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HIDDEN COMMON GROUND

An Introduction

National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD) Confab Call

February 20, 2020 | 2:00pm EST

+ local conveners across the country
TODAY’S PRESENTATION

About National Issues Forums

Hidden Common Ground Initiative

Presenters:
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❖ Kara Dillard
❖ Darla Minnich

Questions and feedback from you!
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Hidden Common Ground and You

❖ The network of the National Issues Forums
  Opportunities for people to discover hidden common ground in face-to-face and online forums

❖ Kettering Foundation
  Four issue guides, A Public Voice, public reporting

❖ Public Agenda
  Research to uncover common ground on politics, healthcare, immigration and the economy

❖ USA TODAY
  Coverage of the findings, editorial coverage of the issues, highlighting ways for citizens to talk more
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Compelling public issues of national & local significance

- A House Divided: What Would We Have to Give Up to Get the Political System We Want? — available now
- Health Care: How Can We Bring Costs Down While Getting the Care We Need? — available now
- Immigration — available in May
- The Economy — available in September

Forum starter kits available on all issues
Hidden Common Ground
What You Can Do

In-Person Forums
- Develop planning coalitions
- Involve local media
- Convene forums
- Moderate forums

Online Forums
- Participate in a national CGA forum
- Monthly moderator training
- Convene a local or regional forum

Information Sharing
- Date and time of your forum(s)
- NIF moderator reports online
- NIF post-forum questionnaires
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| Health Care         | February 4 – 6       | Public Agenda opinion research on health care  
|                     |                      | Related USA TODAY reporting and editorial coverage                                            |
|                     | February 10 – March 13| National Issues Forums on health care  
|                     |                      | Related USA TODAY coverage                                                                    |
| Immigration         | May 19 – 21          | Public Agenda opinion research on immigration  
|                     |                      | Related USA TODAY reporting and editorial coverage                                            |
|                     | May 25 – June 26     | National Issues Forums on immigration  
|                     |                      | Related USA TODAY coverage                                                                    |
| The Economy         | September 15 – 17    | Public Agenda opinion research on the economy  
|                     |                      | Related USA TODAY reporting and editorial coverage                                            |
|                     | September 21 – October 23 | National Issues Forums on the economy  
|                     |                      | Related USA TODAY coverage                                                                    |
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Collaborating with Local Media

❖ Include media in local planning teams.

❖ Use *USA TODAY* coverage.

❖ Collaborate with your local Gannett newspaper, if possible.

❖ Connect with other local papers, television, and radio stations.
Resources for local conveners

All resources found on the NIFI website (www.nifi.org)

Hidden Common Ground introductory video

Free forum starter kits available

• Full-length issue guide and brief issue advisories
• Conversation starter video
• Moderator and convener resources
• Participant questionnaires
Common Ground for Action (CGA)
National Online Forums

• February 25
• February 29
• March 13

Register @ NIFI website

Questions?
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Stay Connected!

❖ Visit the Hidden Common Ground section on the NIFI site

❖ Sign up for the NIFI newsletter for updates

❖ Share your local reports and information about forums with NIFI

❖ Participate on social media by using the hashtags #NIForums and #HiddenCommonGround

❖ Questions? It’s always good to start with Darla!
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Moderating Deliberative Forums

Health Care: How Can We Bring Costs Down While Getting the Care We Need?
Stages of a Deliberative Forum

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Discussion of guidelines
- Personal stake
- Deliberation of approaches
- Reflections
- Next steps
Sample Guidelines

Everyone is encouraged to participate and to listen to one another.

All viewpoints are considered fairly and respectfully.

Costs and consequences of potential actions will be examined.

The moderator will remain neutral, ask probing questions, and keep track of time.

Plus other guidelines agreed upon by the group.
# Roles of Moderators

- Set a welcoming tone.
- Be an active listener.
- Remain neutral.
- Ask probing questions.
- Manage time.
- Work toward next steps.
What Does It Mean to be *Neutral*?

While you might not *be neutral in your personal views*, in your role as moderator, it is important to the group that you *behave neutrally*.

- Avoid agreement or disagreement with participants.
- Avoid using your personal experiences to make a point.
- Encourage discussion of differing points of view.
- Ask for viewpoints held by others outside of the group.
Whether we have insurance or not, many fear skyrocketing drug prices and surprise medical bills. This is a problem for the nation as well as for individuals.
Overview of the Health Care Issue Guide and Advisory

Approach 1: Ensure Health Care for All
Create a single public health insurance program similar to Medicare that covers everybody.

Approach 2: Build on What We Have
Let’s fix what’s broken about health care—not destroy the whole system currently in place.

Approach 3: Let People Make Their Own Choices
Give Americans the power and responsibility for making their own decisions.
## Questions to Promote Deliberation

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<td>Do you think government would do a better and fairer job than private insurers? Why or why not?</td>
<td>Should Americans have the right to go without health insurance, even if this drives up costs for sicker and older people?</td>
<td>Is it realistic to expect individuals to shop carefully and knowledgeably for complicated insurance plans?</td>
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<td>What kinds of unintended consequences should we consider if moving from our current system to a single, government-managed insurance system?</td>
<td>Most people like the idea of more prevention, but will it really help us rein in costs if we keep the same health care and insurance system we have now?</td>
<td>Will most insurers be honest and straightforward about what they will cover? What should happen if they aren’t?</td>
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<td>Many Americans agree health care should be a right, but we already provide care for people who can’t pay at the nation’s public hospitals and clinics. Do we need to do more, and if so, why?</td>
<td>What do we owe to those who do want very expensive procedures near the end of life, even when doctors say they are unlikely to succeed?</td>
<td>What are the challenges to rural areas with fewer choices? How should they be addressed?</td>
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<td>Are we willing to pay the higher taxes if they result?</td>
<td>What’s the balance between giving people the choice to live and die as they wish and the need to use scarce health care dollars wisely?</td>
<td>Is it fair to ask people facing life-threatening situations to carefully weigh costs?</td>
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<td>What’s fair here? Forcing people to buy coverage they aren’t likely to need or placing higher costs on people who are more vulnerable?</td>
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For more information

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