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WHAT IS MIND OF STATE?

WHERE POLITICS MEETS PSYCHOLOGY

Mind of State is a podcast that mashes up politics with psychology, inviting experts in each realm to look at the relationships between mind and state. The goal is to help decode the complex assumptions, messages, and behaviors in our politics, our politicians, and ourselves.

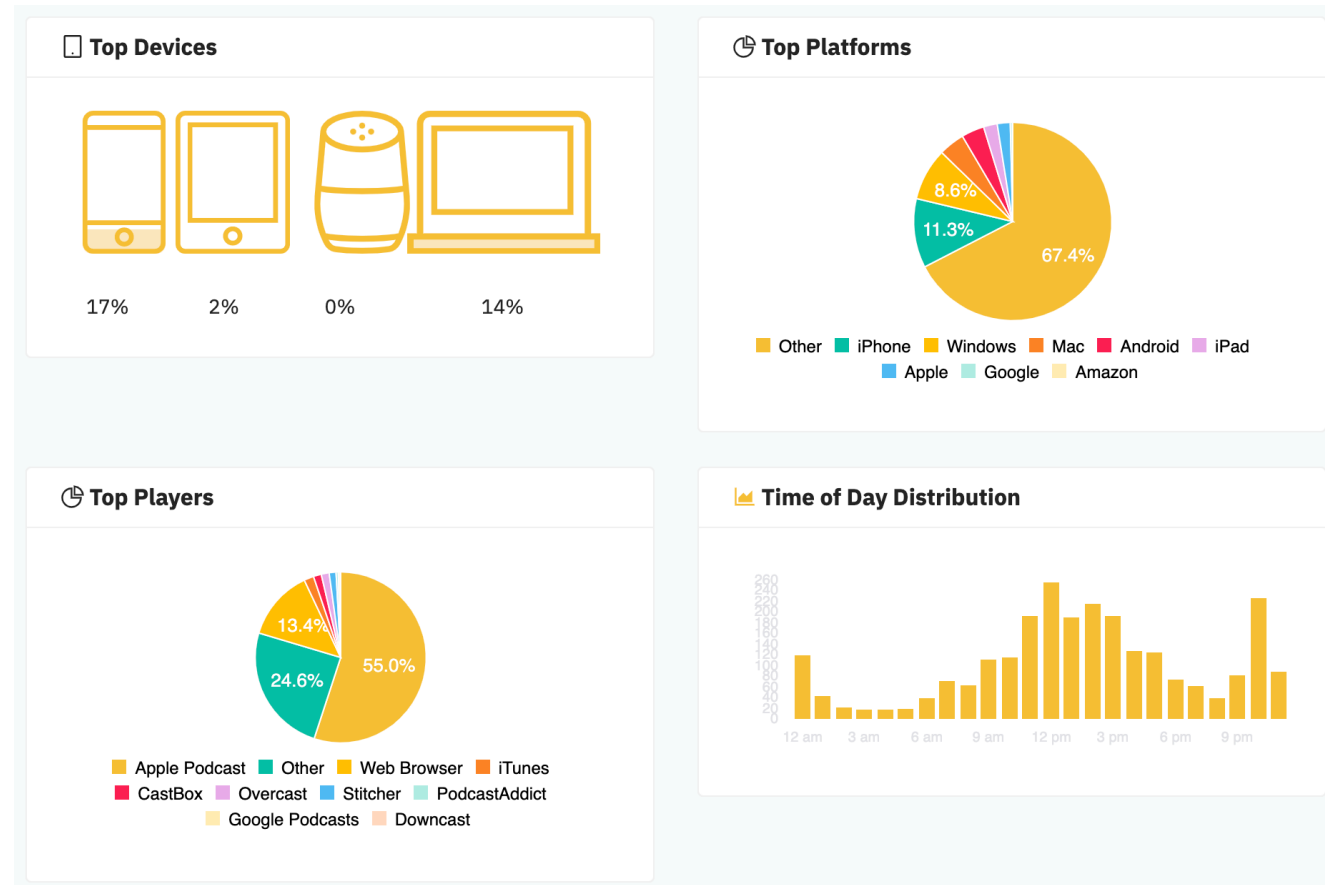
After a first season exploring topical issues such as racial politics, anti-semitism, and the symbolism of Trump's wall, Mind of State has launched **Season Two** in the middle of a global pandemic, economic collapse, a nation-wide reckoning with racial injustice and during the run up to what could be the most important election in US history.

What better time to discuss the state of our minds and the mind of our state?



DATA

- **55,000+ DOWNLOADS** and climbing.
- **GLOBAL REACH:** mostly US, with long-tail to 22 other countries.
- **TARGET AUDIENCE:** civic-minded, engaged electorate; followers of news, politics and psychology.
- **FEATURED MULTIPLE TIMES** on Apple's New and Noteworthy list.





THE HOSTS



BETTY TENG **CO-FOUNDER, PRODUCER**

Betty P. Teng, LMSW, MFA, is a psychoanalyst and trauma therapist who has worked with survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and childhood molestation at Mount Sinai Beth Israel's Victims Services Program in Manhattan. She is one of the authors of the New York Times bestseller, *The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump*. Betty has spoken and written on trauma and its impacts on individuals, politics and society for conferences and media outlets, such as Slate and Vox. She currently sees patients in private practice.



JONATHAN KOPP **CO-FOUNDER, PRODUCER**

Jonathan Kopp is a political communications strategist specializing in issue and positioning campaigns for candidates, causes, companies and countries. He is a Managing Director at the Glover Park Group.

Jonathan was a member of the Obama for America 2008 National Media Team, the Opposition Research & Rapid Response Team of the 1992 Clinton/Gore "War Room," and the Clinton Administration White House staff.



THE TEAM



THOMAS SINGER, MD **CO-FOUNDER, PRODUCER**

Thomas Singer, MD, is a psychiatrist and Jungian psychoanalyst. Tom is an expert on the relationships between myth, politics and psyche in his studies of *The Vision Thing* and the *Ancient Greece, Modern Psyche* series. He is the editor of a series of books exploring cultural complexes, including *Placing Psyche*, *Listening to Latin America*, *Europe's Many Souls*, *The Cultural Complex*. He is president of the National ARAS, an archive of symbolic imagery that has created *The Book of Symbols*.

ALLETTA COOPER **PRODUCER**

Alletta Cooper is a Brooklyn-based audio producer and story-telling consultant. Her work has been heard on NPR, the award-winning StoryCorps podcast, PBS – American Experience, Google's social media channels, CBS World News, The Track podcast, and Delta's in-flight entertainment system. Alletta also consults with non-profits, design firms, and major corporations on incorporating storytelling into their work. She enjoys jazz-age swing dance styles and once won an episode of Wheel of Fortune. allettacooper.com

JENNY WOODWARD **PRODUCER**

Jenny Woodward is a New York-based creative director and video and digital media producer. She worked for the New York Times for many years developing and producing content before starting her own production company, working with a wide variety of clients and subjects, in NY and abroad. jennywoodward.com



SEASON TWO

2020

EPISODE ONE



Dr. Thomas Singer

CULTURAL COMPLEXES AND THE SOUL OF AMERICA

What underlying preoccupations – or “cultural complexes” – shape our country’s politics and collective psyche? On this premiere episode of season 2, we welcome Mind of State co-founder, Dr. Thomas Singer, editor of *Cultural Complexes and the Soul of America* and one of the authors of the NY Times bestseller, *The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump*.

EPISODE TWO



Dr. Pauline Boss

AMBIGUOUS LOSS AND THE 2020 PANDEMIC

How can we make sense of the tumult and tragedy of this moment – the loss of lives and jobs from the COVID-19 pandemic, the societal tensions borne of systemic racial injustice, the worsening climate crisis, and the final stretch of a volatile presidential campaign? Dr. Pauline Boss applies her groundbreaking concept of “ambiguous loss” to help us process the traumas of America in 2020.

EPISODE THREE



Nathaniel Persily

CAN VOTING AND DEMOCRACY SURVIVE THE INTERNET?

Does social media foster debate or threaten democracy? Election law expert Nate Persily joins us to discuss the Internet’s impact on democracy, healthy elections during a pandemic, and what keeps him up at night about the 2020 presidential election.

EPISODE FOUR



Betty Sue Flowers

AMERICA’S ECONOMIC MYTH

A debate rages in the US over protecting our health versus preserving our wealth. Can our faith in the almighty dollar withstand a deadly pandemic and climate change? Join us, as we explore the roots of America’s economic myth, the natural forces challenging our long-held assumptions, and the possibilities for what’s next, with Dr. Betty Sue Flowers, an expert in societal myths.

EPISODE FIVE



Dr. Deva Woodyly

THE POLITICS OF CARE

Dr. Deva Woodyly, an Associate Professor of Politics at the New School and the author of *The Politics of Common Sense: How Social Movements Use Public Discourse to Change Politics and Win Acceptance*, talks about the conviction that lived-experience matters and the reality of our experiences must be centered in our politics. The politics of care is a way of pursuing self, community, and political governance that values people as they are embodied in the world as it actually exists.

UPCOMING GUESTS

Eric Ward

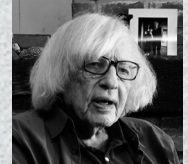
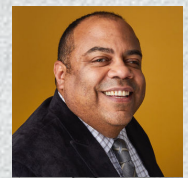
A national expert on the relationship between hate violence and preserving democratic institutions, governance, and inclusive societies.

Robert Jay Lifton

Psychiatrist and author known for his studies of the psychological causes and effects of wars and political violence.

Eric P. Liu

Writer and founder of Citizen University who served as Deputy Assistant to President Clinton for Domestic Policy at the White House.





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