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# WHO'S IN CHARGE? FREE WILL AND THE SCIENCE OF THE BRAIN

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How much control do you have over your own actions? If your brain controls your mind, who controls your brain?

Many leading neuroscientists argue that since physical laws govern our brains, physical laws therefore control our behaviour and our conscious selves. Free will is meaningless, they claim.

Not so, argues renowned brain researcher Michael Gazzaniga, who elucidates how the mind 'constrains' the brain just as cars are constrained by the traffic they create. Writing with what Steven Pinker calls 'his trademark wit and lack of pretension', Gazzaniga ranges across neuroscience, psychology and ethics to show why we shouldn't blame our brains for our behaviour. Even given the latest insights in the physical processes of the mind, he explains, we are responsible agents who should be held accountable for our actions, because responsibility exists through our interactions rather than inside our brains.

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