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The Psychology of Contemporary Issues (Semester 2)

Reading materials (2021/22)

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- **Basic text:** Principles of Social Psychology – 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (2021) - Daffin & Lane – Washington State University

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“The Shallows” - What the Internet is doing to our brains – Nicholas Carr (Norton & Co. 2011)

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