

Outraged: Why We Fight About Morality and Politics and How to Find Common Ground

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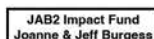
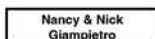
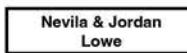
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It's easy to assume that liberals and conservatives have radically different moral foundations. In his new book *Outraged: Why We Fight About Morality and Politics and How to Find Common Ground*, Kurt Gray, Ph.D. showcases the latest science to demonstrate that we all have the same moral mind—that everyone's moral judgments stem from feeling threatened or vulnerable to harm.

We all care about protecting ourselves and the vulnerable. Conflict arises, however, when we have different perceptions of harm. We get outraged when we disagree about who the “real” victim is, whether we're talking about political issues, fights with our in-laws, or arguments on the playground.

In this fascinating and insightful tour of our moral minds, Gray, a professor in psychology and neuroscience at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he directs the Deepest Beliefs Lab and the Center for the Science of Moral Understanding, tackles popular myths that prevent us from understanding ourselves and those around us. While it is commonly believed that our ancestors were apex predators, Gray argues that for most of our evolutionary history, humans were more hunted than hunter. This explains why our minds are hard-wired to perceive threats and provides surprising insights on the scientific origins of our values and beliefs. Though we might think ourselves driven by objective reasoning, Gray unveils new research that finds our moral judgments are based on gut feelings rather than rational thought and presents a compelling reminder that we are more alike than we might think.

Drawing on groundbreaking research, Gray provides a captivating new explanation for our moral outrage and unpacks how to best bridge divides. If you want to understand the morals of the “other side,” ask yourself a simple question—what harms do they see?

Gray will be in conversation with **Paul Bloom** (FAN '23), Professor of Psychology at the University of Toronto and Brooks and Suzanne Ragen Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Yale University. He is the author of seven books, including his latest *Psych: The Story of the Human Mind*.

This event suitable for youth 12+. It will be recorded and available on FAN's website and YouTube channel.

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