List of Organizations Engaged in 
Transforming Polarization & Division by Sector 
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General Resource and Cross Disciplinary Organizations and Networks

**America Indivisible** is a non-partisan, non-profit coalition effort to address rising bigotry against members of Muslim communities and those who appear to be Muslim from Black, Arab, Sikh, and South Asian communities by reinforcing the American values of equality, pluralism, and strength through diversity.

**America in One Room**—a groundbreaking event organized by the **Center for Deliberative Democracy** at Stanford University, Helena, By the People Productions, and NORC at University of Chicago—brought together 500 representative American voters for a structured examination and discussion of key political issues, as well as a discussion with political candidates around the 2019 elections. Their website offers briefing materials, an executive summary of the event and results, and a great deal of press coverage on the event.

**The Bridge Alliance** is a coalition of ~100 organizations working together as active stewards of our democratic republic. Bridge Alliance member organizations span the ideological spectrum, but are unified to work efficiently, outside arbitrarily defined political lines. You can see the results of their work by visiting their websites/social media pages (accessible through the **All Members page**). The Bridge Alliance nurtures consistent and open communications between its members, developing a foundation of trust to foster collaboration. The Bridge Alliance and Bridge Alliance Education Fund work together to cultivate a greater shared identity and spread awareness of the movement.

**Braver Angels** (formerly Better Angels) organizes a range of online experiences (including online debates, online and in-person workshops, documentary screenings, book discussions, and 1:1 conversations), an annual National Convention, regional alliances, and a library of resources on a variety of polarization related topics.

The **Civil Conversations Project**—organized as part of the On Being Project with Krista Tippet—offers a range of “**Better Conversations Guides**,” articles, interviews and other resources on their website in an effort to foster more constructive conversations on difficult issues.

The **Center for Courage and Renewal** offers a range of online resources and occasional programs focused on Parker Palmer’s book “**Healing the Heart of Democracy**.” The website offers a guides for facilitating “Healing Democracy Action
Circles, a discussion guide, and a range of videos that discuss concepts from the book.

**Charter for Compassion** is a network of networks that connects organizers and partners from around the world. They provide educational resources, organizing tools, and avenues of communication for sharing lessons, stories, and inspiration as a global movement.

**Crossing Party Lines** compiles online resources related to reducing political divisiveness, and provides an online platform for creating regional groups.

**Essential Partners**—formerly the Public Conversations Project—offers facilitation and facilitation training opportunities designed to create safe and constructive spaces to discuss divisive issues within communities and organizations. Their website also offers a wide range of resource guides, including “Fostering Dialogue Across Divides,” “Moving Beyond Partisan Polarization: First Steps,” “Beyond ‘Them’ and ‘Us’: The Practice and Power of Reflective Structured Dialogue,” and “Eleven Tips for Making Hard Conversations Work.”

**Living Room Conversations** compiled almost 100 conversation guides on a wide range of topics based on a conversational model developed by dialogue experts. Their website also has listings of online conversation events and other articles.

**Make America Dinner Again** provides toolkits and an online coordinating platform for organizing small 6-10 person dinner discussions designed to start bridging partisan divides.

**More in Common** is an international organization that focuses on piloting efforts to bring people together across lines of difference and to promote narratives about what we have in common. They offer a great deal of research, publish reports that apply and contextualize their research, and partner with organizations internationally to design and test depolarizing initiatives.

**National Association for Community Mediation** (NAFCM) supports peacemakers by being the hub for advancing the work of community mediation, aggregating the wisdom of community mediation and amplifying the voice of community mediators. NAFCM's purpose, as a membership association of peacemakers who employ the practices and values of community mediation, is to help these peacemakers to create safe spaces for the transformation of conflict to opportunities for engagement, resolution and partnership through the work and will of the participants and those impacted.

**National Association of Nonpartisan Reformers** (NANR) is a member-led Association dedicated to structural election reforms in the public interest. They
provide support to their member organizations through shared resources, best practices, and regular convenings. What unites their network is being pro-voter, not anti-party. They favor a robust competition of numerous political parties and independents, and a level playing field on which that can occur.

**National Conversations Project** National Conversation Project—an overarching collaborative platform powered by the 300 organizations in the #ListenFirst Coalition—is designed to reach farther and impact greater than any one organization by aggregating, aligning, and amplifying the many conversation efforts already underway while welcoming more Americans into conversations. National Conversation Project promotes annual National Weeks of Conversation, #ListenFirst Fridays, Rapid Response & Featured Conversations on Major Issues, Locally-Focused #ListenFirst Movements, and any conversation creating social connection. The project has organized a specific initiative, Weaving Community During Crisis, to respond to the societal shifts of COVID-19.

**National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation** is a network of innovators who bring people together across divides to discuss, decide, and take action together effectively on today’s toughest issues. NCDD serves as a gathering place, a resource center, a news source, and a facilitative leader for this vital community of practice.

**OpenMind** is a psychology-based educational platform designed to depolarize campuses, companies, organizations, and communities. OpenMind helps people foster intellectual humility and mutual understanding, while equipping them with essential skills to engage constructively across differences.

**Peace Direct**, in collaboration with the Alliance for Peacebuilding, has created a mapping of US based peacebuilding efforts.

The **Pew Research Center** offers a variety of reports and data summaries related to Political Polarization in American politics.

**Soliya**'s mission is to prepare rising generations to approach differences constructively and lead with empathy, in order to thrive in an interconnected world.

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**The Sustained Dialogue Institute** helps people to transform conflictual relationships and design change processes around the world. We define dialogue as “listening deeply enough to be changed by what you learn.”
UNITE is began as a 24-hour global livestream event that invites people across the world to celebrate our shared humanity. Throughout the event on May 1st, 2020, global leaders joined citizens of the world in sharing practices, prayers, songs, reflections, and more to help you turn the pain of this moment into possibility for tomorrow.

WEAVE The Social Fabric Project supports those who have found a more connected way to live. Weave explores what it means to weave in our schools, our workplaces and every other part of life. Weave’s mission is to invite everyone to start living like a Weaver and shift our culture from one that values achievement and individual success to one that finds value in deep relationships and community success. A project of the Aspen Institute, see David Brooks', Chairperson of Weave, TED talk about the project here.

World War Zero is a coalition of people who are committed to addressing the climate crisis – scientists, CEOs, military leaders, activists, artists, and so many others from all walks of life and every part of the political spectrum.

There are a wide range of research studies that explore the roots of political polarization and possible strategies for mitigating polarization. Some of these are summarized by the Greater Good Magazine, published by UC Berkeley.

Journalism/Media:

AllSides is a media organization working to provide insights on the many sides to an issue, topic, or news story. A curated news source, they provide links to three articles on the same topic from different sides: “from the right”, “from the left”, “from the center.” They also provide analysis of media bias ratings, a Red Blue Dictionary, have a civic discourse initiative with a widely viewed Ted Talk (between the AllSides CEO & the co-founder of MoveOn), and work with schools and other media organizations

The American Press Institute has a number of reports and guidance on how to approach different aspects of journalistic practice in todays landscape. The political landscape is one topic being explored:

- Truth Telling in a Time of Misinformation and Polarization
- How might we reimagine opinion journalism for our digital, polarized age? Reflections from news leaders
- Contending with Polarized Audiences

The Flip Side is a one-stop shop for smart, concise summaries of political analysis from both conservative and liberal media. Their goal is to become a news source for liberals, moderates, independents, conservatives, and even the apolitical.
Journalist’s Resource is an open access online reference desk for journalists created by the Harvard Kennedy School Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy. They have a polarization focus area highlighting research and journalism around political polarization in the US: https://journalistsresource.org/studies/politics/polarization/

Left, Right, and Center is a podcast from KCRW in DC that features a weekly panel currently hosted by Josh Barro (center), Rich Lowry (Right, editor of National Review), and usually Elizabeth Bruenig (Left, NYT opinion columnist). They are joined by an expert or sometimes two on the major topic they are discussing each week alongside their “news round-up” style approach.

Solutions Journalism Their mission is to spread the practice of solutions journalism: rigorous reporting on responses to social problems. They seek to rebalance the news, so that every day people are exposed to stories that help them understand problems and challenges, and stories that show potential ways to respond. They have featured conflict transformation oriented approaches to covering news stories that endeavor to complicate the narrative in efforts to engage readers in ways that foster action, engagement, and deeper understanding with things you may disagree and be in conflict with.

Government/Governance:

American Promise exists to empower, inspire, and organize Americans to win the 28th Amendment to the Constitution. This lasting reform will re-balance our politics and government by putting the rights of individual citizens before the privileges of concentrated money, corporations, unions, political parties, and superPACs. American Promise assembled the first cross-partisan Advisory Council to speak out for the 28th Amendment. These American leaders represent thoughtful viewpoints from a variety of political, economic, and demographic perspectives.

Ballotpedia is the digital encyclopedia of American politics and elections. Their goal is to inform people about politics by providing accurate and objective information about politics at all levels of government. They are firmly committed to neutrality in their content.

Big Tent Nation is committed to transforming the way individual citizens, business and government communicate and collaborate on issues critical to broad-based national prosperity. The online platform they are building will give mainstream citizen the information and organizational tools they need to effect meaningful change. The platform will allow every American to build a personalized civic homepage that will reflect your highest priority concerns and serve as a nonpartisan portal through which
citizens can connect and partner with fellow citizens, thought leaders and elected officials.

**Center for the Study of the Presidency & Congress** has a “Commission on Civility & Effective Governance” that is focused on breaking/reforming/working through congressional deadlock and partisanship: “The initiative is being led by CSPC President and former Congressman Glenn Nye, (D-VA) and the bipartisan Commission will be chaired by two former Members of Congress who have literally written the book about these profoundly important issues, Jason Altmire (D-PA) (author of “Dead Center: How Political Polarization Divided America and What We Can Do about It”); and Tom Davis, (R-VA), (co-author of “The Partisan Divide: Congress in Crisis”).”

**Center for the Study of Liberty** supports the building of a free society by creating spaces for civil conversations among independent thinkers. They organize collaborative events and curate thought-provoking content so people can explore the big questions about human freedom that lie at the heart of complex social issues.

**The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget** is committed to educating the public on issues with significant fiscal policy impact. As a source of objective policy analysis, they engage policymakers of both parties and help them develop and analyze proposals to improve the country's fiscal and economic condition.

**Common Ground Solutions** has big goals: to increase civic engagement; improve the quality of political discourse; highlight real-world stories of people working together across political lines; and forge moderate, commonsense solutions to our biggest challenges.

**Convergence Center for Policy Resolution** works on specific policy solutions utilizing dialogue leading to action with policy makers at the federal & national level. They have a relationship providing technical support to the House’s Bi-partisan Working Group 28 member caucus that came out of their Building a Better Budget work where they play a neutral facilitating role between representatives.

**The Democracy Fund** invests in organizations working to ensure that our political system is able to withstand new challenges and deliver on its promise to the American people. It is a bipartisan foundation established by eBay founder and philanthropist Pierre Omidyar to help ensure that the American people come first in our democracy.

The **Institute for Civility in Government** provides Civility Trainings, hosts Congressional Student Forums, runs Legislative Seminars, and take part in speaking engagements on reducing the polarization of the U.S.’s political and legislative processes by facilitating dialogue, teaching respect, and building civility in both the public and private spheres.
National Institute for Civil Discourse is a multi-modal effort to promote civil discourse from local to federal politics. Works at grassroots, with faith communities, schools, state legislators, at a federal level, and has a media presence.

The Niskanen Center, a Washington DC based think tank and policy advocacy center, are globalists who share progressives’ desire to robustly address economic and social inequality, liberals’ commitment to toleration and civil liberties, moderates’ embrace of empiricism rather than dogma, conservatives’ belief in the wealth creating power of free markets, and libertarians’ skepticism about the ability of technocratic elites to solve complex economic and social problems. They have an op-ed series in partnership with the Washington Post exploring policy ideas with cross party appeal entitle “On Common Ground”

No Labels is a problem solving oriented political organization focused on fixing the partisan dysfunction of our current national politics. Through a mixture of grassroots organizing and congressional lobby and caucusing No Labels is endeavoring to bring bi-partisan, problem solving oriented solutions to a broad spectrum of political and policy issues.

The Volcker Alliance is an organization dedicated to effective governance. They are focused on the outcomes and effectiveness of government for all citizens and. Poor outcomes can often be linked in part to polarized and partisan political dysfunction. While not explicitly focused on bridging polarization and division in politics and society, the Volcker Alliance often offers insights, research, and solutions into how good governance outcomes can be achieved even in the polarized, partisan landscapes we have. Such insights offer opportunities to build bi-partisan solutions to policy & governance issues.

In the Climate, Environment, & Energy Space:

Columbia SIPA Center on Global Energy Policy is a thought leader and organizer in the global and domestic energy & climate space. Their podcast, The Columbia Energy Exchange, features in-depth conversations with the world’s top energy and climate leaders from government, business, academia and civil society. The program explores today’s most pressing opportunities and challenges across energy sources, financial markets, geopolitics and climate change as well as their implications for both the U.S. and the world. These conversations cover a broad spectrum of political affiliations and beliefs that, in the interest of sound climate & energy policy, transcend the stereotypes of polarized politics and climate change-oriented discourse.

The Citizen’s Climate Lobby is a non-profit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. Their consistently respectful, nonpartisan approach to climate education is designed to
create a broad, sustainable foundation for climate action across all geographic regions and political inclinations. By building upon shared values rather than partisan divides, and empowering their supporters to work in keeping with the concerns of their local communities, they work towards the adoption of fair, effective, and sustainable climate change solutions.

**DEPLOY/US** is focused on building the ecosystem of support for **bipartisan action on climate change and clean energy**, starting with amplifying right-of-center leadership on the issue. They work with **military, business, faith, investment, policy, and philanthropic leaders** to reclaim American leadership in combatting climate change by ensuring that right-of-center voices are part of the dialogue necessary to forge cutting-edge solutions. Their ultimate goal is a body of **federal policy**, enacted with strong bipartisan support, that mitigates climate change, accelerates the transition to clean energy, and supports economic growth.

**EarthX** is focused on environmental education and awareness through holding the world’s largest multi-disciplinary environmental conference, the **EarthXConference** with a tandem environmentally focused film festival and educational initiative. While not explicitly working on division and polarization, they are one of the world’s largest forums for inclusive, solutions oriented environmental discourse and are explicit in their dedication to diverse approaches: “EarthX is dedicated to presenting a balanced approach and the views of persons from all walks of life including: students, families, activists, innovators, capitalists, scientists, environmentalists, business people, officials, foundations, farmers, ranchers, researchers and more. In short, **ALL of the citizens of the world.**”

**Future500** envisions a future in which business and civil society work as equal partners and responsible stewards of a clean, just, and prosperous world. They believe that relationships are the first step toward solving our most pressing environmental and social challenges. By helping diverse organizations step out of their echo chambers and seek common ground in uncommon places, they aim to catalyze innovative, systemic solutions that enable both our planet and society to thrive.

**The Outrider Foundation** believes that political and cultural division disrupts climate progress. That’s why they're here to help unite parties and communities in taking responsible action. They envision a world where people live without fear of nuclear annihilation or climate-induced catastrophe. They believe that we can all make the world safer and more secure if we work together.

**Political Climate** is a bipartisan podcast on energy and environmental issues in America. The hosts go “beyond partisan echo chambers to bring you civil
conversations, fierce debates and insiders perspectives on the most pressing energy and climate issues of our time.”

republicEn is a group of conservative leaders concerned about climate change. It is headed by Bob Inglis, former republican congressman from South Carolina who lost his seat after publicly taking a stance on climate change. They are organizing and advocating for bi-partisan action on climate and energy issues.

Education:

All In Campus Democracy Challenge believe higher education should play a role in developing an active and informed citizenry by educating students, motivating them to engage in American democracy, and instilling the value of lifelong participation. Through an intentionally designed program – which provides incentive, structure, and accountability – this national, nonpartisan initiative inspires, supports, and celebrates colleges and universities working to improve civic learning, political engagement, and voter participation.

The American Democracy Project (ADP), a program of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), is a network of more than 250 state colleges and universities focused on public higher education’s role in preparing the next generation of informed, engaged citizens for our democracy. The goal of the American Democracy Project is to produce college and university graduates who are equipped with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and experiences they need to be informed, engaged members of their communities.

“BridgeUSA believes that good governance starts with constructive political discussion. Our organization works with America’s future leaders on college campuses to foster spaces wherein a diverse range of ideas can engage one another through the practice of responsible discourse.”

Bridge the Divide is a platform where young people in high school and college from across the United States and around the world can contribute their unique voices while engaging with their peers' diverse political convictions. It is a political initiative that seeks to promote political conversation amongst youth in a time of great divide in both American and global political affairs. They work to unite politically active students who desire to create change in the world by stimulating conversation in a productive and respectful manner. They are run solely by young people to work towards a more politically-prosperous, collective future for young people.

Campus Election Engagement Project is a nonpartisan organization committed to teaching our students to be active citizens and voters.
Etgar 36 runs a cross-country travel program focused on teaching participants about the culture and history of America through first-hand exposure to important cities and sites—and in turn creating more well-informed and engaged citizens.

Facing History and Ourselves provides curriculum support and training for educators designed to help them animate lessons from history to teach students about equity and justice. As part of their work, they offer an “Explainer on Political Polarization in the United States,” as well as a variety of teaching ideas on relevant topics such as, “Assessing the Strength of Democracy,” “Political Debates and Cognitive Bias,” and “Where Do We Get Our News and Why Does it Matter?”

NewGen Peacebuilders is a youth peace education program designed for high school and university students (14 to 25). It draws on principles of peace education familiar to Rotary Peace Fellows as well as best practices in peace and global education for youth. The program was designed by Rotary Peace Fellow Patricia Shafer (US) with collaboration and input from Rotary Peace Fellows Phill Gittins (UK), Carla Lineback (US) and Pranisa Ekachote (Thailand). One of the key elements/outcomes of this youth peace education program is a team peace education project that youth complete. These projects have spanned education inequality, poverty, domestic violence, international/cultural bridgebuilding and peace conference planning and management. The program content is global/universal in nature, but also adapted/adaptable to local language, issues and cultural circumstances.

Teaching Tolerance offers this feature on teaching in polarized classrooms. While from 2016, it is a good exploration and resource.

USIP has peacebuilding/peace education toolkits for educators geared towards middle and high school students and teachers. The toolkits envision peace education as a tool to give students peacebuilding and conflict management tools which they can use to navigate and potentially transform polarization & division.

Tech & Social Media

Graphika’s CEO & Research Director have an article in MIT Technology Review from 2018 that maps polarization and division on twitter. While Graphika is not necessarily working on divisiveness & polarization, they have partnered with folks at the MIT Media Lab and Harvard’s Berkman Klein Center to map the landscape of political division on twitter.

The Omidyar Network (philanthropic effort e-bay founder Pierre Omidyar and wife Pam) has put resources towards engaging with hate speech and online forums that can drive division & polarization. In an article & white paper they point to how social media is a threat to democracy, their first point being that it fuels “Echo Chambers, Polarization and Hyper Partisanship.” They invested in the Anti-Defamation
League’s Center For Technology & Society which states: “In a world riddled with cyberhate, online harassment, and misuses of technology, the Center for Technology and Society (CTS) serves as a resource to tech platforms and develops proactive solutions. CTS aims for global impacts and applications in an increasingly borderless space. It is a force for innovation, producing cutting-edge research to enable online civility, protect vulnerable populations, support digital citizenship, and engage youth.”

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As listed in the Philanthropy section, the Hewlett Foundation has published a comprehensive literature review on Social Media, Political Polarization, & Political Disinformation.

Exposure to Social Media Can Increase Political Polarization is a research effort edited by a Columbia Professor, Peter Bearman examining the nature of our social media “echo bubbles”.

In Business, Economics, & Finance:

American Sustainable Business Council is a network of business leaders focused on the business community’s contributions to sustainability and policy interaction with government. They have a working groups focused on “Making Capitalism Work for All” and “Diversity & Inclusion” which are both policy focused but get at fairness in the economy, making things work across divisions, and advocate for bi-partisan approaches to policy making...

“At Business for America we believe that the business community can help to overcome political polarization and preserve our country’s representative democracy.” They work to “mobilize the business sector to help increase voter participation and civic engagement, put meaningful solutions on state and national agendas, and generate the support necessary to drive change.” This is their platform
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The Institute for Economics & Peace is the world’s leading think tank dedicated to developing metrics to analyze peace and to quantify its economic value. It does this by developing global and national indices, calculating the economic cost of violence, analyzing country level risk and understanding positive peace.

The Leadership Now Project is a membership organization of business leaders mobilized to “Fix American Democracy.” They invest in high-impact organizations and candidates (New Leaders) to advance a modern, effective democracy for all Americans. Their issue priorities for 2019-2021 are:

1. **Voter participation and protection**
2. **Competitive, fair, and secure elections, particularly through combating gerrymandering and promoting ranked choice voting**
3. **Data and transparency in politics**
4. **Innovation & ideas for a modern democracy**

Not explicitly focused on polarization or political divisiveness but they are concerned with a democracy and government that is effective and works which brings in the ability to conduct bi-partisan governance writ-large.

**In Philanthropy**

The Hewlett Foundation’s Madison Initiative focuses on strengthening U.S. democracy and its institutions—especially Congress—in a time of political polarization. Launched in 2014, the initiative is nonpartisan and supports nonprofit organizations across the ideological spectrum—academic researchers, advocacy groups, think tanks, and civic leadership organizations—who seek to understand and improve the political system so that elected representatives are better equipped to solve society’s greatest problems and in turn, earn public trust and support. The Hewlett Foundation’s board has authorized the initiative to make approximately $20 million in grants per year until 2021, for a total commitment of $150 million. One effort out of this is initiative is a literature review on Social Media, Political Polarization, & Political Disinformation.

**Philanthropy in a Time of Polarization** is an article in Stanford Social Innovation review from 2014. It outlines polarization as a process and historical story alongside thinking on how organizations can operate effectively. It offers comments on different approaches philanthropic efforts might take: “Some of the most creative
advocacy work currently under way builds cross-party coalitions that are anchored not by centrists, but by figures with unquestioned ideological credibility. We call this style of advocacy “transpartisan,” because it recognizes that the critical political gatekeepers are no longer ideologically neutral actors in the center, but the authorizers of ideological orthodoxy at the poles. The art of transpartisan policy entrepreneurship is to develop policy frameworks that can support gatekeepers who have chosen to bless certain unorthodox ideas or shifts in policy.”

**Home & Parenting**

The National Council on Family Relationships has explored how political polarization works at the family level, they have a webinar with Bill Doherty, Better (now Braver) Angels founder and Director at the Citizen Professional Center in the Department of Family Social Science at the University of Minnesota.

The effect of partisanship and political advertising on close family ties—research paper in the Journal Science.

**Faith Based Initiatives:**

Civic Spirit works with diverse faith communities and faith based schools and educational institutions in particular in efforts to build robust civics education in these schools.

The Interfaith Alliance offers resources for political candidates and for voters designed to support respectful communication to diverse religious audiences, and to discourage the use of religion as a tool of politics. This includes Guides for Candidates, Guidelines for Faith Leaders Speaking on Hot Button Issues, and a Voter Registration and Mobilization program.

The Interfaith Youth Core supports high school and college on-campus groups, and offers workshops, trainings, conferences, and grant funding to support inter-faith dialogue and leadership.

The Pluralism Project, based at Harvard University, provides research and online resources designed to understand the conditions that promote positive interfaith interactions and to promote greater mutual respect and understanding.

State of Formation (SoF) is an online forum for emerging religious and ethical leaders. Founded as an offshoot of the Journal of Interreligious Studies, both publications are produced by the Betty Ann Greenbaum Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership at Hebrew College and Boston University School of Theology. The forum is for up-and-coming religious and ethical thinkers to
draw upon the learning that is occurring in their academic and community work. They curate a list of faith-based dialogue activities in US States.

**In Healthcare:**

The Law and Health Policy Project is a collaboration between ODPHP, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the CDC Foundation, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that aims to improve the health of communities through sharing information about evidence-based law and policy interventions.

There are efforts underway to establish a shared vocabulary and set of goals around the “social determinants of health”—the broad range of factors that research shows influences health outcomes. There are shared definitions and resources provided by organizations including the Federal Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

**In Entertainment & Sports:**

Generations for Peace, an international Jordanian Youth oriented Peacebuilding Organization, has opened its first US based office in the South-Side of Chicago and is piloting youth-led peacebuilding initiatives there to bridge generational divides and interrupt and prevent widespread gun violence.

Peace Players uses sports to bridge divides in communities in conflict—specifically through sports programming, peace education, and leadership development programs.

Peace and Sport provides supports for national and international peacebuilders designing and implementing programs that use sport to promote education, integration, and socialization.

RISE—the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality—works with youth athletes, coaches and school administrators to provide educational programming and workshops about racism, prejudice, diversity and inclusion, and through awareness campaigns at sporting events.

A research paper titled Can Celebrities Burst your Bubble? About a strategy for using celebrities to overcome filters in social media as a means of mitigating polarization.

**In the Arts:**
The Better Angels Society is dedicated to supporting the creation and dissemination of historical documentary films designed to educate, engage, and encourage discussion among people of every political persuasion and ideology.

The Civic Life Project is a non-profit focused on funding the creation of documentary films conceived of, researched directed, and produced by high school and college students. They have an annual Youth Film Challenge to fund projects and offer a toolkit to guide youth in creating films.

Event Based Organizations:

The Common Ground Committee is a forum organizing events hosting high-profile leaders from diverse political backgrounds to find common ground on divisive issues like race, taxes, healthcare, and the media.

92nd Street Y is a world-class cultural and community center in New York City where people all over the world connect through culture, arts, entertainment and conversation. As a proudly Jewish organization, 92Y enthusiastically welcomes and reaches out to people of all ages, races, faiths and backgrounds while embracing Jewish values like learning and self-improvement, the importance of family, and the joy of life.

In Academia:

Civic Health Project is dedicated to reducing affective polarization and creating healthier civil discourse in our citizenry, politics, and media. They promote research and interventions that target affective polarization’s causes and identify promising remedies.

Civil Politics is an organization run by academics whose expertise lies in the use of data to understand moral psychology. They regularly publish articles in scientific journals concerning the antecedents and consequences of moral views.

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American Public Square is a Kansas City-based community organization working to improve the tone and quality of public discourse by:

- **Convening** groups and creating space for respectful dialogue on important topics
- **Educating** community members about why engaging in this way is important and how to do it well
- **Engaging** diverse segments of our society to ensure that multiple perspectives are explored

The Divided Community Project hopes to synthesize insights for collaborative approaches to community division; provide counsel to local leaders based on these insights; and help local leaders translate these principles into practice in local communities throughout the nation.

Everyday Democracy’s mission is to help communities talk and work together to create communities that work for everyone. They work directly with local communities, providing advice and training and flexible how-to resources. They primarily use serial facilitated dialogue to assist communities navigating divisive decisions and circumstances.

Hands Across the Hills formed in response to the 2016 election with the goal of meeting face to face with others who voted differently than us, eliminating the voices of politicians and the media, who seek to divide us, to see us as enemies, red versus blue. Two small groups, progressives in rural Western Massachusetts and conservative voters in Eastern Kentucky coal country, met for three immersive weekends of dialogue and cultural exchange in each other’s towns, in fall 2017, spring 2018 and fall 2019.

Ted Talks and Other Media looking at Polarization, Division, Dialogue:

- Peter Coleman: Why We Are Stuck—The Attraction of a Polarized America
• Joan Blades & John Gables: Free Yourself from Your Filter Bubbles
• Jonathan Haidt: The Moral Roots of Liberals & Conservatives
• Jonathan Haidt: Can a Divided America Heal?
• Robb Willer: How to have better political conversations
• David Brooks, Gretchen Carlson: Political Common Ground in a Polarized United States
• Yuval Noah Hariri: Nationalism vs. Globalism: the new political divide
• Eve Pearlman: How to lead a conversation between people who disagree
• Arthur Brooks: A Conservative Plea: Let’s Work Together
• Julia Dhar: How to disagree productively and get along
• Michael Sandell: The Lost Art of Political Debate
• Sally Kohn: Let’s Try Emotional Correctness
• Jonas Gahr Store: In defense of dialogue
• Julia Galef: Why you think you’re right—even if you’re wrong
• Arthur Brooks: A conservative’s plea: Let’s work together
• Pia Mancini: How to upgrade democracy for the internet era
• Jonathan Haidt: How common threats can make common (political) ground
• Megan Phelps-Roper: I grew up in the Westboro Baptist Church. Here’s why I left
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