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## Paul Lendway

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### Bio

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The norms and rules that comprise American democracy are eroding. Why? What are the consequences of this trend? And what can be done to address this issue? My research program aims to address these questions. One stream of my research investigates how various forms of political communication (i.e., sermon rhetoric, populist appeals, etc.) shape political preferences. Another strand of my research probes the role of information (i.e., information about social movements or inequality) in structuring public opinion and policy preferences. A final line of my research explores solutions to mass polarization. This includes a project that tests Americans' willingness to compromise on a series of multi-dimensional policy tradeoffs (i.e., a conservative immigration policy and a liberal abortion policy, etc.).

My research is published or forthcoming in *Political Behavior*, *American Politics Research*, *Research and Politics*, the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and *Environmental Politics*. My co-authored paper that meta-analyzes the literature on populist appeals and vote choice has a R&R at the *American Journal of Political Science*. I have presented my research at a wide range of organizations, including the American Political Science Association, Harvard University, Princeton University, and Yale University. Funding for my research has been provided by the University of Pennsylvania, Yale University, and other organizations.

#### STANFORD ADVISORS

- Josiah Ober, Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

### Teaching

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#### COURSES

2025-26

- Liberalism and Populism in the American Political Economy: POLISCI 235U, POLISCI 335U (Aut)

### Publications

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#### PUBLICATIONS

- **Thin Populist Appeals and Democratic Backsliding Through Candidate Legitimization and Elite Delegitimization** *POLITICAL BEHAVIOR*  
Lendway, P.  
2025
- **Historical Analogies and Public Support for Foreign Policy Action** *JOURNAL OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION*  
Blair, C., Lendway, P., Schwartz, J. A.  
2025

- **The Effect of Priming Structural Fairness on Inequality Beliefs and Preferences** *AMERICAN POLITICS RESEARCH*  
Lendway, P., Huber, G. A.  
2023; 51 (4): 443-456
- **Fossil fuel divestment and public climate change policy preferences: an experimental test in three countries** *ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS*  
Schwartz, J. A., Lendway, P., Nuri, A.  
2024; 33 (1): 1-24