



SUGGESTED READINGS

The readings below have been curated to offer a diverse set of perspectives about the opportunities and challenges facing liberal democracy. This is not required reading for the Summit, but we hope you find time to explore these resources before and after the event, as they have the potential to expand, inspire, and challenge our collective thinking. None of the pieces included here should be considered endorsements or validations of the authors' perspectives.

Articles and Essays

[Curing Philanthropy's Blind Spot: One Percent for Democracy](#)

A 2013 article in Democracy: A Journal of Ideas by Issue One Founder & CEO Nick Penniman and philanthropist/Issue One board member Ian Simmons about the need and opportunities for greater philanthropic investment in democracy reform

[Fix this democracy—now: 38 ideas for repairing our badly broken civic life](#)

A Washington Post Magazine piece featuring a range of ideas from American writers and artists about how to fix what ails our democracy

[How Philanthropy Can Do More to Stand Up for America's Democracy](#)

An article by Democracy Fund President Joe Goldman in The Chronicle of Philanthropy about philanthropy's role in addressing near-term challenges to democratic norms and institutions

[Is Democracy Dying?](#)

An issue of The Atlantic devoted to the future of democracy, featuring more than a dozen articles by authors including Anne Applebaum, Justice Stephen Breyer, Amy Chua, and David Frum

[Listening to the people who think we are wrong](#)

An essay by Hewlett Foundation President Larry Kramer about the vital need to engage with those with whom we disagree in a deliberative democracy

[Misinformation is a Problem of Supply and Demand](#)

An essay about the misinformation crisis on Defusing Disinfo, a project of the Stand Up Republic Foundation that features original analysis and commentary on disinformation

[Why Are Members Leaving Congress?](#)

An article by Nick Penniman in RealClearPolicy with insights from recently retired members of Congress

Reports and Research

[Crisis in Democracy: Renewing Trust in America](#)

The Report of the Knight Commission on Trust, Media and Democracy, a project of the Knight Foundation and the Aspen Institute Communications and Society Program, with recommendations on how to restore trust in media and democracy

[Follow the Leader: Exploring American Support for Democracy and Authoritarianism](#)

A report by Larry Diamond, Lee Drutman, and Joe Goldman as part of the Democracy Fund's Voter Study Group, a research collaboration examining the views of American voters

[Renewing U.S. Political Representation: Lessons from Europe and U.S. History](#)

A Carnegie Endowment for International Peace report by Rachel Kleinfeld, Richard Youngs, and Jonah Belser about how to improve representation in American politics

[Stranger in My Own Country](#)

A Democracy Fund Voice report on the factors motivating nativism, racism, and other cultural anxieties among the American electorate

[The Democracy Project](#)

A collaborative research project of Freedom House, the George W. Bush Institute, and the Penn Biden Center that surveyed American's attitudes about democratic principles and institutions

[The Hidden Tribes of America](#)

A study of polarization in America by More in Common, a new international initiative to build societies and communities that are stronger, more united, and more resilient to polarization and social division

[The Republic is \(Still\) at Risk—and Civics is Part of the Solution](#)

A paper from the Jonathan M. Tish College of Civic Life at Tufts University that explores the state of civic education and learning in the U.S., including challenges and opportunities to advance the civic mission of schools