



Civic Engagement and the Peoples' Responsibility

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Description: This discussion thoroughly examines civic engagement, covering its definitions and the core elements of being civically engaged. Participants will also explore whether civic engagement is a requirement for good citizenship, discussing personal feelings of responsibility. The conversation delves into power dynamics in civic engagement, considering if everyone has equal influence or if some voices are amplified. We'll look at how civic engagement has evolved across generations, emphasizing the role of social media. To wrap up, participants will reflect on potential habit changes based on the discussion and consider actions to increase their civic engagement.

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**.



Remind everyone, if in a recording situation, that we're recording but we won't use any clips without their approval

Personal Introductions

Please share your name and where are you from.

Discussion Questions:

1. **(10 mins.)** How do you define civic engagement?
 - a) What does it mean to be civically engaged?
 - b) Can we agree on one brought forward, if not how about, 'individual and collective actions designed to identify and address issues of public concern.' (American Psychological Association)

2. **(10 mins.)** Is it a requirement of a good citizen to be civically engaged?
 - a) Do you feel a responsibility to be civically engaged?

3. **(10 mins.)** How often do you engage in political discussions?
 - a) With whom
 - b) When/Where (organized conversations, work, family events)

4. **(10 mins.)** How often do you DECLINE to engage in political discussions?
 - a) Why?

5. **(5 mins.)** Does everyone have the same power in their own civic engagement? Are some people's voices heard louder than others?
 - a) Should all people have equal opportunities to engage? How about sports/'Hollywood' types, should they 'stay in their lane'?

6. **(10 mins.)** Has civic engagement changed throughout generations? Does civic engagement look different now than it did for the generations before?
 - a) What role does social media play in civic engagement now?

7. **(10 mins.)** Based on what you have heard and talked about today, are you going to change your habits at all? What can you personally do to be civically engaged