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## POSITIONS

University of Pennsylvania, Postdoctoral Researcher 2022-

## EDUCATION

New York University, Social Psychology, Ph.D. 2017-2022

Western University, Honors Specialization in Psychology, BSc., Western Scholars 2012-2017

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am interested in the effect of social context and social identity on the belief in and spread of misinformation. My dissertation focuses on the duality of partisan identity bias and rationality in belief in political fake news. I have conducted research using self-report data, behavioral experiments, big data from social media, and fMRI.

**KEYWORDS:** Social identity; misinformation; belief; online sharing behavior; partisanship; bias

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

William J. Henrich Postdoctoral Fellowship, UPenn 2022-Present

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral (Declined) 2022

Grinker Fellowship (Declined) 2022

Katzell Summer Fellowship, NYU 2021

SPSP Graduate Student Travel Award 2019

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Award 2018-2022

Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, NYU 2017-2022

Canada Graduate Scholarship- Master's (Declined) 2017

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (Declined) 2017

## PUBLICATIONS

20. **Harris, E.\***, Rathje, S.\*, Sternisko, A., Robertson, C. & Van Bavel, J. J. (in press). The SPIR Model of Social Media and Polarization: Exploring the role of Selection, Platform Design, Incentives, and Real World Context. *International Journal of Communication*.
19. Lin, T., **Harris, E. A.**, Heemskerk, A., Van Bavel, J. J., Ebner, N. (in press). A Multi-National Test of the Effect of Age and Sex on Compliance with COVID-19 Public Health Measures. *Social Science and Medicine*.

18. Robertson, C., Pretus, C., Rathje, S., **Harris, E. A.** & Van Bavel, J. J. (2022). [How Social Identity Shapes Conspiratorial Belief](#). *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 47, 101423.
17. Van Bavel, J. J., Cichocka, A., Capraro, V., Sjästad, H., Nezlek, J. B., ... **Harris, E. A.**, ... Palomäki, J. (2022). [National identity predicts public health support during a global pandemic](#). *Nature Communications*, 13(1), 1-14.
16. Bago, B., ... **Harris, E. A.**, ... Matibag, C. J. (2022). [Situational factors shape moral judgements in the trolley dilemma in Eastern, Southern and Western countries in a culturally diverse sample](#). *Nature Human Behavior*, 1-16.
15. Van Bavel, J. J., Rathje, S., Harris, E., Robertson, C., & Sternisko, A. (2021). [How social media shapes polarization](#). *Trends in cognitive sciences*, 25(11), 913-916.
14. Pereira, A., **Harris, E.**, Van Bavel, J. J. (2021). [Identity concerns drive belief: The impact of partisan identity on the belief and dissemination of true and false news](#). *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1368430221103000>
13. **Harris, E. A.**, Pärnamets, P., Brady, W. J., Robertson, C., & Van Bavel, J. J. (2021). The role of generalizability in moral and political psychology. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
12. Doell, K. C., Pärnamets, P., **Harris, E.**, Hackel, L. M., & Van Bavel, J.J. (2021). [Understanding the effects of partisan identity on climate change](#). *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*, 42, 54-59.
11. Van Bavel, J.J., **Harris, E.**, Pärnamets, P., Rathje, S., Doell, K. C., & Tucker, J. A. (2021). [Political psychology in the digital \(mis\)information age: A model of news belief and sharing](#). *Social Issues and Policy Review*, 15(1), 84-113.
10. Van Bavel, J. J., Reiner, D. A., Spring, V., **Harris, E. A.**, & Duke, A. (2021). [Speaking my truth: Why personal experiences can bridge divides but mislead](#). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(8).
9. **Harris, E.**, & Van Bavel, J.J. (2021). [Preregistered Replication of “Feeling superior is a bipartisan issue: Extremity \(not direction\) of political views predicts perceived belief superiority”](#). *Psychological Science*, 32(3), 451-458.
8. Van Bavel, J. J., Reiner, D., **Harris, E.**, Robertson, C. & Pärnamets, P. (2020). [Breaking groupthink: Why scientific identity and norms mitigate ideological epistemology](#). *Psych Inquiry*, 31(1), 66-72.
7. Van Bavel, J. J., Sternisko, A., **Harris, E.**, & Robertson, C. (2020). [The social function of rationalization: An identity perspective](#). *Brain and Behavioral Sciences*, 43.
6. Chin, K., Atkinson, B.E., Raheb, H., **Harris, E.**, & Vernon, P.A. (2017). [The dark side of romantic jealousy](#). *Personality and Individual Differences*, 115, 23-29.

5. Azizli, N., Atkinson, B. E., Baughman, H. M., Chin, K., Vernon, P. A., **Harris, E.**, & Veselka, L. (2016). [Lies and crimes: Dark Triad, misconduct, and high-stakes deception](#). *Personality and Individual Differences*, 89, 34-39.
4. Qureshi, C., **Harris, E.**, & Atkinson, B. E. (2016). [Relationships between age of females and attraction to the Dark Triad personality](#). *Personality and Individual Differences*, 95, 200-203.

## CHAPTERS

3. **Harris, E. A.**, Van Bavel, J. J., Pärnamets, P., Sternisko, A. & Robertson, C. (2022). [The psychology and neuroscience of partisanship](#). In D. Osborne & C. Sibley (Eds.), *Cambridge Handbook of Political Psychology* (pp 50-67).

## UNDER REVIEW, SUBMITTED & INVITED MANUSCRIPTS

2. Pretus, C., Servin, C., **Harris, E. A.**, Brady, W. J., Van Bavel, J. J. & Vilarroya, O. (under review). [The role of political devotion in sharing partisan misinformation](#). *Psychological Science*.
1. Lin, T., **Harris, E. A.**, Heemskerk, A., Ebner, N. (under review). Compliance with COVID-19 Public Health Measures: The Role of Risk Perception and Conspiracy Theory Belief in an Adult Lifespan, Multi-National Dataset. *British Journal of Psychology*.

## IN PREP

- Harris, E. A.\***, Reiner, D.\*, Rathje, S., Duke, A. & Van Bavel, J. J. (in prep). The effect of partisan source on misinformation belief updating.
- Harris, E. A.**, Lin, T., Ebner, N. & Van Bavel, J. J. (in prep). The effect of age and partisanship on sharing political misinformation.

## TALKS

- Harris, E.**, Reiner, D. A., Rathje, S. & Van Bavel, J. (2022, May). Partisan Bias in Belief (Updating). Association for Psychological Science.
- Harris, E.** & Van Bavel, J. (2022, February). Preregistered Replication of “Feeling superior is a bipartisan issue: Extremity (not direction) of political views predicts perceived belief superiority”. Society for Personality and Social Psychology.
- Harris, E.** & Van Bavel, J. (2021, February). Is belief superiority a bipartisan issue?: A direct and conceptual replication. Society for Personality and Social Psychology.
- Harris, E.**, Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2020, May). Ingroup bias in belief in fake news. Association for Psychological Science. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19)

**Harris, E.,** Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2020, February). Ingroup bias in belief in fake news. Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

**Harris, E.,** Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2019, May). Ingroup bias in belief in fake news. Five College Conference.

## **CONFERENCE POSTERS**

**Harris, E.,** Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2020, March). Ingroup bias in belief in fake news. NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference.

**Harris, E.,** Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2020, February). Ingroup bias in belief in fake news. Group Relations and Intergroup Processes Preconference. Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

**Harris, E.,** Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2019, February). Partisan bias in punishment and related judgements. Political Psychology Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

## **TEACHING (Average student teaching evaluation)**

Masters Statistics – Teaching Assistant (4.8/5)	Fall 2021
Masters Thesis Seminar – Teaching Assistant (not scored)	Spring 2021
Intro Psychology – Head Teaching Assistant (4.5/5)	Fall 2020
Advanced Statistics – Teaching Assistant (4.4/5)	Spring 2019
Advanced Statistics – Teaching Assistant (4.0/5)	Fall 2018

## **MENTORSHIP**

Lauren Yoon (Undergraduate research awardee; J.S. Sinclair Research Scholar)	2021
Christina Leckfor (SPSP Peer Mentorship Program)	2020-2021
Tong Su (SPSP Peer Mentorship Program)	2020-2021
Natasia Pelowski (NYU; Undergraduate student research awardee)	2018-2020
Christina Tahtouh (SPSP SPUR Program student)	Summer 2019
Alicia Shameer (Honors thesis student; Co-supervised)	2018-2019

Additional Research Assistants: Naj Abdullah, Yi Zhang & Matthew Leipzig

## **ATTENDED SEMINARS AND TRAINING**

Preparing Future Faculty (teaching course)	2022
The Art & Craft of Teaching (teaching course)	2021
Advanced Science Communication Workshop	2018
Science Communication Workshop	2018

fMRI Level 1-3 Training 2018

## **SERVICE**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Social Psychology Representative	2021-2022
Society of Personality and Social Psychology Writing Group Moderator	2021-2022
Student Organizer for NYU Summer Research Program	2021
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee	2021-
Ph.D. Cohort Representative	2020-2021
Annual Brownbag Organizational Committee	2019-2020
Mentorship- Research Student Committee	2019
PhD Admissions Committee	2018-2019
Social Ambiance Committee	2018-2019

## **PEER REVIEW**

Nature Communications  
Psychological Review  
Personality and Social Psychology Review  
Trends in Cognitive Sciences  
Journal for Experimental Social Psychology  
Group Processes and Intergroup Relations  
Social Psychological and Personality Science

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society of Personality and Social Psychology  
International Society of Political Psychology  
American Psychology Association

## **REFEREES**

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