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Yuxuan Lei was born on May 7, 1993, in Qinghai, China. She achieved a bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Hebei University, China, spanning the years 2010 to 2014. Additionally, she pursued a master's degree in Public Administration at Lanzhou University, China, spanning the years 2014 to 2017. Yuxuan's unexpected interest in policy analysis led her to switch subjects and study Political Science, along with Sociology to gain more training in statistics. Consequently, her decision to pursue a PhD was motivated by her desire to capitalize on the knowledge she acquired during these studies.

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