



A Short Description of Braver Politics

Vision

We envision American political institutions renewed in the spirit of citizenship and common purpose.

Where elected officials and their staffs and networks have the skills and commitment to work together in goodwill across their differences.

Where elections are deservedly viewed as valid and trust is restored between voters and the officials they elect.

Desired Outcomes

Among officials and citizens who participate, measured reductions in affective polarization.

Changes in the rules and practices of political institutions intended to reduce polarization.

Bipartisan formal endorsement of the initiative by elected officials.

Widespread public knowledge of and support for the initiative.

Program Objectives

Strengthen among staff members Braver Angels-style skills and the commitments necessary to build goodwill and productive relationships across the partisan divide.

Provide elected officials opportunities to build goodwill and productive peer relationships across the partisan divide.

Provide elected officials opportunities to engage more productively with their constituents through Braver Politics Constituent Conversations, candidates' debates, and town halls.

Bring together citizens concerned with voter fraud and citizens concerned with voter suppression to build relationships, look for common ground where it exists, and make recommendations for the future.

To recognize publicly and give public service awards to all officials and staff members completing one or more Braver Politics activities.

Levels and Branches of Government

While we welcome elected officials and their staffs / networks from administrative and judicial branches of government, our priority in the immediate future is those from the *legislative branch*. And while we welcome participants from all levels of our federal system, our priorities in the immediate future are the *local and state levels*.

Key Metrics

Number of BA leaders & members working on the initiative
Amount of measured reduction in affective polarization among participants
Number and scope of accomplished institutional reforms
Number of events
Number of participants
Number of new members attributable to the initiative
Number and influence of initiative partners
Dollars raised for the initiative locally and nationally
Numbers of print and broadcast media features on the initiative