



# Culture Wars, Political Polarization, and the 2022 Elections: Implications for Building an Economy that Works for All

November 30 - December 1, 2022

The Madison Hotel, 1177 15th St NW, Washington, DC

## AGENDA

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### NOVEMBER 30, 2022

6:00-8:30 PM

**Dinner Program: Shifting Mindsets for Social Change**  
[Potomac Room](#) (first floor)

Join us for a discussion on how recent social and political turmoil has shifted the ways Americans think about and make sense of the world. Learn about opportunities and challenges those shifts might create for progressive leaders, communicators, activists, and movement builders—and how important cultural conversations on the economy, health, government, democracy, and racism can be framed in more effective and strategic ways.

- [Marisa Gerstein Pineau](#), Director of Research Application, FrameWorks Institute

### DECEMBER 1, 2022

[All sessions will be held in the Mount Vernon Room on the second floor.](#)

8:30 AM

**Breakfast and Registration**

9:00 AM

**Welcome and Opening Performance**

We will kick off the meeting with a performance by Charity Blackwell, a spoken word artist, host, emcee, and poetry specialist who has spent several years contributing to the arts scene in DC and across national platforms.

- [Charity Blackwell](#), Spoken Word Artist

**9:30 AM**

**Why We Are Here and Who's in the Room**

It's been more than two years since we have been able to meet in person as a network. We'll spend some time reconnecting as a community of funders and getting to know one another.

- [Cassandra McKee](#), Senior Program Officer, Economic Justice, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund and EOF Steering Committee Member

**10:15 AM**

**Table Discussions: Reflections and Aspirations**

Working in small groups, participants will reflect on the opening performance and share one opportunity or hope for their work ahead.

**10:45 AM**

**Break**

**11:00 AM**

**Unpacking the 2022 Elections**

A panel of experts will explore what the elections tell us about political participation, dialogue on the direction of the country, and the future of social and economic policy.

- [Avenel Joseph](#), Vice President, Policy, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (moderator)
- [Carroll Doherty](#), Director, Political Research, Pew Research Center
- [Dorian Warren](#), Co-President, Community Change and co-chair, Economic Security Project.

**12:00 PM**

**Table Discussions: Reflections and Reactions**

Participants will have time to reflect on the previous session and share what stood out or resonated with them or a question that it raised.

**12:30 PM**

**Lunch**

**1:30 PM**

**Protecting and Advancing a Policy Agenda for Low Income Families, Workers, and Communities**

In what policy areas can philanthropy make a difference today? A panel of experts will reflect on the outcomes of the elections and what they suggest in terms of opportunities and challenges at both the federal and state level.

- [Marcela Montes](#), Program Officer, Family Economic Security, W.K. Kellogg Foundation (moderator)
- [Emmanuel Caicedo](#), State Campaigns Director, The Center for Popular Democracy
- [Indivar Dutta-Gupta](#), President & Executive Director, The Center for Law and Social Policy
- [Jocelyn Frye](#), President, National Partnership for Women & Families
- [Samuel Hammond](#), Director of Social Policy, Niskanen Center

**3:00 PM**                      **Break**

**3:30 PM**                      **What the Election Outcomes Mean for Our Work as Funders**

Foundations play an important role in informing the public debate, stimulating innovation, and supporting research and evaluation of policies and programs. Given the opportunities and challenges before us, how do we, as funders, need to show up? Participants will share key take-aways and consider next steps.

- [Lisa McGill](#), LM Strategies Consulting

**5:00 PM**                      **Adjourn**

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