

David Brooks

**Author, *The Social Animal*
New York Times Columnist**

Major political and social analyst.

David Brooks has a gift for bringing audiences face to face with the spirit of our times with humor, insight and quiet passion. He is a keen observer of the American way of life and a savvy analyst of present-day politics and foreign affairs.

He holds several prestigious positions as a commentator:

Bi-weekly Op-Ed columnist for *The New York Times*
Regular analyst on PBS NewsHour and NPR's *All Things Considered*

David's current book (now in paperback), *The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character and Achievement*, uses the story of a fictional American couple to explain the importance of neuroscience and sociology in understanding America's politics, culture, and future. It turns out that the unconscious mind is most of the mind — not a dark, vestigial place but a creative and enchanted one, where most of the brain's work gets done. This is the realm of emotions, intuitions, biases, longings, genetic predispositions, personality traits, and social norms: the realm where character is formed and where our most important life decisions are made. David turns these discoveries into a moving and nuanced intellectual adventure, a story of achievement and a defense of progress.

His previous books, *Bobos in Paradise* and *On Paradise Drive* are in a style he calls "comic sociology" — descriptions of how we live and "the water we swim in" that are as witty and entertaining as they are revealing and insightful. *Bobos in Paradise* was a *New York Times* bestseller.

David is currently teaching a course at Yale University. He holds honorary degrees from Williams College, New York University, Brandeis University, Occidental College, among others. In 2010, Brooks became a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

David Brooks has worked at *The Weekly Standard*, joining the magazine at its inception and serving as senior editor. He has been a contributing editor at *Newsweek* and the *Atlantic Monthly*. He worked at *The Wall Street Journal* for nine years in a range of positions, including op-ed editor.

Credentials

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