

Acting Ethically Even While Seething With Dislike

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Disclaimers

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TRUE OR FALSE

1. 1 in 10 Americans stopped talking to a family member or close friend because of the election. (Reuters)

2. Americans are more likely to discriminate against a few of those in the opposing party than they do people of different races. (Stanford & Princeton study 2015)

Quiz!

FALSE: 1 in 6

TRUE

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TRUE OR FALSE

3. We are now defining ourselves by the groups we hate (“othering”).

TRUE

We secure our own identity by stigmatizing the identity of someone else creating a hard line between “us” and “them.”

Arthur C. Brooks, Love Your Enemies

“Can there be any greater evil than discord and distraction and plurality where unity ought to reign? Or any greater good than the bond of unity? There cannot.” Plato’s The Republic

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TRUE OR FALSE

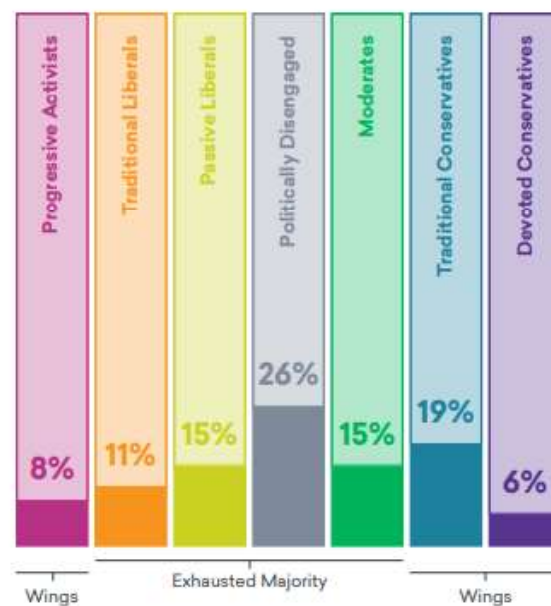
4. 93% of Americans are tired of how divided we have become as a country. (More in Common)

TRUE–
“exhausted majority”

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The Hidden Tribes of America



“American Fabric: Identity and Belonging,” More in Common, December 2020

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