

COMMUNITIES OVERCOMING EXTREMISM

The After Charlottesville Project



The Problem

Nationally, there has been a dramatic rise in extremism, intolerance and political violence. At the same time, community leaders may lack the alliances and experience to productively react to these threats. Communities Overcoming Extremism aims to empower leaders to prevail against extremism.

Our Approach

We are bringing together mayors, prosecutors, law enforcement, faith leaders, school officials, legislators, nonprofits leaders and the business sector to fight hate across the country through community-based problem solving. This initiative will showcase the power of diverse public and private sector coalitions to help build localized capacity to prevent extremist events like Charlottesville from happening in the future.

Our Goal

To build a national network of leaders and organizations that can empower our communities by providing the tools to overcome extremism, promote reconciliation and advance community respect and healing.

Schedule of Events

Fall Summit, 2018, St. Louis

The Public Sector's Role
Address today's extremism, intolerance and violence through law, public policy, social services and civic engagement.

Spring Summit, 2019, San Francisco
The Private Sector's Role

Develop solutions for dangerous new trends that enable hate online, through service apps and in corporate environments.

Summer Policy Report, 2019

Final report sharing insights to combat extremism and promote hope.

Year long Podcast Channel, Launch in Winter, 2018

Leaders across the country, in government, businesses, the academic and the activist communities, share how to counter extremism, intolerance, and political violence while promoting reconciliation.

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Extremists continue to spread hate and incite violence in our schools, in our communities, online, using every platform at their disposal. To fight back against those who brought their message of hate to Charlottesville, we now seek to marshal all of our community resources, from city hall to corporate boardrooms to community organizations, in order to equip every community in America with the necessary skills to reduce community intergroup tensions and overcome any hate and extremist event.

- Jonathan Greenblatt, ADL CEO and National Director



This initiative will not only seek methodologies for how cities across America can be better prepared to respond to hate crime and violence, but will also invite conversations around bridge building and healing.

- Sharif Azami, Fetzer Institute Program Officer



Our great nation must be fully equipped to overcome hate, political violence and extremism. I am committed to sharing learning from last year's events in Charlottesville as part of this national effort, bringing together key public and private leaders, and a diverse range of partner organizations around the country, who will work together to increase our collective capacity to stand up against hate.

- The Hon. Mike Signer, former Charlottesville Mayor and Advisory Board Chair



This important project will bring leaders together across the nation to share victories and setbacks in our work against hate, so that we can heal and move forward collectively as a country.

- Pastor Alvin Edwards, leader of Charlottesville's largest African American Baptist Church and former Charlottesville Mayor



We're proud to join our partner organizations in convening researchers, educators, community leaders, and rights activists to understand the tools needed to foster a culture where people help rather than harm one another. The question of how we see past differences and respect the dignity of every individual benefits from open and courageous exploration.

- Sarah Ruger, Charles Koch Institute Director of Free Expression

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