

WHAT IS BRAVER ANGELS?

OUR MISSION

Braver Angels is a citizens' organization uniting red and blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America.

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



“We are not enemies, but friends.
We must not be enemies. Though
passion may have strained, it
must not break our bonds of
affection. 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.”

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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LOCAL ALLIANCES

Braver Angels Alliances are local groups of people who have attended a Braver Angels workshop, have become dues-paying members, and want to help unify America and promote better public policy.

Alliances have red/blue co-chairs and prioritize having no more than a 60/40 split in red and blue membership. Here are some typical activities:

- Sponsor workshops, skills training and debates in their local community
- Have in-depth discussions about public policy issues
- Socialize with each other through potluck dinners, book clubs, etc.



WORKSHOPS

RED/BLUE WORKSHOPS

Structured conversations between equal numbers of conservative and liberal participants, to better understand the beliefs and experiences of those on the other side

SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Skills to have constructive, non-polarizing conversations between people who disagree politically, and structured practice

DEPOLARIZING WITHIN WORKSHOPS

Ways to depolarize yourself and those who share your views so you can disagree without demonizing, dismissing, or stereotyping those who differ from you politically



BRAVER ANGELS DEBATES

A Braver Angels Debate is a different kind of debate in which a group of people think together, listen carefully to one another, and allow themselves to be touched and perhaps changed by each other's ideas. When done well, everyone walks out a little closer to the truth, more aware of the validity in opposing views, and with tighter community relationships.

- Encourages the passionate and energetic expression of ideas
- Allows for the expression of nuance and ambiguity
- Lets people admit if they're not really sure which side they support

