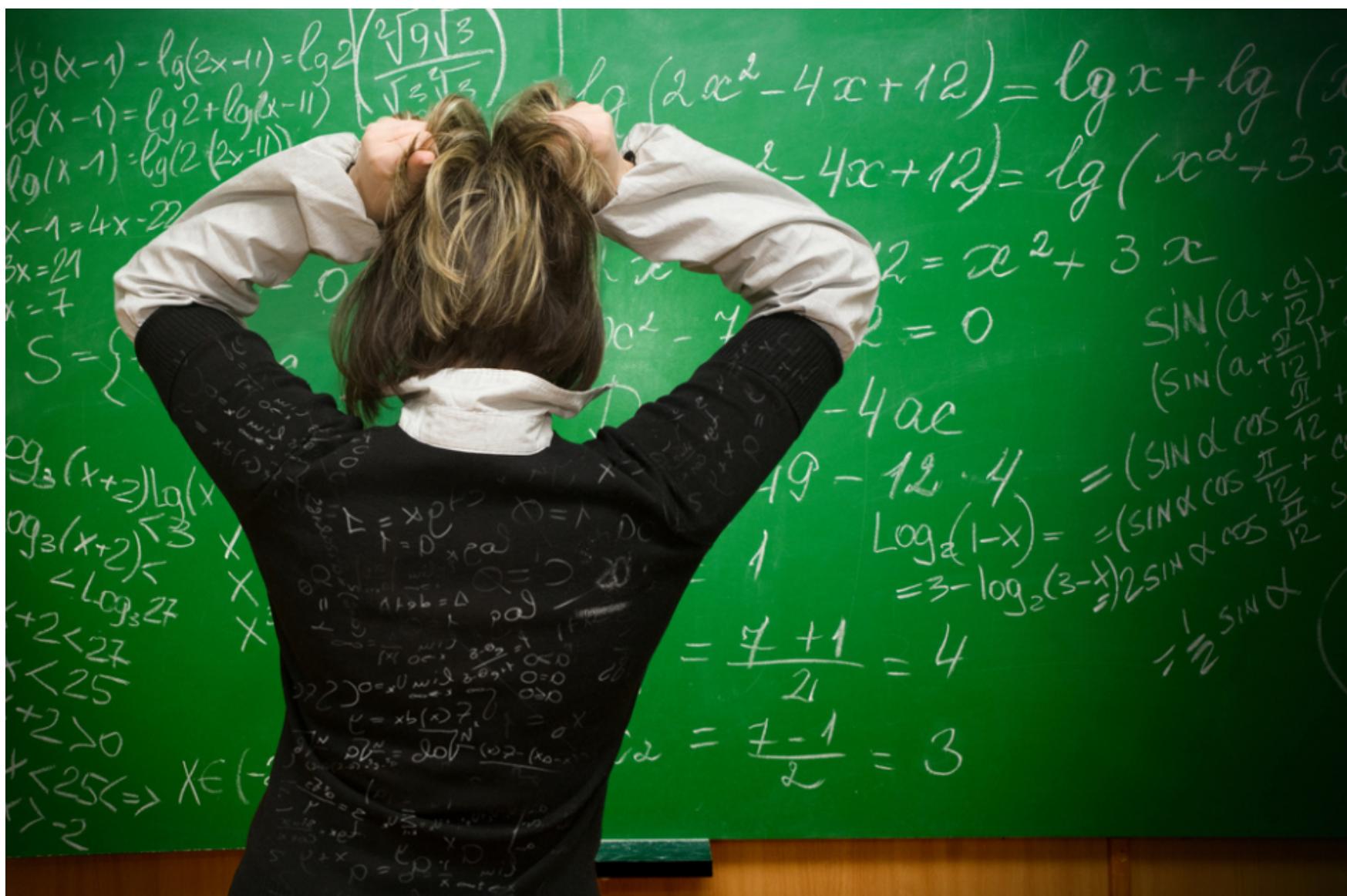


Science confirms: Politics wrecks your ability to do math

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Everybody knows that our political views can sometimes get in the way of thinking clearly. But perhaps we [don't realize](#) how bad the problem actually is. According to a [new psychology paper](#), our political passions can even undermine our very basic reasoning skills. More specifically, the study finds that people who are otherwise very good at math may totally flunk a problem that they would otherwise probably be able to solve, simply because giving the right answer [wrecks](#) their political beliefs.

The study, by Yale law professor [Dan Kahan](#) and his colleagues, has an

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