

# ONE SYNAL STEP powered by StoryCorps

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2 Strangers
Different Views
50 Minutes
Facilitated Conversation
Virtual or In-Person

Not to debate, but to discover the humanity in us all.



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### **Take One Small Step, Richmond**

One Small Step brings strangers with different political views together to record a 50-minute facilitated conversation—not to debate politics, but to learn more about who we are as people. Created by StoryCorps, One Small Step is an effort to remind the country of the humanity in all of us—even those with whom we disagree.

One Small Step is currently focused in Richmond, VA and a few other communities across the country, where we are working closely with community partners and civic leaders to showcase the potential of the initiative. To participate, apply to be matched. If you'd like more information before applying, visit FAQs about One Small Step.

Sign up to participate

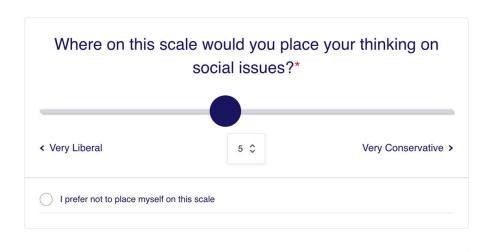


#### Politics & Beliefs

Your Life
Demographic

Contact Info

Confirmation



## In-Person



# Virtual Studio



## Perception Gap

9 out of 10 people believe we are more divided than ever

- We are less ideologically polarized than we think
- Instead, we are more emotionally polarized
- Misperception is greatest for politically engaged

https://storycorps.org/how-we-can-overcome-fear-of-the-otherside/https://www.moreincommon.com/ https://carnegieendowment.org/research

# Contact Theory (Hypothesis)

Origin: Gordon Allport 1950's - studied through today

- Reduces anxiety and bias
- Increases empathy and perspective taking
- Changes how we categorize others
- Fosters bonds and discovery of common goals

https://www.simplypsychology.org/contact-hypothesis.html https://storycorps.org/the-science-behind-one-small-step/



Richmond
One Small Step
Conversation
Sample







Over 4,000+ Nationwide Participants

## **Model Communities**

# Richmond

- Significant Srowth

- Demographic Diversity
  Reconciling with History
  Politically Paralleons

## Why Richmond?



Image: https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richmond, Virginia

















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# Second Step Events:

Coffee and Conversations

Mending Walls Mural Tour

Befriend Walk and Talk



What is a core value or belief you think most people would agree on despite their differences? Why?

## **HOW TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP:**

## Participation:

 Sign up to participate in a One Small Step conversion by using this <u>special PlanRVA link</u>. Using this specific link puts you in an exclusive pool where we can prioritize you for our next inperson recording event or a virtual conversation. Feel free to share this link with community members, friends, and family.

## Partnership:

 Refer One Small Step to your local community leaders and organizations to learn more about a cost-free partnership to help us recruit participants and/or host a recording event.
 Contact Email: Jim Morgan, Richmond Field Coordinator at jmorgan@storycorps.org





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