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“Inspiring NH Citizens to Make a Difference”

- Federal and State Elected Official Information
- Candidate Profiles and Survey questions
- Understanding the Issues – Bi-partisan exploration of key questions (Federal and State)
- Citizen Voices “online discussions” Mode
- Centralized News
- Summaries of New Hampshire Bills under consideration
- Funded by NH Businesses and individuals

NH Listens UNH Carsey School of Public Policy

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- ❑ Mission: *To bring people together for engaging conversations*
- ❑ NH Listens & the many local “Listens” groups
Communities move forward on divisive or difficult decisions.
- ❑ Questions can be local or regional
- ❑ 5 Year Report is a great overview (2020 v 10th anniversary)
- ❑ Current Local Listens Groups: Dover, Nashua, Newmarket, North Country, Ossipee, Pittsfield, Portsmouth and Rochester
- ❑ Listening Circles

NH Cooperative Extension

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- UNH Extension works in four broad topic areas: Family Development, Community and Economic Development, Natural Resources and Food and Agriculture.
- Community & Economic Development has four focus areas:
 - ▣ Economic Development Planning (Growing Communities)
 - ▣ Building Community Leaders and Planning – helps a community execute on a plan (Community Leaders)
 - ▣ How to engage with local businesses (Business Engagement)
 - ▣ Integrating and supporting tourism and recreation and local (Economy)
- Extension builds the capacity of communities to lead their own development. There are nominal fees for some of Extension's programs.

Plan NH

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- **Mission:** is to foster excellence in planning and development of New Hampshire's built environment, a Vision of healthy and vibrant communities in the State
- A Plan NH Charette brings in Planning, Architect, other experts who engage with the community and days deliver a set of recommendations
- Helps communities get unstuck with planning options for town centers and community spaces.
- Communities submit an application, once accepted \$6000 fee. Final report sent several weeks later

Leadership NH

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- ❑ In 1991 at the request of Governor Gregg, NH Resid worked for two years and published [NH: My Respon](#)
- ❑ From that came Leadership NH with the mission of: “*engagement and strengthen communities through conn educating a diverse pool of engaged or emerging lea state of New Hampshire.*”
- ❑ State Leadership NH participants, get nominated, ap accepted for the program that run from Sept to May
- ❑ Local Leadership NH are shorter programs and can l these communities. [Dover Citizen’s Leadership Acad](#) [Concord](#), [Greater Manchester](#), [Greater Nashua](#), [Gre](#) [Lakes Region](#), Londonderry, [Monadnock](#), [Mt. Washing](#) [Seacoast](#), [Upper Valley](#)

Stay, Work, Play NH

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- Mission: “To attract and retain more young people in NH”
- A 501(c)3 created in 2009 from the [GoNH Task Force for the Recruitment and Retention of the Young Workforce for New Hampshire](#)

NHPR Civics 101

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- ❑ Podcast program that is a refresher for government works
- ❑ It is only a refresher for those who once this, many can't answer direct questions of structure, process and boundaries of our
- ❑ Started in 2018 with many episodes available
 - ❑ Transcripts available of past episodes
- ❑ Working to get schools and students involved

Open Democracy

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- NH based group that picks up where Grassroots off. Coalition of groups who work in NH to get money out of politics
- In addition to the NH Rebellion they are
 - ▣ Establishing small donor, voter-owned elections
 - ▣ End gerrymandering, and modernizing voting
 - ▣ Eradicate Super PACs & Neutralize Citizen
 - ▣ Expose unlimited Dark Money
 - ▣ Eliminate Pay-to-Play lobbyist & contractors
 - ▣ Enforce campaign finance laws & close loopholes

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National Political Organ

Equal Citizenship

Unite America

No Labels

National Hodge podge

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- There are several hundred non-partisan can be grouped into:
 - a) Increasing Civic Engagement
 - b) Addressing systematic problems with democracy (money, gerrymandering, voting)
 - c) Getting elected officials to be responsive to the people and not parties

National Hodge podge

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Civic Engagement

Citizen's Count, Rye Civic League, Civics 101

Pre- Election

Fixing the Systematic problems

Citizen's United, Gerrymandering, Voting rights....

Post

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Hundreds of un-coordinated groups

Bridge Alliance – attempting to connect them

National Association of non-partisan reformers

Most groups say – send money, we are working on it..

Equal Citizenship (pre-elect

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- ❑ Mission: Dedicated to reforms that will achieve equality
- ❑ Focus is on fixing how our democracy works, since the current process creates dysfunction or radical policy swings
- ❑ Platform: Equal Representation, Equal Dependence on money), Equal Freedom to Vote
- ❑ Campaigns: POTUS1 – Pushing the platform on Candidates, NH Democracy Town Halls- Getting candidates to state their positions on the platform, Ranked Choice Voting,
- ❑ Get Involved: join mailing list, listen to [Another](#)

Unite America (pre-election)

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- ❑ Foundation that invests in campaigns to encourage and help elect leaders that have the incentive to solve our country's problems
- ❑ Attempting to be the glue to pull together the disparate organizations "working to foster a more representative, functional and accountable government"
- ❑ Raises funds and the staff supports different campaigns
- ❑ Virginia 2019 – got behind independent moderate candidates who would put people ahead of politics
- ❑ State of Democracy Report [Click Here](#)
- ❑ Get Involved: Donate money, join mailing list

Business for America

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- Is doing some pre-election support to se
- Post Election support
 - ▣ Transparency in policymaking
 - ▣ Results driven and collaborative
- More efficient Government
 - ▣ Modern technology
 - ▣ Open Data
 - ▣ Continuous improvements is service deliver
- Pennsylvania is the pilot State

No Labels (post election)

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- Washington based group focused on getting congress to work together
- Problem Solver Caucus
 - ▣ Equal number of Repub and Dem US House members
 - ▣ Champion policy and rule changes that have bipartisan support
- Ultimate Guide to the 2020 Election
- 6 Bold Ideas – Ideas to focus on after Congress Finance reform and Gerrymandering

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Consuming Government

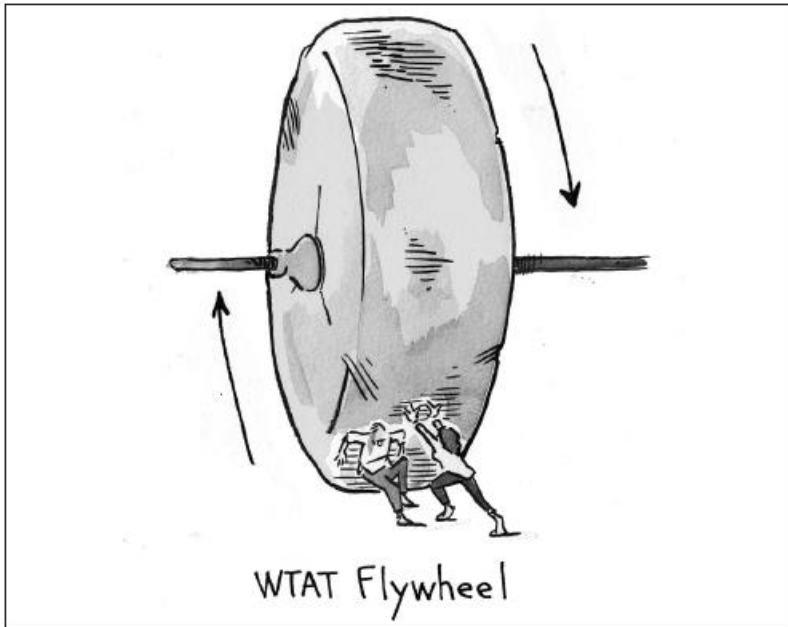
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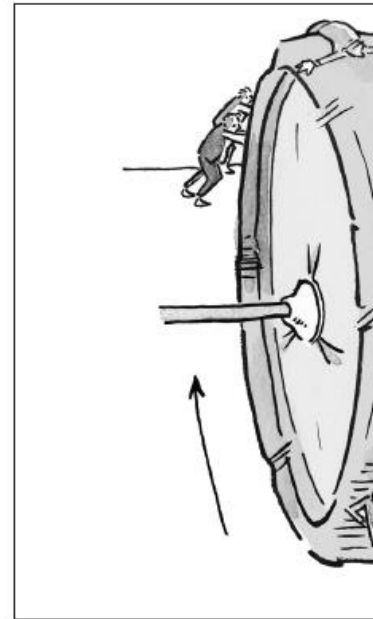
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Individuals feel powerless



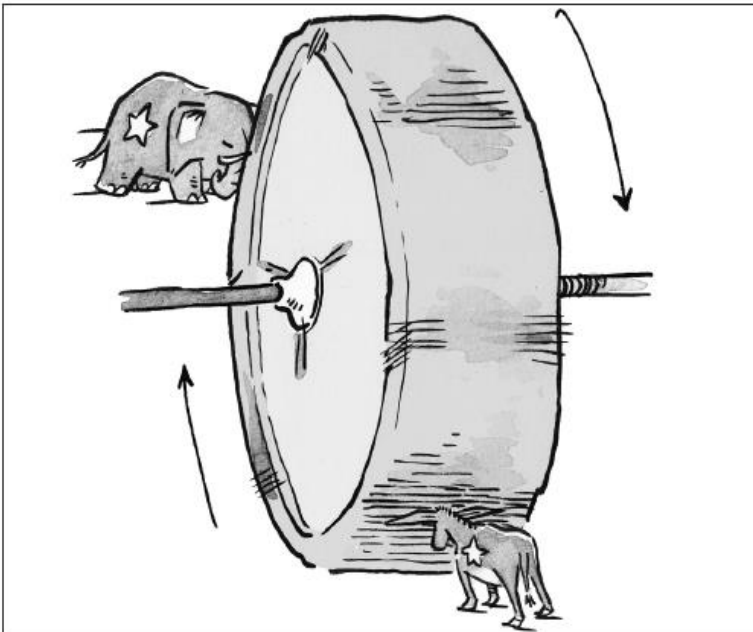
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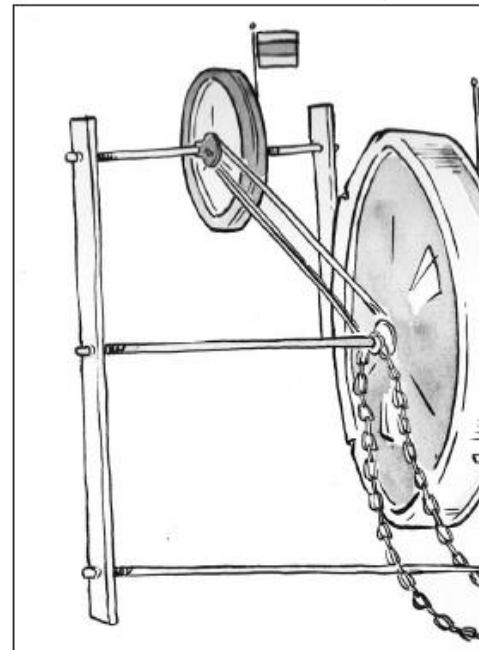
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100% of either party approach will not work.

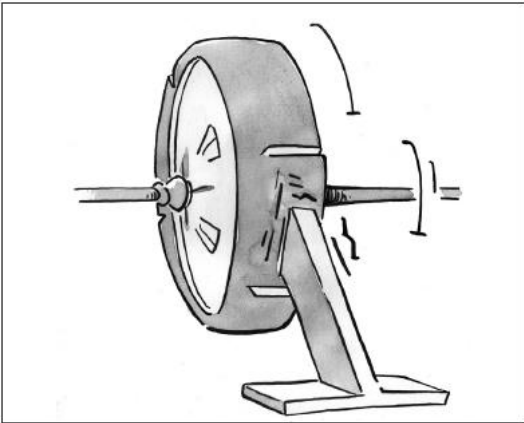


Connections to other parts must be much more rigid.

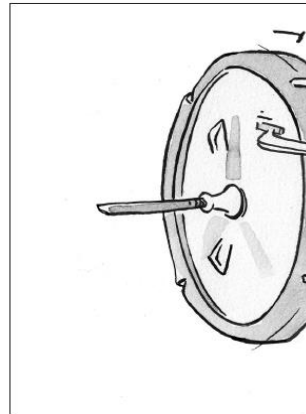


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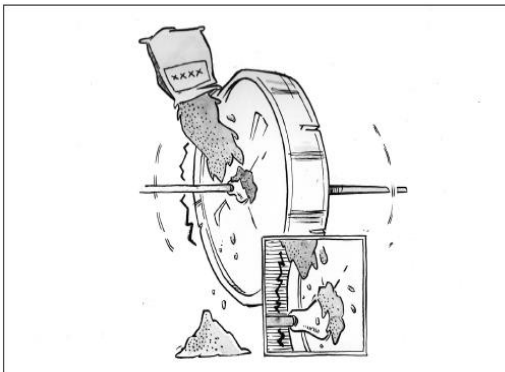
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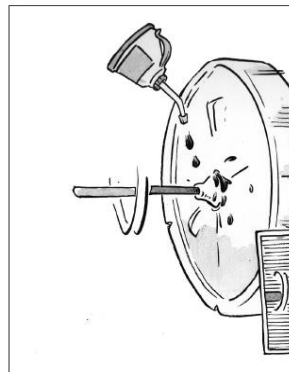
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Common Denominator Governance

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- Start with local government we all agree
- How do we measure value?
- How do we know if we are getting better year over year?
- Are others getting more value at less cost?
- Benefits
 - ▣ We learn to work together
 - ▣ Listen, talk, Listen
 - ▣ With these skills we can move to more complex

Rye Civic League

Rye Civic League

- Citizen's Handbook
- Monthly Civic News e-mail
- Budget Analysis
- Other

RCL Monthly Civic News

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- How do residents track and monitor what is happening at all of the town meetings?
- Presents key points from meetings with links to video, meeting minutes and other documents
- Goes to over 1,200 people, where 1,600 are active
 - ▣ About 1/2 open the e-mails and about 1/2 click on clicking on links (average over 2 clicks per e-mail)
- Evolves based on what RCL learns. Now 10 from the month.

RCL Town Election Support

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- Town and School Budget Analysis
 - ▣ Multiple years of data in a spread sheet to show
 - ▣ Deliver a presentation about what is happening a
 - ▣ Explains the tax process, puts costs in context
- Warrant Articles
 - ▣ Help residents with petitioned warrant articles
 - ▣ Present the background and additional information
 - ▣ Summary table of what would drive a pro or con
- Candidates night
- Serving: List open (alternates) positions and h
information sessions where board, committee, c
members talk about the effort required to serv

RCL Citizen's Handbook & A

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- What is the local Government and how
- New residents and students need to know
- Departments, reporting structure and how government is managed
- Annual Meeting presentation
 - ▣ Educational topic to get people to the ann

Listening Circles

What are the top challenges locally for this community?

What are the top national challenges you would like the community working on?

Listening Circles

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- What are the top national challenges you would like to see your community work on?
- 10 Minutes to brainstorm and List them on a piece of paper

Listening Circles

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- 10 Minutes
- Get your group to list the top three

Taking Action

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- What can this community do moving
- How should you get organized
- Who can do what and by when?