

Timing Overview

- Opening story: 2 min
- Audience exercise: 1 min
- Definition + hills image: 2 min
- Five benefits: 5 min
- Civic reflection & Braver Angels: 5 min
- Closing: 2 min

Total: about 17 minutes

Strong Convictions, Deeper Understanding

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A quick question.

A simple test of understanding:

“Understanding means being able to describe another person’s viewpoint in a way that they would say, ‘Yes—that’s what I mean.’”

**Imagine two people standing on different hills,
looking at the same valley.**

Understanding another person builds

- **A Human Bridge**
- **Clearer Thinking**
- **Stronger Voice**
- **Greater Influence**
- **Stronger Democracy**

So why is it so hard?

Braver Angels

We inspire and equip Americans to practice

courageous citizenship *across political*

differences through skill-building, convening, and

collaborative action.

Skills for better understanding (LAPP)

- L - Listen Actively - Focus on Other's Viewpoint**
- A - Acknowledge - Test Your Understanding**
- P - Pivot Inquiry - Ask Permission**
- P - Present Your View**

Braver Angels Way (an aspiration)

1. We state our views *freely and fully, without fear*.
2. We treat people who disagree with us with *honesty, dignity and respect*.
3. We welcome *opportunities to engage* those with whom we disagree.
4. We believe *all of us have blind spots* and none of us are not worth talking to.
5. We seek to *disagree accurately*, avoiding exaggeration and stereotypes.
6. We look for common ground where it exists and *find ways to work together*.
7. We believe that, in disagreements, *both sides share and learn*.
8. In Braver Angels, *neither side is teaching the other* or giving feedback on how to think or say things differently.

Toolkit

Developing Skills for Depolarization / Understanding

- **Experience Workshops**
- **Common Ground Workshops**
- **Skills Workshops**
- **Town Halls**
- **Debates**
- **1:1 Conversations**
- **Biennial Conventions**

Program Teams

- **Braver Citizens**
- **Braver Politics**
- **Braver Faith**
- **Braver Education**
- **Braver Network***
- **Braver Scholars**
- **Braver Art**
- **Braver Media**

Leadership Rule: Red/Blue Parity

Support Teams

- **Event development & delivery**
- **Tech**
- **HR / Finance**
- **Field Operations**
- **Communications**

Governing Rule: Red/Blue parity

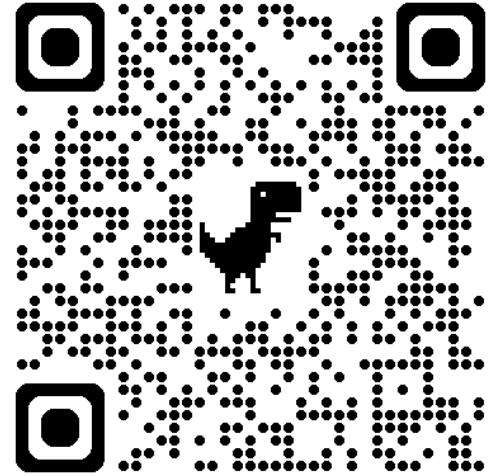
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- Members 15,000+
- Alliances 124
- Events 6,000+
- Participants 70,000+
- Years of Impact 9+

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