Dear Journal Editors,

We first describe the development of this paper to explain why we see *PS: Political Science and Politics* as an optimal fit for this manuscript. We drafted this manuscript in the process of producing a single citation map figure for an article that has been conditionally accepted for publication in the *Annual Review of Political Science,* and is scheduled for publication in June 2024 (Volume 27). This *ARPS* manuscript, co-authored by Hahrie Han, Matthew Baggetta, and Jennifer Oser, conducts a synthetic review of literature on organizing with a focus on the United States, and focuses on developing a research agenda that links relevant research at the micro, meso, and macro levels of research*.* The methodological preparation of a citation map and the accompanying descriptive text included in the ARPS manuscript (together totaling approximately 1 page in the manuscript) was drafted by postdoctoral researcher Aya Shoshan in her role as a research assistant on the paper in collaboration with Jennifer Oser.

As the *ARPS* article co-authors (Han, Baggetta, and Oser) have received enthusiastic comments about this brief citation mapping portion of the manuscript, we were surprised to observe that a “go-to” generalist article on citation mapping does not exist in political science or related fields. As the *ARPS* format does not lend itself to including that type of additional methodological information in the article or its appendices, Han and Baggetta encouraged Shoshan and Oser to prepare a stand-alone paper on citation mapping in political science as a separate paper that is cited in the *ARPS* manuscript (currently, the citation in the *ARPS* article is for the conference paper version presented at MPSA in April 2023).

With this background in mind, we (Shoshan and Oser) see *PS* as the ideal journal fit for placing the scholarly contribution of our submitted manuscript. While our drafting of this paper was inspired by the brief citation mapping text in the *ARPS* article which uses only data on the United Statess, our submitted paper to *PS* has no substantive overlap with the *ARPS* paper, as the *PS* manuscript includes the maximal global database possible for the study. As noted in the submitted manuscript, we have prepared comprehensive replication files that we look forward to posting to the Harvard Dataverse to encourage researchers to use and expand upon the citation mapping methodologies implemented in the paper.

We appreciate your consideration of this article for the intellectual community of *PS* and look forward to learning from your comments.

Sincerely,

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