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# November 2008 Newsletter

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Igniting \* Passion \* Power \* and \* Possibility

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It is not too late to join me at the **Global Sufficiency Summit** in Cambridge Massachusetts, November 22. Go to www.bostonsufficiency.org to register.

Last chance to support the kidney transplant fund. The final expenses are in a we have an updated goal. Thomas and Marilyn passed their three month check ups with flying colors. THANKS SO MUCH !! www.kidney4thomas.com

I'm now on YouTube. Check it out here - www.marilynlevin.com

Transpartisanship

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I encourage you to explore the Transpartison Movement because I believe that the global solutions we all need will not come from a divisive, polarized context.

Transpartisanship embraces the "validity of truths across a range of political perspectives and seeks to synthesize them into an inclusive, pragmatic container beyond typical political dualities" (wikepedia)

"In practice, transpartisan solutions emerge out of a new kind of public conversation that moves beyond polarization by applying proven methods of facilitated dialogue, deliberation and conflict resolution. In this way it is possible to achieve the ideal of a democratic republic by integrating the values of a democracy -- freedom, equality, and a regard for the common good, with the values of a republic -- order, responsibility and security."

Current examples of transpartisan initiatives include [Reuniting America](#), [Liberty Coalition](#).

## Knot Activity

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Put people in pairs and give each pair a small rope (8-10 inches long) with a knot in the middle of the rope. Tell each person to hang on tight to one end of the rope. Tell them that the end of the rope that they are holding on to represents a strongly held position they each have and the knot in the middle represents a mutual problem that both hope to solve. Tell the pair that they are to try and untie the knot without letting go of their individual positions (the end of the rope). Let them try to untie the knot for a minute or two without success, then invite them to give up their position temporarily and see how quickly they can solve the problem together. Then use the activity to explore how in our personal lives and in society, we interfere with effective solutions by needing to be right and being unwilling to give up our positions, even temporarily.

Quotes

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"I must be willing to give up what I am in order to become what I will be." Unknown

"There is a vitality, a life-force, an energy, a quickening that is translated through you into action and because there is only one you in all of time, this expression is unique and if you block it, it will never exist through any medium and will be lost. . . Martha Graham

"Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom" Aristotle

**Quick Links...**

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A Great Book about a Dear Friend and Heroine of mine - [Justice Not Just Us; June Kjome: The Making of an Old Lady Activist](#)

[Yes We Can](#)

[TED Haidt](#)

Check out the beginnings of the website for my new books:
Experiential Activities for a Better World,
www.experientialactivitiesforabetterworld.com

and
The Secret for Humanity, www.secretforhumanity.com

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