

# Download The Narcissism Of Minor Differences How America And Europe Are Alike

The upshot of his argument is that, in many ways, America falls within the European mainstream on a host of social, economic, and cultural issues; indeed, the differences between European nations (such as those between northern and southern Europe) are often more pronounced than the differences between America and Europe-in-general. The Narcissism of Minor Differences How America and Europe Are Alike Peter Baldwin. Upends all of the conventional wisdom about the alleged gulf separating the US and Europe; Extremely well written argument starter by a renowned scholar; Concise and provocative reference for anyone interested in European-American relations But in The Narcissism of Minor Differences, Peter Baldwin, one of the world's leading comparative historians, challenges us to completely rethink our preconceptions. In a bracingly argued but remarkably informed polemic, he lays out how similar the two regions really are in terms of social outcomes, policy, governance, quality of life, and economics. The author tries to "show" that the difference between the US (where 25-30% lives below the poverty line, depending on the methodology used for determining that point), and continental (Western) Europe (excluding the UK, the %age below is in the range of 6-8%) really is minor. A bold claim to make, as well as an oddly condescending one.