
REDISCOVERING COMMON GROUND



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Overview for our time



Be Informed



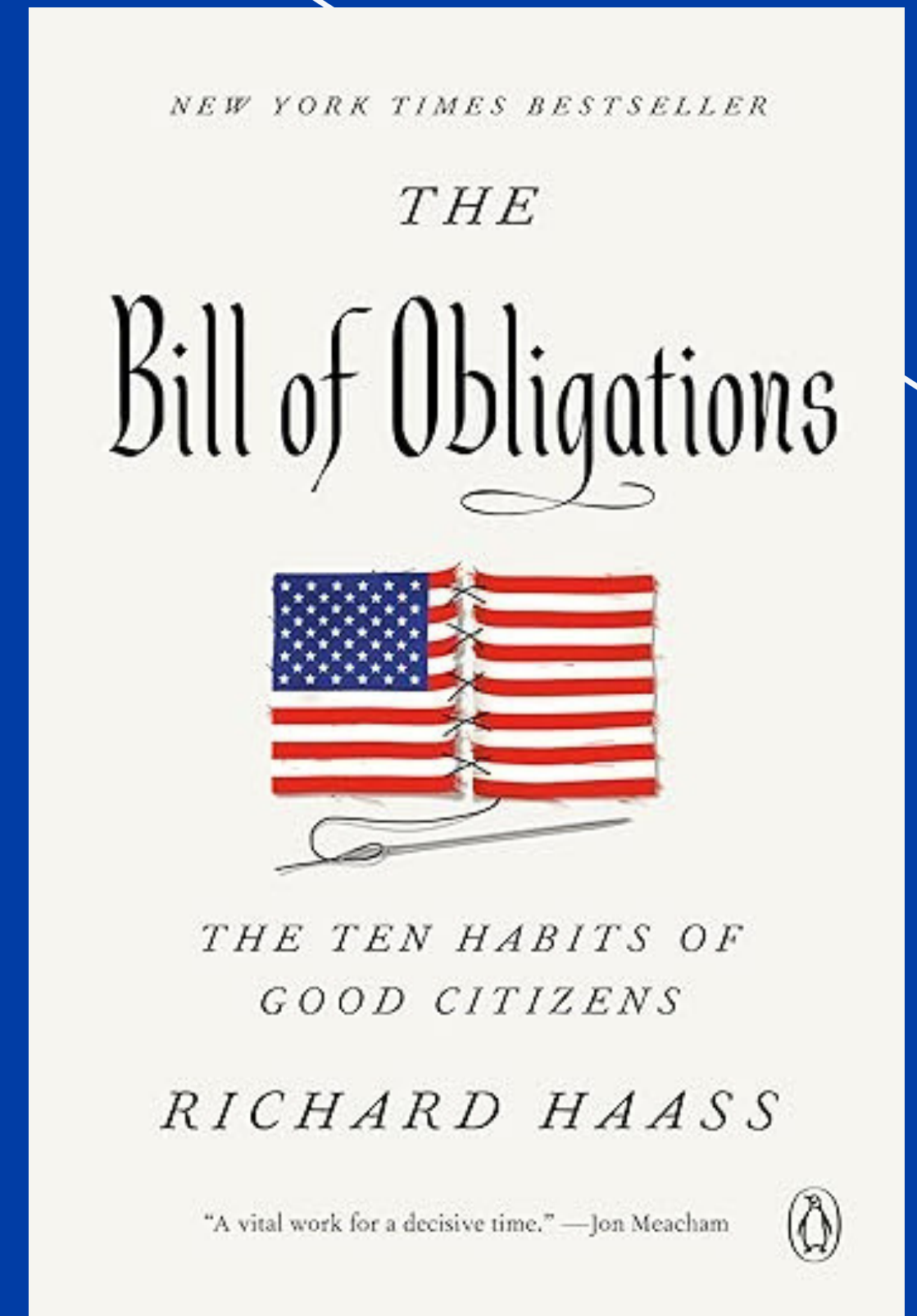
Get Involved



Stay Open to Compromise

Why Obligations?

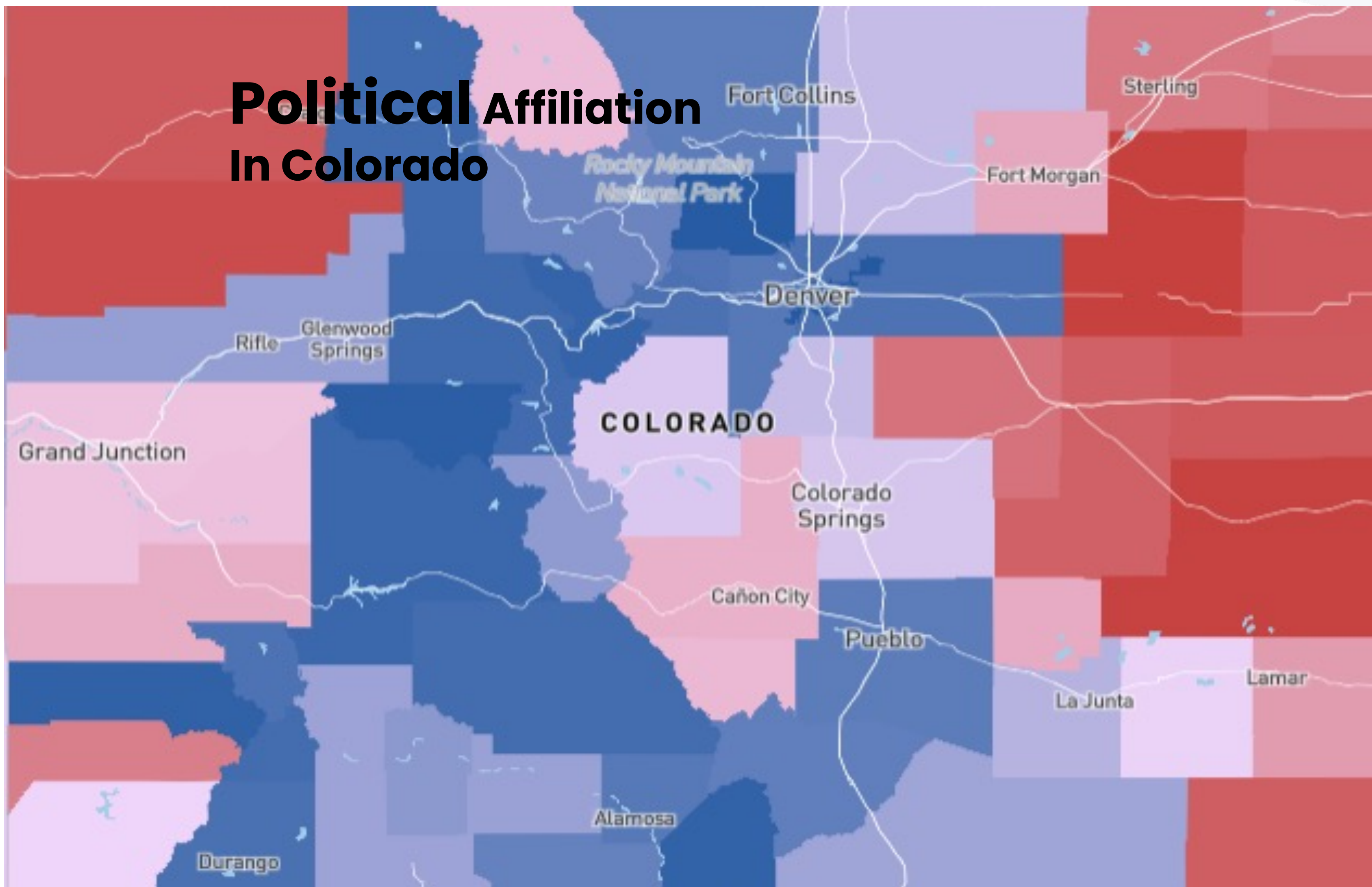
- Be Informed
- Get Involved
- Stay Open to Compromise
- Remain Civil
- Reject Violence
- Value Norms
- Promote the Common Good
- Respect Government Service
- Support the Teaching of Civics
- Put Country First



Dr. Richard Haass



Political Affiliation In Colorado

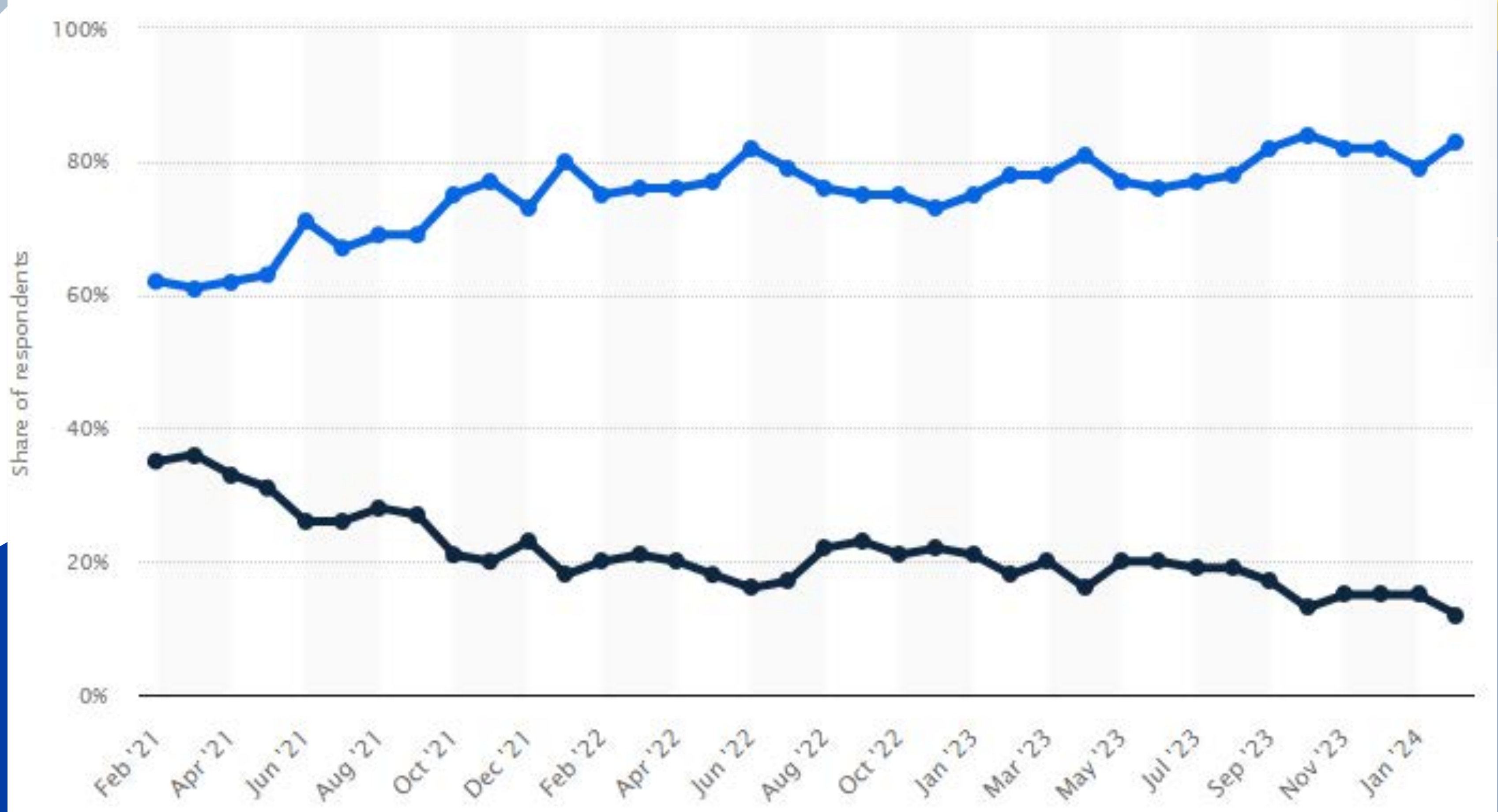


Most Important Problem In The U.S.

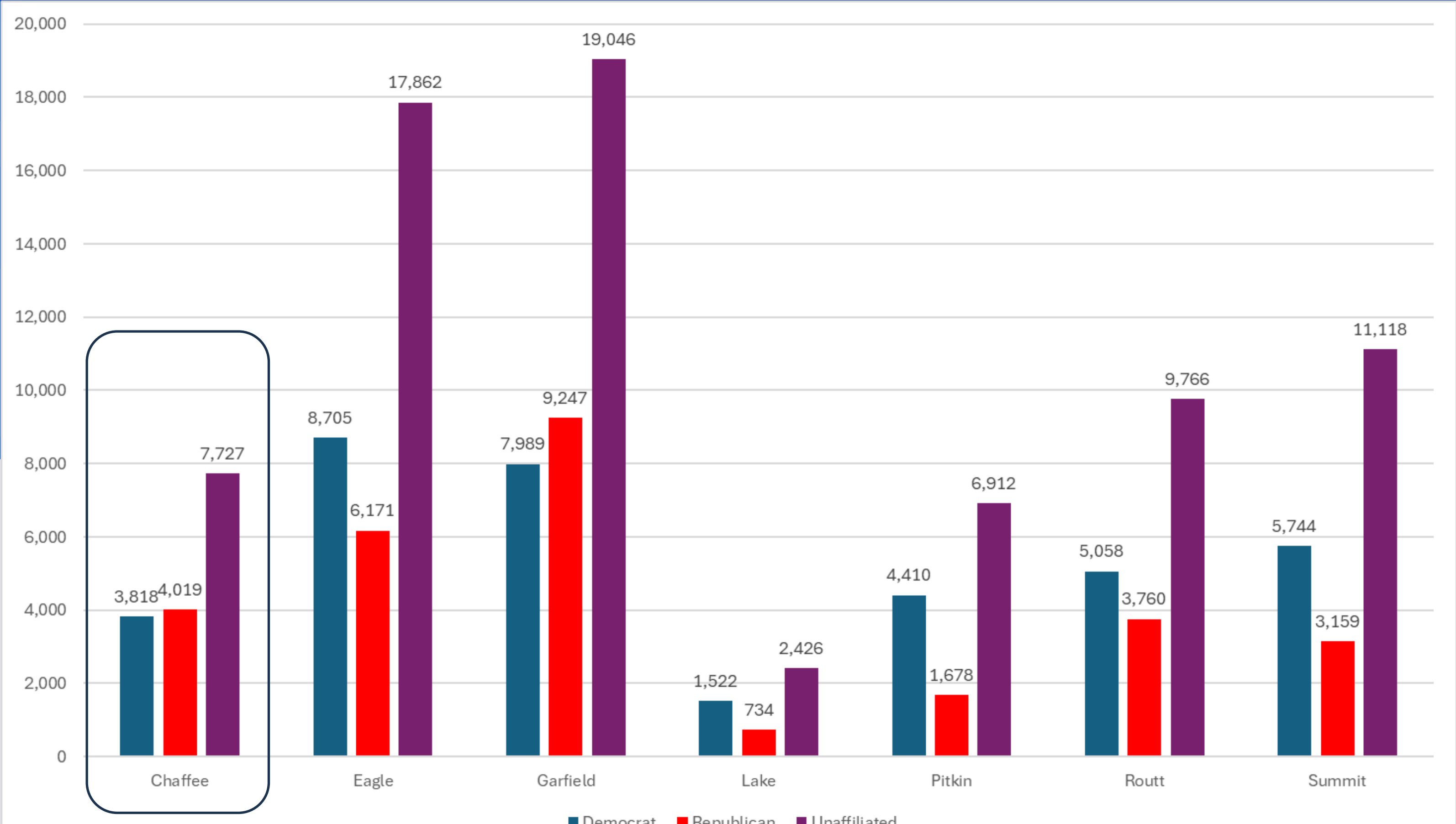
	Jan 2024	Feb 2024
	%	%
Immigration	20	28
Government	21	20
Economy in general	12	12
Inflation	13	11
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	5	6
Unifying the country	6	4
Race relations/Racism	3	4
Federal budget deficit	2	3
Crime/Violence	4	3
Elections/Election reform/Democracy	4	3
Lack of respect for each other	3	3
Ethical/Moral/Religious decline	3	3
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	3	3
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	2	3
Healthcare	2	3

Issues with 3% or more mentions in February are shown.

Approval of Congress: Gallup



Affiliation In The CMC District, By County



How Much Work Did Congress Do?

- Number of bills introduced?
- Number of bills killed in opposing chambers?
- Number of bills that passed?



Snapshot of bills that passed in 2023

- Justice for War Crimes Act (Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa)
- Colorado River Indian Tribes Water Resiliency Act of 2022 (Sen. Mark Kelly, D — Arizona)
- Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley Congressional Gold Medal Act (Rep. Richard Burr, R — N.C.)
- Respect for Child Survivors Act (Rep. John Cornyn, R — Texas)
- Billy's Law (Sen. Chris Murphy, D — Connecticut)
- Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area Act (Rep. Don McAchen, D — Michigan)

Are We More Divided Than Ever?

Election of 1800



Missouri Compromise



Civil War & Reconstruction



"Know Nothings"



McCarthyism





[TOGETHER-WE-STAND.ORG](https://together-we-stand.org)





You know you're right,

Tell Me More

- What about your community makes you proud?
- What is one thing that your local elected officials could do to improve the community?
- What is one thing that you could do to improve your community?

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**What is one thing you could do
to improve your community?**

**Most important
problem in the U.S.
right now?**

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What is Your Community's Greatest Asset?

1.

Find a new partner and decide what is your community's greatest asset

2.

With your partner, decide on what is one thing your community could do to leverage your community's asset for the good of others?

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Next Steps

- Expand your news sources.
- Get out! Volunteer, get coffee, smell the roses
- Be willing to have a conversation and be outside of your comfort zone. It's good for everyone.
- Go see Dr. Richard Haass in October.
- Sign the poster! Read the book!

