

Science confirms: Politics wrecks your ability to do math

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Everybody knows that our political views can sometimes get in the way of thinking clearly. But perhaps we don't realize how bad the problem actually is. According to a [new psychology paper](#), our political passions can even undermine our very basic reasoning skills. More specifically, the study finds that people who are otherwise very good at math may totally flunk a problem that they would otherwise probably be able to solve, simply because giving the right answer is [another link to the study's research article](#) to their political beliefs.

[The study](#), by Yale law professor [Dan Kahan](#) and his colleagues, has an