

MANAGING DISAGREEMENT

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We tend to see our political opponents as not simply *mistaken*,

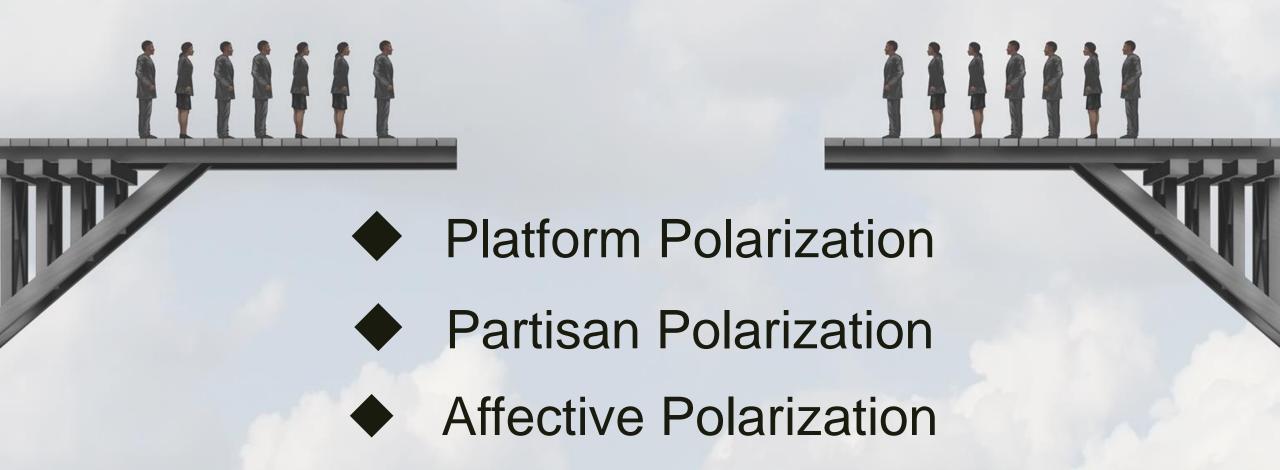
but on the side of injustice

Civic Friendship

The capacity to regard political opponents as nonetheless political equals



POLITICAL POLARIZATION



BELIEF POLARIZATION

Interaction with like-minded others turns us into more extreme versions of ourselves



BELIEF POLARIZATION

- Widely Studied & Uncommonly Robust
- ◆Found in Groups of Different Kinds
- Does not Discriminate between Fact & Value
- Affects Groups of Moderates No Less Than Groups Containing Extremists

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Mere Corroboration Suffices for Extremity Shifts



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Physical and Social Environments
Can Induce Belief Polarization

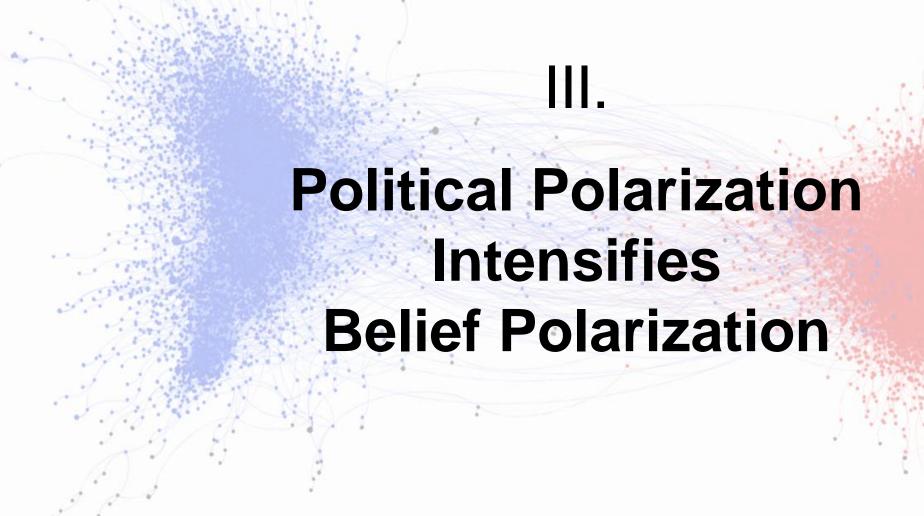
WHAT BELIEF POLARIZATION DOES TO US

As we shift into our more extreme selves, we embrace increasingly negative attitudes towards those we perceive to be different

Belief Polarization
Begets
Affective Polarization

Affective Polarization Incentivizes Partisan and Platform Polarization

(SO: Belief Polarization Induces Political Polarization)





THE WORLD IS AN ECHO CHAMBER

- ◆ Consumer Choices
- Weekend Activities
- News Sources
- ◆ Time in a Local Park
- Online Dating
- ♦ Hot Sauce Preferences
- Interior Design
- ◆ Tote Bags!



WHAT IS DEMCORACY FOR?

