"The most important political office is that of the private citizen." Justice Louis Brandeis

Civics for Adults [and Others!] -
WORKSHOPS to Enhance Civic Knowledge & Inspire Political Engagement

Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

- ◆ Mainstream press and "fake news"
- ◆ Social Media posts
- ◆ Email clickbait
- ◆ Propaganda
- ◆ Language / terminology

- ◆ Deepfakes
- ◆ Survey / poll questions
- ◆ Economic data
- ◆ Graphs and charts
- ◆ Finding good information

"Well organized, excellent information!"
"Loved it...well-rounded, wide array of examples!"

Citizen Activism 101—Making Change Happen

- ◆ Historical perspective
- ◆ Types of advocacy
- ◆ Examples of successful advocacy
- ◆ Choosing your battles
- ◆ Who makes the rules?

- ◆ Tools / strategies for change
- ◆ Engaging with government / lobbying for influence
- ◆ Tracking civic / political issues and legislation

The long read
Protest and persist: why giving up hope is not an option

"ACTIONABLE!"
"Great presenter...should be a day conference!"

Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Financing

- ◆ Right to vote?
- ◆ Election security
- ◆ Voter suppression
- ◆ Voter turnout / getting more people to vote

- ◆ Redistricting / gerrymandering
- ◆ Electoral College
- ◆ Alternative voting systems
- ◆ Campaign financing issues and tracking

"Very good, solid information – This is what all Americans need to know."
"I consider myself a well-informed citizen but I learned a great deal of new information"

The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?

We'll puncture some myths and develop a perspective to evaluate the Constitution's meaning more thoughtfully in light of contemporary concerns.

- ◆ Status of democracy
- ◆ Early America
- ◆ Forming a country
- ◆ Bill of Rights

- ◆ Structural issues / representation
- ◆ Interpreting the Constitution
- ◆ Changes to the Constitution

"Every citizen should take this serious look at our Constitution."
"Good level of history and contemporary political ideas"

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