

Neuropolitics Lecture Series: Political Incivility, Threat, and Polarized Politics

Friday, May 9, 2025, from Noon- 1:15 pm PT

Virtual (Zoom Webinar)

Join the UCI Center for Neuropolitics for their next installment of their Lecture Series! Register for their FREE, virtual lecture "Political Incivility, Threat, and Polarized Politics" taking place on Friday, May 9, from noon - 1:15 pm PT. Featuring guest speaker Bryan T. Gervais, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science & Geography at the University of Texas at San Antonio and Director of the UTSA Center for Public Opinion Research (CPOR).

Discussion: What are the consequences of the lack of civility in political discourse? Prior work has come to conflicting conclusions: some studies have found evidence of polarizing effects, while other work has found evidence of depolarizing effects. Theory in social and political psychology suggests that the ability of partisan incivility to aggravate polarization is conditional on the presence of threat to group status. Social neuroscience research demonstrates that reducing partisans' sense of threat may reduce both polarization and the appeal of incivility. These results have implications for addressing political polarization both within and beyond the American context.

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