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The Bible and Cultural Identity

Ephesians 2:14-16



Diversity Equity Inclusion



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Kids Question Hint

Note the two tensions that we talk about today.



Tension #1

Unity \longleftrightarrow Diversity



Uniting Peoples

Ephesians 2:14-16 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.



Uniting Peoples

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



Creation Week (Genesis 1)

1. He separates the light/day from the darkness/night.
2. He separates the waters from the waters.
3. He separates the dry land from the waters.
4. He creates the vegetation according to their kinds.
5. He creates sources of light, specifically the two great lights to govern the day and the night, and through the lights, he distinguishes between seasons and days and years.
6. He creates the sea creatures and birds according to their kinds.
7. He creates the land animals according to their kinds.
8. He creates humans, and then separates them into male and female.



The Parts of the Body

1 Corinthians 12:18-20 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.



The Beginnings of Culture

Genesis 4:19-22 And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.



Blessing peoples, not just people

Genesis 12:1-3 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**”



All nations, not just all people

Matthew 28:19-20 “Go therefore and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



Nations in Eternity

Revelation 21:24-26 By [God's] light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into [the city], and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.



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What's the difference between a
Republican and a Democrat?



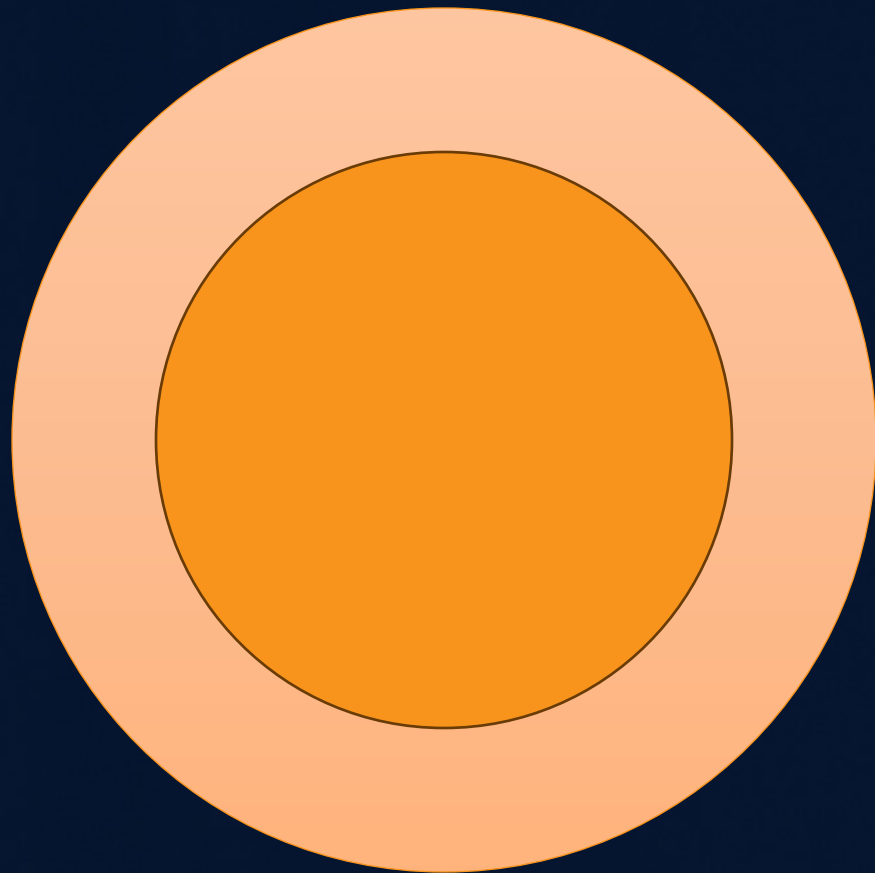
How America's Political Parties Change (And How They Don't) by Michael Barone

“Parties as long-lasting as these, I submit, even as they shift positions in response to events and elections, represent something basic in the character of the nations they have governed with considerable and recurring success.”

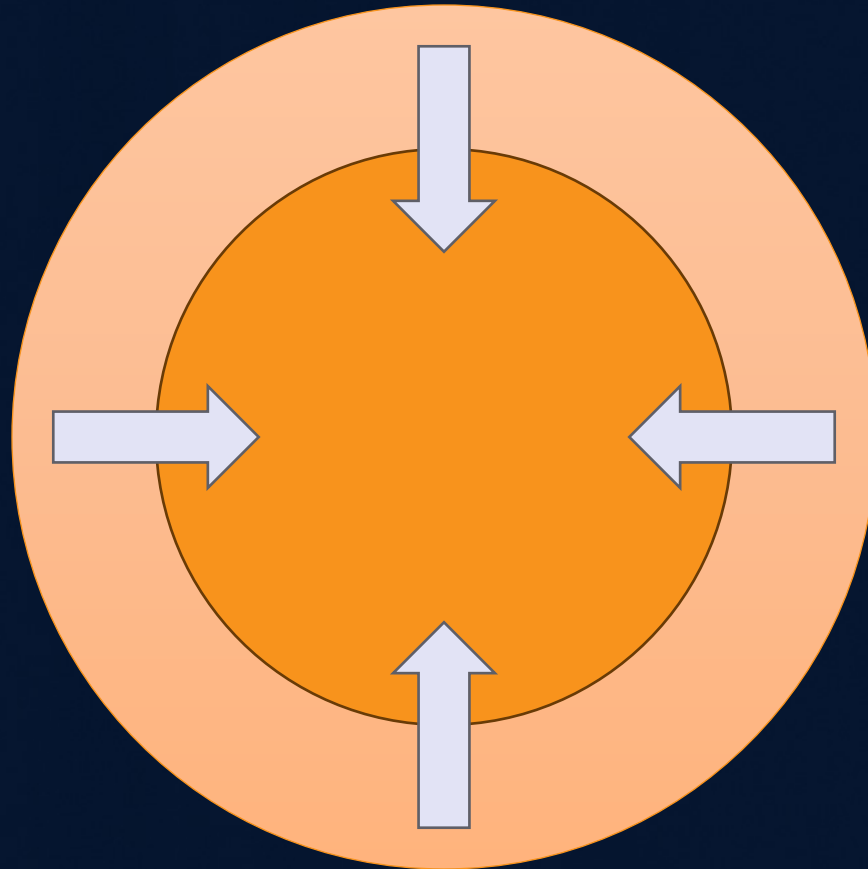


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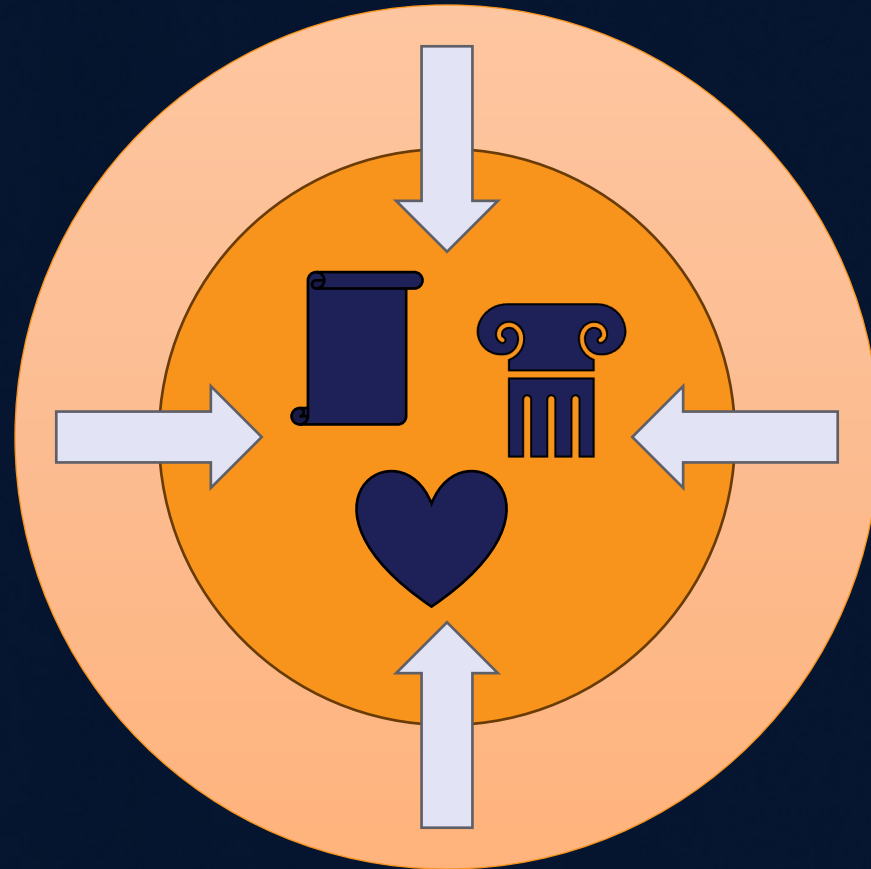
“The Democratic Party, from its beginnings in the 1830s, has always been a collection of out-groups, of demographic groups that have not been regarded by themselves or others as typically American but which, taken together—and it is almost always a problem holding them together—make up a majority of the nation. The Republican Party has always been formed around a core group considered to be typical Americans, but which by itself has never been a majority of the electorate and must attract others to the party’s banner in order to win.”



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Tension #2



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Relaxes standards
for the sake of
attainability.

Maintains standards
and calls people to
meet them.

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Leviticus 19:1-4

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the Lord your God.”



Leviticus 19:9-10

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.”



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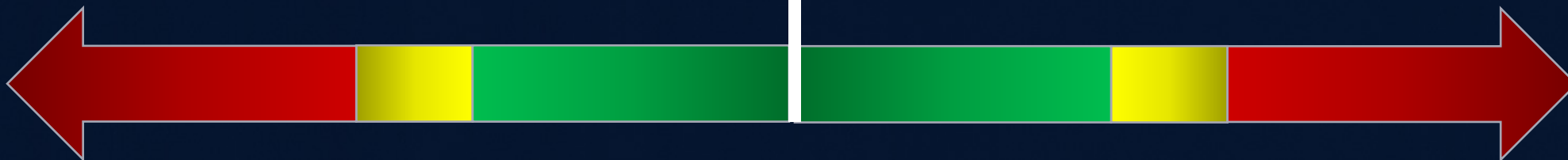
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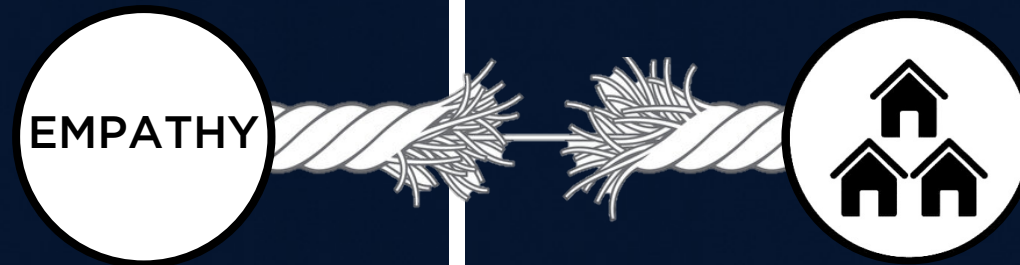
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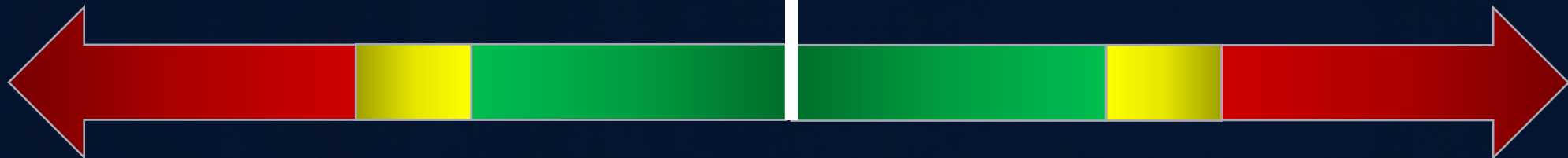
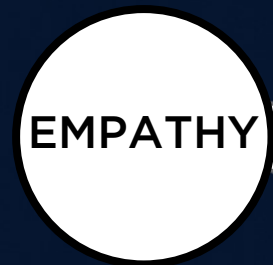
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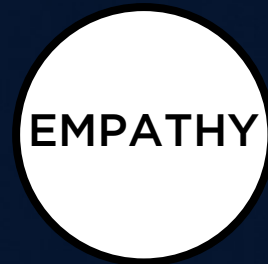
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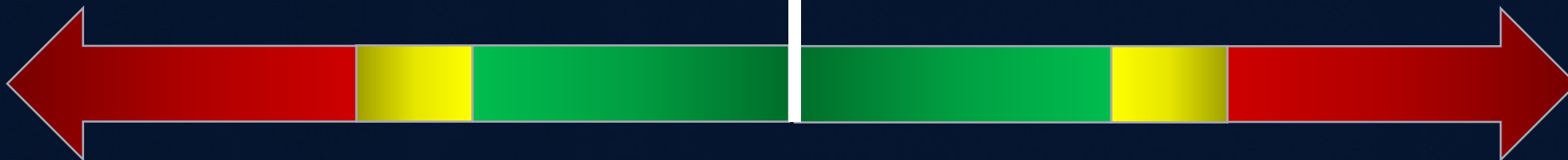
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Acts 22:21-22

And he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’

Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, “Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live.”



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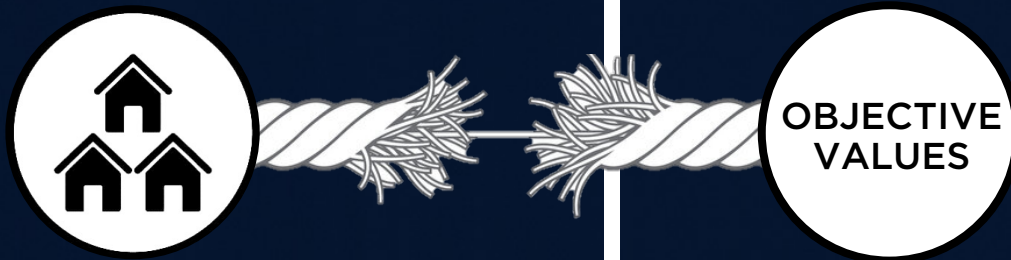
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Genesis 4:3-8

In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?”



Genesis 4:3-8

If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.



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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Week 1: Explanation

Week 2: Assessment

Week 3: Application



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Invite your friends!



Kids Question

What are the two tensions we covered today?

1. U _____ and D _____
2. I _____ and C _____ B _____



Tension #1

Unity ↔ Diversity



Unity and Diversity

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

“In Genesis 1:1 we have the first mention of God, Elohim, and it is full of meaning. First, this is the name that fits the almighty Creator of the universe. Second, the *plural* form *elohim* combined with the *singular* verb *bara* establishes the vital uniplural nature of God, which has its full revelation in the New Testament in its clear teaching of the Trinity.” Jonathan Sarfati, *The Genesis Account*



Tension #2

Inclusion ↔ Core Building



1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God...

1. Jesus Christ lived a fully righteous life.
2. He suffered and died for the sins of the unrighteous.
3. This death brought us to God.



1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.