

# IDEA OF AMERICA NETWORK



## SETTING THE STAGE

A Nation Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand  
Saving Our Democracy: A Call for Action and  
Unity

## PLATFORM ONE: OUR POLARIZED NATION

Culture Wars: The Struggle to Define  
America Political Wars: Gut-Level Hatred  
Racial Wars: The Corrosive Legacy of Racism

## PLATFORM TWO: IDEA OF AMERICA

Proclamation of Idea of America  
Idea of America: Our Values, Our Legacy, Our  
Future In Search of Social Justice

## PLATFORM THREE: SAVING OUR DEMOCRACY

A Bridging Model  
Step One: The Telling of Our History  
Step Two: Identify Potential Bridges  
Step Three: Connecting and Engaging for Social  
Change

## RESOURCES FOR ENGAGEMENT

Our goal is to engage Americans in an action-driven effort acknowledging our polarization and then bridge that polarization, thereby saving our republic. To support this effort the Idea of America Network has developed a number of resources. Use these resources for personal reading and enlightenment and to lead community-based workshops. These resources help to define and clarify:

Our Values, Our Legacy, and Our Future.

This website has some basic information on the Value-Tension model. Platform Three contains guidance for conducting workshops about bridging our polarization. As we get feedback we may add additional resources for those who want to lead Idea of America Network Workshops.

To leave feedback or request other resources.

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