



## Authoritarianism, Threat, and Illiberal Political Judgments

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How do we best understand the increases in antidemocratic attitudes and political violence? Drawing on works from philosophy, evolution, neuroscience, and political psychology, we propose the Fascist Authoritarian Model of Illiberal Democracy. This model posits that authoritarian ideology, perception of threatening others, and conspiracy-oriented propaganda collectively explain political judgments in support of illiberalism. This talk will provide an overview of the theory, research, and data supporting this model.

### Featured Speaker



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Dr. Phillip T. Dunwoody is Professor of Psychology at Juniata College. He serves as an associate editor for *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*. Dr. Dunwoody earned his PhD from the University of Georgia, with an emphasis on judgment and decision making. His work focuses on understanding political judgments in support of illiberalism, specifically authoritarianism, threat, and antidemocratic attitudes.

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