



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

11/6/2023

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 common
- (2) identify differences slight and major
- (3) Suggest possible action steps for both individuals and formed sub-groups

Building Bridges at the Pinehills

Why do the group?

- Threatening issues go unresolved with worsening impact and wider partisan division – US Democracy suffers
- Division plays out “real” badly in all circles
- Multiple organizations have developed methods to help remedy the situation, but these methods are sparsely known and seldom implemented
- Influence participants to become better informed uniters and depolarizers within their influence circles – family, friends, neighbors, communities, organizations, cities, states and the federal government

How might you benefit?

- Enrich (depth and breadth) your **understanding** of the selected issue – **both** your view and **especially** other views
- Identify and build **common ground** on our selective divisive issue
- Learn ways to **disagree** without being **disagreeable**
- Develop skills to become a **uniting** and **depolarizing presence** in your daily life

Pure Disgust → Angry Disagreement → Civil Dialogue

Caucus I and II on October 23, November 6 – Identifying Common and Almost Common Ground

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:

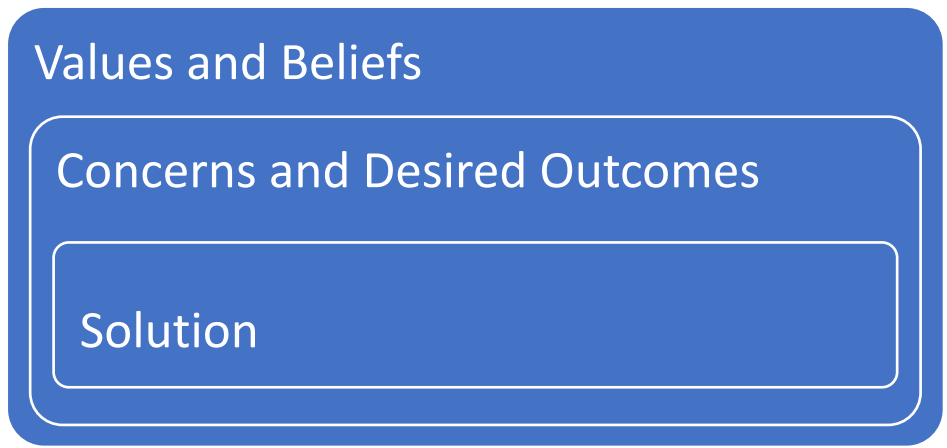
1. Each person shares their prepared content, emphasizing Proposed Solutions and captures them on the provided flipchart/whiteboard (30 minutes)
2. Full Caucus identifies commonality in all 3 sections and discusses and agrees on a *single* common response back to the full group (30 minutes)
3. We will 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	Building Bridges <u>Caucus</u> I - Providing the US Social Safety Net	
Your Concerns and Vision/Outcomes	Caucus __ Input Provided by _____	
Your Proposed Solution/Paths Taken		
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	



- ***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

Three “Front of Room” Flipcharts (Cabana)

(plus a *starting* handout)

Values and Beliefs
Common
Other

Concerns / Vision & Outcomes	
Common Concerns	Common Vision
Other Concerns	Other Vision

Proposed Solution & Paths Taken
Common
Other