

Polarization, Dialogue and Election 2020: *Why and How*. Sponsored by the Cambridge Negotiation Institute, featuring distinguished panelists: **Keith Allred**, Exec. Dir. of Natl. Inst. for Civil Discourse; **Lucas Johnson**, Exec. Dir. of Civil Conversations and Social Healing; **Grande Lum**, Provost/Professor at Menlo College; and **Nancy Rogers**, Professor Emeritus at Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. <https://www.cambridgenegotiationinstitute.com/courses/election2020>

Upcoming Events:	
<p>Nov 9, 2020 Mondays 1:30 or 8:30pm (Eastern) 12:30 or 7:30pm (Central) 11:30am or 6:30pm (Mountain) 10:30am or 5:30pm (Pacific)</p>	<p>Looking for Some Self-Care After the Election? <i>Join a Whistling in the Dark group!</i> Sponsored by the Kittitas and Skagit Leagues, this is the second round in a series of Cultivating Civic Conversations beginning Nov. 9th. Each week will focus on tips and stories from Brad Montague’s book, <i>Becoming Better Grownups</i> and the <i>OnBeing</i> podcast. The groups will meet using Zoom on Mondays at 10:30am and 5:30pm (Pacific.) Participants may switch as their schedules change. To sign up or get more information, email Katherine Murphy at kbmurphy@lwvwa.org.</p>
<p>Nov 10, 2020 Tuesday 3pm (Eastern) 2pm (Central) 1pm (Mtn) 12pm (Pacific)</p>	<p>LWVUS Post Election Debrief with LWV CEO Virginia Kase. Register here.</p>
<p>Nov 10, 2020 Tuesday 7pm (Eastern) 6pm (Central) 5pm (Mtn) 4pm (Pacific)</p>	<p>Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Fought for Rights for All. Sponsored by the LWV of Baltimore City and County, featuring Professor Martha S. Jones, Society of Black Alumni Presidential Professor and Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University. She is the author of several books, her most recent being the title of this presentation. Register here.</p>
<p>Nov 13, 2020 Friday 9pm (Eastern) 8pm (Central) 7pm (Mtn) 6pm (Pacific)</p>	<p><i>The Reunited States</i>, a documentary film, inspired by the book <i>The Reunited States of America</i>, written by Mark Gerzon. An inspiring look at bridge-builders who are helping Americans heal across political, racial and cultural divides. Sponsored by the LWV of Snohomish County, partnering with the Seattle-Everett Braver Angels Alliance, as a helpful and healing discussion following the election. The film director, Ben Rekhi, and two of the cast members, Susan Bro and Erin Leaverton, will join us. Register here.</p>

<p>Nov 16, 2020 Monday 3pm (Eastern) 2pm (Central) 1pm (Mtn) 12pm (Pacific)</p>	<p>Citizen Leaders Needed to Help Heal our Culture, Communities and Conversations. Sponsored by the Greater Verde Valley League (AZ) and Osher, this program features Dr. Carolyn Lukensmeyer, who will explore the challenges and opportunities facing our democracy at this moment and how we can build bridges across our divides. Register here.</p>
<p>Nov 17, 2020 Tuesday</p>	<p>LWV/NICD Network Zoom Call. More details will be sent in separate email next week.</p>

Did You Miss It? Recent Events with links to recordings:	
<p>Oct 20, 2020</p>	<p>Coffee & Conversations: Is Outrage Destroying Civil Discourse? Sponsored by the East Brunswick Human Relations Council, featuring Dr. Robert Boatright and Dr. Sylvia Chan-Malik. View here.</p>
<p>Oct 21, 2020</p>	<p>Should We Abolish the Electoral College? A Braver Angels Debate in partnership with the City Club of Cleveland. View here.</p>
<p>Oct 21, 2020</p>	<p>Free to State: <i>The New Free Speech.</i> One in a series of The Washington Post LIVE events. Re: this topic: Attitudes toward free expression are evolving as more of our discourse takes place online and concerns about <i>the growing preponderance of “lawful but awful” content and discourse</i> mount. Featured guest: Dr. Robert Zimmer, President of the University of Chicago and ‘Chicago Principles,’ a set of guiding principles for free speech on campus. View here.</p>
<p>Oct 27, 2020</p>	<p>Polarization, Dialogue, and Election 2020: Why & How. The Cambridge Negotiation Institute convened national leaders in dialogue and bridging work for a panel discussion on the challenges, opportunities and need for dialogue across difference at a time of increasing political polarization and tension in the United States. View here.</p>
<p>Oct 28, 2020</p>	<p>Election Cybersecurity: Lessons from Workshops with leaders in all 50 states. Multiple presenters (bi-partisan effort with academics, Dept. of Homeland Security, secretaries of state, political leaders, civic organizations – incl. LWV) report findings of 5-year study on election cybersecurity elements. Recording will be available next week. Extensive resources here.</p>
<p>Oct 28, 2020</p>	<p>Polling and the 2020 Election: <i>From Lessons Learned to New Trends.</i> Sponsored by the LWV of Baltimore City and County, featuring Dr. Mileah Kromer, Dir. of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center. Dr. Kromer teaches American politics and research methods at Goucher</p>

	College. View here.
Oct 29, 2020	5 Days Out: A Roundtable of Election Law Experts: <i>Assessing the landscape in the week before Election Day.</i> Sponsored by Election Law at Ohio State. View here.
Oct 30, 2020	Race, Polarization and Life After the Election. Sixth in series of Johns Hopkins SNF Agora Institute Conversations: Election 2020. (six-week series of webcast conversations that will consider the specific current threats to American democracy and the path forward.) View here.

Shared Resources/Network Support:

LWV Resources:

- LWV Post-Election Message Template. [Here.](#)
- Criteria for LWV Participation in Marches and Events. [Here.](#)
- Guidance: State and Local League Involvement in Democracy Movements. [Here.](#)

Resources from Other Trusted Organizations/Agencies:

- **Democracy for President:** *A Guide to How Americans Can Strengthen Democracy During a Divisive Election* (from *More in Common*) [may be downloaded at this link.](#)
- **Open Mind Platform.** An interactive platform that fosters openness to diverse perspectives and equips people with the skills to communicate constructively across differences. [Start here.](#)
- **The Trust Network:** *Creating Connections Across Communities.* People building peace before, during and after the 2020 election. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Hold the Line:** *A Guide to Defending Democracy.* [Learn more here.](#)
- **Divided Community Project** - Ohio State University Moritz College of Law – Toolkit resources that describe specific community engagement and conflict resolution strategies that local leaders can use to identify and address community division and its underlying causes. [Link to resources here.](#)
- **With Malice Toward None.** The days following the 2020 presidential election may become the most divisive period in modern U.S. history—no matter who wins. Both sides will worry about how people on the other side will treat them. Braver Angels offers some tools and here is the [link to learn more.](#)

Non-LWV Websites of Interest

- ✓ American Academy of Arts and Sciences/Our Common Purpose | www.amacad.org/ourcommonpurpose
- ✓ National Institute for Civil Discourse | www.nicd.arizona.edu
- ✓ Braver Angels | www.braverangels.org
- ✓ My Pronouns (offers an introduction to using non-traditional pronouns) | www.mypronouns.org
- ✓ More in Common | www.moreincommon.org
- ✓ The Hidden Tribes of America | <https://hiddentribes.us>
- ✓ Compass Point | <https://compasspoint.org>
- ✓ Human Systems Dynamics Institute | www.hsdinstitute.org
- ✓ Common Cause | www.commoncause.org/newmexico