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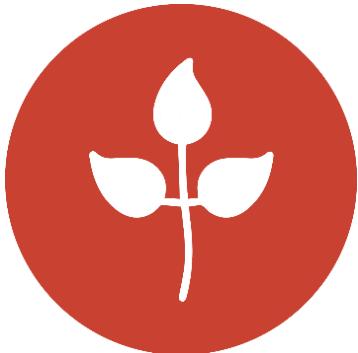
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Inward Capacity

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Civil Discourse in Context

“But eventually, aspirations have to be translated into specific laws and institutional practices — and in a democracy, that only happens when we elect government officials who are responsive to our demands.”

President Barack Obama, on recent protesting and demands to address police brutality



Here is the true meaning and value of compassion and non-violence, when it helps us to see the enemy's point of view, to hear his questions, to know of his assessment of ourselves. For from his view we may indeed see the basic weaknesses of our own condition, and if we are mature, we may learn and grow and profit from the wisdom of the brothers who are called the opposition.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., about conversations of disagreement on the Vietnam War

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Tenets for Civil Discourse

- Respect
- Listen deeply
- Speak for yourself
- Try to understand
- Share talk time
- Speak with humility
- Gratitude
- Suspend judgement
- Disagree and love
- Practice forgiveness
- Pay attention to your thoughts & feelings

Outward Engagement

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Values-Based Conversations

We must begin from a place of values



- See that we share more in common
- Hold sacred the creative space for disagreement
- Find shared hopes for our country
- Produce outcomes that have the most positive impact

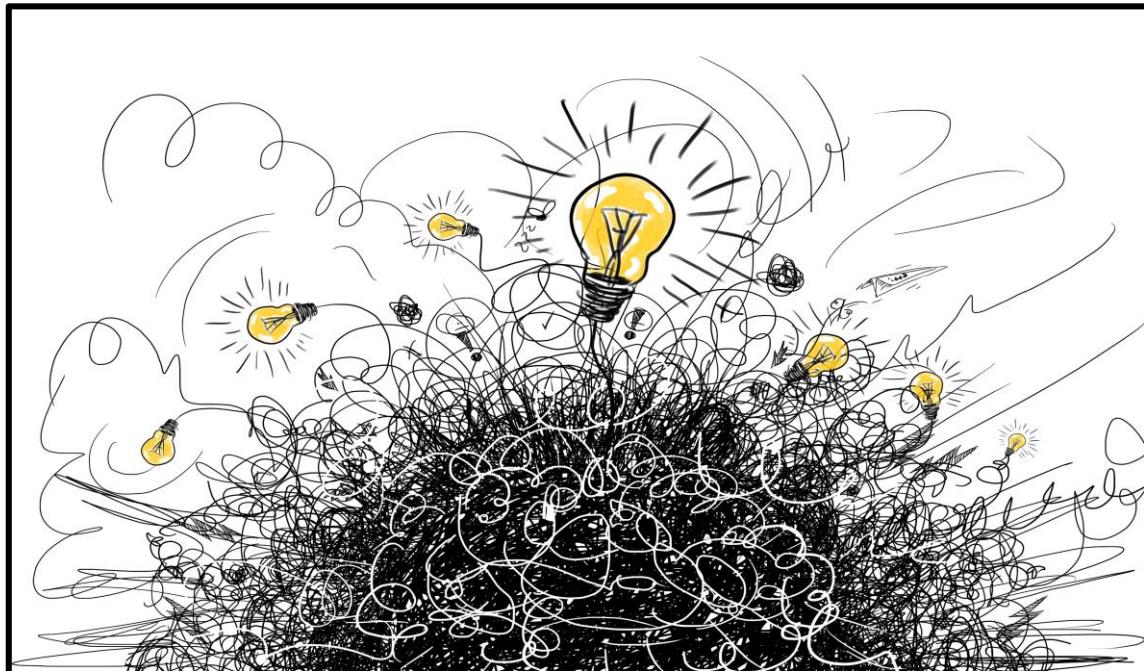
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The Complexities of Policy

Policy Can Be Messy



Messy in Development



Expectation



Reality

Messy in Outcome

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