

Op-Ed Publication Analysis

My Op-Ed titled “ Here's why you might be a fascist pig” is based on empirical research and data as well as personal opinions and facts regarding Social Psychology. In my op-ed I delve into why we as people are often attracted to a “ strong leader” When confronted with this fact, people may often give examples of dictators they don't like but simultaneously might appreciate authoritarian leaders whose political ideology happens to align with theirs. From my research, I learnt that this isn't a new phenomenon, in fact an evolutionary instinct. Humans confide in populism as we believe the bigger the crowd the safer we are and due to this we often end up falling victim to a herd mentality.

I believe my op-ed covers an important issue that often goes unnoticed. I mention several tendencies I found out about in my research. It's possible to rise above them and strive for a better democracy, but that's only possible if we're aware of them. That's precisely what I aim to do.

My target Audience is people interested in politics, psychology and those concerned with the well-being of their nation's government.

The publication I picked for my submission is The Paper, CCNY

<https://www.thepaperccny.online/>

The reason behind picking this publication is that it's a student-run newspaper read by many first-time voters. First-time voters are usually very impressionable. This can be both a good and bad thing. It can be highly destructive if they fall down the wrong rabbit hole. Something we commonly see with the discourse of “red pill” around us. Yet it can also be highly productive if they're educated properly. They could get committed to a cause bigger than themselves for life. Historically most revolutions or just demands for positive changes in society have come from students at the forefront.

The submission process for The Paper is by emailing them or getting in touch with them in person. I believe I have a fairly reasonable chance of getting my op-ed published as I have some past experience

working with a student magazine on campus. As well as the relevance of my topic right now. The editorial style followed by the paper tends to be more formal but based on my observations there doesn't seem to be any hard rules about it. I believe they would be open to a more satirical op-ed as well to educate Gen Z about the dangerous tendencies which lie in all of us as well as how to combat them.