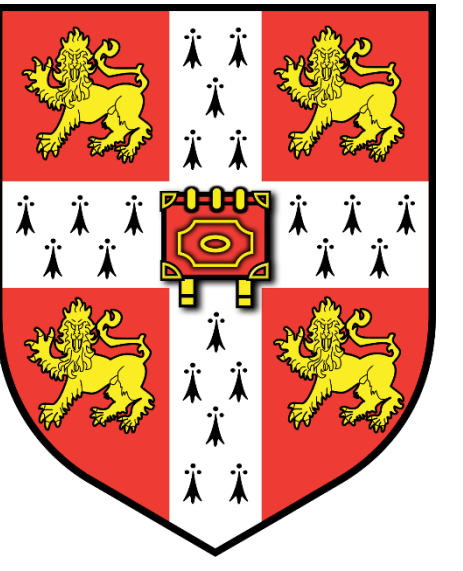


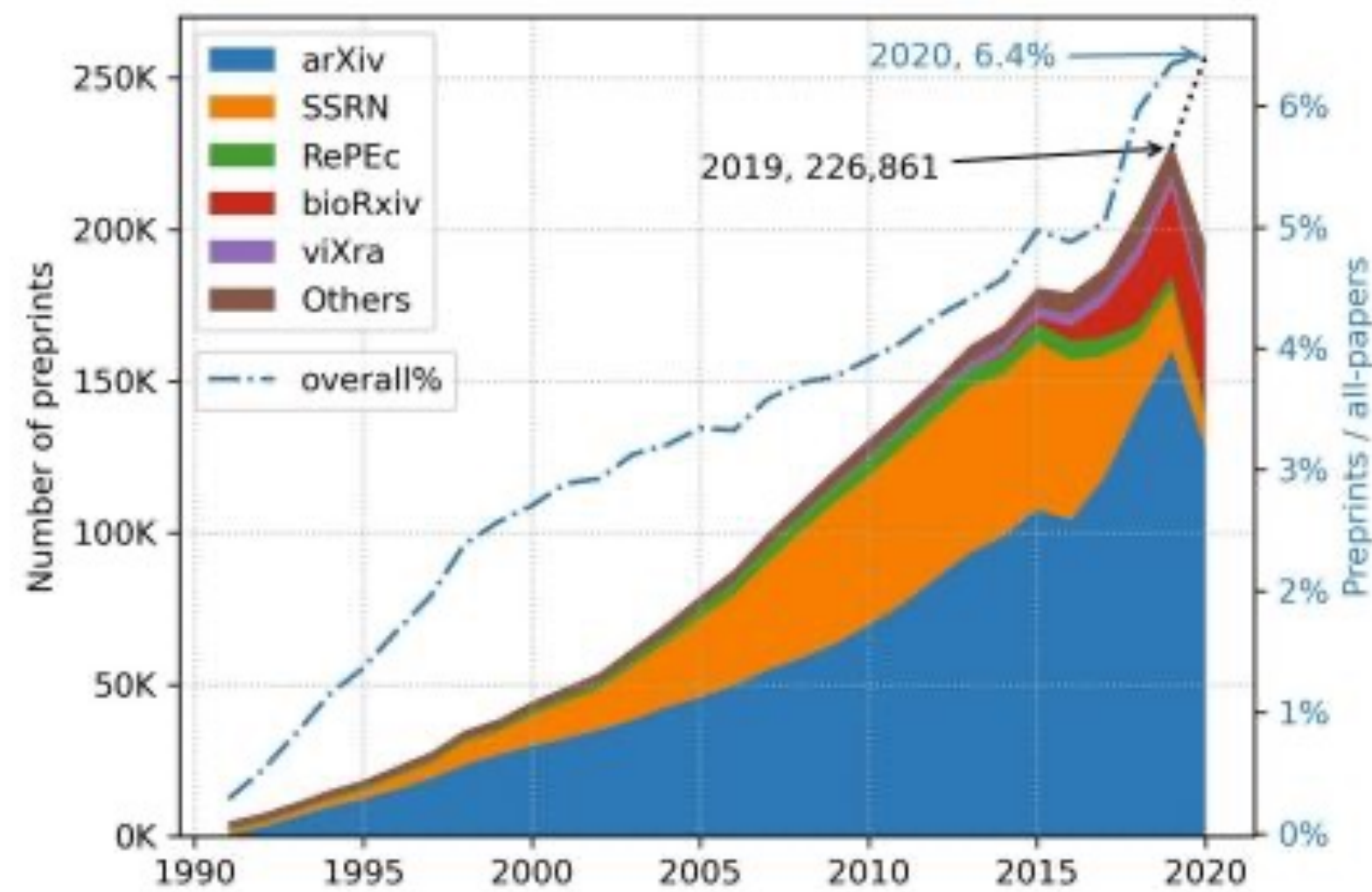
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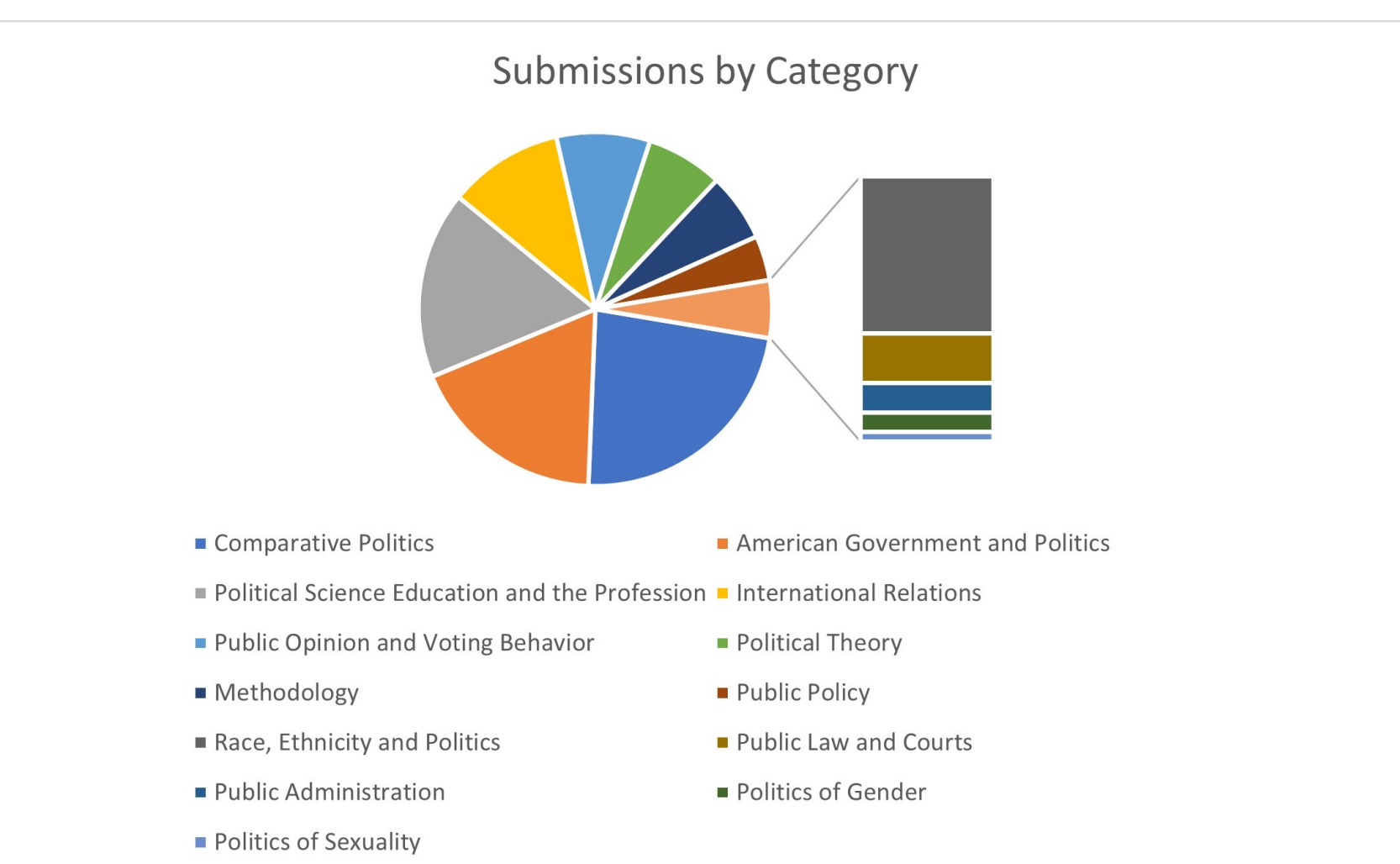
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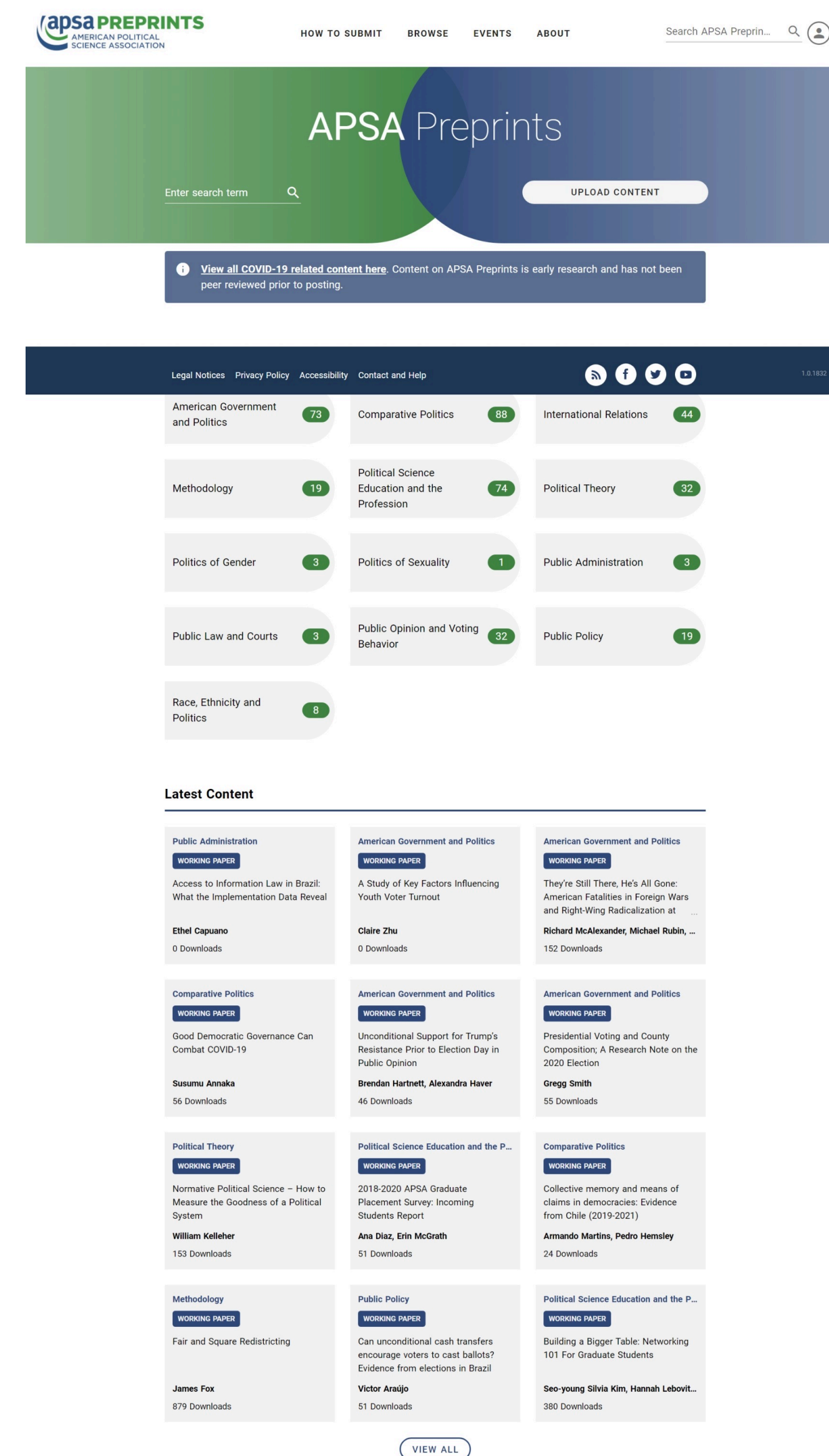
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APSA Preprints by the numbers

- Over 400 pieces of live content (not including versions)
- Over 200,000 abstract views
- Over 130,000 content downloads
- 30 preprints (7%) now published in peer-reviewed journals including APSR, AJPS, WP
- Turnaround Time: 26.2 hours (including holidays/weekends)
- Highest Altmetric Score: Best, et al., “Do Restricting Commissions Avoid Partisan Gerrymanders?” (200)
- Platform for 3 APSA Events (2021 Annual Meeting, 2020 Virtual Meeting, 2020 TLC)
- Top Category: Comparative Politics
- 7% rejection rate
- 84 new versions uploaded

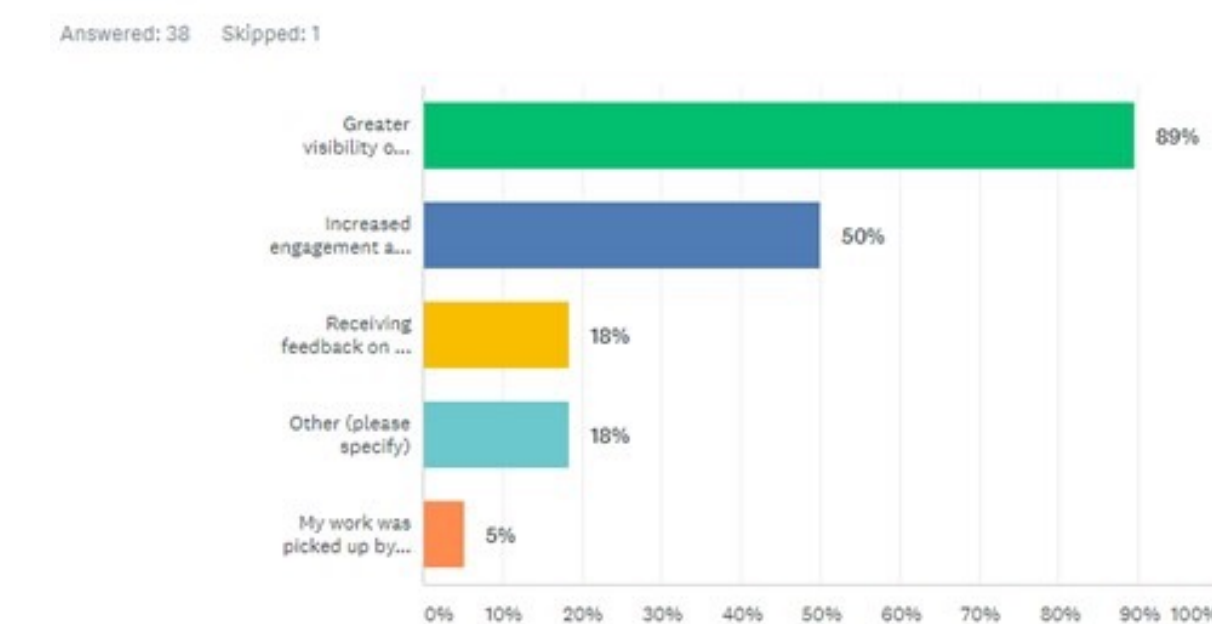


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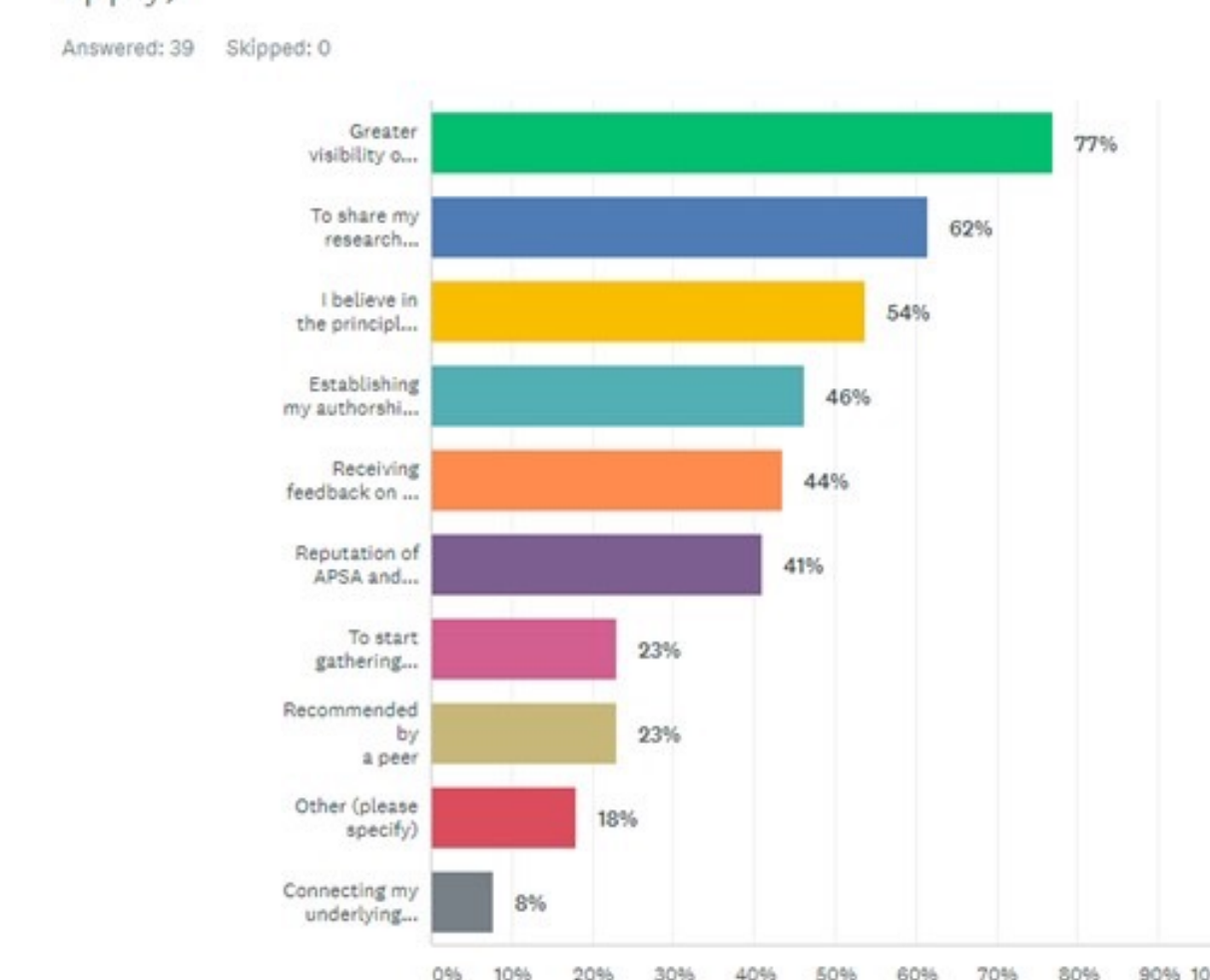
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What benefits have you seen from posting on APSA Preprints? (select all that apply)



- “It was very easy and I think an effective way to ‘get out in front’ on an idea.”
- “This experience has motivated me to use it again in the future.”
- “If medicine and the natural sciences can get quick publicity on current issues for pre-prints, why can’t Political Science?”
- My work has been rejected by several journals. This made me convinced that my research was not relevant to them.”
- “I don’t generally use pre-print servers, but I like the idea that APSA has a centralized one. It’s easy enough to use, and my hope is that the discipline can coalesce around using the APSA server so that everything will be available in one place.”

What motivated you to post your work on APSA Preprints? (select all that apply)

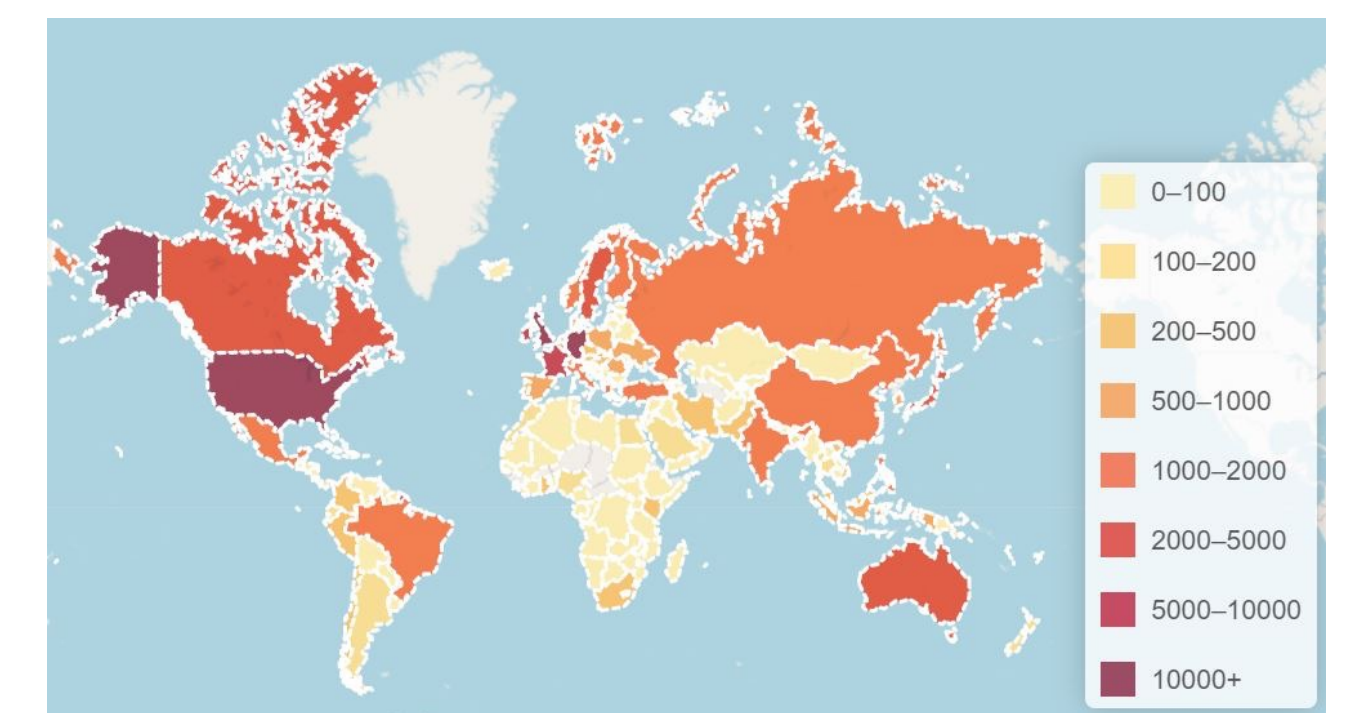


Geography of APSA Preprints

Geographic Distribution of Submissions:



Usage by Country:



COVID-19 and Media

- 62 COVID-19 related papers started their journey on APSA Preprints
- Most Downloaded Paper on APSA Preprints: Gingerich and Vogler, “Pandemics and Political Development: The Electoral Legacy of the Black Death in Germany” (over 8,000 views and 4,000 downloads)
- Medical preprints have been mentioned in all of the major news outlets during the pandemic
- Hydroxychloroquine was indicated as a successful treatment for COVID in a peer-reviewed journal article, and has since been debunked by a preprint.
- APSA Preprints have been cited in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *NBC News*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *San Antonio Express-News*, *The Conversation*, *KNPN Fox 26*, to name a few.