

Talking Politics: Moving Forward Post-Election

Participant Handout

5:50 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	Schedule:	
	5:50 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Participant Arrival
	6:00 p.m. - 6:05 p.m.	Welcome and Orientation
	6:05 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Agreements
	6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Introduction and Hopes
	6:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	1 st Question: Experience
	6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	2 nd Question: Heart of the Matter
	7:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.	3 rd Question: Complexities
	7:20 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Connected Conversations
	7:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Parting Words
	8:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	Post-Dialogue

Proposed Agreements:

1. ***We will speak for ourselves.*** We won't try to represent a whole group, and we will not ask others to represent, defend, or explain an entire group.
2. ***We will avoid making grand pronouncements*** and, instead, connect what we know and believe to our experiences, influences in our lives, particular sources of information, etc.
3. ***We will refrain from characterizing the views of others in a critical spirit,*** keeping in mind that we're here to understand each other, not to persuade each other.
4. ***We will listen with resilience,*** "hanging in" when we hear something that is hard to hear.
5. ***We will share airtime and refrain from interrupting others.***
6. ***We will "pass" or "pass for now"*** if we are not ready or willing to respond to a question – no explanation required.
7. ***If asked to keep something confidential, we will honor the request.*** In conversations outside the group we won't attribute particular statements to particular individuals by name or identifying information without permission.
8. ***We'll avoid making negative attributions*** about the beliefs, values, and motives of other participants, e.g., "*You only say that because...*". When tempted to do so, we'll consider the possibility of testing the assumption we're making by asking a question, e.g., "*Why is that important to you?*"
9. Are any questions about what the proposed agreements mean, and are there any revisions or additions?

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Notes:

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