

Strangers in Their Own Land: Bridging a Growing Divide

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Professor Hochschild About Southern Louisiana, the Heartland of the American Tea Party and Support for Donald Trump

In this lecture, Professor Hochschild describes five years of research in southern Louisiana, a center of the oil industry and heartland of the American Tea Party and support for Donald Trump.

Why, she asked, are America's poorest states, those which suffer the worst health, education, and receive the most federal aid, also those who most oppose the federal government? While aware of this paradox, those who she came to know felt it dwarfed by something else: their "deep story". By taking off her own political "alarm system" and climbing an "empathy wall", Hochschild found corridors of common ground with the people she met, whose concerns remain ones that all Americans share: the desire for community, the embrace of family, hopes for their children.

Arlie Russell Hochschild is a writer and sociologist. She is the author of many books, including *The Time Bind*, *The Outsourced Self* and *Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right*, which was a finalist for the 2016 National Book Award in nonfiction and New York Times bestseller. She is a Guggenheim Fellow, and a professor emerita of sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. Her work has been translated into more than thirteen languages.

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