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“Moral Sense in Politics and Policy” THE DECADENT SOCIETY

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The Trinity Forum is pleased to continue our series on [The Moral Sense in Politics and Public Policy](#) with Pepperdine University School of Public Policy's [American Project](#). The Project explores the future of conservative thought and policy on issues ranging from religious liberty to foreign affairs.

Ross Douthat joined *The New York Times* as an Op-Ed columnist in April 2009. He is the film critic for *National Review*, and co-hosts the *Times* Op-Ed podcast, *The Argument*. Previously, he was a senior editor at *The Atlantic*.

In addition to his newest work, *The Decadent Society*, his previous books include *To Change the Church: Pope Francis and the Future of Catholicism*, (2018), *Bad Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics* (2012), *Privilege: Harvard and the Education of the Ruling Class* (2005), and with co-author Reihan Salam, *Grand New Party: How Republicans Can Win the Working Class and Save the American Dream* (2008).

The Decadent Society is Douthat's fascinating diagnostic of our cultural condition. It explains what happens when a rich and powerful society ceases advancing—how the combination of wealth and technological proficiency with economic stagnation, political stalemates, cultural exhaustion, and demographic decline creates a strange kind of “sustainable decadence.”

Douthat argues that many of today's discontents and dysfunctions reflect a sense of futility and disappointment—a feeling that the future was not what was promised. Douthat provides enlightening reflections on how we got here, how long our age of frustration might last, and how, whether in renaissance or catastrophe, our decadence might ultimately end.

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