

Beyond the Partisan Divide

Resource List

[Beyond Partisan Division Facebook Group Page](#)

[Worship Resources](#)

Sermons, Essays, and a Play

Sermon: [“Ecclesiology and Crossing Political Borders”](#) by Rev. Nancy McDonald-Ladd

Sermon: [“Crossing Political Borders”](#) by Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael

Sermon: [“Letting Loose Our Power”](#) by Rev. Nancy McDonald-Ladd

Sermon: [“Blue, Red & Purple”](#) by Rev. Don Southworth

Sermon: [“Apples and Oranges in the Choice Wars”](#) by Rev. Megan Foley

Essay: [“Living It: Crossing Political Borders”](#) by Paul Roche

Play: [The Unheard Voices of Unitarian Universalist Conservatives](#) compiled by Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

Books

Bias in Decision Making: Predictably Irrational, by Daniel Ariely

Character and Values: The Social Animal, by David Brooks

[Cultivating Empathy: The Worth and Dignity of Every Person—Without Exception](#), by Nathan C. Walker (Skinner House Books, 2016)

[Fusion Coalitions: The Third Reconstruction](#), by William Barber III (Beacon Press, 2016) with [discussion guide](#)

Identity and Bias: Identity, Belief, and Bias, by Geoffrey L. Cohen

Political and Religious Division: The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion, by Jonathan Haidt

Political Ideologies: Political Ideologies and Political Parties in America (Cambridge Studies in Public Opinion and Political Psychology), by Hans Noel

Articles and Blog Posts

["Political Polarization in the American Public."](#) Pew Research Center Report, 2014

["Political Empathy."](#) by Doug Muder, *UU World* Winter 2013

["The Other Side is Not Dumb."](#) by Sean Blanda

["Can You Be Both a Religious Liberal and a Political Conservative?"](#) by Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

On affective polarization:

Iyengar, Shanto; Gaurav Sood; and Yphtach Lelkes, ["Affect, Not Ideology: A Social Identity Perspective on Polarization,"](#) 2012. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 76 (3): 405-431.

Huber, Gregory A. and Neil Malhotra, ["Dimensions of Political Homophily: Isolating Choice Homophily along Political Characteristics,"](#) 2013, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

Multimedia / Videos

["Beyond Partisan Division."](#) sermon given by Rev. Paul Sprecher at First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Canton, MA, posted April 24, 2016 (audio)

[On affective decision-making:](#) Ariely, Dan: "Are We in Control of our Own Decisions," Ted2008, December 2008 (video)

[On character and values:](#) Brooks, David: "The Social Animal", TED 2011, February 2011 (video)

[On conflict in community:](#) Sachs, Rabbi Jonathan: "Community Conflict" (video)

[On post-partisan:](#) Haight, Jonathan: "The Bright Future of Post-Partisan Social Psychology," January 27, 2011 (video)

[On psychology and morality:](#) Haight, Jonathan: "The Psychology Behind Morality" (audio)

Speaker Contact

Are you interested in deepening this work in your congregation or region? Would you like a speaker to visit and present? Contact: [Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael.](#)