



## **Better Angels Skills Workshop: How to Talk Across the Political Divide**

**What:** Would you like to discuss politics with someone from the "other side" And not descend into rage and despair?? If so, please join us for a Better Angels skills workshop to learn how to listen to others and speak in a way that encourages them to listen to you. The workshop will help you to hold stress-free conversations that clarify differences, search for common ground, and affirm the importance of your relationship with friends and family members.

After a presentation, you will have an opportunity to practice your new skills. You will practice in a pair with someone of your same political persuasion—red or blue. “Red-voters” tend to vote Republican; “blue voters” tend to vote Democratic. If you fall somewhere in the middle, you can choose either side for purposes of practicing the skills.

**Who can come?** The workshop is open at no cost to anyone interested in having better conversations with people on the other side of the political aisle. Pre-registration is required.

**Organizer:** Center for Community Engagement and Career Competitiveness at Averett University

**When:** Tuesday, March 12, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available

**Where:** Carrington Conference Room 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Student Center

**Interested?** Contact Dr. Billy Wooten to reserve your spot

### **About Better Angels:**

Launched in 2016, Better Angels is a bipartisan citizen’s movement to unify our divided nation. Our leadership consists of half “red voters” and half “blue voters.” By bringing red and blue Americans together into a working alliance, we’re building new ways to talk to one another, participate together in public life, and influence the direction of our nation.

*We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory...will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the **better angels of our nature**.*

– Abraham Lincoln, 1861

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