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Statement on Political Bias and Representation

The Society Library has a commitment to representing all points of view, including from all across the political spectrum. No matter how extreme or disapproved of, our interest is in representing all points of view for sincere scrutiny, [similar to other libraries](#).

Representing political knowledge may inadvertently extend bias and polarization if the knowledge is identified as having a political affiliation. Therefore, in accordance with our other policies, we state again that “ideas are to be detached from identity,” and we will not identify content as being inherently partisan unless that aspect of the claim is inextricably linked to the meaning of the claim itself.

In some instances, the identity and political affiliation of the sources of knowledge are incredibly important, but in many cases it is not. Our goal is to label content and provide provenance data only in a manner which improves and increases the broader comprehension of the information itself. We recognize that in many cases it may lead to the opposite (this hypothesis may be tested in the future). Overall, political bias is given specific and special consideration because it can be such a powerful and polarizing form of ideology.