



Safety in Public Spaces

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Description: Discussion on public safety. We want to hear your thoughts and experiences regarding how you feel safe in public spaces, what measures you take to feel safe, and how you overcome your fears.

Estimated time: 1 hours

(1) Getting acquainted and comfortable

5 min.

Welcome

- Thank you for coming...
- We are a part of The Great Reset, which was born out of a shift we're seeing in our country. We have been in a place where we don't tend to speak 'beyond our bubbles' and across perspectives. The Great Reset has been opening up a grey space for such conversations since 2018. You are now part of keeping the conversation going and we thank you.

The Pillars of The Great Reset

- To share our own thoughts and perspectives with humility
- To learn from others and listen with respect

Ground Rules

- Every comment is valid and deserving of respect
- We show respect by speaking one at a time, putting our phones on silent and staying engaged, even when we are not speaking
- In the interest of time, I may cut in to ask you to 'top-line' something if we need to move on. This means simply offer up a synopsis of your thoughts and speak in bullets, not paragraphs

Confidentiality

I would like a verbal from everyone that you are here of your own volition and out of respect for one another I would ask you to keep what others say in this room unless they give you permission otherwise. (go around and get verbal agreement). Further, you agree to adhere to the principles outlined already: to deliver your perspectives bound to the principles of respect, to **listen with humility and offer grace to others who are sharing this space.**

Personal Introductions

Please share your name, where are you from and what is your year/major in school?

*****Remind everyone we're recording but we won't use any clips without their approval*****



1. Considering the definition of public safety taken from USLegal: “Public Safety refers to the welfare and protection of the general public. It is usually expressed as a governmental responsibility.” When you consider the term/idea of “public safety,” what does your mind jump to?

<https://definitions.uslegal.com/p/public-safety/>

2. How safe do you feel in public spaces, such as parks, streets, public transportation, grocery stores, public events, etc?

3. When you're in public spaces, what makes you feel safe? What measures do you take to feel safe?

- Some safety recommendations include not walking alone, alarms, having your keys in hand, checking under your auto and around it ... have you used any of these or any other similar measures?

4. What makes you feel Unsafe?

5. How do you think people could feel safer in public spaces?

- a. Self-defense classes
- b. Metal detectors
- c. SROs at schools
- d.

6. How do you think the culture of safety in the United States has altered throughout the past decades?

7. Who is responsible for our public safety?

- Police... What about spreading resources beyond police, what would that look like?

8. What do you think can be done to not only improve public safety in your community but also improve the culture of public safety? Are there examples from other nations/communities we can learn from?

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