

The Future of Urban Social Life. Going Solo and Connecting

For all of human history, people have lived collectively, if not in families than in small social groups. In the middle of the 20th century, however, our species began an unprecedented social experiment, as a growing number of individuals started going solo in homes of their own. In this talk, Eric Klinenberg draws on his much-debated book "Going solo. The extraordinary rise and surprising appeal of living alone" to show us the societal changes that accompany the trend of single living. What are the causes of this drastic shift in lifestyle? How is the increased demand for single living spaces changing our urban landscapes? How has the rise in living alone changed modern social and family life?

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