

# Webinar: Is Social Media Undermining Democracy? | Columbia Global Centers

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The scandal of political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica's dubious manipulation of Facebook accounts and data to influence several elections worldwide is well reported and widely known. More recently, documentaries have chronicled how social media feeds tend to reinforce a user's own views, often distorting ideas about the world, ourselves, and each other - at the expense of objective truth. And most recently, the US presidential elections have provided a stark account of a very divided and polarized society, with many entrenched voters and politicians refusing to compromise in their views.

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Webinar featuring:

- Lee C. Bollinger - President of Columbia University
- Jameel Jaffer - Executive Director of the Knight Institute
- Alondra Nelson - President, Social Science Research Council
- Emily Bell - Founding Director of the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia Journalism School

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