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Philanthropy's role in strengthening our democracy

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To: [Steve Johnston](#)

Leading thinkers offer big ideas for foundations to invest in civic life

Dear Stephen,

What is philanthropy's role in rebuilding and revitalizing American democracy? Knight Foundation and Kettering Foundation brought together 20 thinkers, scholars and commentators to offer their perspectives. In a new essay series, Yuval Levin, danah boyd, Yascha Mounk, Antonia Hernández, Francis Fukuyama and many others offer their views on philanthropy's long game in supporting democracy.

[Read the essays here](#)

We're also hosting two discussions, in partnership with the Chronicle of Philanthropy, on the issues raised in the essays.

The first discussion, "Reimagining Democracy: Philanthropy's Long-Term Role," is today at 2 p.m. ET and will feature Chronicle of Philanthropy editor Stacy Palmer in conversation with Cathy Cohen (University of Chicago), Yuval Levin (American Enterprise Institute) and Daniel Rothschild (Mercatus Center at George Mason University).

The second discussion, "How Philanthropy Can Support Civic Life and Economic Opportunity," is Monday, November 30, at 2 p.m. ET. It will feature Francis Fukuyama (Stanford University), Brian Hooks (Stand Together), Safiya Noble (UCLA) and K. Sabeel Rahman (Demos).

[Register for both discussions here](#)

We believe that philanthropy can help accelerate the reimagining of our democracy, but it must be open to continually rethinking its own assumptions about how and where to be most effective. Please join us in a conversation about the way forward.

Sincerely,

Alberto Ibarguen, president, Knight Foundation
Sam Gill, SVP/chief program officer, Knight Foundation

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