

“Slow Democracy and the Power of Community”
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Publications Referenced

Slow Democracy by Susan Clark and Woden Teachout, www.slowdemocracy.org

The Righteous Mind by Jonathan Haidt

The Debunking Handbook

By John Cook and Stephan Lewandowsky
<https://www.skepticalscience.com/Debunking-Handbook-now-freely-available-download.html>

The Conspiracy Theory Handbook

By Stephan Lewandowsky and John Cook
<https://www.skepticalscience.com/conspiracy-theory-handbook-downloads-translations.html>

These resources are created by researchers who support climate change science; however, their research on debunking myths and identifying conspiracy theories is relevant regardless of perspective.

Two Vermonts: Geography and Identity, 1865-1910 by Paul M. Searls

Repeopling Vermont: The Paradox of Development in the Twentieth Century
by Paul M. Searls

“Two Vermonts at odds over state’s future”
(interview with Searls):
<https://vtdigger.org/2015/04/05/the-back-story-two-vermonts-at-odds-over-states-future/>

The Road to Somewhere: The Populist Revolt and the Future of Politics by David Goodhart

Beyond Contempt: How Liberals Can Communicate Across the Great Divide

by Erica Etelson

Navigating Polarities: Using Both/And Thinking to Lead Transformation

by Brian Emerson and Kelly Lewis

Organizational Resources

• Vermont Leadership Guide

Vermont Council on Rural Development’s 2020 guide with tips to support leaders in bringing people together, running effective and efficient meetings, communicating with the public, dealing

with conflict, welcoming diversity, setting action priorities, and strengthening other key skills.

<https://www.vtrural.org/leadership/guide>

• Portsmouth Listens:

www.portsmouthlistens.org

• New Hampshire Listens:

<https://carsey.unh.edu/new-hampshire-listens>

• Everyday Democracy:

<https://www.everyday-democracy.org>

• Warm Cookies of the Revolution:

www.warmcookiesoftherevolution.org

“Virtual Gift Basket” from artists:

<https://vimeo.com/409201786>

• **Make Shift Coffee House** (Craig Freshley, Maine): <https://makeshiftcoffeehouse.com>

• Conversation Café:

<http://www.conversationcafe.org>

Center for Public Deliberation: Resources for understanding and addressing “wicked problems”

<https://cpd.colostate.edu/what-is-deliberation/wicked-problems/>

Find many more resources here:

National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation
www.ncdd.org

The Bridge Alliance <https://www.bridgealliance.us>
Slow Democracy www.slowdemocracy.org



