

12 HABITS FROM A NATIONAL UNITY PERSPECTIVE

O, let America be America again – The land that never has been yet – And yet must be – the land where every man is free.

– Langston Hughes, Great American Poet

National unity will never trickle down. More good citizens who are free, but also responsible citizens, must trickle up. If we are to unite an authentic democracy – a community of equality in America, it must be each of us, one citizen at a time, who, with our own responsible actions, treat ourselves and others with dignity while we move through our own days.

I have an audacious perspective, that our forefathers are effectively to blame for the 245 years of “self-rights driven strife” that we Americans suffer from. They screwed up because they wrote a Bill of Rights but failed to write a Bill of Responsibilities.

It’s understandable. They were rebels against the tyranny of the English Crown. Entombing our rights was paramount. Now, with democracy circling the drain, while nearly every American has their own, “I deserve my rights platform,” we’ve jumped from a melting pot into a stewing pot.

“Uniters do not expect uniformity of opinion, but do seek unity in treating others with dignity – which gives justice a chance to flourish.”

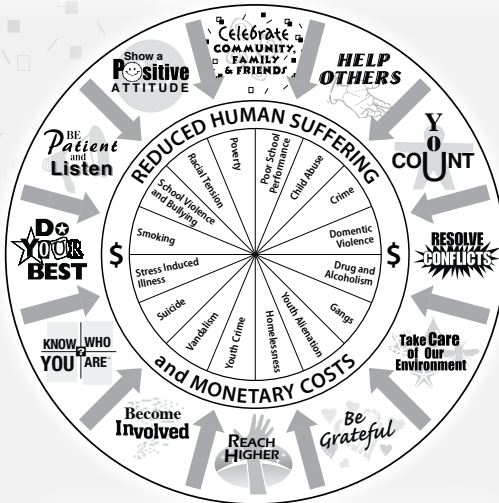
– Tim Shriver, Editor of *The Call to Unite: Voices of Hope and Awakening*. (2021)

There is no need to abandon the beauty of America as a land of individualism and rights. However, as citizens of a democracy, beyond voting and obeying the laws, we are also obliged to treat one another with dignity, make an effort to be our “best selves” in our own lives, and to cherish our children and our earth. These are simple responsibilities we all can agree on, but sometimes life gets away from us, and we forget these things in the heat of life’s complexities.

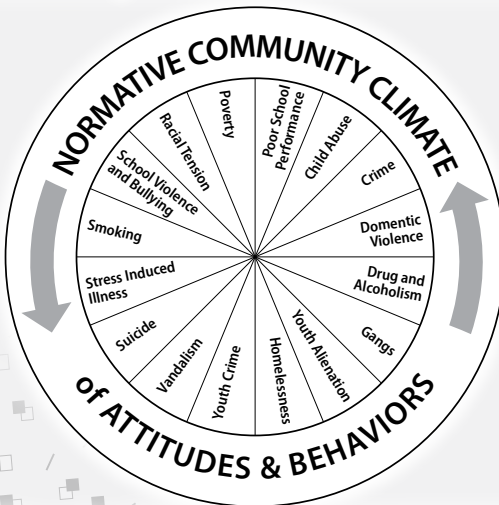
What we need is to balance our American right to have rights, by acting responsibly as citizens, so that we maintain the integrity of

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