



## Transpartisan Alliance in Overview

*What if what unites us is more than we realize and what divides us is less than we fear?*

### **What does it mean to be Transpartisan?**

Transpartisanship acknowledges the validity of beliefs across the range of political perspectives, seeking to synthesize them into an inclusive, pragmatic whole beyond political dualities. Transpartisan solutions emerge through applying proven methods of facilitated dialogue, deliberation and conflict resolution in a new kind of public conversation.

### **Who is the Transpartisan Alliance?**

The Transpartisan Alliance is an Informal Network of Networks and a neutral convener. We do not set agendas, dictate outcomes, require any modification of views or beliefs, limit associations or have any prerequisites to participate at gatherings. We do require respectful civil behavior as a general guideline for participation. The Transpartisan Alliance seeks out all perspectives because they are of value and needed in the search for win-win solutions.

**Mission:** Motivate and inspire Americans to work together across political divides by practicing and teaching the principals of transpartisanship.

### **In the face of uncertainty, cooperation is our call to action.**

The American democratic republic is faced with a choice. We as individuals, and collectively as a nation, are yearning to return to the values our nation was built on: a culture of courage, faith, love, trust, respect, inclusiveness, security, freedom, communication and cooperation.

The competition for 51 percent to win power and control, has divided the political field in two. Our winner-take-all, two-party political system and the significant influence of narrow interests, is largely responsible for the state of our union today. That is why it is important to shift our political culture away from compromise solutions that favor narrow interests, and towards common ground solutions that tap the wisdom and serve the well-being of the whole.

A growing number of citizens are less inclined to identify with, or be defined by, red and blue boxes. The current breakdowns that are featured every day in headline news reveal the complexity of our economic and social systems. People are talking about these common challenges and more of us are recognizing the need to find common ground and better ways to collaborate and effectively address these challenges. We are developing a greater appreciation for our differences, not as something that divides us but rather as different windows on the whole we are all trying to understand.

The nation is at a tipping point, it is yearning for a new way of connecting to get things done. *The mission of the Transpartisan Alliance is to motivate and inspire Americans to work together across divides. Our goal is to unite America by practicing and teaching the principles of transpartisanship.*



## Now is the time to unite America one conversation at a time.

The Transpartisan Alliance will connect and empower citizens to work in partnership, to transform our politics and to awaken the spirit of government *of the people, by the people, for the people*.

We will do this by:

- facilitating a shift in the political culture from competition and biased or incomplete partisan information, to one of cooperation in which every point of view is valued, and the larger group is empowered;
- amplifying the voice of the people for the general interest by providing them with the tools and means to bridge divides and collaborate;
- engaging the passion, brilliance and creativity of average citizens and leaders to deliver innovative solutions as alternative ways to solve our most pressing challenges;
- reconnecting Americans to the sense of ownership inherent in responsible citizenship.

Citizenship in ancient Rome was a privileged social status afforded to certain individuals. The American evolution of the term offers this status to all human beings willing to be accountable for, and committed to, the well-being of the whole. A citizen is one who takes ownership in, and responsibility for, the future of their community and nation. The Transpartisan Alliance is a facilitator of healthy, informed citizenship.

"The transpartisan movement has begun to move America beyond the stale partisan rhetoric and fixed bayonets of past arguments. There are ways to rephrase questions and look anew at old challenges that unite Americans more than they divide us." Grover Norquist, conservative activist, President, Americans for Tax Reform



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"We've wandered into a political region in which partisan conflict has become more intense than in almost any other period in American history. The transpartisan movement is beginning to foster so much communication across the partisan boundaries that the boundaries themselves are beginning to be much more porous." Al Gore, Former Vice President

