ANDREW SULLIVAN

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Andrew Sullivan was born in 1963 in South Godstone, a small town in southern England. After earning a B.A. in modern history from Oxford University, he received a fellowship to study at Harvard University, where he earned an M.A. in public administration and a Ph.D. in government.

In 1986, he took a job at *The New Republic,* and in 1991, he became the youngest editor in the publications's history. In the five years Sullivan was at the helm, the magazine's circulation grew and advertising revenues increased. Sullivan expanded TNR's sphere beyond politics to cover such cultural topics as same-sex marriage and affirmative action. He created a stir by publishing excerpts from the controversial study on race and IQ, *The Bell Curve.*

In the 1990s, Sullivan gained recognition for his writing on gay issues. His article "The Politics of Homosexuality" has been called the most influential article of the decade on gay rights. Sullivan's *Virtually Normal: An Argument About Homosexuality* was the first book to advocate civil marriage rights for gay couples. Sullivan also wrote *Love Undetectable: Notes on Friendship, Sex, and Survival* and edited a reader, *Same-Sex Marriage: Pro and Con.*

As a practicing Catholic, Sullivan has challenged the Roman Catholic Church's position on homosexuality. In *Virtually Normal* he takes the position that the Bible forbids homosexuality only when it is linked to prostitution or pagan ritual.

Sullivan started his blog, "The Daily Dish," in 2000. His articles have appeared in *The New Republic, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post* and *Esquire*. He is a regular guest on "The Chris Matthews Show," "Charlie Rose," "Anderson Cooper 360°," "Meet The Press," "Face the Nation," "Nightline," NPR's "Fresh Air" and "Larry King Live."

Andrew Sullivan is an author and journalist. He appears regularly on national television and his commentary is featured in major national publications. He is a leading advocate of same-sex marriage.