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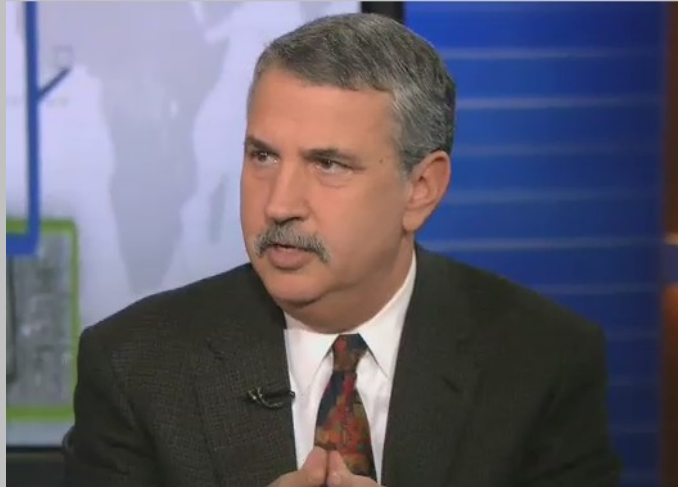
Thomas Friedman is a best-selling author and a three-time Pulitzer- Prize winning columnist for the *New York Times*.

Friedman was born in Minneapolis on July 20, 1953. He attended Brandeis University and received his bachelor's degree in Mediterranean studies in 1975. In 1978, he received a Master of Philosophy degree in Modern Middle East Studies from Oxford.

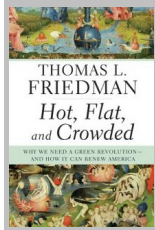
Three years later, Friedman joined the *New York Times*.

He was appointed Beirut bureau chief in 1982 and in 1984 he was transferred from Beirut to Jerusalem, where he served as Israel bureau chief until 1988. Friedman was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting in 1983 for his work in Lebanon and again in 1988 for his work while in Israel.

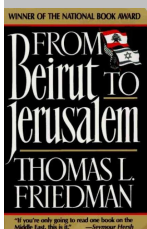
In 1995, Friedman became the *New York Times*' foreign-affairs columnist and in 2002 he won his third Pulitzer Prize for commentary. In 2005, he was elected as a member of the Pulitzer Prize Board.



BOOKS:



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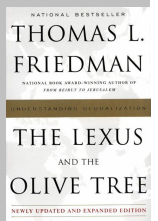


[*From Beirut to Jerusalem*](#)

[*The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century*](#)



[*The Lexus and the Olive Tree*](#)



ARTICLES:

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[*A Tea Party Without Nuts*](#) *New York Times*

[*America's Real Dream Team*](#) *New York Times*

[*Let's Fight Over a Big Plan*](#) *New York Times*

MORE:

Here are the rest of Thomas Friedman's opinion pieces in the [*New York Times*](#)

[Here](#) is the Thomas Friedman website

[Here](#) are Friedman's 2002 Pulitzer Prize winning columns

[Here](#) are Friedman's recent *Foreign Affairs* columns

ANDREW SULLIVAN



Andrew Sullivan is an author, journalist, and widely-read blogger.

Sullivan was born in a small town in Southern England, South Godstone. He later attended Oxford where he studied modern history, languages, and acting.

In 1984, Sullivan won a fellowship to Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government where he earned a master's degree in Public Administration. He spent his summers interning as an editorial writer at London's *Daily Telegraph*, the Centre for Policy Studies, *The New Republic* and *The National Review* before returning to Harvard to pursue a doctorate in Political Science.

After completing his General Exams in 1987, Sullivan spent several semesters teaching moral and political theory before going to work as an associate editor at *The New Republic*. During that time he also free-lanced for the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, the *Daily Telegraph*, *Esquire*, and *New York Magazine*.

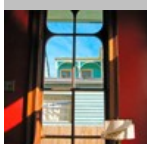
In June of 1991, Sullivan was appointed acting editor of *The New Republic* at the age of 27. While Sullivan was editor of *The New Republic*, it won two National Magazine Awards for General Excellence, Reporting, and Public Interest, its circulation grew to well over 100,000, and its advertising revenues grew by 76 percent. In 1996, Sullivan was named Editor of the Year by *Adweek* magazine the same year he left *The New Republic*. In the early 1990s, Sullivan became known for being openly homosexual, and for pioneering such issues as gays in the military and same-sex marriage.

Sullivan's 1993 essay, "The Politics of Homosexuality," was credited by the *Nation* as the most influential article of the decade in gay rights and his 1995 book, [*Virtually Normal: An Argument About Homosexuality*](#) became one of the best-selling books on gay rights and was translated into five languages. He followed it with a reader, [*Same-Sex Marriage: Pro and Con: A Reader*](#), and testified before Congress on the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996. Sullivan's second book, [*Love Undetectable: Notes on Friendship, Sex, and Survival*](#), was published in 1998 in the United States and Britain. It was a synthesis of three essays on the plague of AIDS, homosexuality and psycho-therapy, and the virtue of friendship. Sullivan tested positive for HIV in 1993, and remains in good health.

In the late 1990s, Sullivan worked as a contributing writer and columnist for the *New York Times Magazine*, a regular contributor to the *New York Times Book Review*, and a weekly columnist for the *Sunday Times of London*. His 1999 essay, "What's So Bad About Hate," is included in the *Best American Essays of 1999* and his controversial 2000 story on testosterone, "Why Men Are Different," was a cover-story in *Time*, and Discovery channel documentary.

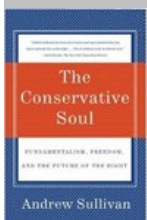
In the summer of 2000, Sullivan became one of the first mainstream journalists to experiment with blogging, and soon developed a large online readership with the [*The Daily Dish*](#). In February 2007, Sullivan moved his blog from *Time.com* to *The Atlantic Online* where he now writes daily. His blog received approximately 40 million page views its first year at the *Atlantic* and by the middle of 2003, his blog was receiving about 300,000 unique visits per month. In January 2009, *Forbes* ranked Sullivan #19 on a list of "The 25 Most Influential Liberals in the US Media."

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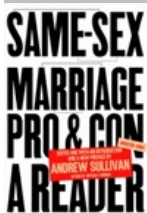
[*The View from Your Window: The World as Seen by the Readers of One Blog*](#)

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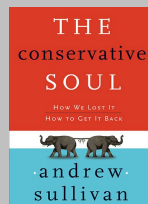


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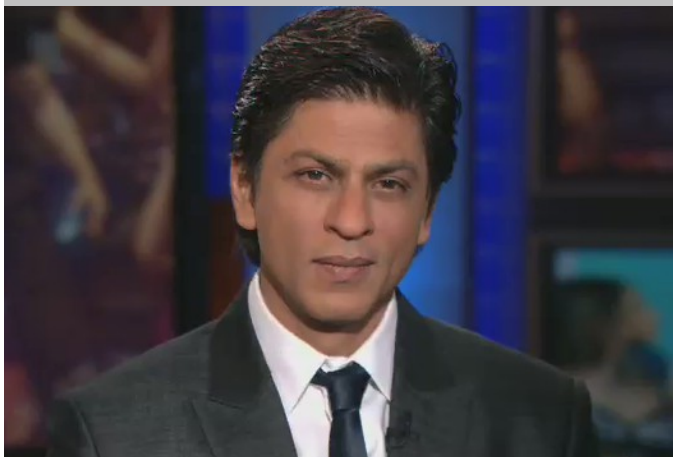
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[*Intimations Pursued: The Voice of Practice in the Conversation of Michael Oakeshott*](#)



SHAH RUKH KHAN



Shah Rukh Khan is a prominent Bollywood actor, film producer, and television host. His recent film, “My Name is Khan” is one of the top-grossing Indian films overseas, and Khan is also the founder and owner of the two production companies: Dreamz Unlimited and Red Chillies entertainment. Khan is considered one of the world’s most successful film stars of all time with a fan following in the billions and a net worth of approximately \$540 million.

Shah Rukh Khan was born to parents of Pathan origin from Peshawar. He earned an honors degree in

Economics from Hansraj College and later studied for a Masters Degree in Mass Communications at Jamia Millia Islamia University.

He began his career by appearing in a 1988 television series and made his Bollywood film debut in a hit film called *Deewana* in 1992. In 1995, Khan starred in a critically and commercially successful film that grossed nearly twelve billion rupees over 12 years. Ten years later, Khan produced and starred in another film which was India's selection for the Academy Awards in the foreign films category.

In 1997, Khan was honored with the Best Indian Citizen Award and in 2005, he was honored the Government of India’s fourth highest civilian award. Also in 2005, British Filmmaker Nasreen Munni Kabir made a two-part documentary on Shah Rukh Khan. *TIME* described Khan as probably the most recognizable actor in the world and *The Guardian* newspaper described Khan as 'the world's biggest film star,' as per the logic that the Bollywood has a global audience of 3.6 billion, while Hollywood has 2.5 billion. Khan has been nominated for 15 Filmfare Best Actor awards and has won six. He is also the winner of a Disney Kids Channel Award, four People’s Choice Awards, an MTV Indian Music Excellence award, a Sports World Film Award, and more.

Khan was the host of the Indian version of “Who wants to be a millionaire?” and “Are you smarter than a 5th grader?” In 2009, he introduced the film “Slumdog Millionaire” with one of its stars at the 66th Golden Globe Awards. His most recent film is [My Name is Khan](#).

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