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Title: Mental Health and Political Polarization Among Youth

	Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Recommendation:	Originality -	✓			
✓Accept as it is	Techn. Quality				
Accept after minor revision	recini. Quanty				
Accept after major revision	Clarity	✓			
Do not accept (Reasons below)	Significance _	✓			

Reviewer Name: Mr. VISHAL SHARMA

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The document 'Mental Health and Political Polarization Among Youth'is unique topic. The document recommendations aim to mitigate the effects of political polarization on youth mental health, fostering a healthier, more inclusive society.

Recommendation: Accept as it is

Detailed Reviewer's Report

- **1. Originality** –The document discusses the mental health crisis among youth exacerbated by political polarization, highlighting key findings and proposing actionable solutions.
- **2. Structure and Clarity** –The manuscript is generally well-structured with sections such as Introduction, Results, and Conclusion. However, transitions between

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sections can be improved, and paragraph alignment should be checked for consistency.

3. Strengths—A 2025 survey revealed that 61% of Americans aged 13-24 feel loneliness significantly affects their mental health, with 35% reporting daily interference. The Trevor Project's 2024 study found that 90% of LGBTQ+ youth are negatively impacted by politics, with 39% contemplating suicide. The American Psychological Association's 2024 study linked rising depression and anxiety rates among young adults to election-related stress, worsened by social media echo chambers. Limited mental health support in schools contributes to the crisis, with 25% of students feeling inadequate support is available.

4. Significance

- **Media Literacy Programs**: Schools should teach critical evaluation of online information to counter echo chambers.
- Broaden Mental Health Care Access: Increased funding for mental health services in schools and training for staff to recognize mental health issues.
- Foster Inclusive Environments: Create safe spaces for vulnerable groups, implementing supportive policies and community programs.
- Encourage Political Empathy: Programs to help teens understand diverse viewpoints, potentially reducing polarization.
- Family and Community Participation: Initiatives to strengthen family and community ties, providing stability and support for youth.