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Polarisation

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San Francisco as an example of radicalisation

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Opposing opinions strengthen one another

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Polarisation often begins with media

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The problem ov Evil vs Good

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How to avoid unhealthy polarisation:

- Strive for objectivity
- Reject false options
- Keep a sense of curiosity of the Other

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Moral Foundations Theory
Cf. Jonathan Haidt in *The Righteous Mind:*

- Care
- Fairness
- Liberty
- Loyalty
- Authority
- Sanctity

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Our calling:

- Curiosity
- Avoid war rhetoric
- Not adapt foreign frontlines
- Be a person of peace

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- In your experience, where do you tend to be most polarised in your own cultural setting?
- What similarities and differences do you see in polarisation on theological and political issues?
- What does it mean to be a person of peace in polarised times?

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