



## **EDIFY EPISODE: WHY IS THE POLITICAL DIVIDE WORSENING?**

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### **FOR ADULT FORMATION GROUPS**

#### **For Understanding**

*Watch Daniel Lipinski's "Why is the Political Divide Worsening?" to learn the answers!*

1. Why does the political divide seem to be increasing at such an alarming rate?
2. How has the nature of partisanship changed?
3. How does sectarian partisanship affect deliberation and compromise?
4. How has sectarian partisanship undermined aspects of democracy?
5. What does Congressman Lipinski say is different about the sectarian left's view of religion?

#### **To Go Deeper**

*Draw from your own experience or invite a local expert in to help you think more deeply about this video and how it can inspire you to live out the faith in the public square!*

1. How has "contempt for the other side" impacted discussions you've been involved in?
2. How has a spirit of division impacted discussions in the Catholic Church?



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### **FOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS DISCUSSIONS**

#### **For Understanding**

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1. What are the two parties in the American system today?
2. Why does the divide between them seem to be growing deeper?
3. What is sectarianism?
4. What does Congressman Lipinski mean when he says that this radical divide can destroy deliberation and compromise? How does this undermine democracy?
5. What does Congressman Lipinski mean when he says that many Catholics feel like "political orphans"?
6. What is the sectarian left's view of religion?

#### **To Go Deeper**

*Assign these questions to students for pre-research for follow-up assignments to the video.*

1. How does "contempt for the other side" show up in social media or news headlines?
2. Do you agree 100% with either political party on every issue? Why or why not?