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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **New York University**, New York, NY  
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Postdoctoral Research Scientist, February 2021 - August 2023

EDUCATION **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL  
Ph.D., Political Science, August 2021  
Dissertation: “Candidates, the Economy and Voting Behavior”  
M.S., Statistics, May 2018  
**New York University**, New York, NY  
M.A., Politics, May 2014  
**University of International Business and Economics**, Beijing, China  
B.A., Spanish, June 2009

RESEARCH INTEREST Comparative Political Behavior  
Online Hate and Extremism, Polarization, Social Media, Natural Language Processing

PUBLICATIONS **Zhong, W.**, & Broniatowski, D.A. (2023). Economic risk framing increases intention to vaccinate among Republican COVID-19 vaccine refusers. *Social Science & Medicine*, 317, 115594.  
Bailard, C., Tromble, R., **Zhong, W.**, Bianchi, F., Hosseini, P., & Broniatowski, D. “Keep Your Heads Held High Boys!”: Examining the Relationship between the Proud Boys’ Online Discourse and Offline Activities. *American Political Science Review*, Forthcoming  
**Zhong, W.**, Bailard, C., Broniatowski, D., & Tromble, R. (2024). Proud Boys Network on Telegram. *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*, 4, 1–47.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS **Zhong, W.**, Broniatowski, D., Dredze, M., Abrams, L., & Gu, J. Evaluating Twitter COVID-19 Misinformation Policy. [Manuscript Link](#)  
**Zhong, W.**, Zhang, M., Chen, S., & Peng, Z. Fragmentation Dynamics in Electoral Assessments: Evolving Voter Criteria in U.S. Presidential Elections, 1984-2020. ([Manuscript Link](#))  
**Zhong, W.**, Zhang, M. Subdued But Unbroken: Examining Supporter Interactions and Group Cohesion after Twitter’s Suspension of Proud Boys Accounts  
Feng, Y., & **Zhong, W.** Collective Lobbying and Mobilization Network in Corporate Political Actions: Evidence from US Firms Petitioning for Tariff Exemptions.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE **US 2020 Presidential Election Researcher** Dec 2021 - Present  
META (formerly Facebook)  
Menlo Park, CA  
**Data Science Research Intern** May 2019 - Aug 2019  
DiDi AI LABS  
Beijing, China

**Market Analyst Intern** May 2011 - Sep 2011  
International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/WTO  
Geneva, Switzerland

**Translator and Interpreter in Spanish** May 2009 - May 2010  
SINOTRANS & CSC  
Beijing, China

TEACHING PS 385 Online, Politics of the European Union, Instructor Spring 2020  
EXPERIENCE PS 241 Online, Comparative Politics in Developing Nations, Instructor Fall 2019, Spring 2018  
Quantitative Analysis I, II, III (Graduate), Teaching Assistant Fall 2018, Spring 2019  
Introduction to Political Research, Teaching Assistant Spring 2017  
Introduction to International Relations, Teaching Assistant Spring 2016

LANGUAGES English(fluent), Chinese(native), Spanish(proficient)

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