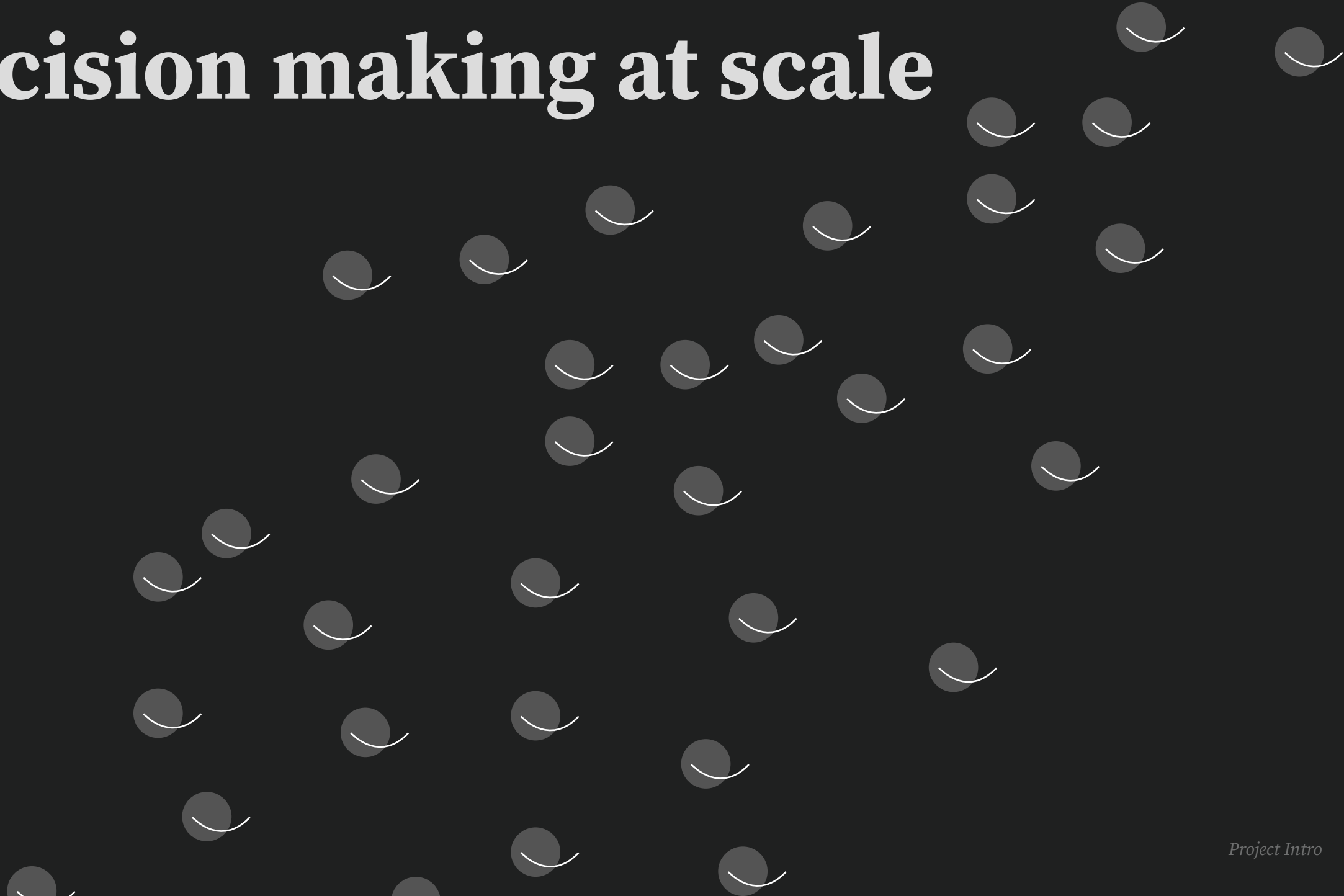# Facilitating Large Scale Discussions
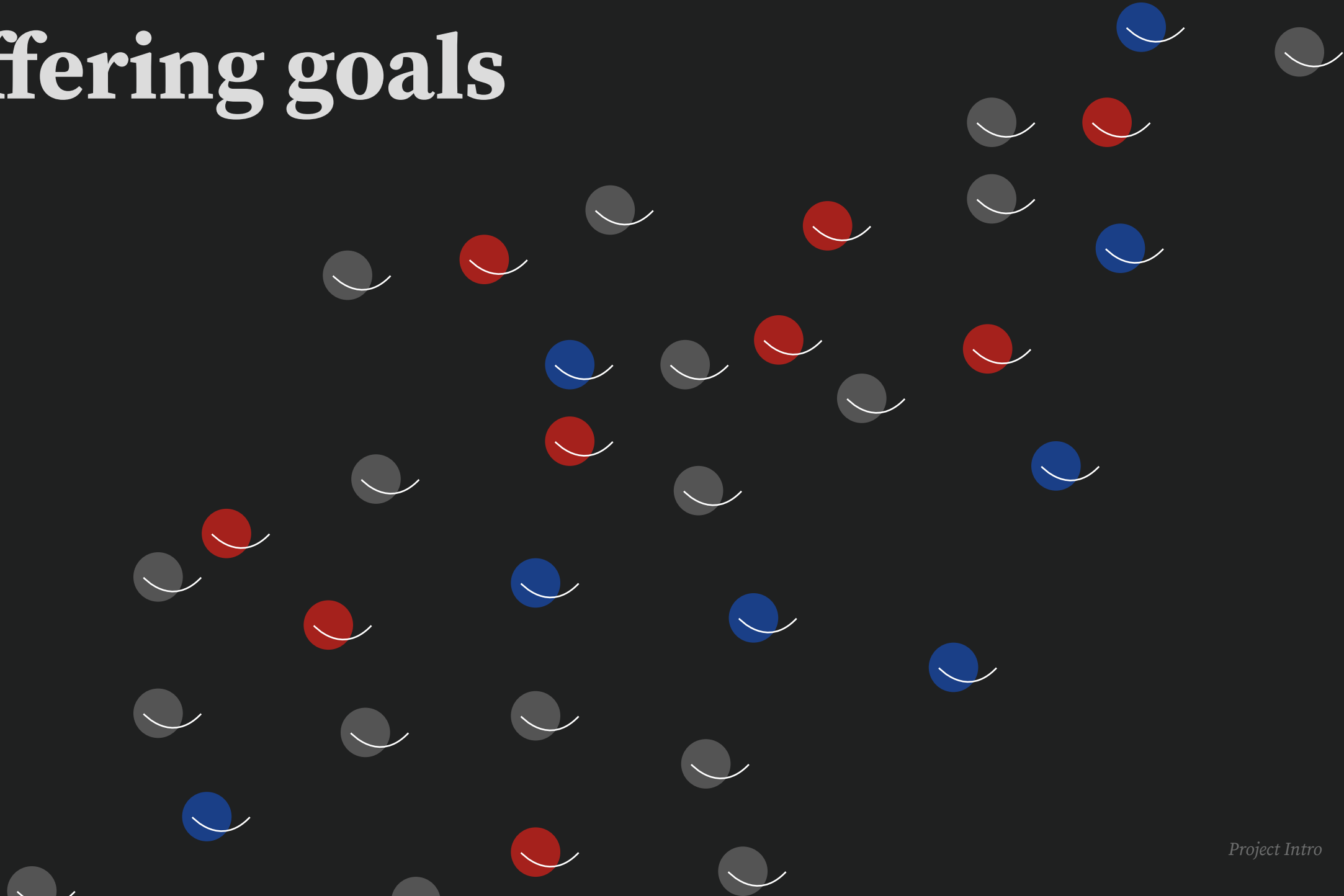
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Decision making at scale
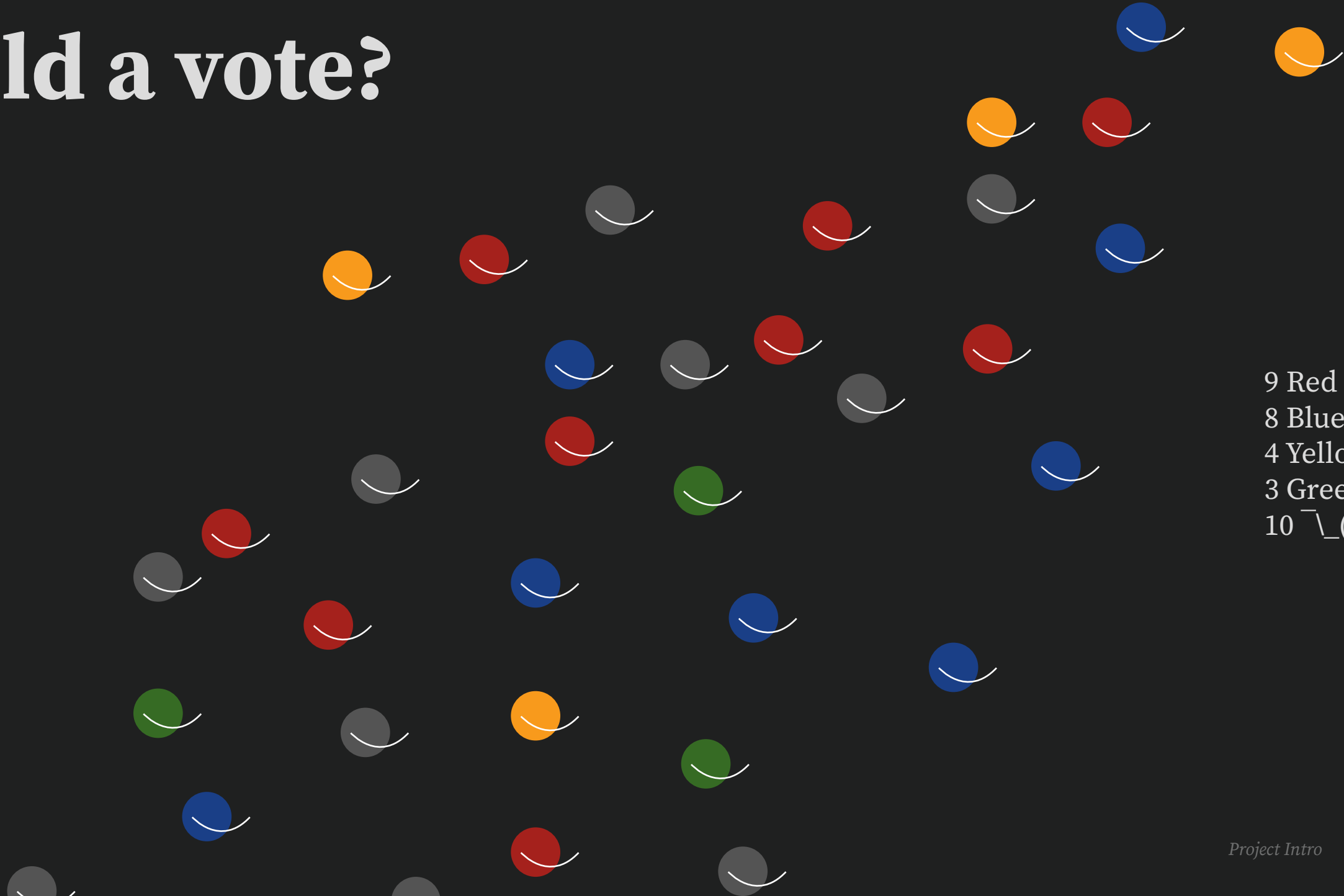
Differing goals

Many differing goals

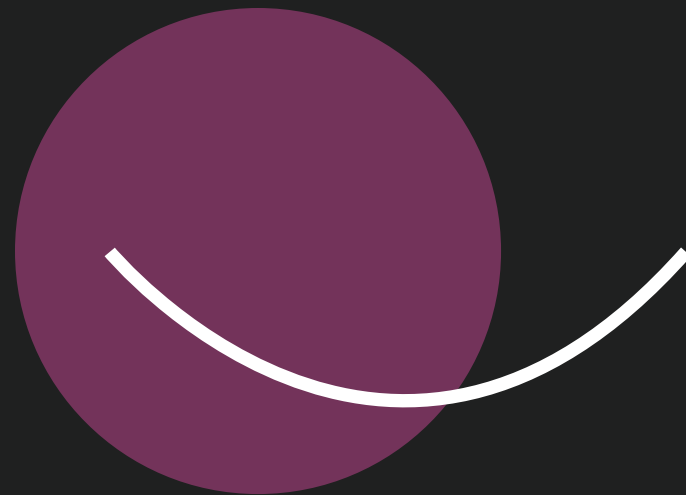# Hold a vote?

9 Red
8 Blue
4 Yellow
3 Green
10 ¯_(ツ)_/¯

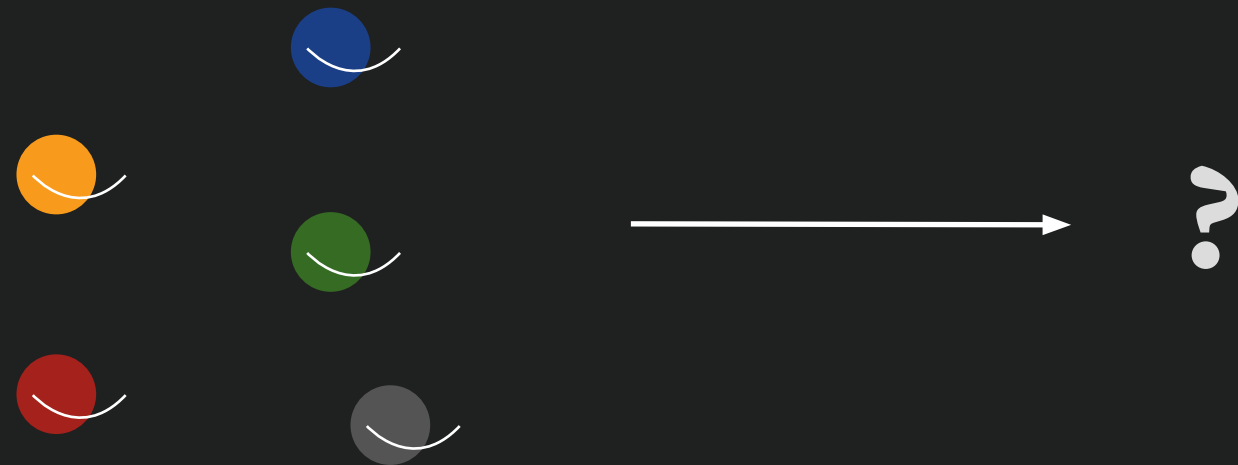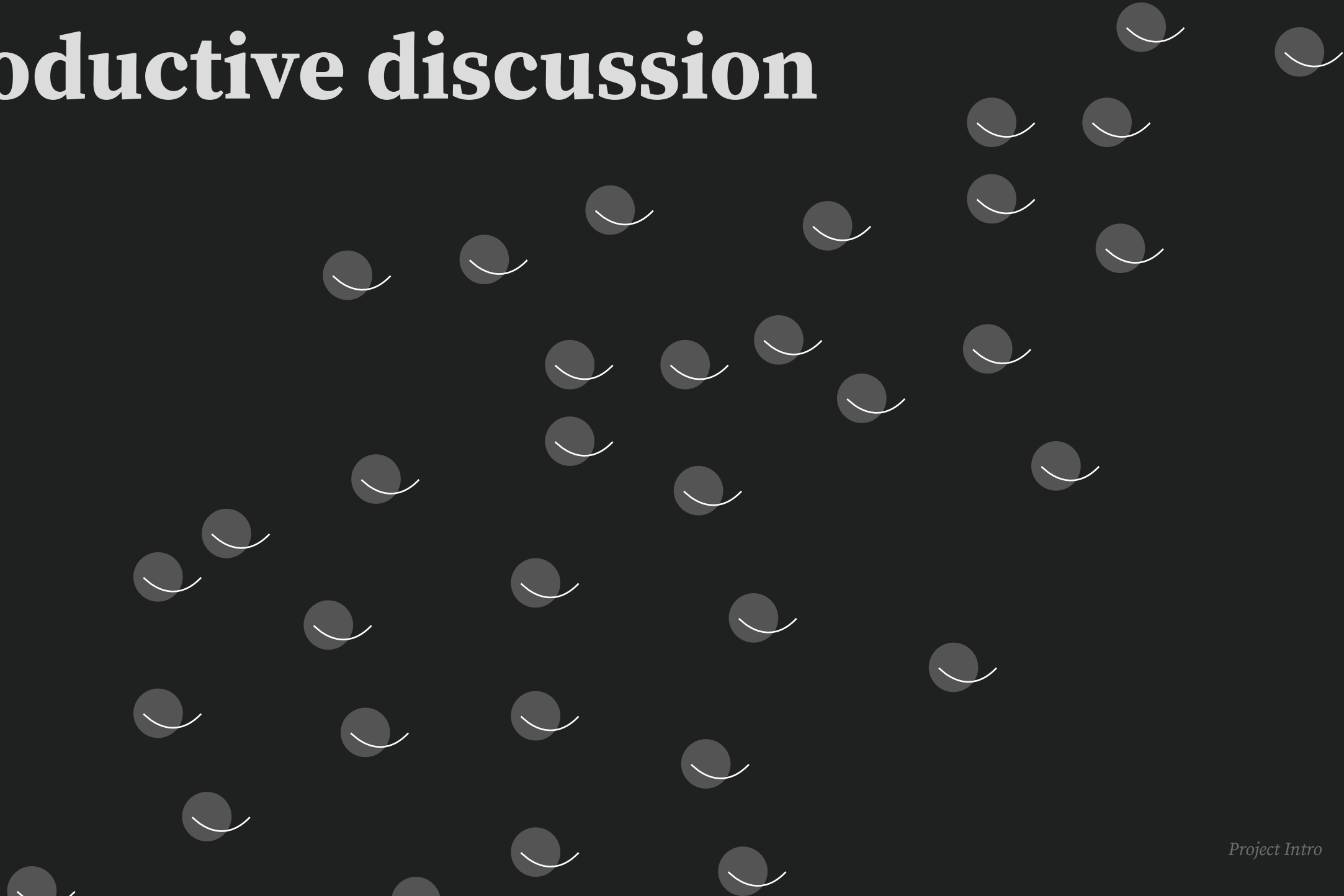# Many possible views

45% Red
20% Green
35% Blue

100% ¯_(ツ)_/¯

40% Red
20% Blue
40% ¯_(ツ)_/¯

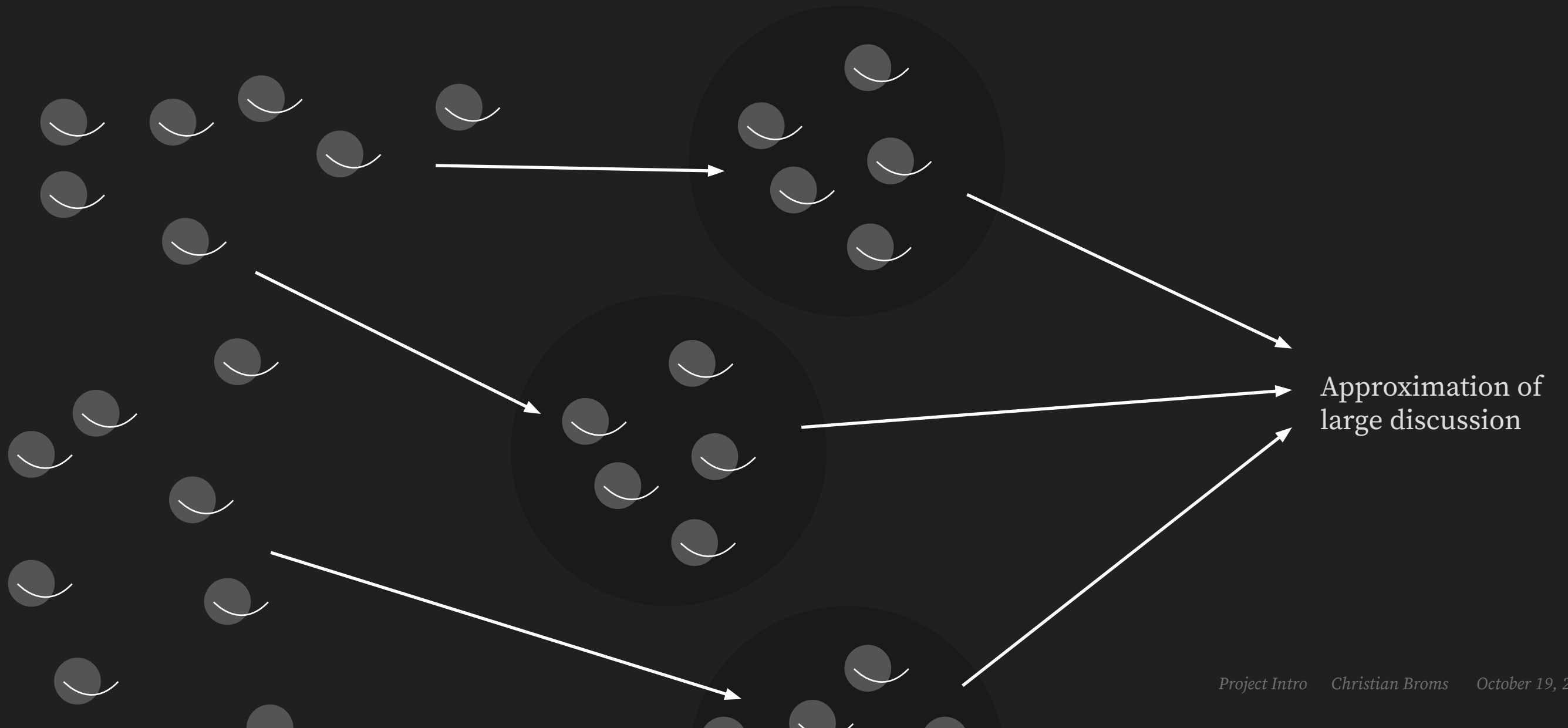# Towards nuance: discussion

Productive discussion

Making large discussions manageable

Approximation of
large discussion

How to form groups?
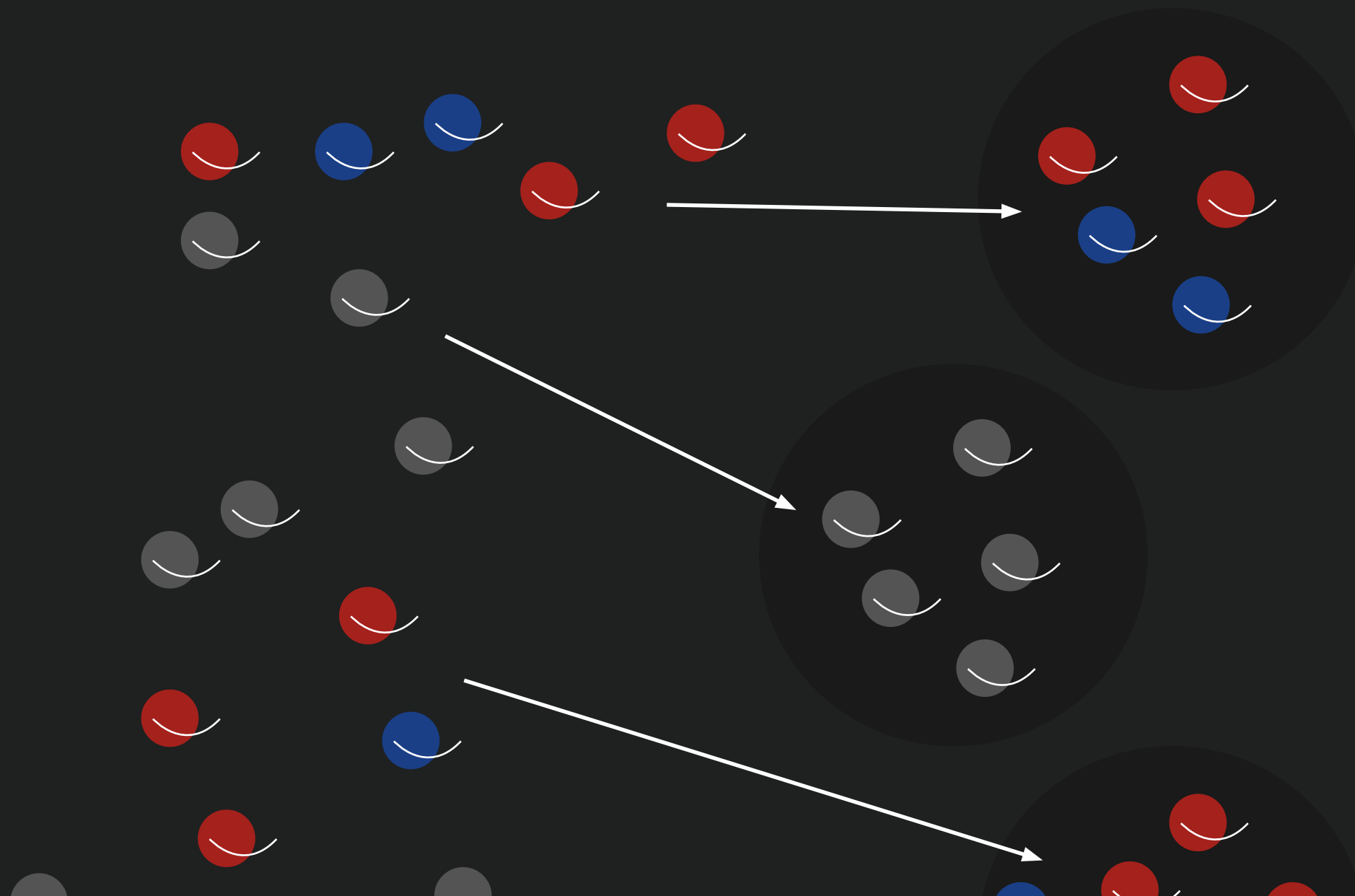
= gerrymandering?

How to measure outcome?

Majority says...
67% Red
33% Blue

Actually...
53% Red
47% Blue
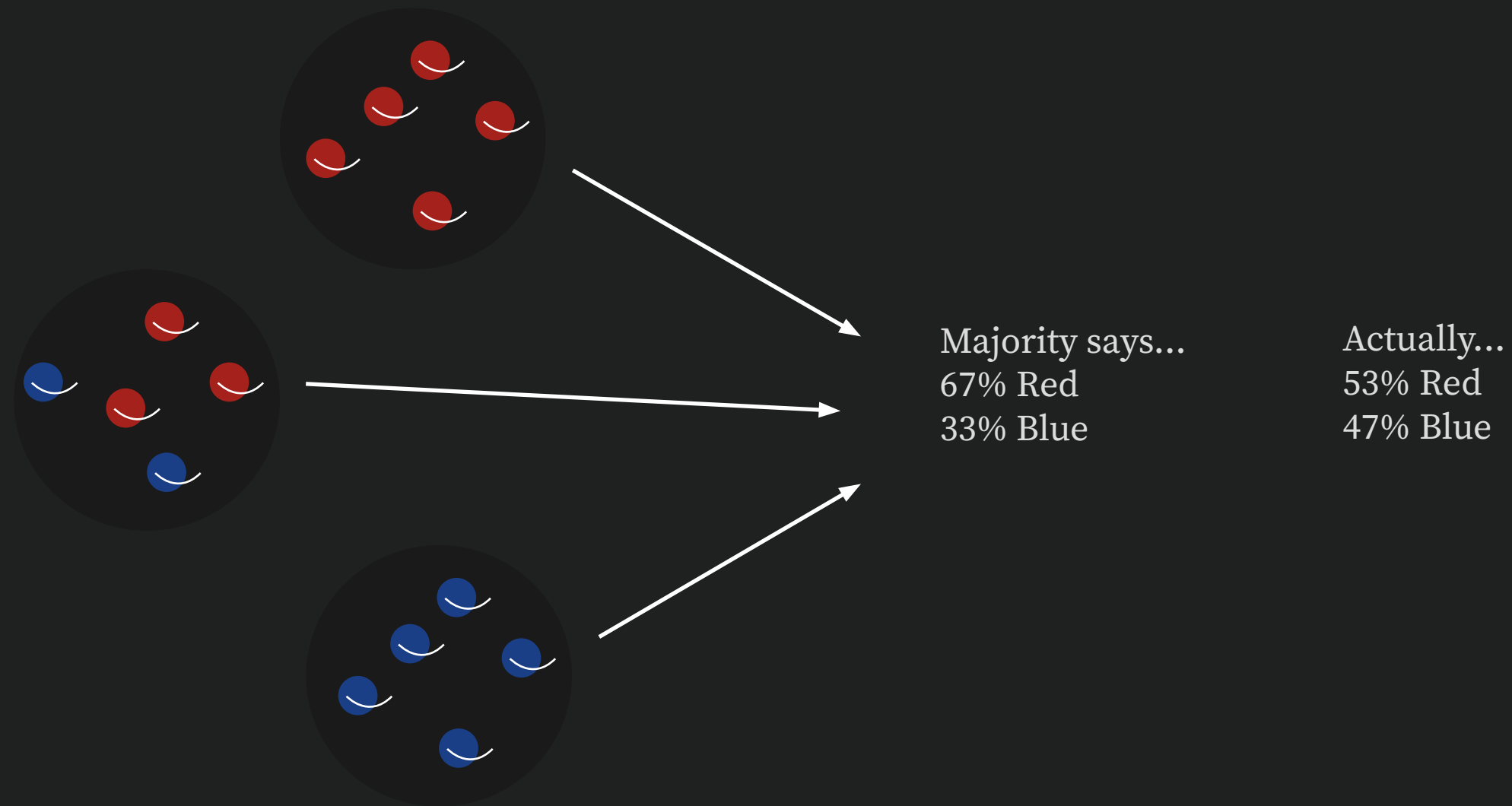
How to model discussion?

Red

Purple?

Blue
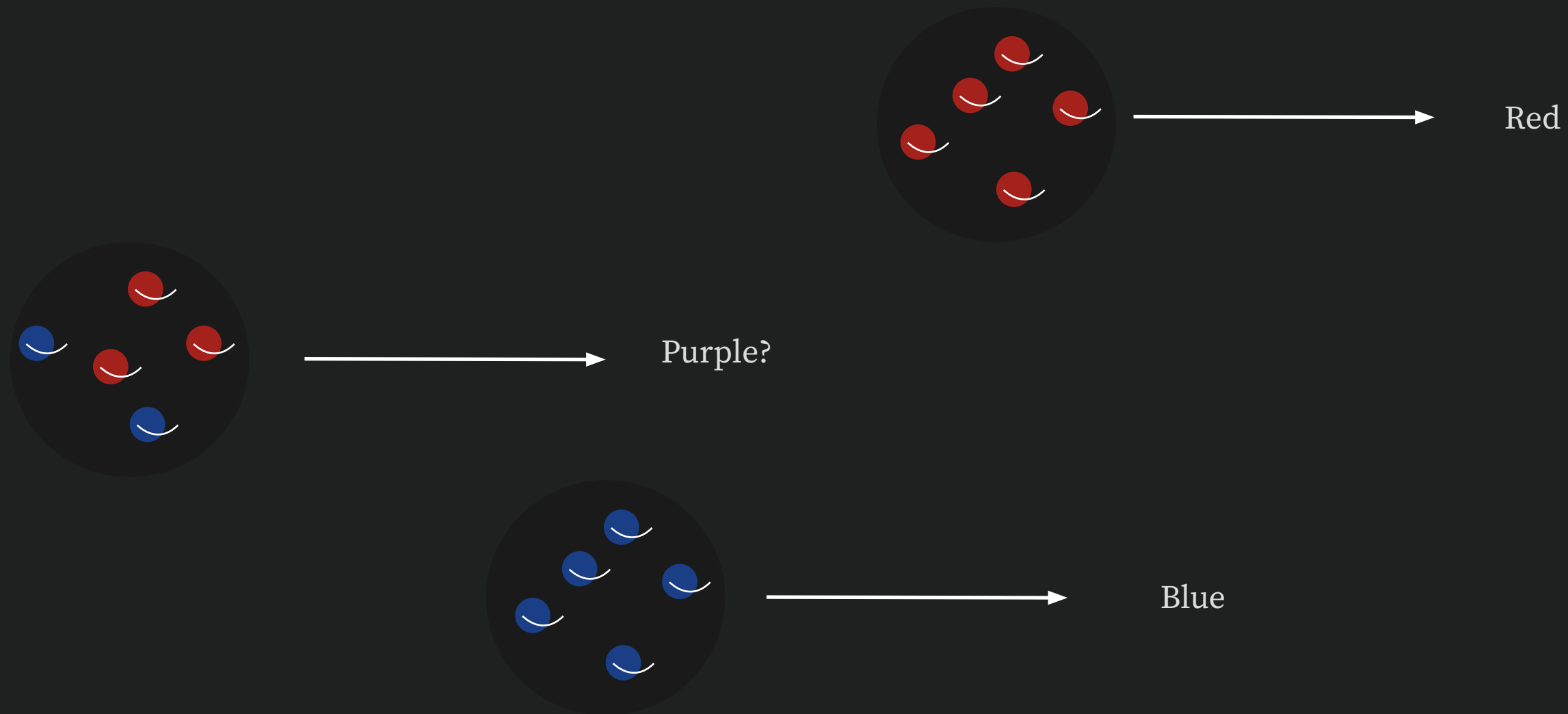
Start with goals

Find *popular* ideas

Find *new* ideas
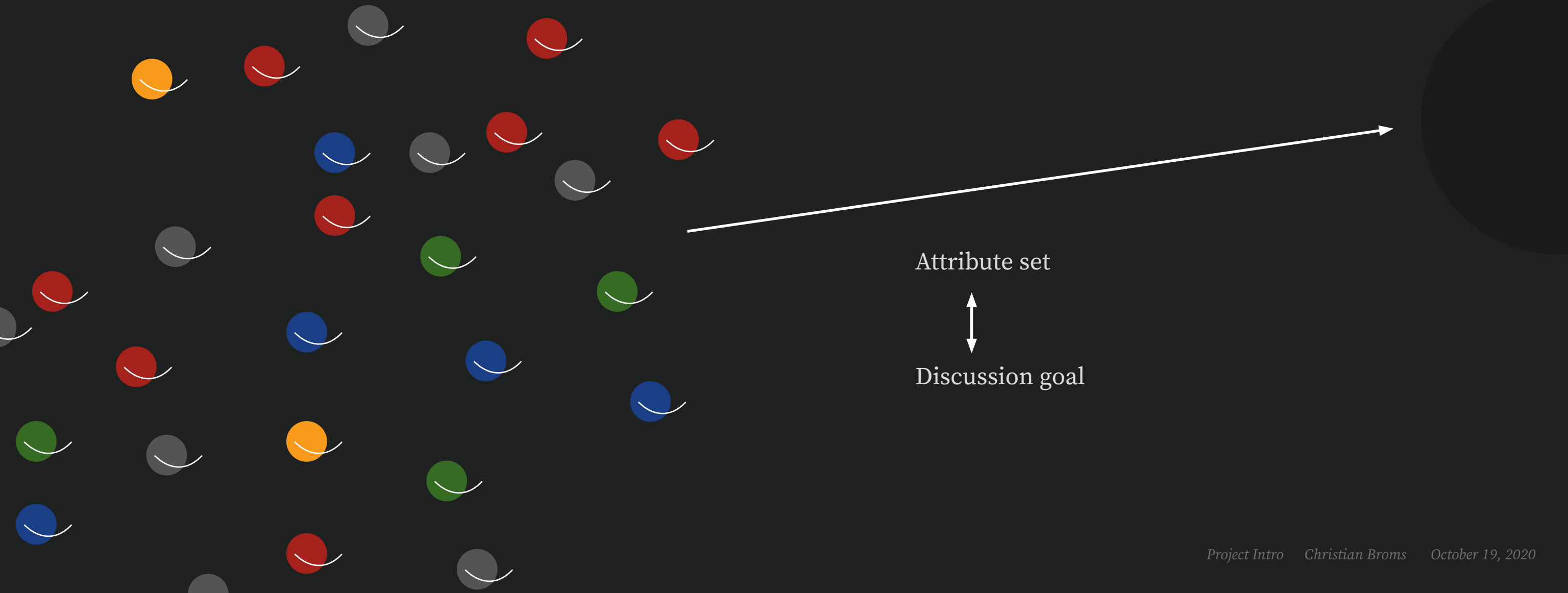
Find *all* ideas

Find *unusual* ideas

Find *underexplored* ideas

Find *unpopular* ideas

Find *best (?)* ideas

Key question: how to partition?

Attribute set

Discussion goal

Q&A