In recent decades, many Americans sense that the social fabric is unravelling. People point to growing income inequality, to the failure of the American Dream, to political polarization, to the World around us spinning out of control, and to the loss of shared values that help us through hard times. In this course we will examine these problems of the American experience by looking at some of the broad social, historical, and ethical conflicts that shape American individuals and institutions. In particular, we will focus on the dilemmas of individualism and civic responsibility. Our approach will be interdisciplinary, drawing from historical, literary, philosophical, and legal perspectives.

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