Learning Goals

We want your feedback about your experience using the course evaluation system and reporting. To provide your feedback, please click [HERE](https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cOSKtrVV0G7PTNj) to answer one question.

Students are most likely to say their learning goals have been met when

- The goals are clearly articulated in the syllabus and/or directly to students
- There’s a clear connection between the goals and the exams, quizzes, and/or assignments in the class
- Students have adequate practice doing work that is relevant to the goals

For information on writing effective learning goals, please see [Writing Learning Goals](https://evals.stanford.edu/end-term-feedback/how-write-learning-goals).

### How well did you achieve the learning goals of this course?

- **Extremely well**: 52% (85)
- **Very well**: 36% (59)
- **Moderately well**: 10% (16)
- **Slightly well**: 2% (3)
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Attendance and Engagement
Student Learning

For information on factors that contribute to students’ learning, please see Interpreting Your Course Evaluation Report (https://evals.stanford.edu/results/respond-feedback).

If you are viewing a report from the 2019-2020 Winter term, quantitative responses to the How much did you learn from this course? question in this section have been removed in response to changes in instruction at the end of the term due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Question: What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve?

1. A better understanding of current events.
2. This course allowed me to explore the foundations of American democracy, the root problems creating dysfunction and how data research can be utilized to explore these problems.
3. There were so many perspectives on topics that are so important right now related to politics and democracy. As an international student, I learned a lot about the US and how their politics differ from mine at home.
4. A great deal about American democracy
5. My understanding of the interworkings of American democracy has definitely improved and I have become a more informed voter!
6. I learned some variable insights from a variety of speakers and professors about current events and the state of different issues today.
7. Valuable insight into today's political topics
8. The impacts of Covid-19 on democratic ideals. Ran Abramitzy does a stunning job predicting that there is somewhat a threat to democracy, and he crafts a brilliant narrative with the speakers about why democracy is important.
9. I learned a lot about what democracy does for America.
10. Learned about democracy and the future of the US
11. Learning more about various topics in the US
12. Good overview of the field of Economics, and particular what research areas exist.
13. I learned a lot more about challenges we're currently facing and interdisciplinary approaches to analyzing and solving the problems
14. I learned a lot about the social sciences
15. I took this course to educate myself on the current situation in the US. This course taught me more about health care, immigration, democracy, etc...
16. Cultural competency
17. I learned a great deal on many different subjects, from income inequality in the U.S, to how coronavirus affects housing. The course spans a broad amount of topics. Social, economic, political, etc. Overall I learned about democracy, the American society, etc.
18. I learned how to connect politics, economics, and ethical aspects in the current circumstances of COVID-19 and the election period.
19. I learned a lot about US current events. The nature of this course was very relevant to the current state of the country, so it was an amazing opportunity to hear insight from professionals (many of whom were from Stanford!).
20. I learned an immense amount about a wide variety of issues that are important to the United States and democratic societies as a whole, such as polarization, and healthcare and energy policy.
21. Learned so much from each speaker's presentations!
22. Really interesting course!
Improved my understanding of many parts of our government and the challenges that we as a society face.

I learned about many different political topics.

Considering different ideas and considerations about the erosion of democracy.

Knowledge about the democratic process, implications of a weakening of the democratic process on society, how inequality (racial, socio-economic) are connected to democratic outcomes, as well as public health, and much more :)

More knowledge of the world around me, especially politically.

I learned so much in this course—honestly more than some of my heavier classes unit-wise. Through high school I avoided any engagement with politics and news. I didn't find it interesting, and I felt I had to define myself as a 'politics' or 'activist' person to participate in these activities. Ran's class highlighted the importance of everyone's participation in democracy/politics. I recognize my complacency the past 4 years of high school (not keeping up with the news enough) and look forward to sifting through many more news articles, podcasts, and research journals the rest of my life.

I learned about the state of today's American politics through the lens of a wide variety of accomplished experts.

Note taking.

Learned more about our democracy and a number of other important issues.

I learned so much about the state of our nation today, polarization, the COVID-19 pandemic, immigration, economics, and more.

Thinking more so from a different perspective.

I learned the most about public health in the US and the various administrative and political barriers to reform. It was a topic that I was only somewhat acquainted with before, and now my understanding is significantly more robust.

general knowledge

I improved my ability to consider an issue from multiple perspectives.

I learned a lot in each lesson, ranging from economics to biology, and how each of these areas could give us a different understanding of an issue.

I expanded by knowledge about various aspects of democracy - from elections to economics to the current COVID-19 pandemic. I liked how Ran drew on speakers from Stanford because it was cool to see what's going on on campus, and future classes to take/extracurricular activities to pursue.

Better understanding of the scope of social science as a whole.

My understanding of various major events and how they relate to American democracy as a whole.

The diversity of professions and areas involved in the democratic process.

I learned a lot more about the topics that each speaker presented each time.

I was exposed to many interesting perspectives on current affairs through the discussions and readings.

broad perspective

democracy

Different facets of our democracy and some nice little insights into how things work.

I learned how to critically analyze the opinions of experts in respective fields.

I was able to be informed and think more deeply about the current critical issues surrounding our democracy and the election 2020. It was influential because I was able to take the material learned in class and spread awareness within my family to let them know that our democracy matters and their votes matter.

The guest speakers provided incredible insights from their years of experience and anecdotes. This piqued my interest in many of the fields that they discussed. It was also helpful to learn how they researched, performed experiments, and interpreted their data.

I learned about many different aspects of democracy and the us, it was very interesting to listen to all the speakers.

I learned a lot more about democracy and how our society is structured through the lectures.

Overall on topics in democracy.

critical thinking skills.

I gained a better understanding of American democracy and the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on the US.

I learned about democracy and politics in the United States as well as immigration.

I watched some lectures from different professors/guests and it was interesting.

I learned about numerous diverse topics all of which I had never been exposed to as an engineer. The topics were extremely interesting, engaging, and overall eye-opening to the multi-fascilated picture of what is democracy, especially in the time of a pandemic and turbulent election year.
The variety of experts brought in expanded my view on a lot of topics. Overall I just learned more about the different ways how this year's events, especially the 2020 election and the pandemic, have affected our society and the state of American democracy.

I learned all about different pressing issues in the U.S. today and what will need to happen in the future to help. My understanding of various issues and topics from the experts. Listening, understanding, and processing different perspectives.

Learned a lot about the real world. The lecturers talked a lot about social issues I was already aware of, but their lectures added more layers and depth to what I already know.

Broad range of topics. I learned about democracy is being enhanced, and challenged, in many aspects of the world today, including health policy and immigration.

Economic inequalities in America. About a range of topics that are important and topical with the current election going on. I learned about various aspects of the economy.

I learned how different fields contribute to democracy. Having economist, scientist, policy professors, etc. Social issues in the US.

The way I think about political issues has changed dramatically. I feel much more informed and capable of forming my own opinions. I learned about many different aspects of our society, all of which are in some way impacted by our democracy.

I learned a lot about issues such as health care policies, immigration, etc. and the effect these have on economy and about other issues significantly relevant to the current state of democracy, such as racism and discrimination, polarization, populism, etc. Each was surface level due to the time limit on presentations.

I learned to board my understanding of several different political topics. I learned a lot more about the different perspectives regarding American politics from highly esteemed figures.

How to maintain attention for longer zoom meetings. Gaining perspective for complex concepts. I learned a little bit from each subject field and it challenged me to consider those subjects from different perspectives.

I got exposure to a wide range of democracy-related fields of research and work. I was able to learn and obtain a broader and deeper understanding of how society functions and how "democracy matters".

I learned exactly how intertwined so many socio-political issues are and ways to rectify certain issues.

It was great hearing from such a wider variety of speakers. I learnt a lot about how many different areas of study can intersect with the election/coronavirus. It was definitely helped me think about what I might like to do going forward post graduation.

I learned a variety of topics regarding economics and democracy in America. My favorite had to do with immigrant status in America and economic outcome. Furthermore, I enjoyed the talks on COVID and the election.

I learned more about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, social inequality in the US, and much more.

I gained a much better understanding of some of the big challenges the US faces today, from the pandemic to the energy crisis.

understanding about broad political issues

Relevant societal problems

I learned different perspectives about many relevant issues in the world today.

I improved my knowledge about current issues in the world. I grew my understanding of various perspectives.

I was able to learn about American Democracy in a deeper, more relevant light. I learned about pressing issues pertaining to the election.

I learned about many parts of our economy and the impacts of covid and inequalities.

I learned a great deal attending talks from various industry figures.

How to critically follow an intellectual conversation.
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| 97 | Graph Analysis  
Presentation skills  
Verbal communication |
| 98 | I learned so much about the presidential election, environmental issues, and so much more in this class!!! |
| 99 | Connecting ideas from class to the real world |
| 100 | Understanding of different economic theories and political ideas |
| 101 | Loved hearing all the speakers, learned so much from each of them |
| 102 | This was a fascinating class and I wish there were more like it. I learned so much about thoughts around the election, health policy, polarization and inequality (tied into many different aspects of society). |
| 103 | I learned about democracy |
| 104 | I gained exposure to many different subject areas and learned a bit about how research is conducted and can be applied. |
| 105 | I learned so much more about so many different topics. |
| 106 | It was very diverse and interesting throughout. |
| 107 | I learned a lot about the contemporary issues facing democracies. |
| 108 | I feel like I became a more engaged citizen. |
| 109 | A great look into democracy and economics |
| 110 | I learned a lot more about what is going on in the world and how to synthesize the news. |
| 111 | I learned more about different issues facing our democracy today, especially in the times of COVID-19 and the 2020 election |
| 112 | Learned more about the way democracy operates in our current context |
| 113 | I learned about the importance of our democracy and the factors that go into making it what it is. |
| 114 | Ability to synthesize information across disciplines in critical issues |
| 115 | Interdisciplinary approaches to American democracy |
| 116 | Current political climate and current issues. |
| 117 | Improved knowledge about modern social, political, and economic problems that are extremely relevant. |
| 118 | Upon hearing from such a diverse and knowledgeable array of Stanford faculty, I've learned a lot about American democracy, and the long road that we have ahead when it comes to facing challenges, from COVID-19 to climate change. |

**Instruction and Organization**

For information about effective teaching in a variety of contexts, please see Teaching Strategies (https://teachingcommons.stanford.edu/resources/teaching-resources/teaching-strategies).

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Overall, how would you describe the quality of the instruction in this course?

- Excellent: 67% (108)
- Good: 30% (48)
- Fair: 3% (5)
- Poor: 0% (0)
- Very poor: 0% (0)

How organized was the course?

- Extremely organized: 60% (95)
- Very organized: 33% (52)
- Moderately organized: 7% (11)
- Slightly organized: 0% (0)
- Not organized at all: 0% (0)

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Course Elements

No Data.
Additional Student Comments

Answers to this question will be viewable by the Stanford student community four weeks after the release of reports to instructors. If you have a question about a comment, please review the guidelines under “Questions or concerns?” at http://evals.stanford.edu/results/respond-feedback and write to VPTLevaluations@stanford.edu.

(120 comments)

Q: What would you like to say about this course to a student who is considering taking it in the future?

1. Interesting set of speakers on a variety of issues relating to US democracy. As these things tend to go, there's technically time for Q&A at the end but only 2-3 questions get answered in the remaining time.

2. Be prepared to be starstruck by some of the presenters.

3. A must-take course! There is no downside to enrolling. You will have the opportunity to hear from renowned researchers in their field and gain perspective on current policy issues. A good way to get to know upper-division professors' research.

4. A wonderful course for anybody interested in learning more about the American democratic system from a wide variety of speakers from many different disciplines. I hope Ran makes this an annual course!

5. 10/10 recommend! This course was extremely interesting and will help you become a more informed member of society.

6. This course was great!! Super interesting speakers, light workload!

7. very interesting and super valuable

8. Ran Abramitzy does a stunning job predicting that there is somewhat a threat to democracy, and he crafts a brilliant narrative with the speakers about why democracy is important.

9. easy and cool one unit course

10. Take it!! For a couple of hours a week, you learn a ton! Interesting guest speakers with insightful comments on the intersection of democracy and other fields

11. n/a

12. Great course that gives you an overview into different econ and econ-related research areas. Recommended if you have 2h to spare each week and want to learn a lot about the research that's done in the field in a concise way, this is a great course, with roughly 4 presenters every week talking about their job.

13. If you have time in your schedule for a one-unit course and you're possibly interested in economics, I would definitely recommend it. However, this course is what you put into it.

14. Cool class to learn about if you're interested in research or just exploring. At times, I was not totally entertained, at other times I couldn't stop listening even if I tried ;)

15. Interesting speakers and good themes each week

16. it's amazing to hear about the election in such great detail

17. You get what you give in this class. If you spend the time doing the readings outside of class and doing some research, you'll get a lot more out of the class.

18. Great course! The workload is super manageable (~90m of reading/week). And it's great to get a little bit of knowledge on many subjects from a range of experts. Classes were always interesting, and each class had ~4 speakers who gave a lot of information in a short amount of time. If you don't really want the 1 unit credit, lectures are also available to the public.

19. Take it if you want to be able to connect the current events and conflicts with the theoretical concepts of politics, economics and ethics! Really amazing speakers as well

20. Very informative course that will provide relevant insight into current events.

21. This is an excellent one unit course. Ran could not be nicer and the speakers--many of whom are well known former government officials--are incredibly interesting. All lectures are recorded so great for remote learning in distant time zones as well.

22. Take this course! So essential to hear different opinions and speakers talk about their area of expertise

23. really interesting course! very eye opening

24. You're going to have to spend an hour and a half reading every week. Even though that does not sound like a lot, it is when you are very busy.

25. very informative course
Pretty interesting topics, if you're willing to listen you can learn a lot about different approaches to different issues.

Fully recommend it. The classes are excellent, the readings provide depth and perspective, and the course load is manageable.

Worth it!

Democracy matters introduces you to the many facets of and struggles of society. More importantly it educates you about the whole struggle, from different points of view, sides, and backgrounds.

You will enjoy it.

Great course! One of my favorite seminar series attended at Stanford, extremely well organized and speakers are so interesting and engaging.

Take it! It's a 1 unit class and is a great way to hear a variety of expert opinions on super interesting topics.

Read the readings.

It's a great course to just learn more about the world and about the political system. There isn't a pressure to perform well on quizzes, tests, or essays, and that opens up a lot of room for genuine learning and curiosity. If you're looking for an educational course that won't make your existing course load unbearable, I highly recommend this class.

It's awesome! A great way to learn about different topics pertaining to our democracy in a very low-stress low-pressure way.

It was an excellent course! You'll learn so much from wonderful faculty members in different areas of Stanford. Every lecture is focused on current issues, and delves deep into how we may understand each issue from different perspectives.

You learn a lot without a huge time commitment! Would highly recommend. The speakers are all interesting and cover a wide range of topics (so there will certainly be something of interest to you!)

Do it! It was fantastic.

A phenomenal course! Incredibly interesting material.

Excellent exploratory seminar.

really interesting course and speakers - the mini presentations that each speaker does provides a concise but informative way of learning more about each topic.

It would be more engaging if I had attended it live. However, the professor is very passionate about every discussion, and there's clearly a lot of thought put into the topics for discussions and readings.

take it.

I loved it!! Definitely take!!!!

Make sure to take in all the information because it is a fun course to learn on.

Be prepared to be surprised, even the speakers who don't seem interesting will have interesting insights into relevant topics.

This course is influential in keeping up with the current issues and it is presented by deep thinkers, influential people who are part of this research. Students are also able to participate and engage with the presenters through a Q&A function and all presenters have something to learn from them.

I would strongly recommend this course. It's especially interesting for students interested in economics and politics, but also covers many other fields such as healthcare and international relations. The guest-speakers have incredible backgrounds.

a very interesting course. the speakers were always very thoughtful and brought something new.

Take this course if you are looking for a moderate commitment and an interesting series of lectures.

Take it!! Incredibly informative and a great line of speakers on topics that are so relevant and important to know.

This is an extremely valuable course as it features a wide range of speakers, offering a great way to hear multiple perspectives regarding a variety of topics closely related to today's world.

It's an interesting course with amazing guest speakers.

Go for it!! Especially if you're an international student, it'll help you gain an understanding of what politics in the US is like.

If you want a free 1 unit, just take it!

Should this course be offered again, I highly recommend taking it. It is a low intensity class with high rewards provided in the form of extremely well regarded and informed speakers, organization, and overall feel to the course. It is something you can watch on your TV or while sitting and enjoying lunch. Despite there being visuals in many of the speaker's discussions, I found I was even able to enjoy this is a "podcast" form and still enjoy and receive some engaging information.

It was really interesting to hear from a trio of experts every week on really fascinating, relevant topics and issues.

If you're interested in hearing from Stanford's best faculty members about pressing issues in the country today, take the course.

A very interesting course.

Attend every class!!
Its a good one unit course

Cool seminar with interesting speakers

I would highly recommend it! It was so amazing to see all the amazing work Stanford faculty has done. Super inspirational!

Some topics are quite complicated if you have never taken an econ class before, but overall a chill class

Take it! Really interesting. I learned a lot about the current issues that our country is experiencing.

Interesting material?

You learn a lot from discussion and the readings. It helped me acquire depth learning from multiple fields expanding my knowledge on certain subjects I was never introduced to.

Absolutely take it. Really good talks by top professors.

Some interesting speakers, light workload. Not sure if it'll be offered next year though now that the election is over...

Keep an open mind and spend time looking at the readings.

Very interesting!

very cool speakers are invited!

An interesting course and good opportunity to hear professors talk about their research or their perspective on various social/political/economic issues.

It's a very informative lecture series with great speakers!

This class is very fun in terms of intellectual vitality. Make the most of it stay on top of readings and don't make it a task but rather a nice chill class

Super interesting one-unit and I liked how flexible the professor was with attending live/watching later which helped me fit in my schedule.

It was a great 1-unit class that is not too stressful but interesting at the same time

Take it! Every lecture will grab you, and it's a great opportunity to gain exposure to a wide variety of professors and topics.

It is a great course to learn from various guest speakers, and you will be able to hear various perspectives on similar issues (and the course can be taken asynchronously, which is a huge plus for an international student!)

The weekly lectures were super cool.

Take it. The discussions are super relevant and super enlightening. It's not really a class per se, but it is an excellent opportunity to glean some super interesting and important information off of the brightest minds that Stanford has to offer. It's basically no work, and only one unit, so pretty much anyone can fit it into their schedule.

A fab lecture series, especially in the current corona/election climate. 3-4 guest speakers each week covering their topic and how it relates to what is going on right now - it was amazing how many different disciplines were covered. I liked how each speaker only did a 10 min talk, as it was enough to keep you interested while also making sure lots was covered. Also great readings from the speakers to dive in deeper to topics that interest you.

Very interesting class that covers many different things. The guest lecturers were super insightful and amazing!

Pay attention to the speakers because they're experiences and advice are amazing!

The course is an interesting exploration of some of the big problems facing the US. It was super interesting to hear discussions with a panel of experts in the subjects being talked about.

really take the time to do the readings to expand on course information

Requirements to get S in this course:
1) Attend all but one of the seminars
2) Peruse supplemental reading
That is all

It is a very interesting class that explores many distinct issues by including extremely knowledgeable and adept leaders of different fields.

This course is super interesting, especially during the Fall of 2020 (with Covid-19 and the Election). Speakers were super interesting and timely, I recommend taking this course!

This class is not too time-consuming and yet keeps you well informed about current issues.

take it!

this was an awesome course! very informative and the guest speakers were great
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<td>This is an amazing course to watch conversations between experts on the many issues surrounding democracy. The topics also include present issues in present-day America as they unfold (Covid-19). There is also a Q&amp;A discussion where you can submit your questions in case you would like to inform your own research. Highly recommend.</td>
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<td>This is an amazing course!! Being able to listen to the guest speakers was extremely valuable and helped me learn a lot about the United States that I was not previously aware of. The topics brought up in class are also very relevant and related to current events, so I felt very up to date throughout the quarter. Also, the suggested readings were always interesting and engaging. Definitely recommend taking this class!!</td>
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<td>Huge intellectual back-scratcher, 10/10 would take if you're considering Econ as a major</td>
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<td>Super interesting discussions, especially this year!</td>
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<td>One of the best classes I have taken at Stanford! I always wish we could hear more directly from the faculty about their own research and this was the perfect format.</td>
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<td>Very interesting and a great way to learn about many different subject areas. Definitely worth it!</td>
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<td>What's there not to like? Interesting speakers and even more interesting information!</td>
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<td>I would recommend it as a lecture, it was very interesting.</td>
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<td>This is a great course. You'll learn a lot.</td>
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<td>Takes a lot of self-motivation to engage with the webinar style. Very enjoyable and important content.</td>
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<td>Good class. I have taken THINK51 (Democracy Matters) before and this was a great continuation.</td>
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<td>I would definitely recommend it. However, I feel it was particularly useful in this time period. I'm not sure if it will be as useful in the future.</td>
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<td>Definitely take it! A great range of educated speakers who present many different perspectives on issues facing our democracy today. Professor Abramitzky is a great moderator and does a good job leading discussions.</td>
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<td>great course 100% take it</td>
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<td>If you are interested in learning about democracy from experts in their fields, this is a great course to take.</td>
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<td>It's a very insightful course with great discussions, but not the friendliest to people first learning about political discourse. I was often unclear about what was being spoken about as I didn't have the prior knowledge of politics.</td>
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<td>Such a great lecture series! Ran pulls together a fantastic panel of speakers every week from a multitude of fields, departments, and approaches. It's also a super low-key class that you can tune into and learn from while eating lunch. Highly recommend to everyone!</td>
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<td>Pay attention to the speakers!</td>
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<td>I would definitely recommend taking this course! The events are extremely interesting and thought-inducing, and hearing from so many professors and experts was really cool!</td>
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<td>Very thought provoking and interesting. Excellent one unit class to take!</td>
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**Q: Would you like to provide any other comments about this course?**

1. No.
2. Thanks!
3. the Q & A portion of the class was really great and allowed student perspectives and questions to be highlighted
4. Fantastic course! Thank you very much.
I feel that this course-- or a similar course-- should be a requirement for all voters.

It was so great, thank you so much for organizing!

Thank you, Professor Abramitzky, for an absolutely amazing speaker series. It was great to hear all those opinions, and I appreciate all the work you put in to make the class as informative as it was.

No

Thank you Ran for such an organized and well-rounded course. I truly enjoyed it.

Perhaps make it easier to sign up for and find the zoom link if this is offered online again.

No.

I really enjoyed it! It was very well done, thank you!

no

You get out what you put in.

no

N/A

Glad this class was offered!

n/a

You write amazing introductions for the speakers!

nope

na

Thank you so much!

nope

It would be nice to have a place to enroll in each speaker event on canvas rather than going to an external website to register for every single event each time

No

Amazing instructor and guests

Thank you so much for teaching this! Honestly one of the best classes I have taken due to how well-organized it was and the depth and interesting nature of the content. I attended every class and looked forward to it every week.

It's a delightful experience.

N/A

nah

Very interesting the entire quarter, thank you so much!

great speakers this quarter! Thank you!

The course was incredibly informative and especially relevant to the COVID era. The lectures' themes were organised in such a way that the speakers often had convergent opinions. It would be very exciting to see the speakers debate one another.

I wished that more humanities faculty had been asked to speak. I also felt that the political bent of the faculty chosen skewed very centrist

n/a

No

I appreciated the wide range of opinions and speakers on the panels. I also liked that Professor Abramitzky remained neutral as the moderator.

Please offer a part two in a future quarter, it was my favorite class of the fall!

I think that it would help students a lot if the readings were optional, or if there were fewer readings. Otherwise, it was a great course.

Loved it!

N/A

I hope to see another course like this in the future!
Instructor Added Questions

Close-Ended Questions
No Data.

Interpreting these results and deciding what changes you might want to make in your course can benefit greatly from a conversation with a colleague and/or a teaching consultant. To discuss your course evaluation feedback with a consultant in the Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, please click here: Course Evaluation Consultation Request Form (https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eEcR99HdhguiHOd)