

# Soubhik Barari

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## RESEARCH AREAS

*Substantive:* Political Communication; Media; Misinformation; Public Opinion.

*Methodology:* Computational Social Science; Experiments; Text-as-Data; Video-as-Data.

## EDUCATION

- ≈2023 **Harvard University**  
Ph.D. in Political Science  
*Committee:* Gary King, Ryan Enos, Kosuke Imai, Justin de Benedictis-Kessner
- 2021 **Harvard University**  
A.M. in Statistics
- 2016 **Tufts University**  
B.S. in Mathematics & Computer Science

## PUBLICATIONS

2. Barari, Soubhik, and Tyler Simko. “LocalView: A Database of Public Meetings for the Study of Local Politics and Policy-Making in the United States”, *Nature: Scientific Data* (2023).
1. Saltz, Emily, Soubhik Barari, Claire Leibowicz, and Claire Wardle. “Misinformation Interventions are Common, Divisive and Poorly Understood,” *HKS Misinformation Review* (2022).

## WORKING PAPERS

3. Soubhik Barari. “Political Signals from Corporations are Sparse, Only Recently Liberal, and Representative”.
2. Soubhik Barari, Christopher Lucas, and Kevin Munger. “Political Deepfakes Are As Credible As Other Fake Media And (Sometimes) Real Media”, *R&R at Journal of Politics*.
1. Soubhik Barari and Tyler Simko. “The Asymmetric Nationalization of Local Politics”, *Under Review*.

## CURRENT PROJECTS

3. “Reducing Unsafe Driving and Excess Emissions Through Behavioral Nudges” (with Justin de Benedictis-Kessner).
2. “The Role of Earned Media in Elections” (with David Rothschild).
1. “Experimentally Reducing Online Misinformation” (with Gary King and Sophie Hill).

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks

- 2022 MPSA (New Frontiers in Media Panel)
- 2021 UCLA Political Psych Lab, Tufts Department of Political Science
- 2020 Stanford Political Polarization Lab

### Conference Talks

- 2022 Politics and Computational Social Science Conference (Harvard/Northeastern), APSA Political Communication Pre-Conference
- 2021 Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference, Politics and Computational Social Science Conference (Northeastern)
- 2020 Foo Camp (Facebook), NYU Center for Experimental Social Science
- 2019 Foo Camp (Facebook), Society for Political Methodology (MIT), American Political Science Association (D.C.)
- 2018 Society for Political Methodology (BYU), International Political Economy Society (UT Austin)
- 2016 TEDx (Tufts)

## TEACHING & ADVISING

### Harvard University (Undergraduate Theses)

- 2022–2023 Dominic Skinnion.

### Harvard University (Graduate Teaching Fellow)

- 2022 GOV 1759: Behavioral Insights for Public Policy (Michael Hiscox). *Certificate of Distinction.*
- 2021 GOV 2001: Quantitative Social Science I (Gary King). *Certificate of Distinction.*
- 2021 GOV 2002: Quantitative Social Science II (Matt Blackwell). *Certificate of Distinction.*

### Harvard University (Undergraduate Teaching Fellow).

- 2020 GOV 1347: Election Analytics (Ryan Enos). *Certificate of Distinction.*

### Other

- 2021 Harvard Business School: Data Science Principles (Online Course Content Developer).
- 2018 SAGE: Deep Learning in Python (Online Course Instructor).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Full-time

- 2022– SurveyMonkey (Momentive.ai) *Research Scientist (Contract)*
- 2022 SurveyMonkey (Momentive.ai) *Survey Science Research Intern*
- 2021 Microsoft Research *Computational Social Science Research Intern*
- 2016–2018 MIT Political Methodology Lab *Staff Data Scientist*

2015–2016	MIT Haystack Observatory	<i>Research Associate</i>
	<b>Part-time</b>	
2022–2023	SurveyMonkey (Momentive.ai)	<i>Research Scientist</i>
2019–2022	Harvard Digital Lab for the Social Sciences	<i>Data Science Manager</i>
2021	Partnership on AI	<i>Survey Consultant</i>
2020	Government of Rome, Italy	<i>Behavioral Science Consultant</i>

## **GRANTS & AWARDS**

2022–2023	Mitacs Accelerate Award	\$42,000 (declined)
2019–2021	Harvard Institute of Quantitative Social Science (IQSS) Seed Grant (2x)	\$2,000–2,250
2020–2021	Harvard Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (2x)	
2019–2020	Harvard Center for American Political Studies (CAPS) Seed Grant (2x)	\$1,000
2021	Harvard Graduate Student Council Research Award	\$1,000
2021	Harvard Experimental Working Group (HEWG) Grant	\$500
2021	Harvard Government Department Best Poster Award	\$300
2020	Cisco Research Center Grant (with J. Brown, B. Dietrich, R. Enos, and M. Sands)	\$52,000
2017	Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cloud Credits for Research Program	\$4,500

## **SERVICE**

2021–2022	Harvard Graduate Resident Advisor
2021–2022	Harvard Government Wellness Chair
2019–2021	Harvard Government Wellness Committee Member
2019–2020	Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Center Fellow

## **REFEREES**

*American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Journal of Quantitative Description, HKS Misinformation Review, PLoS One*

## **POLICY WORK**

Dec 2020	<i>Bowyer v. Ducey</i> , United States District Court, Arizona (with Gary King), <i>Non-testifying expert witness research on electoral fraud detection.</i>
Mar 2020	“Evaluating COVID-19 Public Health Messaging in Italy” (with Gary King & 14 others), <i>Health communication campaign recommendation for Government of Rome.</i>

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