

This summit grows out of a National Governors' Association [Disagree Better](#) initiative and is held in this sacred space of the Oklahoma City National Museum and Memorial. The Summit is centered around the idea that as Americans, we can disagree and stand firm for our beliefs and principles, but we should never forget the dignity of the other human being. Everyone has a role to play in combating polarization and helping build bridges across the political divide. We welcome you to join us in disagreeing better together.

Welcome and Overview

- Kari Watkins – (CEO, Oklahoma City National Memorial)
- Judge Thomas Griffith - (Fellow, Wheatley Institute)

The Problem and Opportunity

- Tim Shriver - (CEO of Special Olympics and co-creator of Dignity Index)

How do you see the problem affecting your own life?

Working Across Political Differences

- Kevin Stitt- (Governor)
- Suzanne Schreiber - (State Representative from Tulsa)
- Justice Steven Taylor – (former Chief Justice OK Supreme Court) - Moderator

What were the most important insights you heard about how to work effectively across political differences?

Navigating Tough Conversations In Polarizing Times

- Dr. Mautra Jones - (Pres. of Oklahoma City Community College),
- Dr. Thomas Newsom - (Pres. of Southeastern OK State University)
- Tomas Diaz de la Rubia - (Vice President for Research and Partnerships, University of Oklahoma)
- Dr. Heath Thomas - (Pres. of OK Baptist University)
- Nellie Sanders – (Secretary of Education) – Moderator

What did you hear in this discussion that is relevant to interactions you have with others of different views?

Leadership, Values, and Faith Traditions to Help Us Disagree Better

- Mike Beckham - (CEO of Simple Modern)
- Renzi Stone - (CEO of Saxum)
- Rev. Dr. David McAllister-Wilson - (Pres. Wesley Theological Seminary) – Moderator

What personal values help guide you and that you can utilize to improve how you deal with disagreement?

What Can We Do to Disagree Better?

- Tim Shriver – (CEO of Special Olympics and co-creator of Dignity Index)
- Joel Harder – (Chaplin of the Oklahoma House of Representatives)
- Governor Stitt

Why is it important to you to “disagree better?”

What actions do you want to take?



Please add your voice to thousands of Americans who believe we can disagree better
<https://engagingdifferences.org/disagree-better/share-your-voice/>

RESOURCES TO DISAGREE BETTER

National Governors Association – Disagree Better Tools - <https://www.nga.org/disagree-better/inspiration-and-action/>

Dignity Index - Steps to easing divisions, preventing violence, and solving problems by honoring someone’s dignity and choosing dignity over contempt - <https://www.dignity.us/>

CommonSense American – bringing common sense to American politics and policy through bipartisan focus - <https://www.commonsenseamerican.org/>

Braver Angels Workshops – Skills to have difficult conversations across the divide and to connect with those with whom you disagree - <https://braverangels.org/attend-a-workshop/>

Starts With Us – take the polarization detox challenge - <https://startswith.us/pdc/>

Hope Rising Oklahoma – bringing the science of hope to communities across Oklahoma - <https://hoperisingoklahoma.org/>