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APSA Statement on Selection of Dr. Arthur Lupia as Head of NSF's Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate

The American Political Science Association welcomes the appointment of Dr. Arthur Lupia as the assistant director of the National Science Foundation's Directorate for the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE). He is the Hal R. Varian Collegiate Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan and the chair of the National Academies Roundtable on the Communication and Use of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Lupia has a long history of service to APSA and the discipline, including service as a chair of the Task Force on Public Engagement, APSA treasurer, and APSA Council member.

The SBE directorate provides foundational support for research and education in the social sciences. The directorate's portfolio "touches on major challenges our nation faces," Dr. France Córdova notes in the NSF's [announcement](#). Dr. Lupia's interdisciplinary expertise and extensive scholarship on science communication and civic education make him very well-suited to serve as a champion and overseer of NSF investments in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences.

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