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# Becoming Braver Angels

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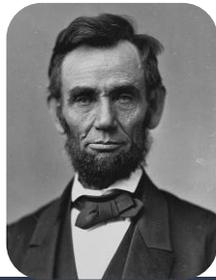
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Abraham Lincoln



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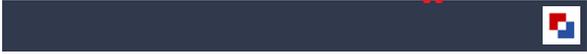
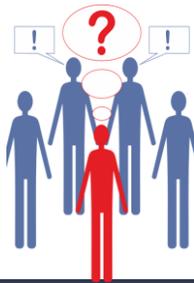
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Personal Cost of Polarization



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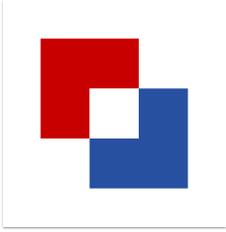
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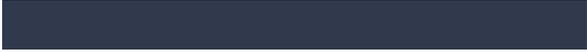
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Affective Polarization



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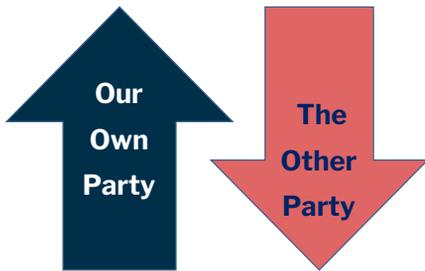
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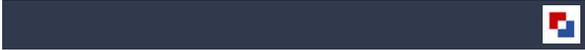
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**Willing to Do ANYTHING  
TO DEFEAT the Other Party**



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**UNWILLING to Admit  
Few, If Any, Faults**



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**More IN COMMON Than We Think!**



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**BA brings Americans together to bridge the partisan divide.**



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**We try to understand the other side's point of view.**



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We engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground.

Pledge



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Red and blue leaders are equally represented.

Rule



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We strive to be an organization that reflects the country we seek to serve.

Reflection of America



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## Our Story



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## Our Timeline

- 2016 — First Red-Blue Workshop
- 2017 — Growth Begins
- 2018 — Formal Structures, Event Expansion
- 2019 —
- 2020 — Explosive Growth
- 2021 — Rising Profile
- 2022 — Braver Politics



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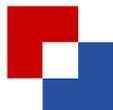
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**Grow.Bravely**  
**Pair Up.Bravely**  
**Experience.Bravely**



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# THE RESULTS?

## We Reduce Affective Polarization



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# THE RESULTS?

## 70-80% say:

- Better Understanding
- Increased Positive Attitudes



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Goal is NOT to Change Views on Issues



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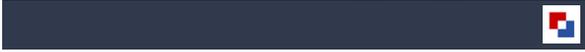
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## We DO Change Views of Each Other



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## Find More Collaborative Solutions



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## Special Groups

- Angels of Color
- Working People's Project
- Red Caucus



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# Imagine

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## What's Next?



- Telling the **American Story**
- Scaling at **Grassroots**
- Modeling **Strategic Partnerships**
- **Influencing** Our Institutions
- National **Convention**

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## Braver Politics

- Work with legislators and their staffs
- Goal of increased trust
- Connect citizens



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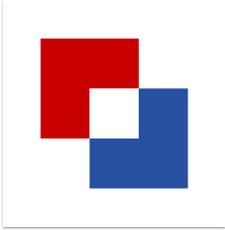
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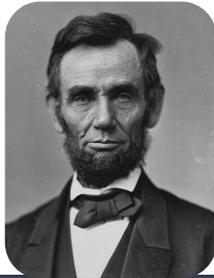
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**“I do not like that man. I must get to know him better.”**



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# QUESTIONS?

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