



November dialogue about democracy

Survey and polling data reveal not just a downward trend but a plunge in faith in and devotion to American democracy and its institutions. Disillusionment, disaffection and even disgust have soared. And the blame cannot be pinned solely on our current political chaos.

In a month devoted to generating awareness, understanding and renewed dedication to our system of government, the [Purple Project for Democracy](#) will have a presence throughout all channels of media both as editorial content and public-service messaging, along with live events and a vast social-media presence. So what conversations can take place at the hyperlocal level to stimulate the national dialogue?

- How did this come about?
- If we agree that American democracy has disappointed or even betrayed some Americans, is the solution to seek other systems of government...or to use democracy to fix democracy? And, if so, how?
- What can the institutions of democracy do to regain trust and respect?
- What can individuals do to gird the foundations of democracy?
- How can we cherish truth, justice and the American Way without whitewashing our failures or defaulting to jingoism? What does mindful patriotism look like?
- Does local civic participation cultivate a sense of agency and empowerment that can translate into amplifying our voices on a national level?
- How to we change the social norms for what constitutes baseline requirements for civic engagement?