

Insights into expert judgment of societal change

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How well do social scientists capture the dynamic nature of behavioral and societal processes? How accurate are they at estimating cultural change? To address these questions, I will (A) examine whether and how social scientists make predictions about societal change at the onset of the COVID pandemic, and (C) will introduce a crowdsourcing framework - the Behavioral and Social Science forecasting Collaborate – to systematically evaluate accuracy of a host of domains at the heart of social sciences. Together, I hope we can discuss value of prediction (vs. post-hoc explanations) and ways to increase intuitions and reasoning about societal change across societal sciences.