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Enhancing Democratic Processes through Interdisciplinary Research

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the paragraph starting with "Interdisciplinary research transcends traditional academic boundaries..." it would be beneficial to provide a brief definition or theoretical framework of interdisciplinary research to set a clear foundation for the subsequent discussion.

The section on challenges ("Despite its benefits interdisciplinary research faces several challenges") is well-structured but could include more empirical data or case studies that specifically illustrate these challenges in practice.

The recommendations listed under "To maximize the impact of interdisciplinary research on democratic processes" are excellent but could be strengthened with more specific examples or best practices from existing interdisciplinary research initiatives.

The conclusion restates points from the introduction without sufficiently summarizing the key findings or contributions of the article. Consider summarizing the main insights gained from the literature and how they advance the understanding of interdisciplinary research in democratic processes.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The introduction mentions "In an era where democracy faces multifaceted challenges..." without specifying these challenges. Adding specific examples (e.g., increasing political polarization or the rise of misinformation) would provide clearer context and engage the reader more effectively.

The review of benefits in the section "Benefits of interdisciplinary research in democratic processes include:" is comprehensive but could benefit from more critical analysis of the limitations or gaps in the current literature on interdisciplinary research impacting democratic processes.

The sentence "Numerous case studies underscore the efficacy of interdisciplinary research in enhancing democratic processes" should cite more specific examples or case studies directly in the text, rather than general references. For instance, describe the methodologies and findings of the cited studies by Keefe et al. (2019) and Krause-Jüttler et al. (2022).

The term "interdisciplinary" is used frequently, but it might be beneficial to occasionally use synonyms or related concepts (e.g., transdisciplinary, cross-disciplinary) to avoid repetition and enrich the text.

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