

Optional Video and Shorter Reading Selections for September 18th Event

Elizabeth Chur's [*The Joy of Talking Politics With Strangers: How to Save Democracy One Conversation at a Time*](#) was our selected book for September's book club meeting. The plan for that meeting has evolved in exciting ways as interest in the topic has exploded and we were able to arrange for an **in-person, interactive workshop!**

No time to read the book? **No problem — come anyway!** Ms. Chur's book is a great read, and we definitely recommend it, but it's not required to join us. If you'd like a little background before the event, we've got a few shorter, easy-to-digest resources you might enjoy exploring.

- These two posts on Substack will give you a good background for the foundation of the training:
 - [Why Debating Republicans \(Almost\) Never Works—And What to Do Instead](#)
 - The real reason GOP voters seem impervious to facts and reason.
 - [Talking with Trump Voters Seems Hopeless—But It's Not](#)
 - Here's what the research—and history—actually show.
- If you're more of a video person, you may want to check out the recording of a recent Red Wine & Blue webinar titled "How to Change Minds Without Talking Politics" with Sarah Stein Lubrano (<https://youtu.be/IRHVHPrZFal?si=ogkZFuAnTjFrGtdx>) author of [*Don't Talk About Politics: How to Change 21st-Century Minds*](#)
- Other videos to check out include these recordings of a three-part webinar training Elizabeth Chur did for the group Commit to Democracy:
 - [Workshop 1](#)
 - [Workshop 2](#)
 - [Workshop 3](#)

We can't wait for this upcoming event, and whether you dive into the **optional** resources or not, we're so glad you've decided to **join us on September 18th** — it's going to be an experience you won't want to miss!