



Panel Session: "How Polarized is America . . . Really? Findings from "America in One Room," A National Deliberative Poll"

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 By the People

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

- Immigration
- Healthcare
- Economy and Taxes
- Environment
- Foreign Policy



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Michael Dennis, NORC at the
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Bringing a Representative Sample of Voters to
“America in One Room”: Sampling & Recruitment
Procedures

James Fishkin, Stanford University

America in One Room: Piloting Deliberation in
the Primary Process

Alice Siu, Stanford University

“America in One Room” Deliberative Polling on
Immigration

Larry Diamond, Stanford
University

"America in One Room": The Effect of
Deliberation on Attitudes Toward Economic and
Foreign Policy

Norman Bradburn, NORC at the
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