

Reimagining Community Engagement

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He was also recognized by former UNSG Ban Ki Moon for his work in peace building. Aziz is the recipient of the Goldberg Prize for Peace in the Middle East from the Institute of International Education, and the Eliav-Sartawi Award for his Middle Eastern Journalism. He was named one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the World by the Royal Strategic Centre in Jordan. He won the Intercultural Innovation Award from the UN Alliance of Civilizations and the BMW Group.

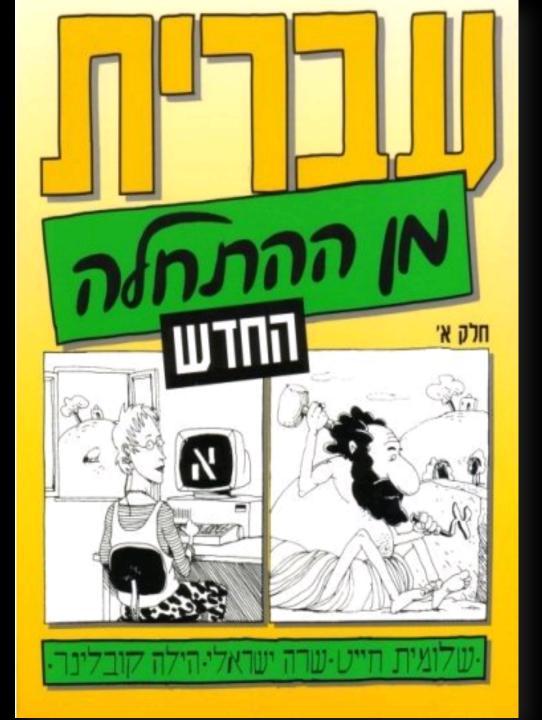








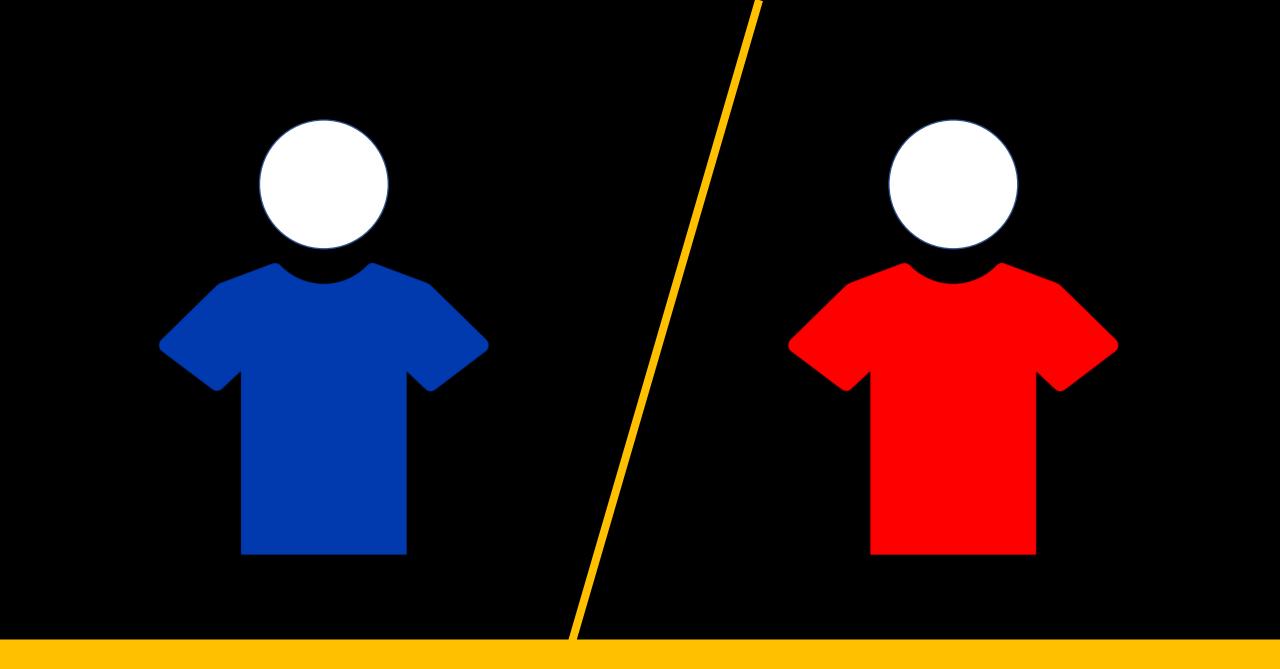


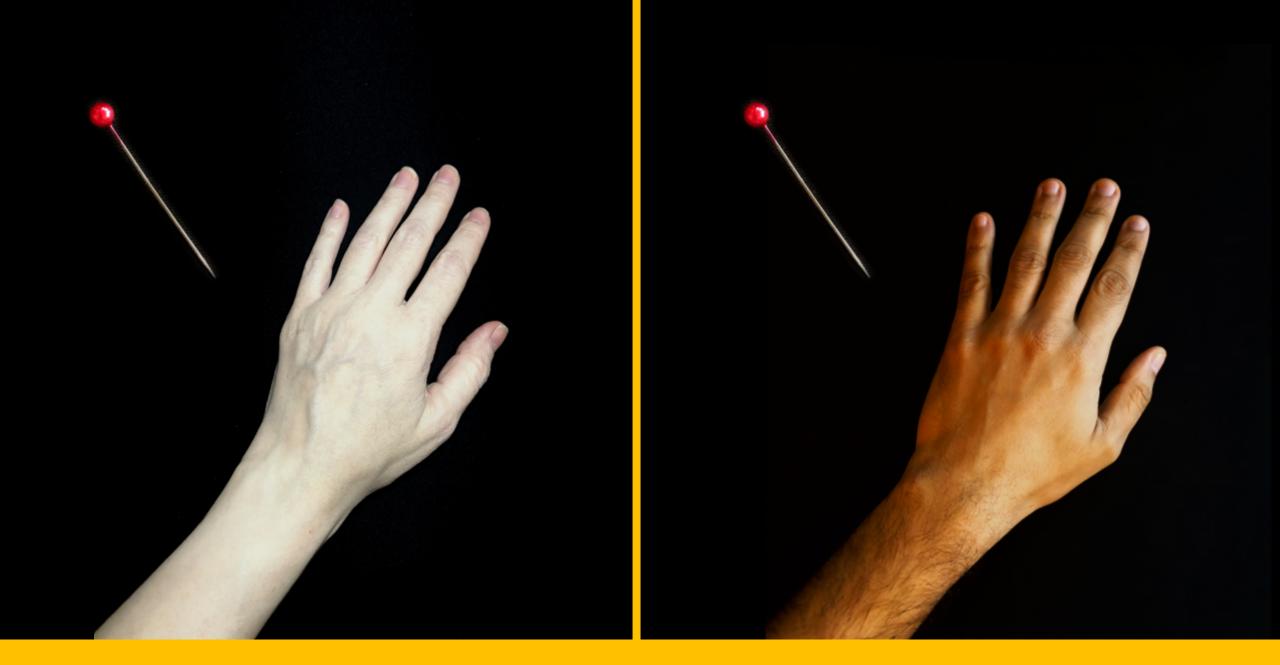




Men often hate each other because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they can not communicate; they can not communicate because they are separated." MLK

Which Side are you on?





AVENANTI ET AL., 2010

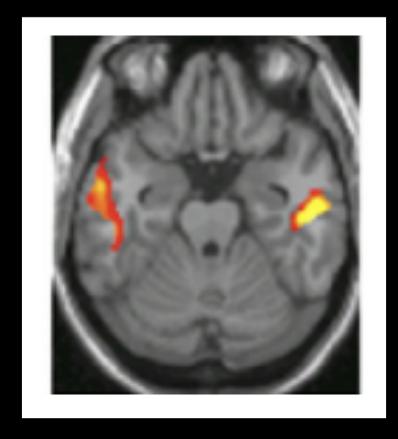
When I was a child, I learnt to count to five: one, two, three, four, five.

But these days, I've been counting lives, so I count / one life / Because each time is the first time that that life has been taken.

Padrig O'Tuma



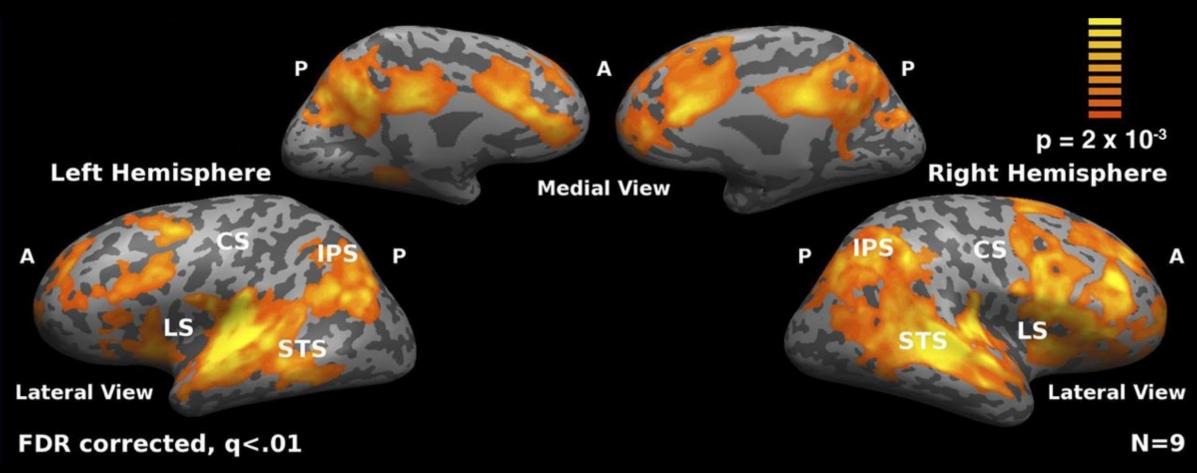
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Your Brain on Spoken Facts

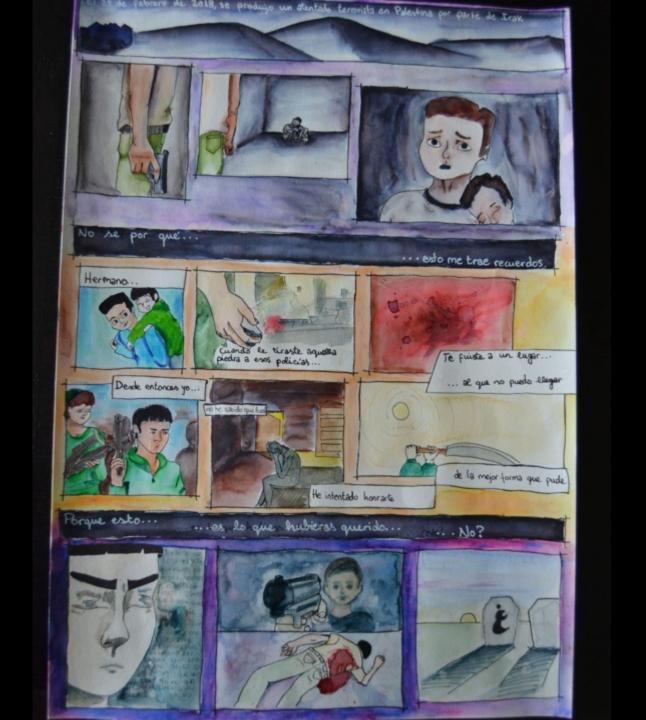
(Jiang Xu et al., Neurolmage, 2014)

Your Brain on Stories



(Christopher J. Honey et al., Journal of Neuroscience, 2012)



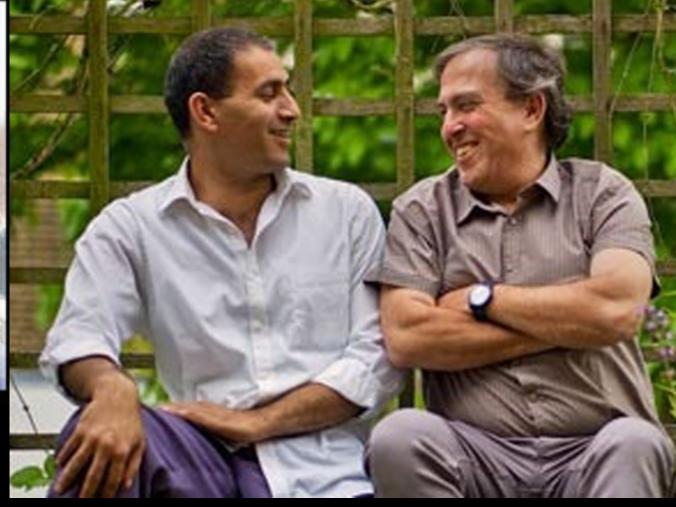




Abir Aramin 2007-1997



Smadar Elhanan 1997-1983



Challenges Inspire Innovation



HOME

DESTINATIONS

MEJDI TOURS

JOIN A TOUR

PLAN GROUP TOUR

WHY MEJDI

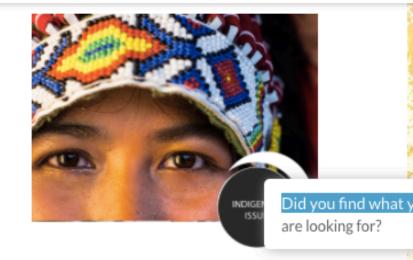
ABOUT

GET STARTED









WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON? PROTEST, ACTIVISM, AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

Meet change-makers working on fiercely contested social issues across the country. Examine

FOR THE FLORA & FAUNA: PRACTICING CONSERVATION

Discover diverse plant and animal species in a variety of natural habitats. Gain experience as a conservation practitioner, learning the principles that guide

LESSONS IN RESILIENCE: INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES & CULTURE

Encounter vibrant cultures that persevere in spite of tragic histories and contemporary challenges.

Understand indigenous



Thank You!

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