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Ask us anything: A Red/Blue post-election S.O.S.

Latest A Braver Way podcast

Two weeks after the 2024 election, Left-Right tensions are through the roof. In this special “Ask me anything” episode, a cross-partisan panel of Trump and Harris voters takes on a fiery handful of YOUR toughest questions about how in the world we bridge political divides from here... just in time for the holidays. Join host Moni Guzman, with April Lawson and our special guests Angel Eduardo, Shira Hoffer, and Travis Tripodi, as we close out this season of A Braver Way with a conversation you don’t want to miss. [Listen here](#).

Film Club: News media bias

Tomorrow **November 21 at 8 pm ET**, we'll discuss three pieces about news media bias, selected to provide a variety of perspectives, and how it impacts polarization. Included: "Big News," a 2024 Canadian Broadcasting Corporation documentary, and an interview with Batya Ungar-Sargon. Please watch the pieces, which total 80 minutes, for free in advance, then join us for the discussion. For viewing links and registration, please [click here](#).

Gladiator. Sniper. Are you either?

Join us tomorrow **November 21 at 6:30 pm ET** to learn what roles family members typically play in conversations about politics. If you want to preserve important family bonds while staying true to your values and political beliefs, this workshop will give insights into why family differences over politics are uniquely challenging, and offer strategies and skills for handling family political differences in constructive ways. It won't all be as super-serious as it sounds; be prepared for some fun during this important workshop! [Register](#) for [Families & Politics](#)

Better care for youth distressed about their gender? (Workshop)

An upcoming Common Ground workshop tackles the flashpoint topic of gender questioning head-on. If this topic speaks to you or someone you know, and you can honestly answer "yes" to the question: *Are you willing to listen to the other side, speak with respect to the other side, and work hard to find common ground?*, then join us **November 23 at 2 pm ET**. Say whether you endorse the current practice of medical providers prescribing "puberty blockers" to gender-questioning youth, or whether you want a moratorium on that. The format requires balanced input from two different viewpoints (some participants may be asked to move to an observer spot to balance things out). Participation is by invitation; applicants will be contacted before the event. [Sign up here](#). Questions? edwardnvirginia@hotmail.com

Stop talking smack about *them*

Polarization can be driven by how we talk with like-minded people about those on the other side. Too often, we stereotype, dismiss, or ridicule "them" – those who support the other political party, its leaders, and its policies. Our next Depolarizing Within

workshop, **November 24 at 2 pm ET**, will help participants learn how to be more aware of their own "inner polarizer," how to be critical without demonizing, dismissing or stereotyping large swaths of the population, and how to constructively intervene in polarizing social conversations with like-minded people. **Register [here](#)**. Questions? Contact Abe Dana at adana@braverangels.org

Are you our next graphic designer?

We're looking for an experienced graphic designer to design and produce graphics for a variety of purposes, including events, clubs, caucuses, websites, marketing materials, social media, merchandise, and more. This person should be a self-starter and well-versed in both Canva and Adobe Creative Suite. It's a part-time position for 20 hours a week. **Here's** the full job description. **Send your resume** to olivia@braverangels.org and CC qtimmis@braverangels.org.

Spotlight on Civic Synergy

What we're doing is bigger than all of us!

No single group can change the country -- but a *movement* can! That movement is **[Braver Network](#)**. Braver Angels works closely with more than 330 organizations -- non-profits, churches, communities, and more that share our vision of a depolarized America. This week's partner is **[Civic Synergy](#)**, a non-profit geared to "empowering young adults to communicate and collaborate effectively across divisions; feel comfortable deliberating with those who have different views; and connect and facilitate action beyond dialogue."

The organization was founded after the Jan 6, 2021 events at the US Capitol by three Massachusetts Institute of Technology undergrads looking to bridge the political divide in service of solving the pressing challenges of our time. Here's what they say about themselves: "Our programs foster collaborative skill-building and productive cross-partisan collaboration, resulting in the crafting of bipartisan policy solutions sent to members of Congress and other public officials."

In the news

Rick Hotchner and Barbara Thomas have been together for nearly two decades, despite their political differences. Here's how they manage their relationship.

Read: KARE11.com: [A Minnesota couple with opposing political views share how they make it work](#)

How can we keep our sanity in a world awash in “outrage porn”? That’s the question asked by Braver Angel Julian Adorney.

Read: Healing the West: [Surviving the Maelstrom](#)

Lori Cartwright and Jefferson Shupe, co-coordinators of Braver Angels Utah, list out ways we can all bridge political divides without compromising our principles.

Read: Salt Lake Tribune: [Voices: Election Day is over. Here’s how Utahns can rebuild — one conversation at a time.](#)

Wyoming state coordinator Tom Brantley emphasizes that we must respect each other enough to engage in civil discourse.

Read: Wyoming Tribune-Eagle: [Brantley: We don’t have to be friends, but...](#)

What he said

“...I have experienced many instances of being oblig’d, by better information or fuller consideration, to change opinions even on important subjects, which I once thought right, but found to be otherwise.”

– Ben Franklin

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