome. Even if you are unsure about your answers, we are interested in your best guess. Because an intervention may affect an outcome, even if it was not the intended target of your intervention, we will still ask your predictions for all three outcomes.

We are interested in whether you think that your intervention will affect partisan animosity differently for specific groups of people (e.g., Democrats more than Republicans; people who know a lot vs. a little about politics).

Will your intervention affect partisan animosity differently for specific groups of people?

Yes

No

*If “Yes” is selected:*

Please describe: Among which groups of people do you expect your intervention will be more effective at reducing partisan animosity? Among which groups of people do you expect your intervention will be less effective at reducing partisan animosity?

We are interested in whether you think that your intervention will affect support for partisan violence differently for specific groups of people (e.g., Democrats more than Republicans; people who know a lot vs a little about politics).

Will your intervention affect support for partisan violence differently for specific groups of people?

Yes

No

*If "Yes" is selected:*

Please describe: Among which groups of people do you expect your intervention will be more effective at reducing support for partisan violence? Among which groups of people do you expect your intervention will be less effective at reducing support for partisan violence?

We are interested in whether you think that your intervention will affect anti-democratic attitudes differently for specific groups of people (e.g., Democrats more than Republicans; people who know a lot vs a little about politics).

Will your intervention affect anti-democratic attitudes differently for specific groups of people?

Yes

No

*If "Yes" is selected:*

Please describe: Among which groups of people do you expect your intervention will be more effective at reducing anti-democratic attitudes? Among which groups of people do you expect your intervention will be less effective at reducing anti-democratic attitudes?

Is there anything else you think is relevant for evaluating your submission?

We are always trying to improve! Let us know here if there was anything unclear from this submission platform:

Please contact [sdchallenge@stanford.edu](mailto:sdchallenge@stanford.edu) if you have any remaining questions.