

Hwosch Productions Presents

“Transpartisan”

A Journey To Everyone

*a feature-length documentary
(working title)*

FILM TREATMENT



TRANSPARTISAN DEFINED: *Transpartisanship recognizes the existence and validity of many points of view, advocates constructive dialogue aimed toward arriving at creative, integrated, and therefore breakthrough solutions that meet the needs of all sides. Transpartisanship does not require any change in affiliations, views or beliefs, only the willingness to engage with respect and civility.*



What if leaders and citizens alike met across political divides to respectfully discuss the pressing issues of the day and recognized that all points of view are needed to create innovative solutions that work for a vast majority of people?

Transpartisan will take an unflinching look at the deepening political divide and the resulting gridlock to solve vexing issues facing our country. While uncovering the hard truths surrounding the partisan divide, *Transpartisan* exposes a new way of politics rising in America. We see surprising coalitions built, innovative solutions found and barriers dropping between neighbors as common concerns give rise to systemic solutions over rhetoric and toxic bickering.

**Our divergent points of view are not America’s biggest problem.
They are our only hope and greatest strength.**

Focusing on empowerment and opportunity, *Transpartisan* will traverse the country speaking with past presidents, members of congress, state and regional representatives, historians, activists, and citizenry about the divide and its impact. Representing the full spectrum of political positions, *Transpartisan* will document the process of trust and relationship building by organizations and individuals who have formed unlikely *and* effective coalitions on areas of mutual concern. These coalitions and relationships illustrate first hand, a path toward more engaged civil discourse regardless of ideological affiliations or orientations.

**How did environmentalists and the logging industry collaborate to save jobs and protect Oregon forests?
How did Al Gore and the Competitive Enterprise Institute engage in dialogue around climate change?
How have the Christian Coalition and MoveOn worked collaboratively on areas of mutual concern?
How have ordinary citizens creatively built community by reaching out to fill a need?
What unites us as Americans and what is the current American dream?**

Transpartisan will be an inspiring and moving experience where the beauty and spirit of ordinary citizens is easily recognized, where America’s countryside and cities are felt, not just seen. We sit in diners and cafes where locals start their day over coffee. We meet in church basements where parishioners plan their community outreach. We gather in community centers, libraries, town halls and around kitchen tables where grass roots projects started by individuals are reaching across the divides to come together to create the lives they want with each other.

**Join this ride across America, across the rhetoric,
across the gulf between *us* and *them* for a *Journey to Everyone*.**

Production is under way

Filming since 2006, Hwosch Productions has already collected over 200 hours and over 60 of interviews. We have captured national and local leaders, activists, thinkers and authors, plus many more interviews with ordinary citizens both engaged and alienated from the political process.

Some of the existing interviews with national figures include:



“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 boundaries that the boundaries themselves are beginning to be much more porous.” *Al Gore, Former Vice President*

“The transpartisan movement has begun to move America beyond the stale partisan rhetoric and fixed bayonets of past arguments. These 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



“It has allowed people coming from both extreme ends of the continuum, to come together and discuss the elements of this issue that are really quite important in a very open and candid forthright manor, and has created the opportunity for people on all sides of the political divide, regardless of where you fall, to come to look at things in a far different light.”

Rick Shelby, Former Chairman, Majority Fund, RNC

“So when you’re sitting with somebody you violently disagree with, I think it’s very helpful to just know this is a human being who at their core wants to be safe, respected, appreciated, to have a connection, and be heard. Even if you’re listening to them and you don’t like what they’re saying, if you do it respectfully and you actually really try to get to know them, often I find that something opens up.”

Betsy Taylor, Founder, Center for the New American Dream



Joan Blades
MoveOn.org

Michele Combs
Christian Coalition

“I have received so many positive emails from our constituents, and surprisingly from MoveOn constituents who’ve emailed me at Christian Coalition saying ‘thank you so much for coming together’. It’s been very positive.” *Michele Combs, Christian Coalition*

“Most Americans want to be united. We want to have a relationship. That’s what makes politics unattractive to too many Americans. And we need those people to participate.” *Joan Blades, MoveOn.org*

A detailed budget is available upon request.
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