



Talking Points on Political Science

- Political science expands our understanding of citizenship, governance, and public policy. Through rigorous examination of political phenomena, the discipline makes an essential and unique contribution to an informed citizenry in a free society.
- Political science is at the forefront of research on critical topics facing the nation and the world, ranging from democracy and good governance to counter-terrorism, public health, and disaster relief, to name just a few.
- Political science is an integral part of multidisciplinary research projects. It provides essential political context and insights to inform research in areas from cancer research to cybersecurity.
- Both the unique findings of the discipline and its contributions to multidisciplinary research foster civic and global engagement and promote innovation and competitiveness.
- Political science research promotes excellence in higher education. Research projects inform classroom teaching; provide training opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students; and enhance student and faculty recruitment.