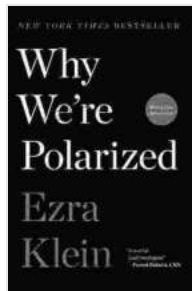


# Why We're Polarized: Breaking the Political Logjam



We are living in a time of great political polarization. The two major political parties in the United States, the Democrats and the Republicans, are more divided than they have been in decades. This polarization is not just a matter of different opinions on policy issues. It is a deep-seated mistrust and hostility between the two sides. This polarization is a threat to our democracy. It makes it difficult for us to solve our problems and address the challenges facing our country.

In his new book, *Why We're Polarized*, Ezra Klein argues that we are becoming increasingly polarized because of a number of factors, including:



### **Why We're Polarized** by Ezra Klein

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- The rise of social media, which has created echo chambers where people are only exposed to information that confirms their existing beliefs
- The decline of local news, which has led to a decrease in the amount of exposure people have to different perspectives
- The increasing number of people who get their news from partisan sources, such as Fox News and MSNBC

Klein also argues that polarization is exacerbated by the fact that the two major political parties are becoming more ideologically distinct. The Democrats are becoming more liberal, while the Republicans are becoming

more conservative. This ideological divide makes it difficult for the two parties to find common ground and compromise on legislation.

Klein offers a number of solutions to the problem of polarization. He argues that we need to:

- Promote media literacy and critical thinking skills
- Support local news organizations
- Encourage people to get their news from a variety of sources
- Create opportunities for people to interact with people from different backgrounds and perspectives

Klein's book is a timely and important contribution to the debate about polarization. He offers a clear and concise explanation of the causes of polarization and provides a number of practical solutions to the problem. If we are going to solve the problem of polarization, we need to start by understanding its causes. Klein's book is a good place to start.

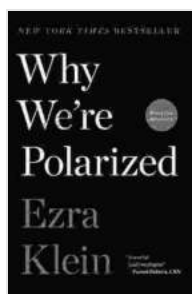
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