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Politics and Dis/Agreement

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How do disagreement and eventual agreement function in politics? What works? What doesn't? Are the ways we conduct political discourse changing? The last year has arguably seen a loss of the virtues of reasonable, textured disagreement in politics globally, and a rise of either-or binary divisions. Our panel will discuss the UK and US political scenes and suggest ways of improving political disagreement.



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