

The Same Boat – *A Guide to Heal the Divide*

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Preface

“Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes...the ones who see things differently - they're not fond of rules... You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them because they change things... they push the human race forward, and while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius, because the ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do.”- Steve Jobs

Introduction: We're ALL IN the Same Boat: Establishing Common Ground

“In a time of domestic crisis, men of goodwill and generosity should be able to unite regardless of party or politics. ...For, in a democracy, every citizen, regardless of his interest in politics, 'holds office'; every one of us is in a position of responsibility; and, in the final analysis, the kind of government we get depends upon how we fulfill those responsibilities. We, the people, are the boss, and we will get the kind of political leadership, be it good or bad, that we demand and deserve.” – John F. Kennedy

Chapter 1: From the Same Boat to the Same Page – What is America Divided About?

“Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve.” - George Bernard Shaw

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“That men do not learn much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons history has to teach.” - Aldous Huxley

“The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.” - George Orwell

Chapter 3: The Road to 1984 is Paved with Good Intentions, Inspired by Lies: Tribal Politics and How the Woke Movement Matches a Neo-Marxist Strategy to Divide America

“Republics decline into democracies and democracies degenerate into despotisms.” - Aristotle

“The Further a Society Drifts from The Truth, the More it Will Hate Those Who Speak it.” - George Orwell

“Ideology—that is what gives evildoing its long-sought justification and gives the evildoer the necessary steadfastness and determination”. - Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Chapter 4: The Trust in Authority Faultline - How the Term “Conspiracy Theorist” Has Been Weaponized to Discourage Skepticism Regarding Official Narratives and Keep Americans Divided

The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie--deliberate, contrived and dishonest--but the myth--persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic. – John F. Kennedy

Until they become conscious they will never rebel, and until after they have rebelled they cannot become conscious.” - George Orwell, 1984

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“Opportunities are never lost, just found by those who clearly see the power of trends and timing.” - Donald J. Trump

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“When written in Chinese, the word 'crisis' is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity.” - JFK

Epilogue

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.” - Theodore Roosevelt