

"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



"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.

- ◆ Defining democracy / status of democracy
- ◆ Forming a country and Constitution
- ◆ Bill of Rights
- ◆ Interpreting the Constitution
- ◆ Representation / structural issues
- ◆ Changes to the Constitution / to our democracy?

"Every citizen should take this serious look at our Constitution."

"Good level of history and contemporary political ideas"

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