

Becoming Braver Angels

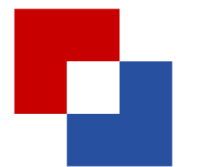


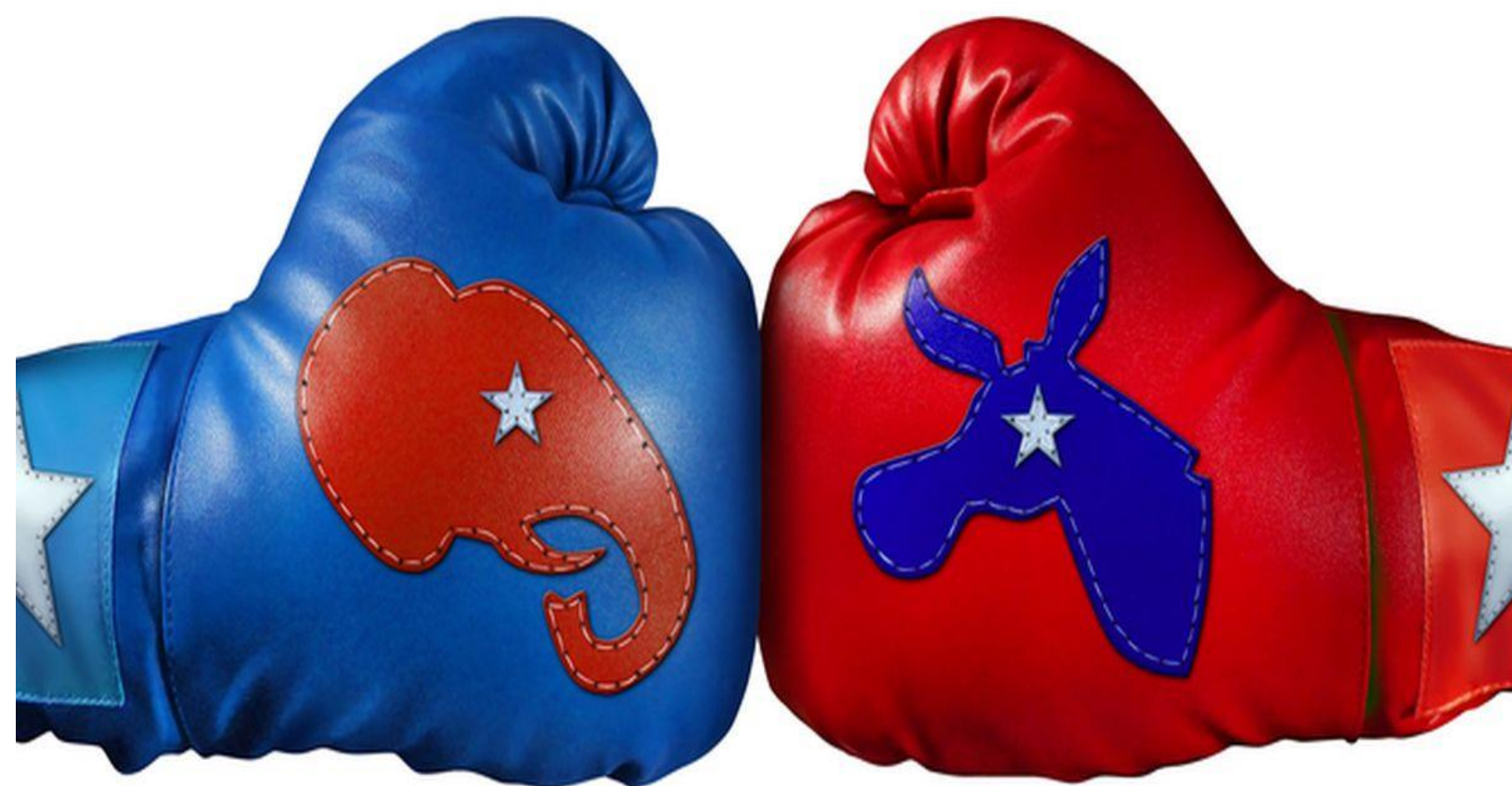
DEPOLARIZING THE UNITED STATES

NO HATS
AT THE
DINNER
TABLE.

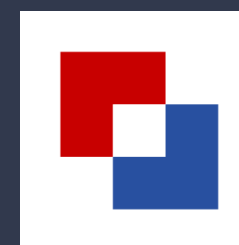


Polarization Over Ideas





The Problem of Affective Polarization

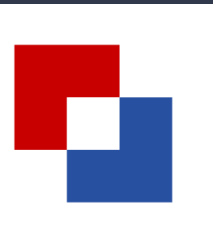
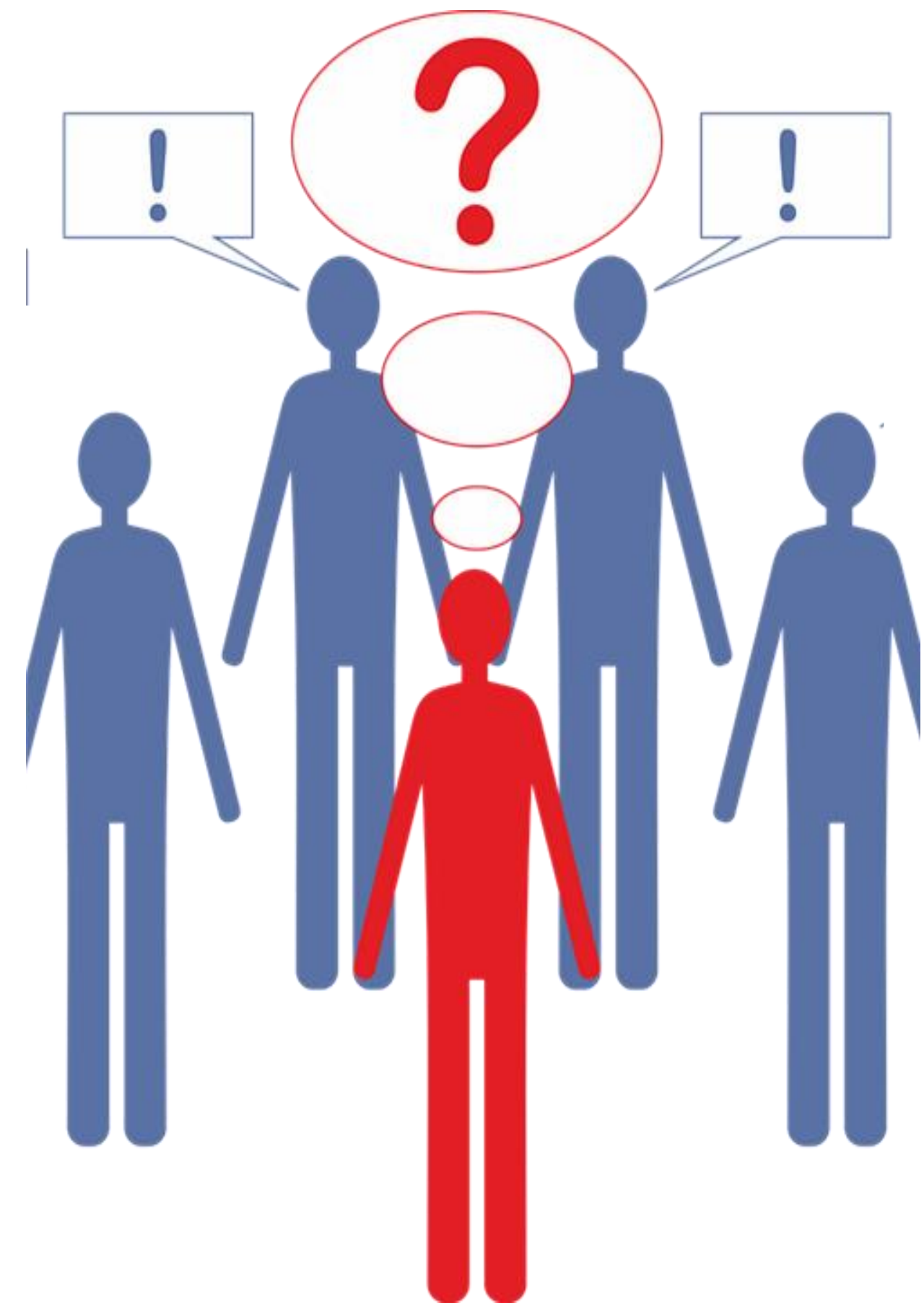


THREE TRAITS:

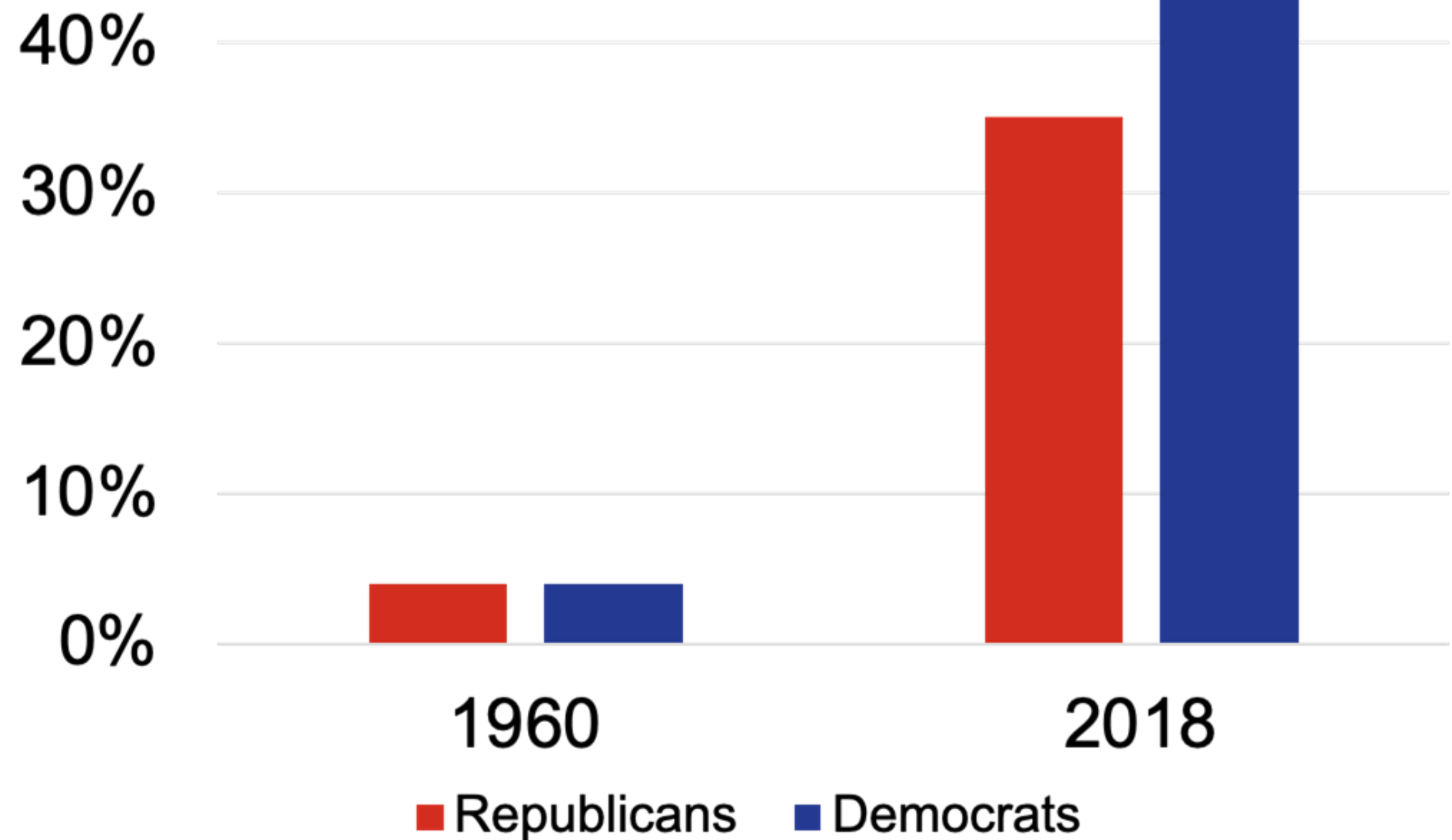
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AVERSION

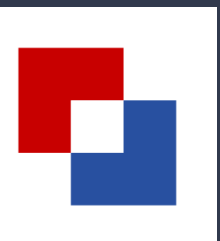
MORALIZING



% Unhappy If Child Married Outside Party



Civic Culture Study (ICPSR), 1992 and PRPI, 2019



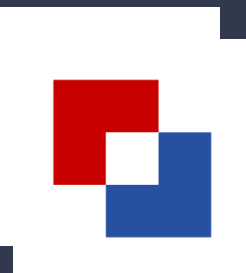


WHAT FUELS POLARIZATION

Sorting

Media

Political Elites



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

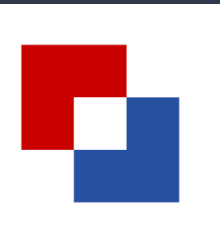


Polarization is not Sustainable

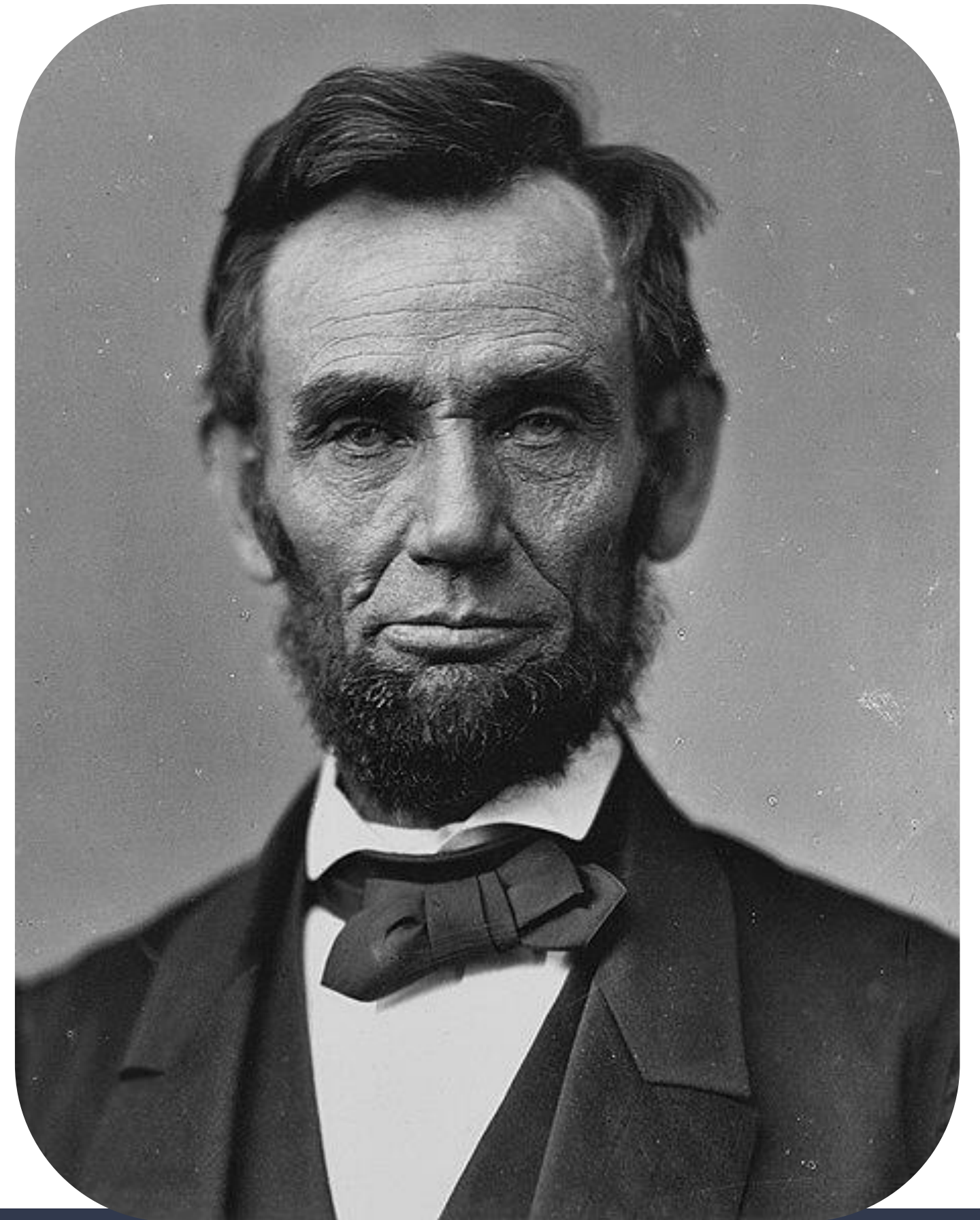
- It prevents us from solving our problems
- It is driving people to extremes
- It has already resulted in political violence and threats of more

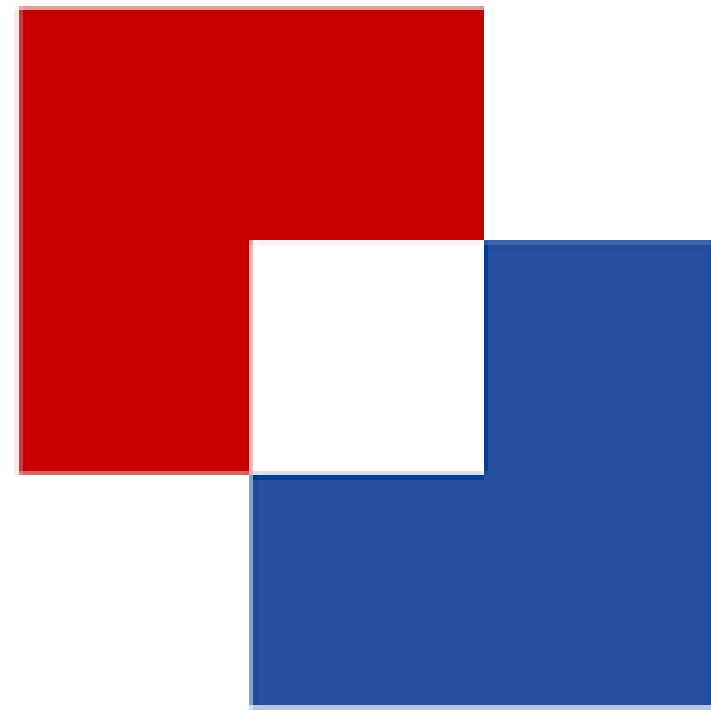


More IN COMMON Than We Think!



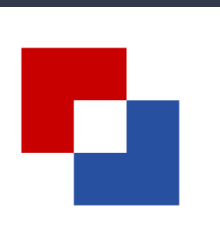
**“I do not like
that man. I
must get to
know him
better.”**

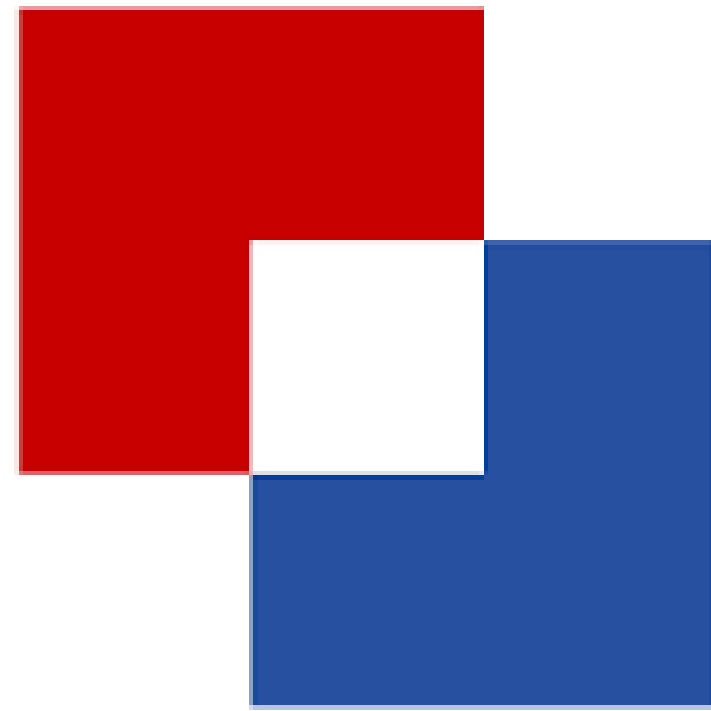




Pledge

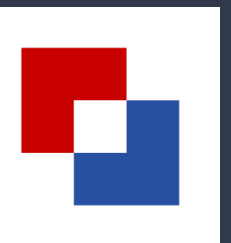
We try to understand
the other side's point
of view.

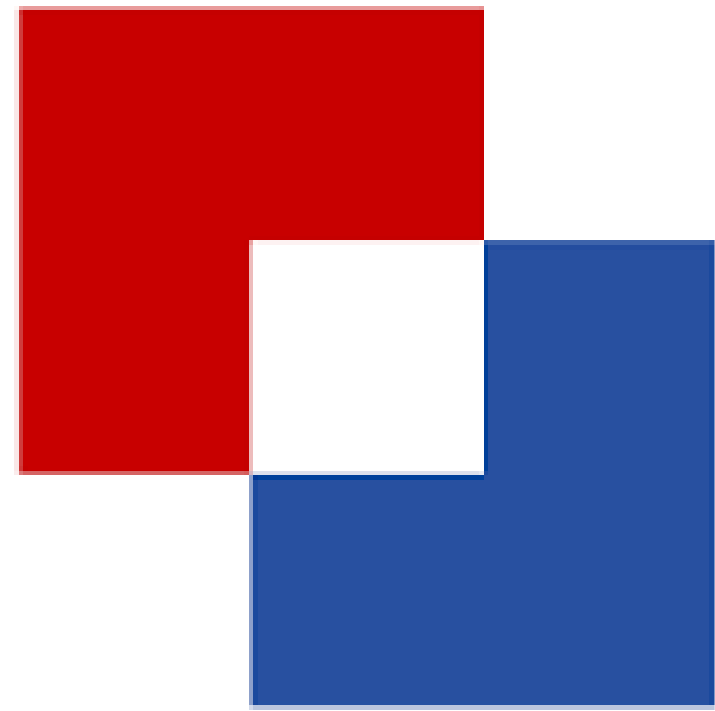




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**We engage those we
disagree with, looking
for common ground.**

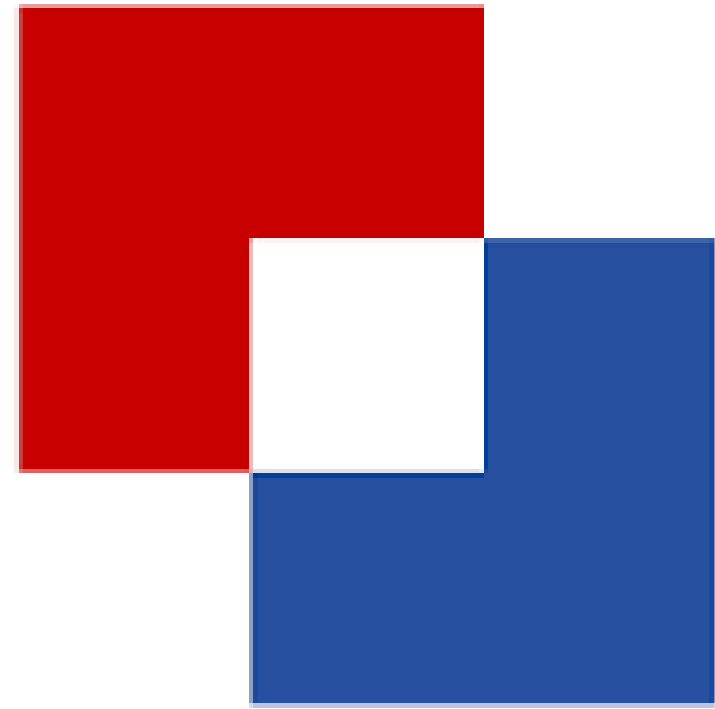




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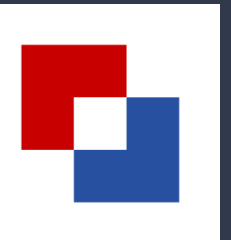
**We support principles
that bring us together
rather than divide us.**

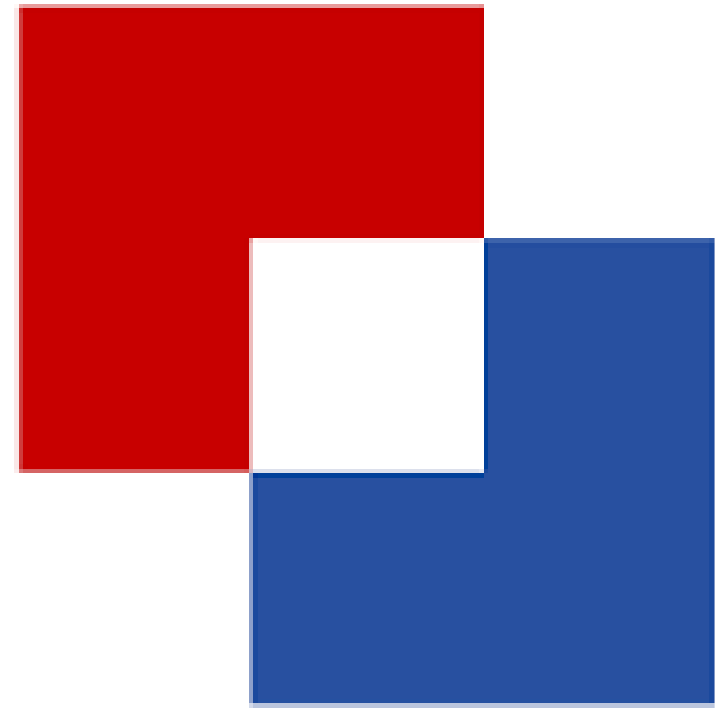




Core Values

- **Respect**
- **Humility**
- **Honesty**
- **Responsible Citizenship**

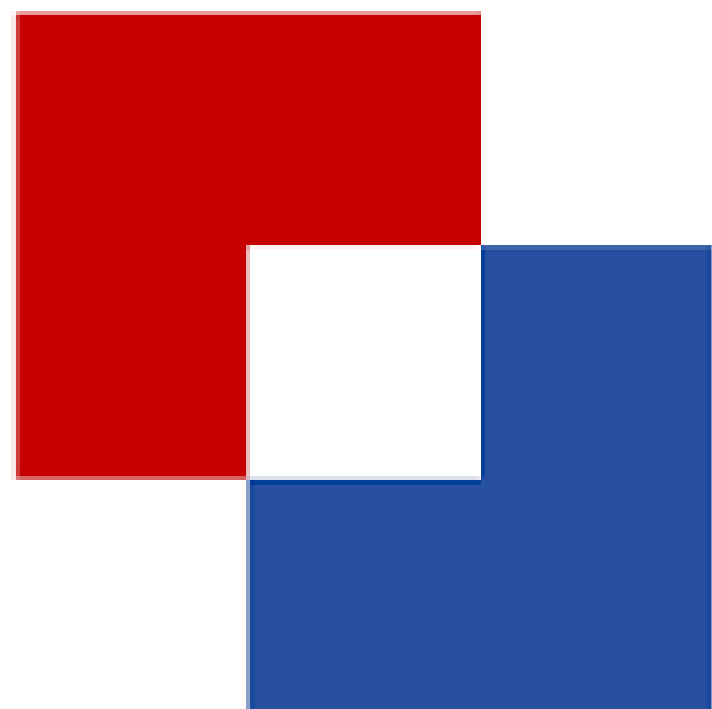




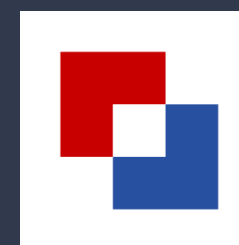
Reflection of
America

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





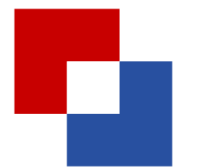
**We are building
a house united.**

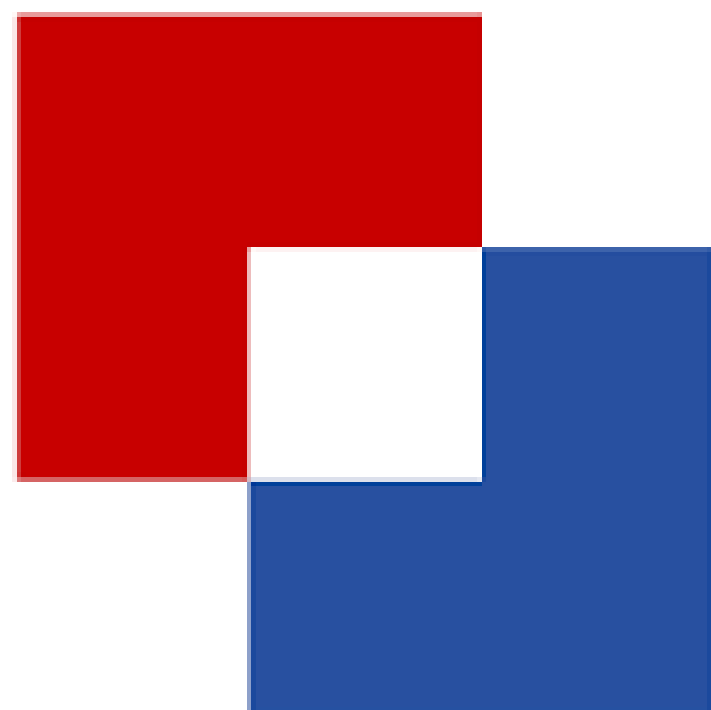


Our Story

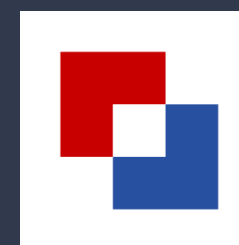


Our Timeline





Grow.Bravely
Pair Up.Bravely
Experience.Bravely

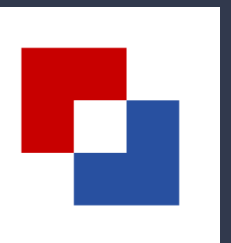




Conversation Workshops

- Red Blue Workshops
- Common Ground

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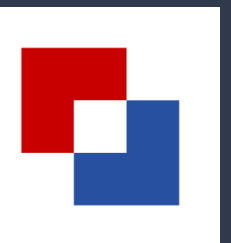




Skills Training Workshops

- Skills For Bridging the Divide
- Depolarizing Within
- Families and Politics
- Depolarizing Conversations About Race

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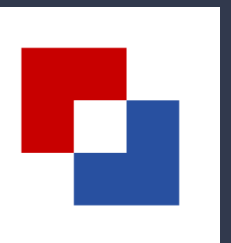




Other Programs

- 1:1 Conversations
- Braver Angels Debates
- Much more!

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Experience.Bravely



THE RESULTS?

**We Reduce
Affective
Polarization**



Goal is NOT to
Change Views
on Issues



Change How We View Each Other



Braver Politics

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



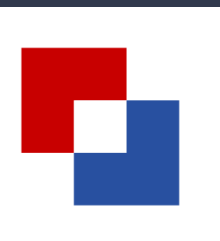
How you can be Involved

- [Braverangels.org](https://braverangels.org)
- [Braverangels.org/Minnesota](https://braverangels.org/Minnesota)
- [Braverangels.org/braver-politics](https://braverangels.org/braver-politics)
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“We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory...will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.”

Abraham Lincoln First Inaugural Address 1861



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