



Testimonials: Braver Angels 1:1 Conversation Across Generations

1. Joe Healy (older)

My conversation partner and I agreed to explore some additional topics on our own because we found our exchange of ideas across generations to be quite informative and hopeful for the future.

2. Rain Scarborough (younger)

I was admittedly quite nervous about this conversation before we began, but I am happy to say that I came out of it feeling that I had gained something of incredible value by participating. Dialogue between people who may have vastly different life experiences and opinions from one another is pivotal to bridging the divide we see in our country today. I learned a lot from my discussion partner, and I'm glad I went ahead and signed up despite my trepidation.

3. Joan Wallace (older)

It was a real pleasure meeting my young conversation partner and hearing her perspective on things.

4. Arden Parnell (younger)

I would say that it was really wonderful to connect and hear thoughtful perspectives on issues such as healthcare, climate change, and racial equity. It left me wanting to learn more, and have additional conversations with folks from different backgrounds.

5. Michael Marthalla (older)

I was encouraged for our future by the wisdom of my 18 year old and wise counterpart.

6. Anonymous

It seems 30-somethings and 70-somethings have economic insecurity in common, and a sense of being undervalued. There is a huge amount of human capital—skills, energy—that are not easily connecting where they could make a positive change.

7. Rick Hotchner (older)

I represented the older of the two generations participating in this 1:1 conversation and I have two kids about the same age as my conversation partner. It was great to be able to speak with someone else from their generation and get the story behind the story (i.e. the why behind how people of their generation see things). It opened my aperture and will inform how I engage with my children and others of their generation, particularly when conducting outreach to them on behalf of Braver Angels.

8. Nick May (younger)

We just had too much fun talking. These conversations are addictive. BA gets you hooked on it. You just want to learn more about people. These conversations are structured pretty well, and I had a great partner.

9. Anonymous (older)

The person I hooked up with was a college student who was assigned to do a Braver Angels conversation for her communications class. Pretty cool, huh?

10. Stephen Lumsdaine (younger)

This was a fantastic opportunity to discuss big issues with someone older than I am, and really confront face to face some of the stereotypes that our culture applies to age. Accepting that the new thoughts and ideas of the younger generation can change the world and that the wisdom and experience of the older generation have value and application took on a new importance.

11. Anonymous (older)

My partner was a 23-year-old Brazilian studying at a university outside of Chicago. He dreams of using computer and social sciences to bring people together for better communities. He was kind, humble and very warm. Anyone would enjoy his spirit, intellect and personality.

12. Caylie Conlin (younger)

Braver Angels is a wonderful program that I would suggest to everyone! I have gained a friend through just two conversations, and I have learned so much! I took part in the Conversation Across Generations, and I feel as though my life has been impacted immensely!

13. Katherine Dreyer (older)

I LOVED this 1 on 1 conversations program. I want to do more. Highly recommend these conversations. Have a new friend from a younger generation now. We really hit it off. Pure joy.

14. **Billie Jo Thomas (younger)**

I am very thankful to have had this conversation across generations. It gave me a greater insight of older generations and how they relate to younger generations.

15. **Catherine Burnett (older)**

I learned so much. We had so much in common. I feel like I have much more insight into the perspectives and strengths of those much younger than me. At the same time, I feel a deeper understanding and appreciation of my generation. I can see how we are all working together. I feel much more confidence and trust in our county.