



# Religion, Democracy and Truth

## A conversation with David French

Recovering Truth: Religion, Journalism and Democracy in a Post-Truth Era



### David French

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**David French** is an opinion writer at The New York Times, focusing on religion, democracy and polarization in America. A former constitutional lawyer, he has defended free speech, religious freedom and due process. He previously served in the Army JAG Corps, deploying to Iraq and earning a Bronze Star. Before joining The Times, he wrote for National Review, The Dispatch and The Atlantic. His book *Divided We Fall* examines the dangers of polarization and the importance of engaging with opposing viewpoints. He is committed to promoting dialogue and understanding across religious, cultural and moral differences.

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**What is the relationship between truth and democracy? How do we reconcile competing accounts of reality in our current political moment? Is the rule of law sufficient to meet the challenge of widespread lies and conspiracy theories? In what ways does religion – religious belief, belonging, institutions and identity – strengthen and/or undermine democracy?**

Join us for this capstone public event of the Recovering Truth project as we engage David French on these and other issues shaping post-truth politics in the United States.



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