Consciousness?



The role of Language and Memory in the Consciousness of a Society

In George Orwell, 1984

1-1. Language and diversity

...when men are different from one another...

Blue Blue

Синии Голубой

Red

Pink

RPachi

красный

Linguistic Relativism:

The language affects its speaker's world view or cognition.

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"Newspeak"



6079 Smith W.

Victory Gin
Victory Mansions
Airstrip One



Airstrip One

London

Victory

Triumph



"English Socialism"



"Ingsoc"

Winston

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6079 Smith W.

Oranges and lemons, Say the bells of St. Clement's.

You owe me five farthings, Say the bells of St. Martin's.

1-2. Language and symbolism

...when thought is free...



Hate

Rights Empathy Care Emotion Feelings Ideas Hate Love Pride Hope

"The Brotherhood"

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Immanuel GoldStein: The "Book"

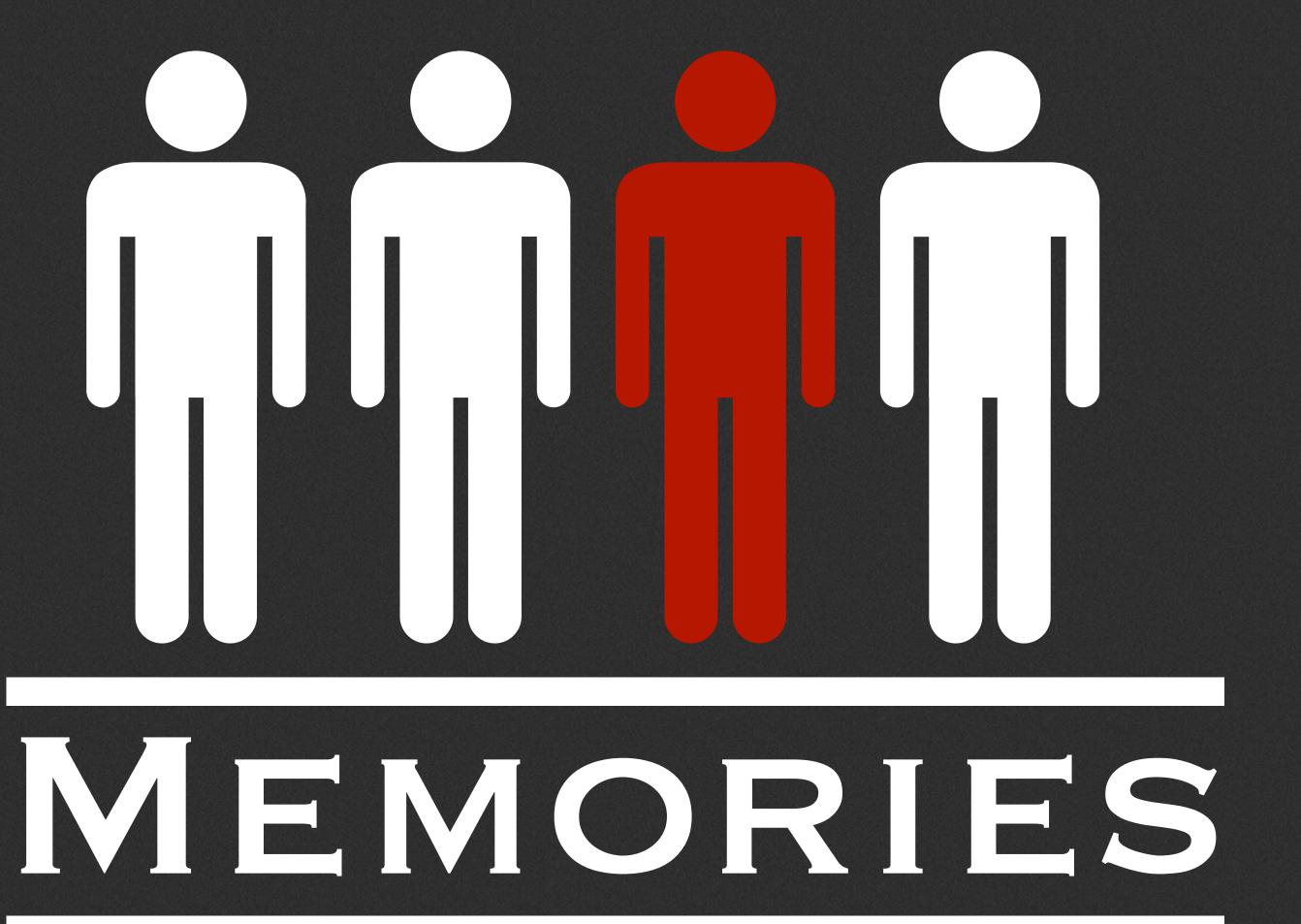
"...says what he would have said, if it had been possible for him to set his scattered thoughts in order"

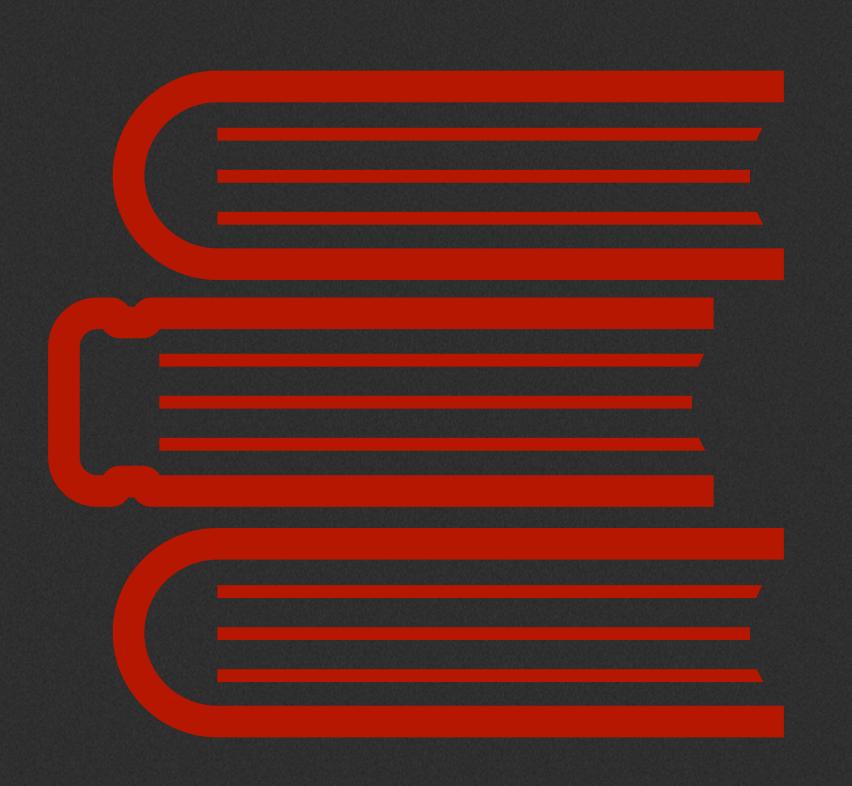
"The best books, [...] are those that tell you what you know already"

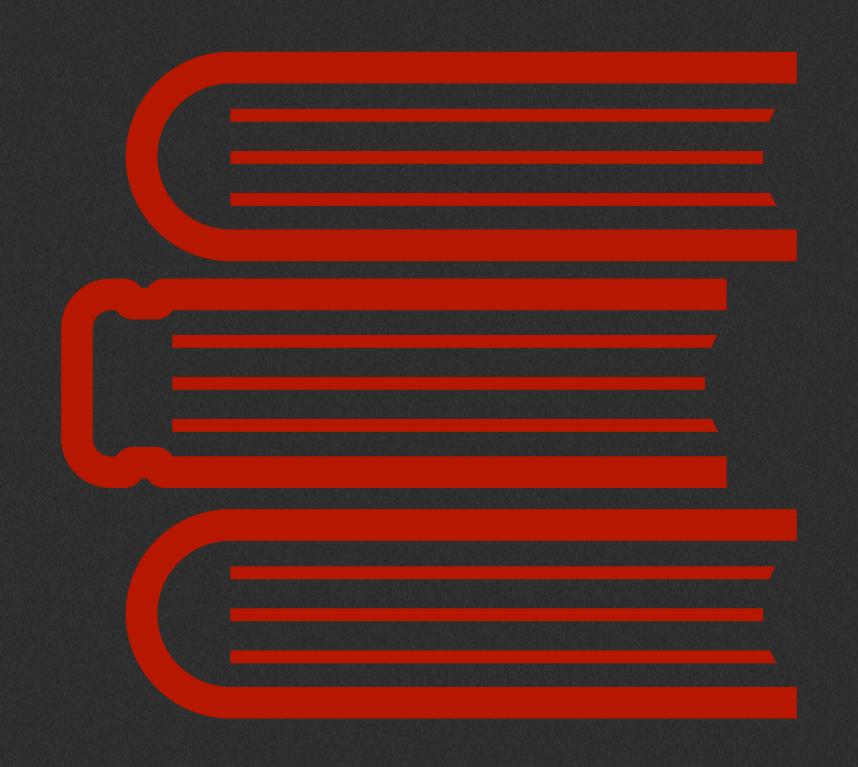
Empathy

2-1. Memory and false reality

...when truth exists...

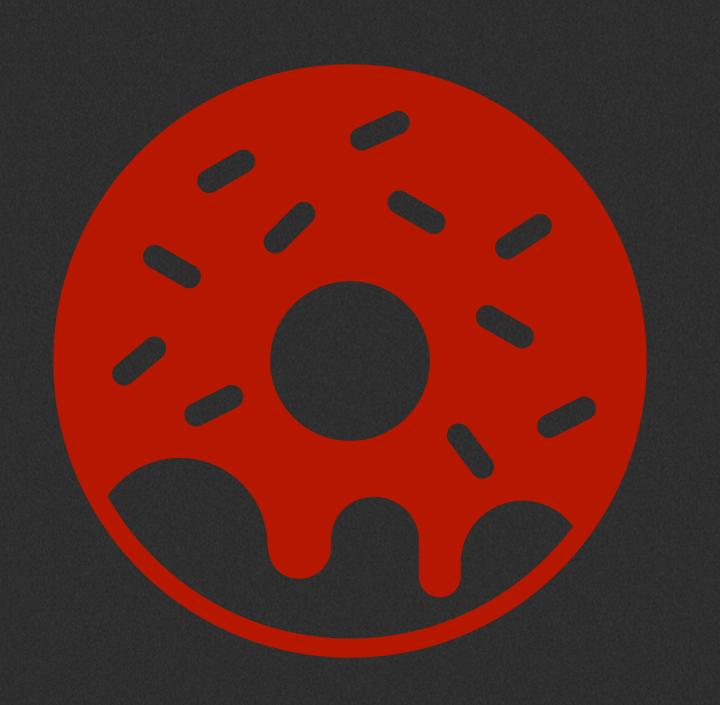


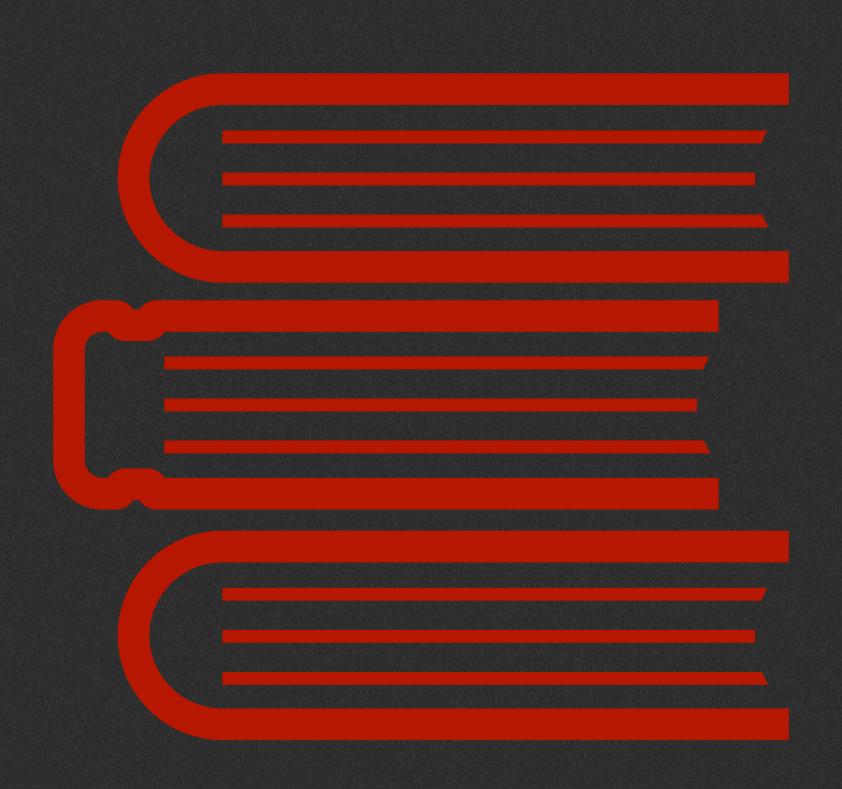




"...bring the past up to date,"

"In no case would it have been possible, once the deed was done, to prove that any falsification had taken place."



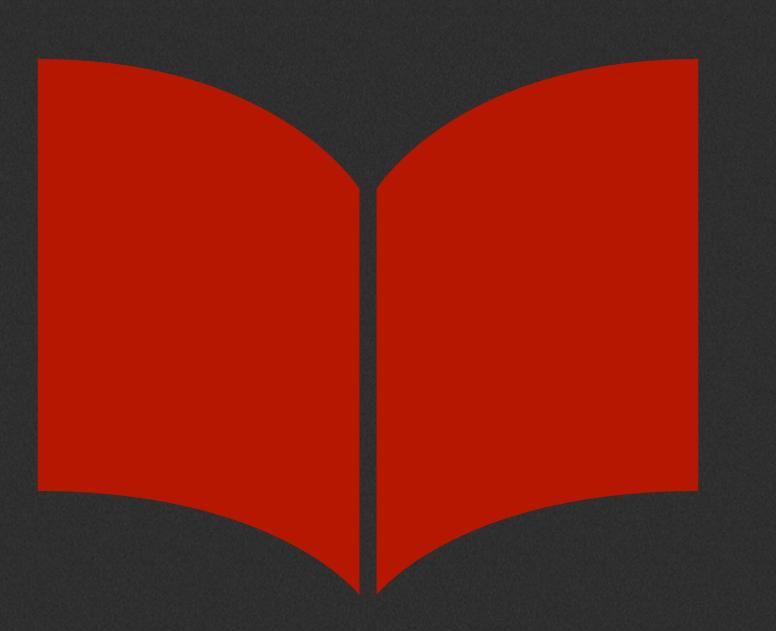


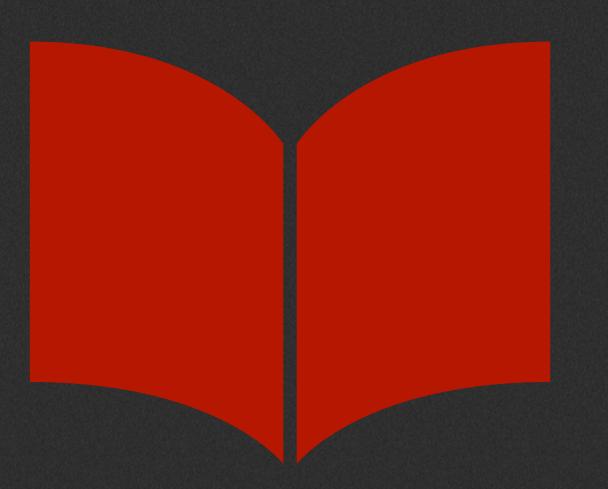


Past

Present

Future





"this was concrete evidence, [...] a fragment of the abolished past, like a fossil bone which turns up in the wrong stratum and destroys a geological theory."

2-2. Shared Memory

... when men do not live alone...





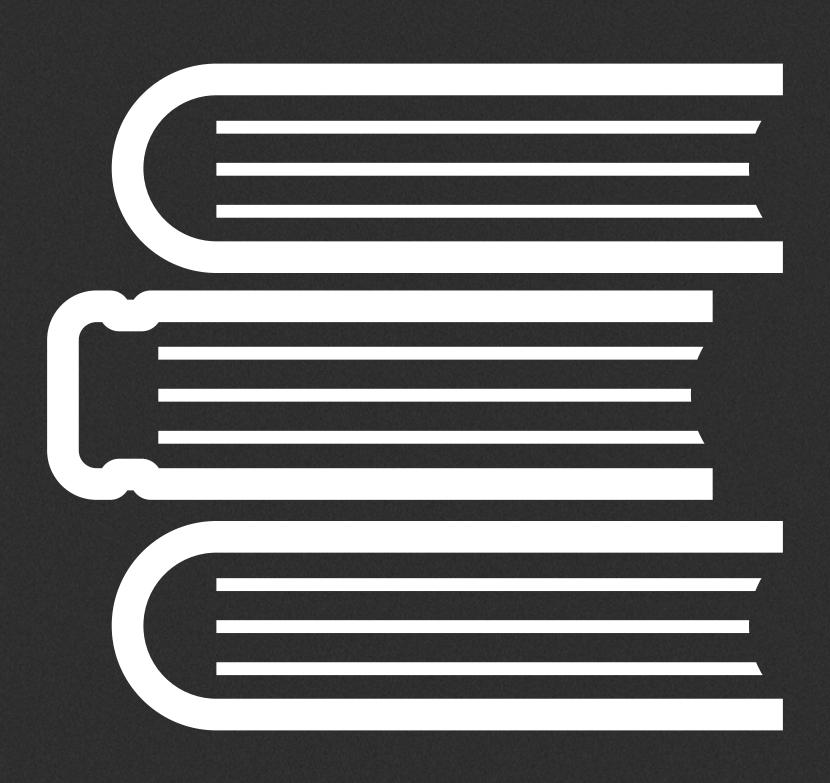
"Was life better before the Revolution than it is now?"

"...capitalists, [...] who were rich and powerful,"

"London was [...] a dark, dirty, miserable place where hardly anybody had enough to eat"

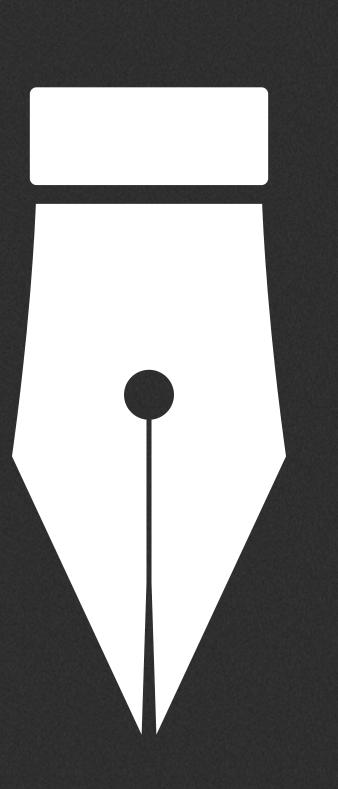


3. Language, Memory, and the Diary



"He was a lonely ghost uttering a truth that nobody would ever hear."

"It was not by making yourself heard but by staying sane that you carried on the human heritage."



"To the future or to the past, to a time when thought is free, when men are different from one another and do not live alone—to a time when truth exists and what is done cannot be undone."

1-1. Language and Diversity1-2 Language and symbolism

2-1 Memories and false reality 2-2. Shared memory

3. the Diary

"From the age of uniformity, from the age of solitude, from the age of Big Brother, from the age of doublethink—

Greetings!"