



Braver Angels

Braver Angels is an organization uniting Red and Blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America.

- ✓ *As individuals*, we try to understand the other side's point of view, even if we don't agree with it.
- ✓ *In our communities*, we engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together.
- ✓ *In politics*, we support principles that bring us together rather than divide us.

Our activities are organizing community workshops, debates and local alliances, gathering annually to determine national priorities, and convening Red, Blue and Other thought leaders to make new arguments and show better ways to disagree.

Our rule of balance is that in all our Red/Blue workshops and alliances, and at every level of leadership, we have equal numbers of Reds and Blues. We welcome those who lean neither Red or Blue to join us in our work. Our leaders and members range from working class to affluent, and come from many backgrounds, so that our organization can reflect the country we seek to serve.

We're a dues-paying membership organization led by a small staff and many volunteers. We include our entire membership in monthly video conferences, and delegates attending an annual Convention help guide the organization. We're a 501(c)(3) non-profit led by a Board of Directors. All donations are tax-deductible.

We invite you to join us today—just visit our website and click “Get Involved.”



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The mystic chords of memory...will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.

— Lincoln's First Inaugural Address, 1861

The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion.

— Lincoln's State of the Union Message, 1862

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An Informal/Unscientific Self-Check How Much Do My Daily Actions Support Political Depolarization?

It has been said that we can change the world by starting with our own daily attitudes, actions and interactions. Have a discussion with someone else about any of these. Can you think of any others?

1. I accept personal responsibility for acting in ways that support cross-partisan connection and understanding.
2. I refrain from mocking, ridiculing or demonizing those who hold different political views.
3. I believe that a beginning point of common ground for all regardless of political views is the shared concern for the well being of family and loved ones.
4. I seek opportunities to learn how those with different political views formed them.
5. I refrain from forwarding information on social media that mocks or demonizes those with different political views.
6. I encourage my friends to treat friends and foes alike with courtesy.
7. I seek opportunities to improve my skills at promoting cross-partisan relationships.
8. In cross-partisan conversations, I choose to believe that the other person has good intentions.
9. I choose not to view programs that use mocking and dehumanizing the “other side” as a form of entertainment.
10. In listening to a person with a different political view, I listen to the opinion and for the unmet needs that might be behind the opinion (safety, financial security, and so on).
11. Others?