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## Employment

### **Assistant professor, tenure track**

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### **Associate Professor**

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## Research outputs

### **Reducing political polarization in the United States with a mobile chat platform**

Combs, A., Tierney, G., Guay, B., Merhout, Friedolin, Bail, C. A., Hillygus, D. S. & Volfovsky, A., 2023, In: Nature Human Behaviour. 7, 9, p. 1454-1461

### **An Online experiment during the 2020 US–Iran crisis shows that exposure to common enemies can increase political polarization**

Jahani, E., Gallagher, N., Merhout, Friedolin, Cavalli, N., Guilbeault, D., Leng, Y. & Bail, C. A., 2022, In: Scientific Reports. 12, 1, 19304.

### **Observing many researchers using the same data and hypothesis reveals a hidden universe of uncertainty**

Breznau, N., Rinke, E. M., Wuttke, A., Nguyen, H. H. V., Adem, M., Adriaans, J., Alvarez-Benjumea, A., Andersen, H. K., Auer, D., Azevedo, F., Bahnsen, O., Balzer, D., Bauer, G., Bauer, P. C., Baumann, M., Baute, S., Benoit, V., Bernauer, J., Berning, C., Berthold, A. & 31 others, Bethke, F. S., Biegert, T., Blinzler, K., Blumenberg, J. N., Bobzien, L., Bohman, A., Bol, T., Bostic, A., Brzozowska, Z., Burgdorf, K., Burger, K., Busch, K. B., Carlos-Castillo, J., Chan, N., Christmann, P., Connelly, R., Czymara, C. S., Damian, E., Ecker, A., Edelmann, A., Eger, M. A., Ellerbrock, S., Forke, A., Forster, A., Gaasendam, C., Gavras, K., Gayle, V., Gessler, T., Merhout, Friedolin, Schaeffer, Merlin & The Crowdsourced Replication Initiative, T. C. R. I., 2022, In: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America. 119, 44, 8 p., 2203150119.

### **How Many Replicators Does It Take to Achieve Reliability: Investigating Researcher Variability in a Crowdsourced Replication**

Merhout, Friedolin & Breznau, N., 2021, 37 p.

### **Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty**

Merhout, Friedolin & Breznau, N., 2021, 19 p.

### **Assessing the Russian Internet Research Agency's impact on the political attitudes and behaviors of American Twitter users in late 2017**

Bail, C. A., Guay, B., Maloney, E., Combs, A., Hillygus, D. S., Merhout, Friedolin, Freelon, D. & Volfovsky, A., 7 Jan 2020, In: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America. 117, 1, p. 243-250

### **Socioeconomic Status and Diet Quality in College Students**

Merhout, Friedolin & Doyle, J., 1 Jul 2019, In: Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior. 51, 9, p. 1107-1112

### **The Crowdsourced Replication Initiative: Investigating Immigration and Social Policy Preferences using Meta-Science**

Executive Report  
The Crowdsourced Replication Initiative, T. C. R. I., 26 Jan 2019, 37 p.

### **Exposure to opposing views on social media can increase political polarization**

Bail, C. A., Argyle, L. P., Brown, T. W., Bumpus, J. P., Chen, H., Hunzaker, M. B. F., Lee, J., Mann, M., Merhout, Friedolin & Volfovsky, A., 11 Sep 2018, In: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America. 115, 37, p. 9216-9221

### **Using Internet search data to examine the relationship between anti-Muslim and pro-ISIS sentiment in U.S. counties**

Bail, C. A., Merhout, Friedolin & Ding, P., 1 Jun 2018, In: Science Advances. 4, 6, p. eaao5948

## **Press/Media**

### **Effect of anti-Muslim sentiment on pro-ISIS sentiment**

Friedolin Merhout, Christopher A. Bail & Peng Ding

19/03/2017 → 10/07/2018

6 items of Media coverage

### **Impact of Russian IRA trolls on the U.S. electorate in 2017**

Friedolin Merhout, Christopher A. Bail, Alexander Volfovsky, Brian Guay, Emily Maloney, Aidan Combs, D. Sunshine Hillygus & Deen Freelon

25/11/2019 → 06/12/2019

13 items of Media coverage

### **Online influence operations targeting the 2020 U.S. presidential election**

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02/09/2020

1 Media contribution