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Stephen Jay Gould ([/ɡuːld/](#); 1941 – 2002) was a professor at Harvard, teaching paleontology, evolutionary biology, and the history of science. An active and prodigious author, Gould's work was frequently cited by colleagues, being both influential and sometimes polarizing. He was also among the best selling authors of popular science, with a broad global readership. As in *The Mismeasure of Man*, throughout his writings Gould regularly criticized biologically determined explanations for human behavior, as seen in his "Against *Sociobiology*" (1975) and "The Spandrels of San Marco and the Panglossian Paradigm" (1979).

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