

Jonathan Haidt



Jonathan Haidt (pronounced “height”) is a social psychologist at New York University’s Stern School of Business. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992, and taught for 16 years in the department of psychology at the University of Virginia

Haidt’s research examines the intuitive foundations of morality, and how morality varies across cultures—including the cultures of progressive, conservatives, and libertarians. His goal is to help people understand each other, live, and work near each other, and even learn from each other despite their moral differences. Haidt has co-founded a variety of organizations and collaborations that apply moral and social psychology toward that end, including [HeterodoxAcademy.org](https://heterodoxacademy.org), [OpenMindPlatform.org](https://openmindplatform.org), and [EthicalSystems.org](https://ethicalsystems.org).

Haidt is the author of [The Happiness Hypothesis: Finding Modern Truth in Ancient Wisdom](#), and of The New York Times bestsellers [The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion](#), and [The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas are Setting Up a Generation for Failure](#) (co-authored with Greg Lukianoff). He has written more than [100 academic articles](#). In 2019 he was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and was chosen by Prospect magazine as one of the world’s “[Top 50 Thinkers](#).” He has given [four TED talks](#).