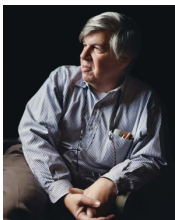


## Stephen Jay Gould

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*Reputation:* **10**

*Impact:* **3**

*Controversy:* **8**

(1941–2002) Born in New York and studied Geology. Became known for his stance on evolution because he downplayed the role of natural selection. His theory, punctuated equilibrium, states that there are frequent long periods of evolutionary stability.