Our Righteous Minds

Part 5

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Using MFT in Our Political Engagements

1. Self Awareness

a. Identify personal MFT profile

THE LIBERAL MORAL MATRIX

Most Sacred Value: Care for Victims of Oppression

THE SOCIAL CONSERVATIVE MORAL MATRIX

Most Sacred Value: Preserve the Institutions and Traditions that Sustain the Moral Community

THE LIBERTARIAN MORAL MATRIX

Most Sacred Value: Maximize freedom of the individual
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**Social Intuitionist Model**

**System 1 Thinking:**
- Operates automatically & quickly
- Infers and invents causes and intentions
- Neglects ambiguity and suppresses doubt
System 1 Thinking:
- Is biased to believe and confirm
- Links a sense of cognitive ease to illusions of truth and pleasant feelings

Engage System 2 Thinking:
- A’s Deliberate Reflection/Analysis
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2. Acknowledge the Moral Concerns in opposing viewpoints

3. Identify Our Own Ideological Narrative
From Genes to Moral Matrices...

1. Dispositional traits (pre-wired)
2. Characteristic Adaptations
   - 3. Moral Subcultures
   - 4. Life Narrative

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5. Learn and Practice Civil Engagement
Our approach is informed by the Better Angels Pledge:
• As individuals, we try to understand the other side’s point of view, even if we don’t agree with it.
• In our communities, we engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together.
• In politics, we support principles that bring us together rather than divide us.