

Curriculum Vitae
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Education:

Ph.D. (2004) Psychology. University of California, Berkeley.
M.A. (2000) Psychology. University of California, Berkeley.
B.A. (1998) Psychology. Summa cum laude. University of Rochester.

Professional Experience:

David & Ruth Gottesman Professor
Departments of Psychology and Political Science, Yeshiva University
2024 - present

Professor / David & Ruth Gottesman Professor
Department of Psychology, Yeshiva University
2021 - 2024

Associate Professor
Department of Psychology, Yeshiva University
2015 - 2021

Honorary Academic in Psychology,
University of Auckland
2012

Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology, Yeshiva University
2009 – 2015

Postdoctoral Scholar
Department of Psychology, Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, and
Department of Communication, Stanford University
2004 - 2009.

Scholarly Publications:

Malka, A., & Druckman, J.N. (2026). The aspiration for scalable citizen-level interventions and the missing tests of countermessaging. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 123 (3) e2527948123, <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2527948123>.

Malka, A., Federico, C. M., Costello, T. H., & Panish, A. R. (2025). Polarized attitudes and anti-democratic orientation: Robust evidence for paradoxical relationships among American partisans. *Political Studies*, 00323217251359156.

Federico, C. M., & Malka, A. (2025). From 'what' and 'when' to 'how' and 'why': Moving the study of psychological dispositions and political preferences forward. *Political Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.70050>

Malka, A., & Federico, C. M. (2023). Political belief systems are not singularly rooted in alliance psychology [Commentary]. *Psychological Inquiry*, 34, 184-191.

Federico, C. M., & Malka, A. (2023). The psychological and social foundations of ideological belief systems. In L. Huddy, D. Sears, J. Levy, & J. Jerit (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology* (Third Edition).

Malka, A., & Costello, T. H. (2023). Professed democracy support and openness to politically congenial authoritarian actions within the American public. *American Politics Research*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X221109532>

Costello, T. H., Bowes, S. M., Baldwin, M. W., Malka, A., & Tasimi, A. (2022). Revisiting the rigidity-of-the-right hypothesis: A meta-analytic review. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pspp0000446>.

Malka, A., & Adelman, M. (2022). Expressive survey responding: A closer look at the evidence and its implications for American democracy. *Perspectives on Politics*, 1-12. doi:10.1017/S1537592721004096

Malka, A. (2022). Religiosity and openness to authoritarian governance. In D. Osborne, & C. Sibley (Eds.) *Cambridge Handbook of Political Psychology* (pp. 284-297).

Bakker, B. N., Lelkes, Y., & Malka, A. (2021). Reconsidering the link between self-reported personality traits and political preferences. *American Political Science Review*, 115, 1482-1498.

Malka, A., Lelkes, Y., Bakker, B. N., & Spivack, E. (2020). Who is open to authoritarian governance within Western democracies? *Perspectives on Politics*, doi:10.1017/S1537592720002091.

Scholarly Publications (continued):

Bakker, B. N., Lelkes, Y., & Malka, A.* (2020). Understanding partisan cue receptivity: Tests of predictions from the bounded rationality and expressive utility perspectives. *The Journal of Politics*, 82, 1061-1077.

*Authorship listed alphabetically.

Malka, A. (2020). A closer look at the ideological structuring of political attitudes. In E. Borgida, C. M. Federico, & J. M. Miller (Eds.) *At the Forefront of Political Psychology: Essays in Honor of John L. Sullivan*. Routledge.

Malka, A., Lelkes, Y., & Soto, C. J. (2019). Are cultural and economic conservatism positively correlated? A large-scale cross-national test. *British Journal of Political Science*, 49, 1045-1069.

Federico, C. M., & Malka, A. (2018). The contingent, contextual nature of the relationship between needs for security and certainty and political preferences: Evidence and implications. *Advances in Political Psychology*, 39, 3-48.

Malka, A., Lelkes, Y., & Holzer, N. (2017). Rethinking the rigidity of the right model: Three suboptimal methodological practices and their implications. In J. T. Crawford, & L. Jussim (Eds.) *Frontiers of Social Psychology: Politics of Social Psychology* (pp. 116-135). Psychology Press: New York.

Malka, A., Osborne, D., Soto, C. J., Greaves, L., Sibley, C., & Lelkes, Y. (2016). Binding moral foundations and the narrowing of ideological conflict to the traditional morality domain. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 42, 1243-1257.

Lelkes, Y., Malka, A., & Sheets, P. (2016). Democratic like us? Political orientation and the effect of making democracy salient on anti-Israel attitude. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 3, 97-107.

Malka, A., & Soto, C. J. (2015). Rigidity of the economic right? Menu-independent and menu-dependent influences of psychological dispositions on political attitudes. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 24, 137-142.

Malka, A. (2014). Receptivity to political cues. In M. Gibbons, D. Coole, E. Ellis, & K. Ferguson (Eds.) *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Malka, A., & Soto, C. J. (2014). How encompassing is the effect of negativity bias on political conservatism? [Commentary] *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 37, 320-321.

Malka, A., Soto, C. J., Inzlicht, M., & Lelkes, Y. (2014). Do needs for security and certainty predict cultural and economic conservatism? A cross-national analysis. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 106, 1031-1051.

Scholarly Publications (continued):

Malka, A. (2014). Political culture and democracy. In A. B. Cohen (Ed.), *Culture Reexamined: Broadening our Understanding of Social and Evolutionary Influences* (pp. 129-153). Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

Malka, A. (2013). Religion and domestic political attitudes around the world. In V. Saroglou (Ed.), *Religion, Personality, and Social Behavior* (pp. 230-254). New York: Taylor & Francis.

Malka, A., Lelkes, Y., Srivastava, S., Cohen, A. B., & Miller, D. T. (2012). The association of religiosity and political conservatism: The role of political engagement. *Political Psychology*, 33, 275-299.

Malka, A., & Soto, C. J. (2011). The conflicting influences of religiosity on attitude toward torture. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 37, 1091-1103.

Malka, A., Soto, C. J., Cohen, A. B., & Miller, D. T. (2011). Religiosity and social welfare: Competing influences of cultural conservatism and prosocial value orientation. *Journal of Personality*, 79, 763-792.

Malka, A., & Lelkes, Y. (2010). More than ideology: Conservative-liberal identity and receptivity to political cues. *Social Justice Research*, 23, 156-188.

Malka, A., Krosnick, J. A., & Langer, G. (2009). The association of knowledge with concern about global warming: Trusted information sources shape public thinking. *Risk Analysis*, 29, 633-647.

Cohen, A. B., Malka, A., Hill, E. D., Thoemmes, F., Hill, P. C., & Sundie, J. M. (2009). Race as a moderator of the relation between religiosity and political alignment. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 35, 271-282.

Malka, A., & Miller, D. T. (2007). Political-economic values and the relationship between socio-economic status and self-esteem. *Journal of Personality*, 75, 25-41.

Cohen, A. B., Malka, A., Rozin, P., & Cherpas, L. (2006). Religion and unforgivable offenses. *Journal of Personality*, 74, 85-117.

Malka, A., & Covington, M. V. (2005). Perceiving school performance as instrumental to future goal attainment: Effects on graded performance. *Contemporary Educational Psychology*, 30, 60-80.

Malka, A., & Chatman, J. A. (2003). Intrinsic and extrinsic work orientations as moderators of the effect of annual income on subjective well-being: A longitudinal study. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 29, 737-746.

News Media and Other Publications:

Malka, A., & Federico, C. M. (2020). If Trump tried to steal the election, would enough Americans support him? *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*.

Federico, C. M., Johnston, C. D., Lavine, H., Lelkes, Y., Malka, A., & Soto, C. J. (2020). Will the coronavirus make conservatives love government spending? *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*.

Malka, A., & Lelkes, Y. (2017). In a new poll, half of Republicans say they would support postponing the 2020 election if Trump proposed it. *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*.

Malka, A., & Inzlicht, M. (2015). The paradox of the free market liberal. *New York Times*.

Malka, A. (2012). Are religious Americans always conservative? *Foxnews.com*.

Krosnick, J. A., Malka, A., & Yeager, D. S. (2009). State of the nation: Getting warmer. *Boston Review*.

Malka, A, Krosnick, J. A., Debell, M., Pasek, J., & Schneider, D. (2009). Featuring skeptics in news media stories about global warming reduces public beliefs in the seriousness of global warming. *Woods Institute for the Environment, Stanford University*.

Conference Talks (Peer-reviewed and Invited):

Malka, A., Federico, C. M., & Costello, T. H. (2024, September). Polarized attitudes and anti-democratic orientation among American partisans. Paper presented at the political psychology pre-conference of the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, PA.

Malka, A. (2024, July). Understanding relationships between personality and political preferences: The central role of identity processes operating in political information environments. Invited keynote for the annual meeting of the *World Conference on Personality*, Curacao.

Malka, A., Federico, C. M., & Costello, T. H. (2024, February). Unsorted partisanship and anti-democratic orientation in the American public. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, California.

Malka, A. (2023, July). Are questions about “democracy” support valid indicators of Americans’ commitment to democracy? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *International Society for Political Psychology*, Montreal, Canada.

Conference Talks (continued):

Malka A. (2019, July). Openness to authoritarian governance within Western democracies: The roles of cultural conservatism and the protection-based attitude configuration. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *International Society for Political Psychology*, Lisbon, Portugal.

Malka A. (2019, July). Reconsidering the rigidity of the right model. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *International Society for Political Psychology*, Lisbon, Portugal.

Malka, A. (2019, March). Rigidity of the economic right? Menu-independent and menu-dependent influences of psychological dispositions on political attitudes. Paper presented at the annual meet of the *International Convention of Psychological Science*, Paris, France.

Malka, A., Lelkes, Y., & Soto, C. J. (2017, June). Right vs. left, or protection vs. freedom? Political attitude organization among mass publics around the world. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *International Society for Political Psychology*, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Malka, A., Lelkes, Y., & Soto, C. J. (2017, January). Cross-national differences in political attitude structure: On the prevalence of protection vs. freedom attitude organization. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Antonio, Texas.

Malka, A., Soto, C. J., Inzlicht, M., & Lelkes, Y. (2016, January). Rigidity of the economic right? A large-scale cross-national study. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, California.

Malka, A., Lelkes, Y., & Soto, C. J. (2016, July). Are cultural and economic conservatism positively correlated? A large-scale cross-national test. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *International Society for Political Psychology*, Warsaw, Poland.

Malka, A., Soto, C. J., Inzlicht, M., & Lelkes, Y. (2014, July). Do needs for security and certainty predict cultural and economic conservatism? A cross-national analysis. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *International Society for Political Psychology*, Rome, Italy.

Malka, A., Soto, C. J., Inzlicht, M., & Lelkes, Y. (2014, February). Dispositional predictors of cultural and economic conservatism: The role of political discourse. Paper presented at the Political Psychology Pre-Conference of the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Austin, Texas.

Malka, A., Soto, C. J., Inzlicht, M., & Lelkes, Y. (2013, September). Do needs for security and certainty predict cultural and economic conservatism? A cross-national analysis. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Experimental Social Psychology*, Berkeley, California.

Conference Talks (continued):

Malka, A., Soto, C. J., Inzlicht, M., & Lelkes, Y. (2013, January). The psychological origins of cultural and economic political attitudes: A cross-national analysis. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, New Orleans, Louisiana. (Presented in both the Cultural Psychology Pre-Conference and a symposium session).

Malka, A. (2012, May). Faith and politics around the world: A cross-national study of the relation between religiosity and political attitudes. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *American Association for Public Opinion Research*, Orlando, Florida.

Malka, A. (2011, July). Religiosity and political conservatism: Organic or discursively driven influence? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *International Society for Political Psychology*, Istanbul, Turkey.

Malka, A. (2011, January). Religiosity and political conservatism: Organic or discursively driven influence? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Antonio, Texas.

Malka, A. (2010, June). Religiosity and opposition to torture: The counteractive role of political engagement. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues*, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Malka, A., Lelkes, Y., & Cohen, A. B. (2010, January). Religiosity and support of violent policies: The indispensable role of political engagement. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Malka, A., Krosnick, J. A., Debell, M., Ackermann, A., Sakshaug, J., Tourangeau, R., & Turakhia, C. (2009, May). A comparison of attitudinal and social judgment processes across the FFRISP and the General Social Survey. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *American Association for Public Opinion Research*, Hollywood, Florida.

Malka, A., & Krosnick, J. A. (2009, February). Conservative-liberal self-label and responsiveness to ideological cues. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Tampa, Florida.

Malka, A., & Miller, D. T. (2007, July). Religiosity and social welfare policy preferences among white Americans, 2000-2004. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *International Society of Political Psychology*, Portland, Oregon.

Peer –Reviewed Conference Panels (Chaired):

Malka, A. (2023, July). Public sentiment underlying threats to democratic stability. *International Society for Political Psychology*, Montreal, Canada.

Peer –Reviewed Conference Panels (continued):

Malka, A. (2019, July). Public opinion and threats to democracy. *International Society for Political Psychology*, Lisbon, Portugal.

Malka, A., & Lavine, H. (2017, June). The origins and consequences of political ideology: On the necessity of distinguishing socio-cultural and economic political attitudes. *International Society for Political Psychology*, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Malka, A., & Crawford, J. (2016, January). What is wrong with the rigidity of the right model? *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, California.

Malka, A. (2016, July). The shaping of political ideology. The interaction of dispositions and information environment. *International Society for Political Psychology*, Warsaw, Poland.

Malka, A. (2014, July). Psychological dispositions and the organization of political attitudes beyond the right vs. left dimension. *International Society for Political Psychology*, Rome, Italy.

Malka, A. (2013, September). Psychological dispositions and the organization of political attitudes beyond the right vs. left dimension. *Society for Experimental Social Psychology*, Berkeley, California.

Malka, A., & Cohen, A. B. (2010, January). Religion and support of violence against the outgroup. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Honors and Awards:

Chelst Grant. Yeshiva University (2025).

Faculty Research Fund Award. “Survey Experiments in Political Psychology”. Yeshiva University (2024).

Invited Keynote Address on personality and politics (2024). World Conference on Personality, Curacao.

Polarization Research Lab award to fund survey experiment (2023).

Chelst Grant. Yeshiva University (2023).

Polarization Research Lab award to fund survey experiment (with Thomas H. Costello, 2022).

Faculty Research Fund Award. “Experiments on Democracy Attitudes and Survey Measurement”. Yeshiva University (2022).

Faculty Research Fund Award. “Survey experiments on Democracy Attitudes and Question Format”. Yeshiva University (2020).

Top Paper Award, Political Communication Division of the International Communication Association, for the paper, “An expressive utility account of partisan cue receptivity: Cognitive resources in the service of identity expression” with Bert Bakker and Yphtach Lelkes (2019).

Norwegian Citizens Panel award to fund survey experiment (2014).

Chelst Grant. Yeshiva University (2012).

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) award to fund survey experiment (2007).

National Research Service Award (Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship). National Institutes of Health; 3-year award; 1 F32 HD048574-01A1 (2005-2008)

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award. University of California, Berkeley. Department of Psychology (2004).

University Fellowship. University of California, Berkeley. Department of Psychology. Spring 2000, Spring 2001, and Spring 2002.

Highest Departmental Honors. University of Rochester. Department of Psychology (1998).

Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society. University of Rochester (1998).

Editorial Positions:

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology (Editorial Board Member, 2014 - present)
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin (Editorial Board Member, 2012)

Psychological Science (Editorial Board Member, 2020-present)

Social Psychological and Personality Science (Editorial Board Member, 2019-present)

Ad Hoc Reviewer (select list of journals for which I have reviewed papers):

American Journal of Political Science

American Political Science Review

European Journal of Social Psychology

Journal of Applied Social Psychology

Journal of Experimental Social Psychology

Journal of Personality

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

Journal of Politics

Nature: Climate Change

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin

Perspectives on Psychological Science

Political Behavior

Political Psychology

Psychological Science

Public Opinion Quarterly

Risk Analysis

Social Psychological and Personality Science