Research Summary

I believe that the algorithms employed by social media platforms, whether intentionally or otherwise, are designed in such a way that they push individuals toward polarizing views. This phenomenon seems fairly apparent to an empirical analysis, but a formal study is required to properly draw conclusions. Using a select sample, I intend to show this effect by showing how increased use of social media correlated with increased hostility by users toward opposing views. I expect to find that users who spend more time on social media display greater levels of hostility than other users. This would show that the algorithms employed by social media foster aggression.