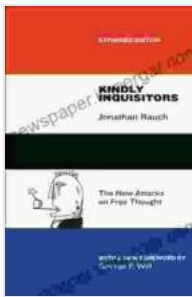


# Defending Free Thought in the Face of New Attacks: A Review of Steven Pinker's "The New Attacks on Free Thought Expanded Edition"

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Unfortunately, free thought is under threat from a variety of forces. These include:

- **Political correctness:** The fear of offending others has led to a climate of self-censorship, in which people are afraid to express their true thoughts and feelings.
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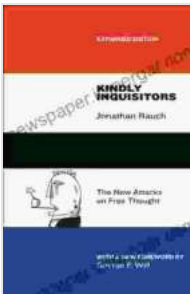
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### **About the Author**

Steven Pinker is a cognitive scientist and public intellectual. He is a professor of psychology at Harvard University and the author of several bestselling books, including "The Language Instinct," "How the Mind Works," and "The Better Angels of Our Nature." Pinker is a strong advocate

for free thought and critical thinking, and he has written extensively about the threats to these values.

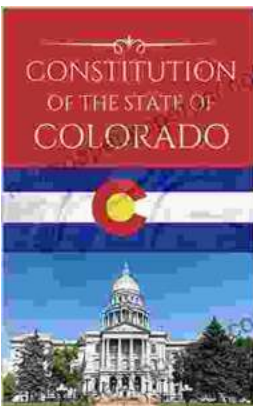
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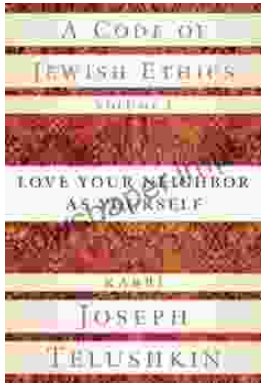
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