



Our Planned Journey for Cohort #5 “Providing a US Social Safety Net (Health, Food, Housing)”

Define Problem, Select Issue, Learn and Agree on Methods

- Pre-work**
- Registration
- Issue Ranking
- [1] – Sep 18 Rec Rm**
- Foundations** –
- Introductions
- Partisan Divide Discussion
- Issue Discussion – defining US Social Safety Net
- Principles & Methods
- Skills Practice

9/18 → 11/13

Select Monday Nights, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

10/23/2023

Apply Engagement Methods to Build Common Understanding

- [2] – Oct 2 Rec Rm**
- Fishbowls** – Groups meet on how the participants connect personally to the issue (Values & Beliefs, Concerns & Vision)
- [3] – Oct 9 Cabana**
- Small Groups** – Small Groups (2-4) meet to explore where each person stands on Solutions and Policies to address the issue

Find Common Ground

- [4] – Oct 23 Rec Room**
- Caucuses I** – Segmented groups caucus to find proposed common ground (Values, Concerns, Vision, and Solutions). As a full group - discuss integrate and Identify **completely** common ground
- [5] – Nov 6 Cabana**
- Caucuses II** – Further exploration of points of agreement for “almost” common ground and, time permitting, core disagreements

Reflect and Wrap-up

- [6] – Nov 13 Cabana**
- Full Room Discussion** –
- (1) Summarize the values, concerns, vision, and solutions that are unanimously accepted
- (2) identify differences slight and major
- (3) Suggest possible action steps for both individuals and formed sub-groups

Caucus I on October 23 – Identifying Commonality

Preparation Requested:

1. Review Notes and Learnings from prior Discussions
2. Prepare to share your 2-3 best Proposed Solutions/Paths and aligned Values & Beliefs, Concerns & Vision at the Caucus
3. Review content posted to the site (Both US Safety Net Section and Partisan Divide Section)

Tonight:

1. Each person shares their prepared content, emphasizing Proposed Solutions and captures them on the provided flipchart/whiteboard (30 minutes)
2. Full Caucus identifies commonality in all 3 sections and discusses and agrees on a *single* common response back to the full group (30 minutes)
3. We will then gather both groups and engage and identify common and almost common ground (45 minutes)



Building Bridge's Principles

“curiosity and openness tend to elicit the same from the other person”

Your Values & Beliefs

Your Concerns and Vision/Outcomes

Your Proposed Solution/Paths Taken

Building Bridges Caucus I - Providing the US Social Safety Net

Caucus __ Input Provided by _____

MY Primary Values and Beliefs	
MY Primary Concerns and Vision	
Concerns	Vision and Desired Outcomes
MY Proposed Solutions / Paths / Policies	
Candidates for Common Ground	Other

Your Values & Beliefs

Your Concerns and Vision/Outcomes

Your Proposed Solution and Paths Taken

- ***Increase self AWARENESS***
- ***BE open minded***
- ***Prioritize relationships OVER ideas***
- ***Seek to UNDERSTAND with depth***
- **TAKE winning off the table**

Providing a US Social Safety Net

– Sample Components of a Proposed Solution

Current State / Future State Framework

Identify what “**Needs to change**” now to + 3-5 years

Specify the **Offering**

- Who determines the offering (services, goods, etc)?
- What is the offering? Model?
- Who receives? How deep? How wide? Under what terms?

Determine the **Funding**

- How much?
- How to fund the offering?

Manage the **Implementation** long term?

- How to implement the offering now?
- How to adjust implementation into the future