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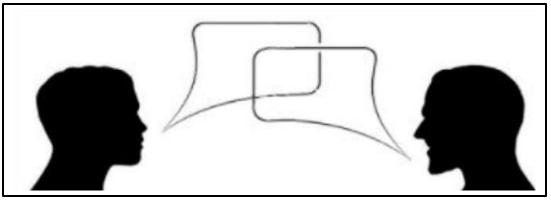
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What We Have Here is a Failure to Communicate

In this era of political polarization it's hard to talk to, much less sympathize with, our antagonists. Popular rhetoric doesn't help. We're told to "struggle" and "fight" for our rights and the rights of others, implying that they must be vanquished. We need to live with people who see the world differently but realize that they want many of the same things from life that we do. We need to be builders, not warriors, to work; not to fight.

I don't know how to do that. I rarely have exchanges with people whose views are different from mine. I'm frightened by some of the changes I see in this country and see others as an essential part of how the world should be.

At a Humanist Sunday Forum last month, Michael Abramson's spoke about Braver Angels (braverangels.org), an organization that brings together people from opposite sides of major social issues so they can try to understand one another and find common ground. To prepare for whatever the outcome of upcoming election is they offer the following oath:

"Regardless of how the election turns out, I will not hold hate, disdain, or ridicule for those who voted differently from me. Whether I am pleased or upset about the outcome, I will seek to understand the concerns and aspirations of those who voted differently and will look for opportunities to work with people with whom I disagree."

These words are important now, as we face what may be the most important election in recent history with our democracy itself on the line.

Talk to people about the issues. Vote, and insist that they vote.

Online Forums

Due to COVID 19 our forums are online with Zoom. Echoplex Media provides the platform. Go to https://us04web.zoom.us/j/314247393 to attend online through the microphone and camera on your computer or go to https://www.echoplexmedia.com/humanist to watch the forum.







EVENTS

IN SILICON VALLEY

September 2020

Sun. Mon. Thu. Fri. Wed. Sat Tues. Have a Safe and Happy
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location



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prevail in the most important election of our lifetime!

