



The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again

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Prof. Putnam is the Malkin Research Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University, and author of *Bowling Alone* and *Our Kids*, among others. Ms. Romney Garrett is a writer and social entrepreneur, and co-author, with Prof. Putnam, of *American Grace* and *The Upswing*.

Interviewer: Spiro Bolos

26-year veteran of the classroom who has taught a wide range of courses in the Social Studies at New Trier High School in Winnetka, IL..

Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 6:00 PM Central

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Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 6:00-7:00 PM, The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again, a FAN webinar feat. Robert Putnam, Ph.D., and Shaylyn Romney Garrett. Interviewer: Spiro Bolos. REGISTER: www.bit.ly/PutnamFANWebinar. **BONUS AFTER-HOURS EVENT: Attendees who purchase a copy of *The Upswing* from FAN's partner bookseller *The Book Stall* are invited to attend an AFTER-HOURS event hosted by Prof. Putnam and Ms. Romney Garrett that will start immediately after the webinar. Details can be found on the webinar registration page.**

In a sweeping overview of more than a century of history, drawing on his inimitable combination of statistical analysis and storytelling, **Robert Putnam, Ph.D.**, with **Shaylyn Romney Garrett**, analyzes a remarkable confluence of trends that brought us from an “I” society to a “We” society and then back again. He draws inspiring lessons for our time from an earlier era, when a dedicated group of reformers righted the ship, putting us on a path to becoming a society once again based on community. Engaging, revelatory, and timely, ***The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again*** is Prof. Putnam’s most ambitious work yet, a fitting capstone to a brilliant career.

Deep and accelerating inequality; unprecedented political polarization; vitriolic public discourse; a fraying social fabric; public and private narcissism—Americans today seem to agree on only one thing: This is the worst of times. But we’ve been here before. During the Gilded Age of the late 1800s, America was highly individualistic, starkly unequal, fiercely polarized, and deeply fragmented, just as it is today. However, as the 20th century opened, America became—slowly, unevenly, but steadily—more egalitarian, more cooperative, more generous; a society on the upswing, more focused on our responsibilities to one another and less focused on our narrower self-interest. Sometime during the 1960s, however, these trends reversed, leaving us in today’s disarray.

FAN is proud to welcome back Prof. Putnam, the Malkin Research Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University, having retired from active teaching in May 2018. Among his fifteen books are *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community* and *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*, which was the topic of his 2016 FAN talk.

Ms. Romney Garrett is a writer and social entrepreneur, and co-authored with Prof. Putnam the award-winning book, *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us*. She is a founding contributor to the Aspen Institute’s initiative, Weave: The Social Fabric Project.

Prof. Putnam and Ms. Romney Garrett will be interviewed by **Spiros Bolos**, a 26-year veteran of the classroom who has taught a wide range of courses in the Social Studies at New Trier High School in Winnetka, IL and at various other institutions in the past.

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