Are We Condemned to Crippling Polarization?

How might the American voting public think differently about the issues, and about our democracy, if it could come together to discuss them under good conditions?

• Balanced information with contending arguments on the issues
• Plenary sessions featuring experts with alternative views
• Norms of mutual respect and civility
• Neutral and trained moderation of discussions

The method of Deliberative Polling
• Deployed over 100 times in 28 countries
America in One Room: The Participants

• Scientific sample of 523 registered voters from 47 states

• Control group of 844

• Recruitment by NORC at University of Chicago

• Detailed methodological report at cdd.stanford.edu
These 526 Voters Represent All of America: And They Spent A Weekend Together

The New York Times Upshot
The Issues

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