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How Facebook Disconnects Us and Undermines Democracy
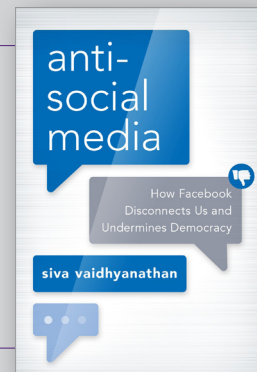
Siva Vaidhyanathan
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Siva Vaidhyanathan is the Robertson Professor of Media Studies and director of the Center for Media and Citizenship at the University of Virginia. He has authored several books, including *Antisocial Media: How Facebook Disconnects Us and Undermines Democracy* (Oxford University Press, 2018); *Intellectual Property: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2017); *The Googlization of Everything—and Why We Should Worry* (University of California Press, 2011); *Copyrights and Copywrongs: The Rise of Intellectual Property and How it Threatens Creativity* (New York University Press, 2001). He co-edited (with Carolyn Thomas) the collection, *Rewiring the Nation: The Place of Technology in American Studies* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007). Vaidhyanathan directs the Center for Media and Citizenship at the University of Virginia, which produces a television show, a radio program, several podcasts, and the *Virginia Quarterly Review* magazine. He has written for a long list of periodicals, including *The New Yorker, The New York Times,* Slate.com, and the *Washington Post*. He is a frequent contributor to public radio and television programs. He has appeared in programs on BBC, CNN, NBC, CNBC, MSNBC, and ABC.

In *Antisocial Media*, Siva Vaidhyanathan explains how Facebook devolved from an innocent social site hacked together by Harvard students into a force that makes democracy more challenging. His work includes examples of how Facebook's mission has gone wrong, including how it facilitated Russian meddling in the 2016 US presidential election and exploitation of the platform by murderous authoritarians in Burma and the Philippines. Both authoritative and trenchant, *Antisocial Media* shows how Facebook's mission went so wrong.

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