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Jeers greet National Guardsmen in Chicago as they attempt to disperse demonstrators Aug. 28, 1968, outside the Conrad Hilton Hotel, headquarters of the Democratic National Convention. Police and National Guardsmen clashed with anti-war protesters.

STUDY

Twitter can drive opposites apart

Mixing with different views found to widen political rifts

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Dwelling in a political echo chamber — where you encounter only people who agree with you — is hardly conducive to a healthy democracy.

But it turns out that broadening your horizons by perusing opposing points of view on social media may just make the partisan divide worse.

That's the depressing result of an unusual experiment involving 909 Democrats and 751 Republicans who spend a lot of time on Twitter.

"Attempts to introduce people to a broad range of opposing political views on a social media site such as Twitter might be not only ineffective but counterproductive," researchers reported this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Political polarization is on the rise in America, and the results aren't pretty, the study authors said.

"Americans are deeply divided on controversial issues such as inequality, gun control, and immigration," they wrote. "Partisan divisions not only impede compromise in the design and implementation of social policies but also have far-reaching consequences for the effective function of democracy more broadly."

The researchers, led by Duke University sociologist Christopher Bail, set out to do something about this problem by harnessing the power of Twitter.

They already knew people become more inclined to compromise on political issues when they spend time with people

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POLITICAL CLIMATE OF 1968

'THE WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING'

Witnesses remember a tumultuous time, from violence in Chicago's streets to the re-emergence of Richard Nixon

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The 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago is remembered for a single night: Wednesday, Aug. 28. That day began with a march at Grant Park by anti-war demonstrators. It ended with bloodied bodies on the streets, in police wagons and in the lobby of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, and the smell of tear gas in the air as Chicago police and National Guardsmen clashed with the protesters.

When confronted by police the previous night, protesters shouted, "The whole world is watching!"

That Wednesday night, the whole world was watching.

The convention already had proven to be a spectacle. Delegates complained about being hassled by security inside the International Amphitheatre. CBS reporter Dan Rather was punched by security officials as he attempted to interview a Georgia delegate who was being removed. Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley screamed anti-Semitic curses at U.S. Sen. Abe Ribicoff of Connecticut, who had accused Chicago police of using "Gestapo tactics" in the streets.

But it was the assault by police outside the International Amphitheatre that made this a night to remember. It was so brutal that the television networks

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Vice President Hubert Humphrey, left, and Sen. Edmund S. Muskie share the podium at the Democratic Convention in Chicago following their nomination for president and vice president on Aug. 29, 1968. Democratic candidate Eugene McCarthy's campaign had fizzled, though Humphrey had not run in a single primary.

1968: This is the third part of an occasional series that explores events that marked it as one of the most tumultuous years in U.S. history.

RETAIL

Readers vote on Bon-Ton replacement

Dave & Buster's, Cheesecake Factory are among top picks

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Bon-Ton's 26-year history in Lancaster County ended Wednesday with a key question unanswered: What will take the department store's place?

Park City Center hasn't announced any plans for the space, but others have plenty of ideas.

A LancasterOnline poll based on reader suggestions from Facebook drew more than 1,600 participants, many of whom apparently voted hungry.

Restaurant and entertainment chain Dave & Buster's was the big winner, with 25 percent of the votes. Next came restaurant chain The Cheesecake Factory, with 15 percent. Rounding out the top three was home furnishing chain Ikea, with 14 percent.

The nearest location of each of those chains is an hour or so away from Lancaster, although Dave & Buster's is

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