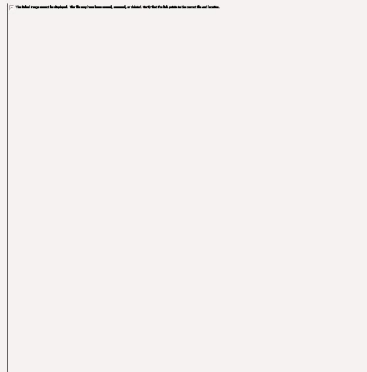
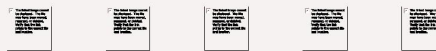
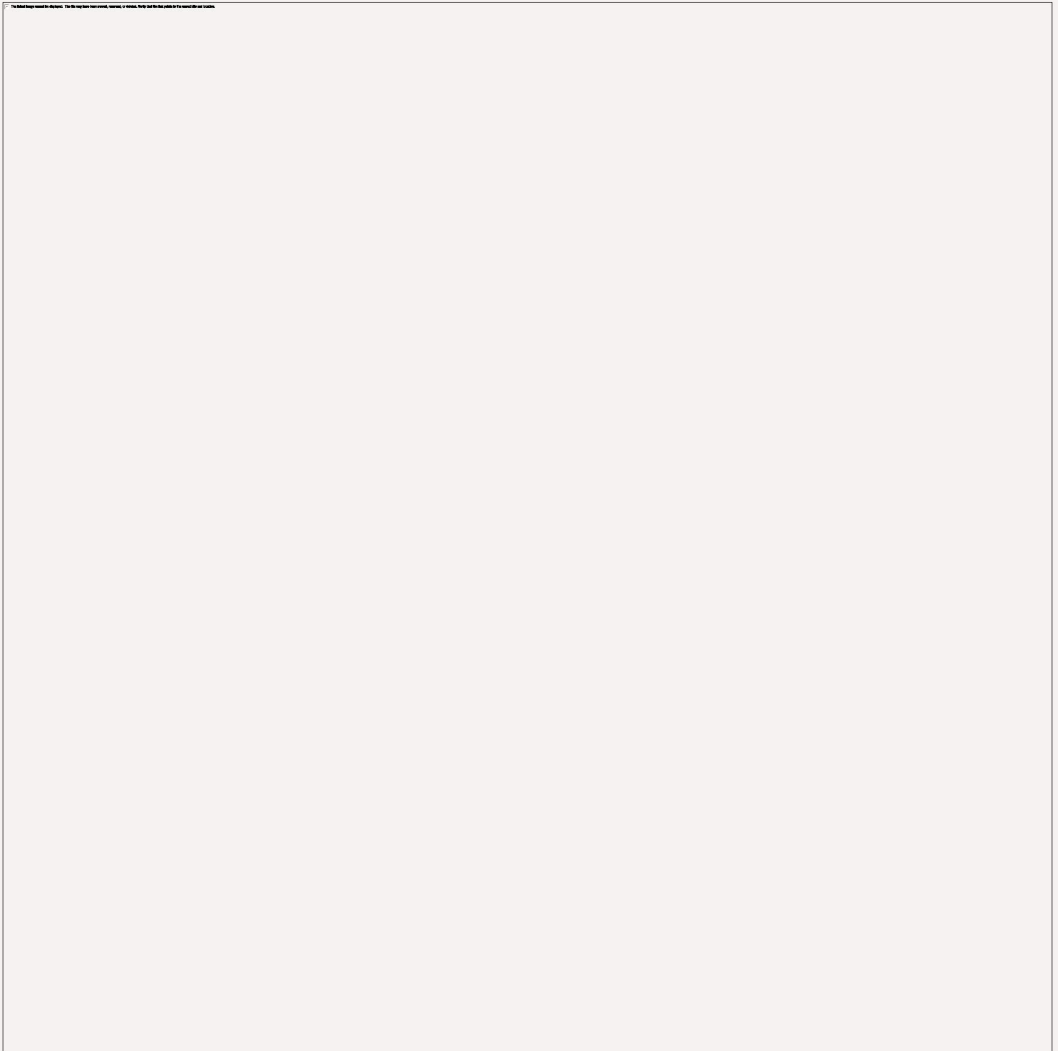

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**Mark Zuckerberg on Trial:
Facebook is Damaging Society**



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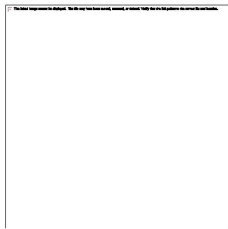
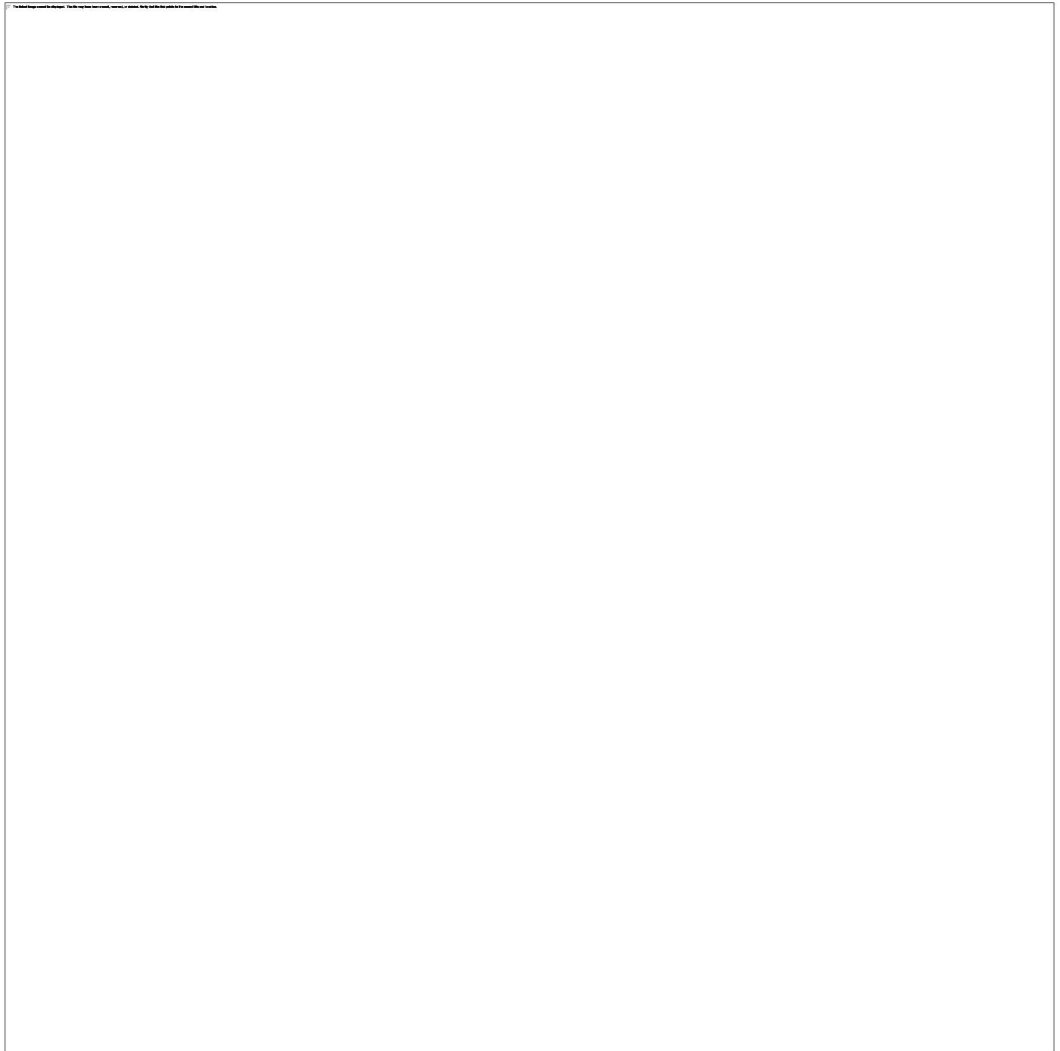
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Zuck sucks. According to his critics, Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook, presides over a company which is undermining our basic freedoms. It was complicit in the spread of fake news and foreign interference in our elections, and is partly to blame for the rise of political polarisation through its echo chambers and filter bubbles. The company has been selling the private data of millions of users around the world to select companies – most notoriously Cambridge Analytica, who used the information to meddle in the US presidential elections and Britain's EU referendum. And Facebook was accused of behaving like 'digital gangsters' by the House of Commons Digital Select Committee, led by **Damian Collins MP**, who claimed Zuckerberg has willfully misled lawmakers over fake news and data malpractice. Facebook is built on an essentially unethical business model, and the buck stops with Zuck.

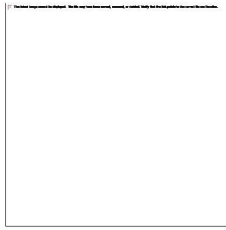
That's the case against Mark Zuckerberg. But let's keep things in perspective, say his defenders. Facebook has done more than any other organisation in the world to connect people through technology, allowing more than 2.2 billion users so far – that's 30 percent of the world's population – to share their lives with friends and family around the world – all for free. And let's not forget that Facebook has been a vital tool for social and political organisation, from the Arab Spring to Obama's presidential campaign. The world is a complex and messy place and while it's convenient to scapegoat a single CEO for our polarised politics, the fact is there were multiple causes for Brexit and Trump. Of course, there are problems at Facebook and Mark Zuckerberg is keenly aware of them. In January 2018, he made a promise to fix Facebook, admitting that the organisation makes too many errors and listing his priorities as 'protecting our community from abuse and hate, defending against interference by nation states, or making sure that time spent on Facebook is time well spent'. Much of what we are reading about Facebook is old news. Zuckerberg is essentially an idealist and we should at least give him the benefit of the doubt as he seeks to rebuild the world's trust in Facebook.

That's the argument of Zuckerberg's defenders. But are they right? Join us on **June 18**, hear the arguments and decide for yourself.



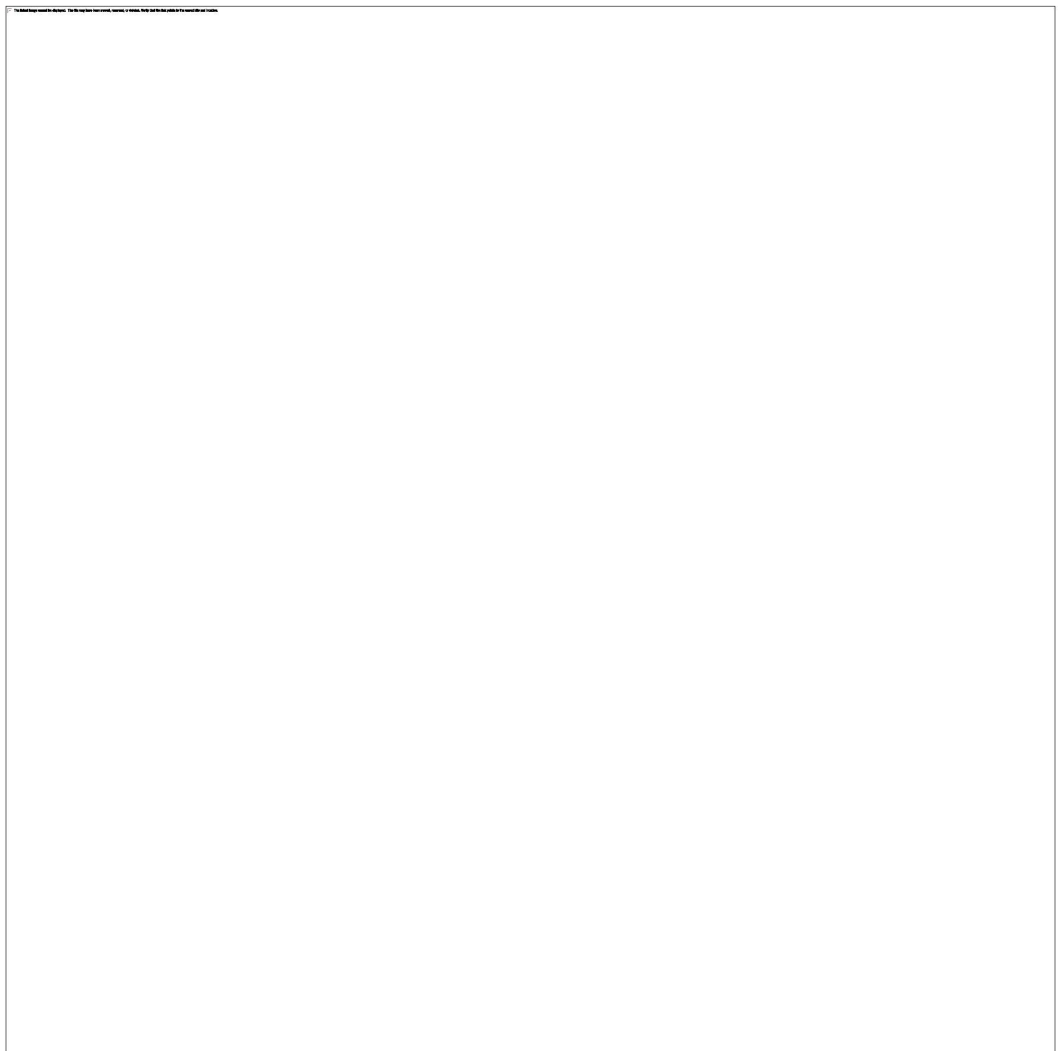
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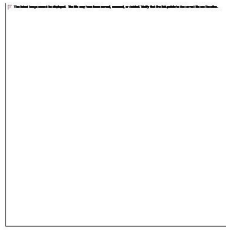
Conservative MP for Folkestone and Hythe and chair of the House of Commons Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee. He has played a key role in parliamentary scrutiny of Facebook's activities, including invoking a rare parliamentary mechanism to seize internal Facebook documents over the Cambridge Analytica scandal.



Nina Schick

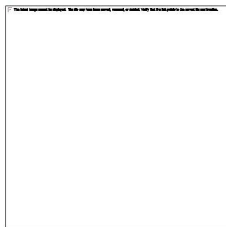
Technology expert and political commentator focusing on how technology and artificial intelligence are reshaping democracy and geopolitics. She was a recent political advisor to former NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, leading research into next-generation disinformation in the form of AI-generated deep fakes. She is a regular commentator on Sky News, BBC and Bloomberg.





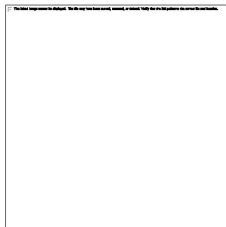
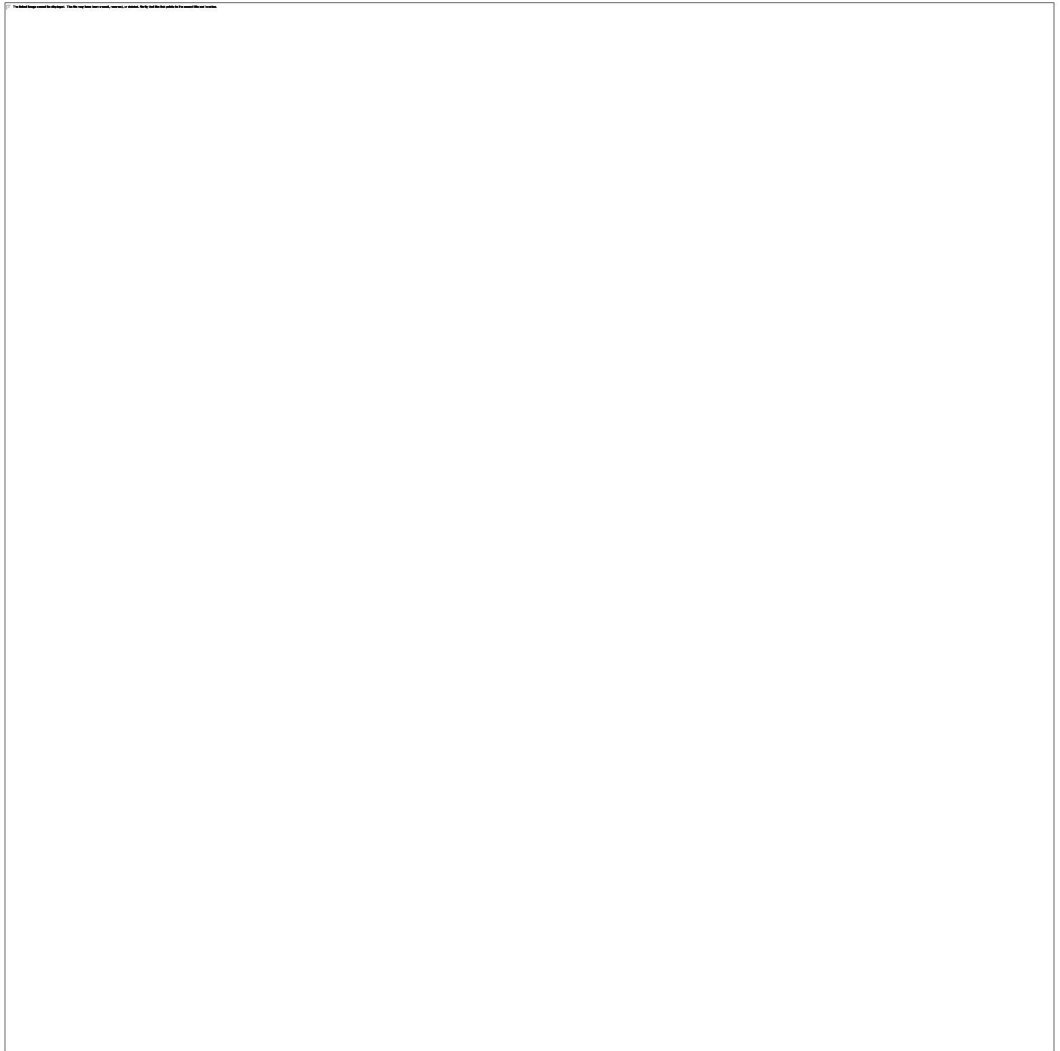
Dex Torricke-Barton

Former head of executive communications for Facebook. Over the last decade he has advised some of Silicon Valley's most prominent leaders and companies. He was Mark Zuckerberg's speechwriter from 2012-16, and was previously executive speechwriter for Google's Eric Schmidt. He has also head of communications for SpaceX, Elon Musk's rocket company.



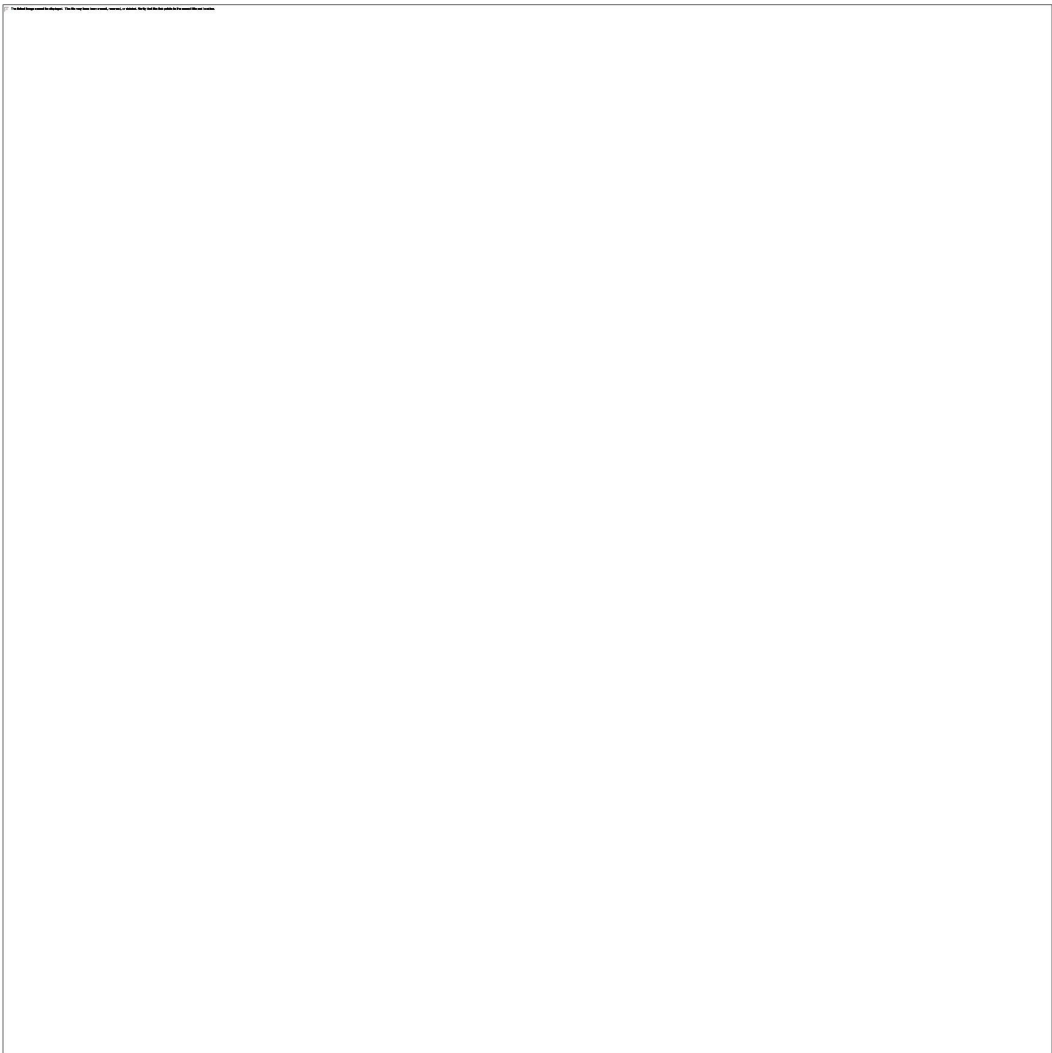
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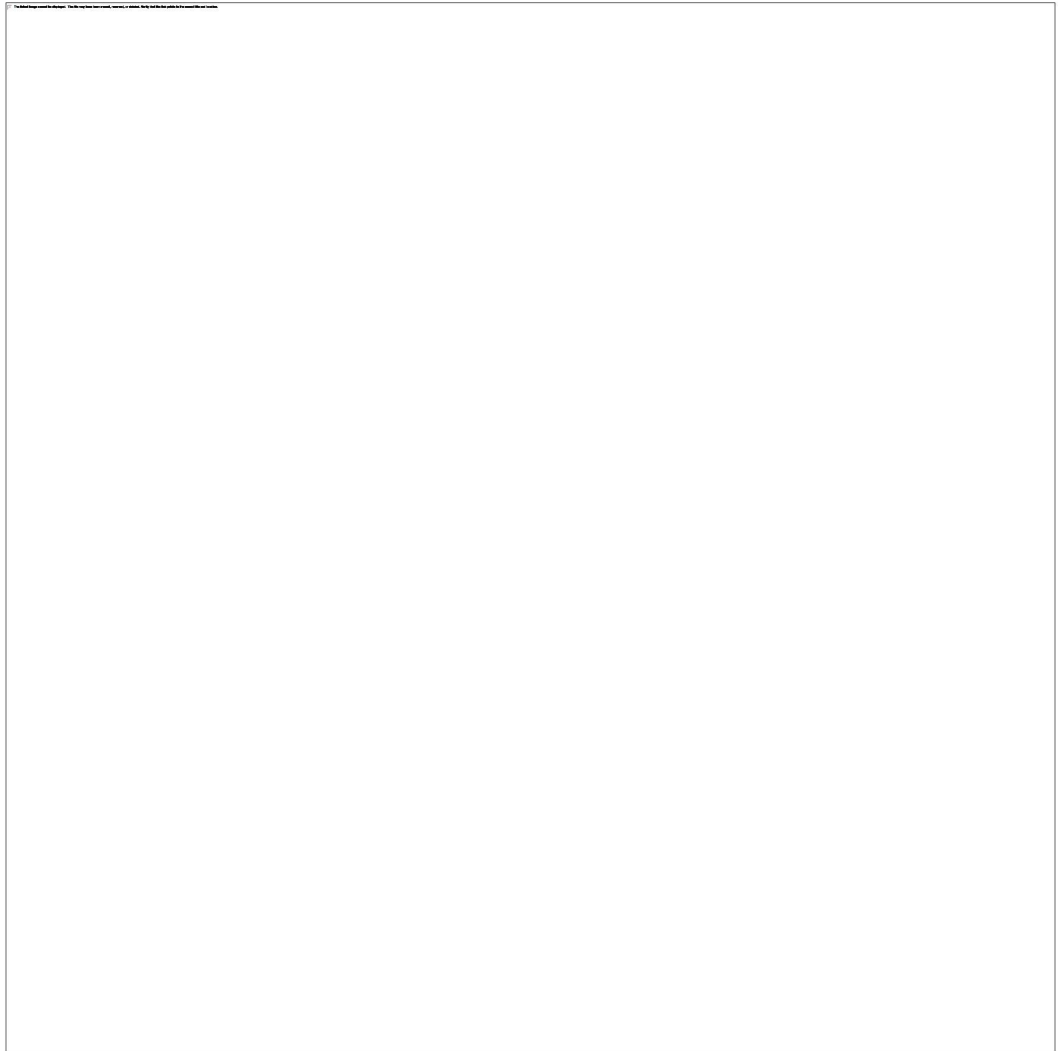
Conservative MP for Wantage and Didcot, who served as Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries from 2010 to 2016 under David Cameron.



Helen Lewis

Helen Lewis is associate editor of the New Statesman, and has written on technology for the Sunday Times, Wired and the Guardian. Her first book, *Difficult Women*, is out next year.





The Daily: The Rise of Nationalism Across the Globe

In this week's podcast, we hosted a live conversation from "The Daily", The New York Times' flagship podcast. In an event in partnership with The New York Times, we were joined by the podcast's host **Michael Barbaro**, as well as Berlin Bureau Chief **Katrin Bennhold**, London-based International Correspondent **Ellen Barry**, Executive Producer **Theo Balcomb** and Producer **Clare Toeniskoetter** for a conversation about the implications of the nationalist undercurrent currently sweeping across Europe.

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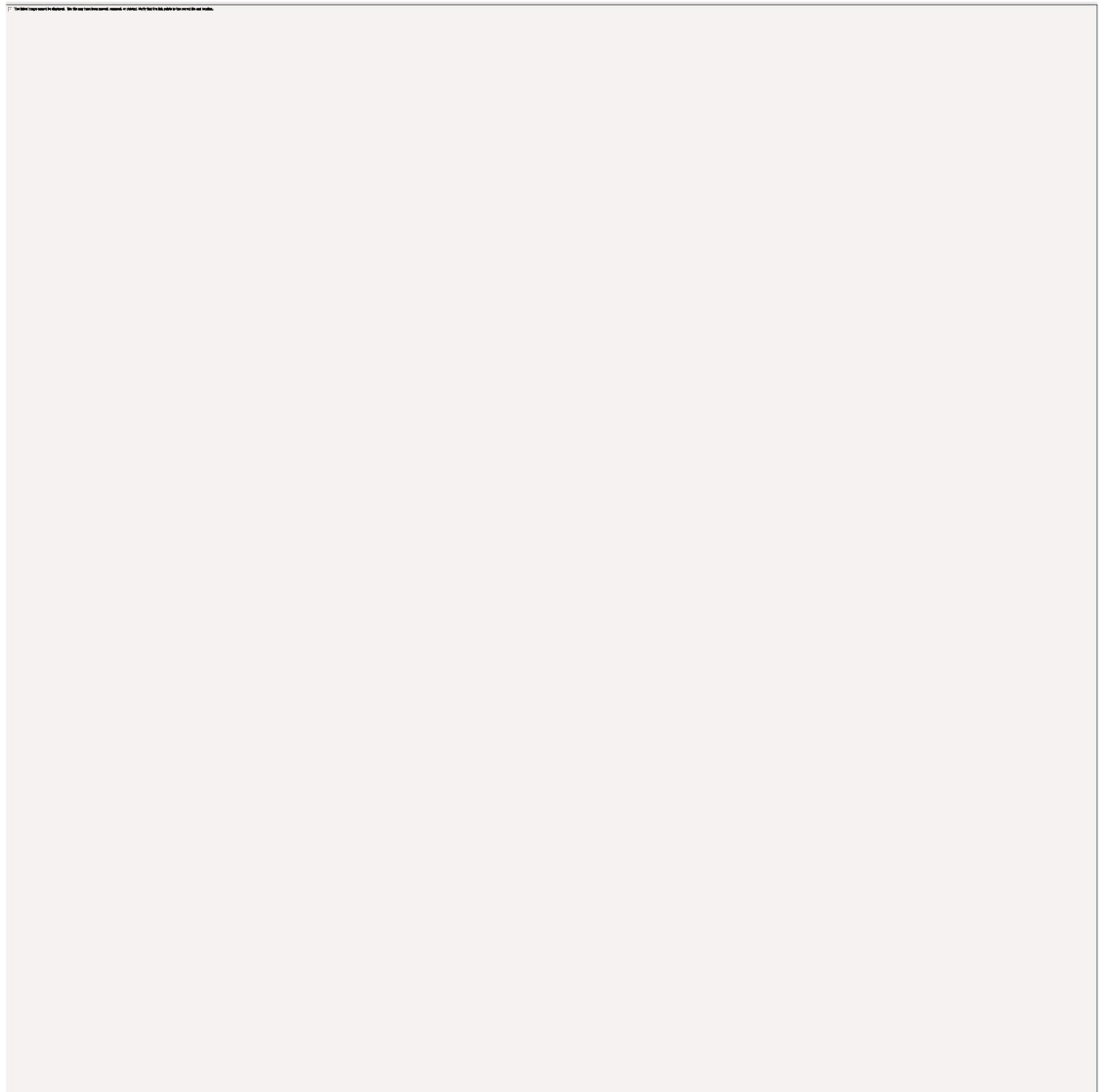
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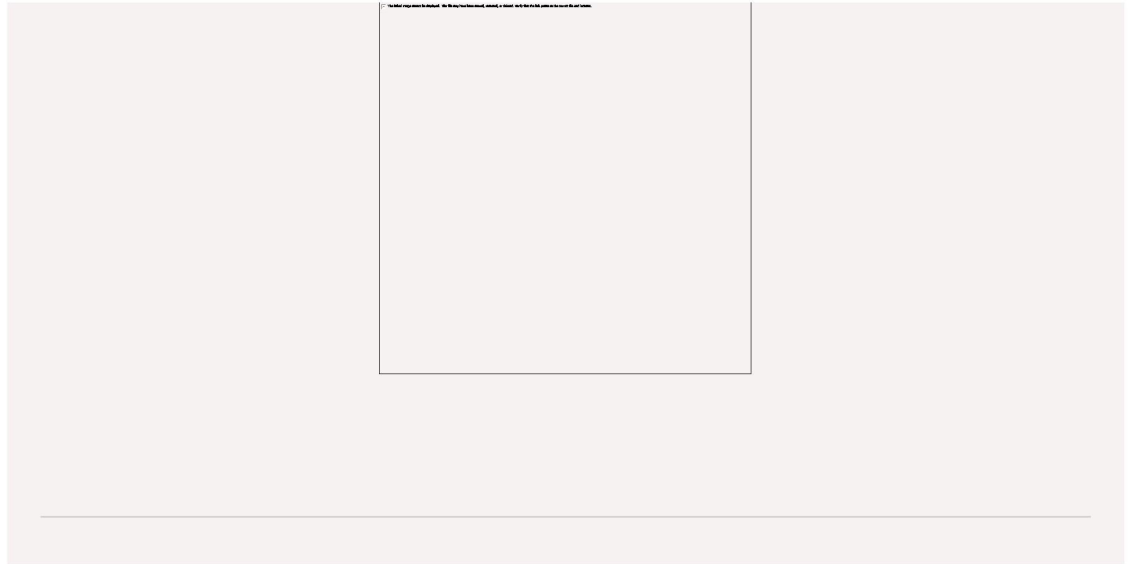
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