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Braver Angels is a bipartisan, primarily volunteer organization working to unify our divided nation. By bringing conservative, liberal, and independent Americans together into grassroots working alliances, we build ways to talk to one another, participate together in public life, and influence the direction of our nation. We help Americans understand each other beyond stereotypes and work to reduce the discord through workshops, debates, and local engagement.

Our Mission

We bring Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic.

Our Philosophy

- ✓ *As individuals*, we try to understand the other side's point of view, even if we disagree.
- ✓ *In our communities*, we engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together.
- ✓ *In politics*, we support principles that bring us together rather than divide us.

Our Approach

Braver Angels seeks to depolarize American politics. Our work is rooted in grassroots organizing. Our volunteer members and leaders (supported by a small national staff) leverage workshops, programs, and local work to impact community life. We challenge ourselves to work together when we disagree as braver members.

Specifically, Braver Angels efforts focus on:

- Local community work through Alliance Groups
- Civic & Religious Organizations; Educational Institutions
- Media, Politics & Government

Our Services & Tools

- Skills Training Workshops: *Depolarizing Within / Skills for Bridging the Divide / Families & Politics / Conversations about Race & Public Policy* – listening and communication skills for respectful conversations, clarify differences, find common ground.
- Discussion Workshops: *Red / Blue; Common Ground; Town Hall meeting* - small groups come together for structured, guided conversation.
- Braver Angels Debates: people with differing perspectives listen carefully to each other with the goal to develop a braver understanding.
- 1:1 Conversations Across Our Differences: people connect personally as citizens who are concerned for our country. Involves two structured 1-hour conversations between two people using online Guides: *Red - Blue; Rural - Urban; Conversations Across Generations; Conversations about Race, Ethnicity & Culture*.
- Alliances Groups: Braver Angels members continue to grow & build trusting relationships by working together in their local communities and take action based on common ground.
- National Online Events: bring people together from all 50 States for engagement.

Our Ohio Perspective:

- a. Braver Angels held its 1st and 2nd Red / Blue workshops in Ohio in 2016 & 2017.
- b. 1st Braver Angels Alliance formed in SW Ohio from March 2017 workshop participants.
- c. View Braver Angels documentary on *Re-Uniting America* based on March 2017 Red / Blue workshop at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6kZpN5T3IU&t=9s>
- d. Active Ohio Alliances organized by Braver Angels members and working together.

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