

# Mind Reading: Steven Pinker's Case for Why the World Is Heading Toward Peace

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Amidst the headlines tallying the damage wrought by persistent economic decline, cataclysmic climate change and unbending political stalemate — among other things — Harvard psychology professor Steven Pinker brings good news.

In his new 802-page masterwork, *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined*, the bestselling author and two-time honoree on TIME 100 list of the most influential people in the world makes a nearly ironclad case for human progress toward peacefulness.

I recently spoke with Pinker about his book and the critical influences that can pacify the human brain.

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