We are:

The “undeserving” can be viewed as:

2003:

Social Influence:

Perception and Meaning:

Memory:

Self-image:

Projection Bias:

Justification, rationalization and denial:

‘Sense of self’ is vulnerable to disruption:

Social facilitation/Social loafing:

Compartmentalizing:

The roots of bigotry and fanaticism:

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