



## QUICK LOOK

### Amanda Ripley's "Complicating the Narrative"

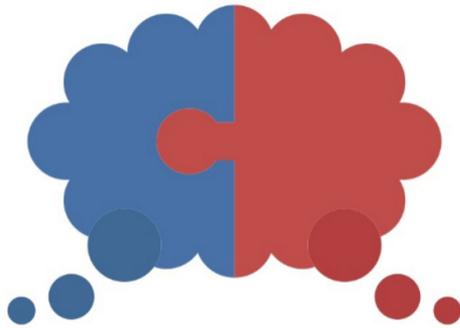
Journalists know better than almost anyone how to provoke emotions. Can they use that ability to bring Americans together? Journalist Amanda Ripley says yes, and [tells us how](#).



## BOTH SIDES NOW

### Voter ID Laws

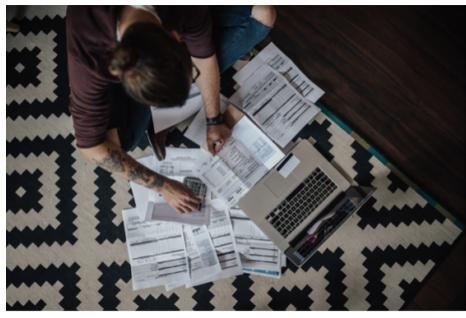
It's almost election time, and citizens of 34 states will need to show ID to vote. Does that make elections safer or disenfranchise voters? We [examine the arguments](#) for and against voter ID laws.



## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

### Student Debt

If there's one thing Americans agree on, it's that college is too expensive. The average Class of 2017 graduate left college with \$28,650 worth of debt. How much do you know about student debt? [Take the quiz](#) to find out!



## WORTH READING

### News and Opinion Pieces We Found Interesting

*Our disclaimer: We don't endorse every idea and opinion in the articles below, but that's the point. Finding common ground begins with listening to other points of view.*

- **Health Care:** While health care has been one of the top issues in federal races this year, it's also directly and indirectly on the ballot at the state level -- via [USA Today](#).
- **Education:** In a year where teachers protested over support from administrators, pay, and funding, many are in good shape to make an impact during the midterms -- via [PBS NewsHour](#).
- **Poverty and Income Inequality:** One in six households with children sometimes can't afford to feed their families. Hungry children have higher rates of asthma, anemia, and behavioral issues -- via [WBUR-NPR Boston](#).
- **Environment:** We're on a mission impossible to solve global warming -- via [The Washington Post](#).
- **Debt and Deficits:** This past fiscal year the deficit grew by \$782 billion. Economists fear that it is on track to grow to \$1 trillion in the next fiscal year -- via [The Hill](#).
- **Immigration:** Parents separated from their children at the U.S. border and then deported may end up losing their children to adoption -- via [The Associated Press](#).
- **Immigration:** Thousands of legal immigrants face a daunting decision after their 'Temporary Protected Status' ends. These families face painful options: stay illegal in the U.S., return home without kids, or return to a country their kids have never known -- via [USA Today](#).
- **Making Government Work:** Since a 2010 Supreme Court decision loosening restrictions on contributions to interest groups, candidates backed by these groups are increasingly winning primary elections against candidates backed by political parties -- via [Vox](#).
- **Citizenship:** A strategy for community problem-solving in Spartanburg, South Carolina does an extraordinary job at restoring our social fabric -- via [The New York Times](#).
- **Citizenship:** White people are still raised to be racially illiterate. If we don't work to change the system, we will perpetuate it -- via [NBC News](#).



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