

Network News

Dedicated to: **Building trust within our democracy** | **Reducing the spread of disinformation** | **Promoting civil dialogue**

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After the Elections – How Do We Build Trust?

We anticipated that now might be a time when people will need to have a sense-making conversation, not about the politics of it all, but about the trust and the human connections that have frayed between everyday Americans as we come out of these divisive elections. And how broken is the trust between citizens and policy makers?

Please join us on November 14th at 10 AM (PT)/1 PM (ET) as we engage two experts, [Matt Leighninger](#), Director of the Center for Democracy Innovation at the National Civic League and [Thom Little](#), Director of Curriculum Development and Research for the State Legislative Leadership Foundation and the Next Generation Program Director for NICD

[Please Register Here.](#)

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Past Sessions

If you missed our October session - [“Disagree Better: It's Not Just Good Behavior, It's Good Politics!”](#), we heard from lead researcher [Chagai Weiss](#) with the [Stanford Polarization and Social Change Lab](#), who shared their research that confirms the positive impact of bipartisan Disagree Better ads recorded by Governors. For those of you who missed it, want to review it or share it with others, we're sending you [the recording link here](#).



Resources for Leagues Making a Difference: Coast to Coast

Leagues across the nation are bringing people together to strengthen democracy and engage our differences respectfully with some of the following resources and opportunities.

Village Square – Nov 12, 7 PM (ET) - There are some BIG feelings about the election, and in this moment *we'll need to take one step closer to each other*. The journey for taking that one step closer has a sherpa, and her name is Mónica Guzmán. She's the kind of person you'd want for that post-election drink, the one you can let your hair down with to just talk it all through. To join this session, please [Register Here](#).

LWV of Greenwich, CT – Invites you to reach out to active high school teachers of US history, government or civics to let them know they are eligible to **apply** for professional development course offered by Harvard Business School Professor David Moss through this [LINK](#) on or before the deadline of **Wednesday, November 27th at 5pm (ET)**. Here is a two-page [FLYER](#) with more detailed information about the program civics through the case method approach.

Starts With Us - [Is Political Passion at Odds with Reducing Political Toxicity?](#)

Many people think the work of reducing toxic polarization is at odds with political activism. One can work toward any political goal while trying to reduce toxic polarization. Here's [a piece to explore](#) if you are curious about this subject.

FrameWorks Institute - The FrameWorks Institute has been tracking how American thinking is changing in light of the social, economic, and political turmoil of 2020 and beyond. This [research report](#) is a companion to *The State of American Culture: 2023–2024*, and reviews seven key findings emerging from their Culture Change Project.

American Academy of Arts and Sciences – [Habits of Heart and Mind: How to Fortify Civic Culture](#). Something is broken at the heart of American civic life. A politics of mutual scorn has set in: while most Democrats and Republicans say they support the core values underlying American constitutional democracy, only about one-third believes members of the other party do so as well. [Read the report here.](#)

Over Zero - Elections can intensify risks for political and identity-based violence. By counteracting dangerous narratives, affirming democratic and nonviolent values, and coordinating responses with other leaders, we can create a society where everyone feels safe and welcome to fully participate in public life. Here are some [resources](#) to assist.

LWV/NICD Network Mission Statement:

The mission of the Civil Discourse Network is to promote and encourage “Urgent Positive Civic Engagement.” We provide our network members with a home space for collaboration, support, and resource sharing which helps members to take positive actions in their communities and in their personal lives. Sharing ideas, resources, experiences and feedback will help each of us better our own efforts in our own lives to promote civil dialogue, reduce the spread of disinformation and build trust within our democracy.

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