

**Twitter handle (and profile name):** CrossPartyLines (Crossing Party Lines)

**Twitter description:** We create warm and engaging conversations with Americans who see the world differently – to increase tolerance, build community, and encourage civic cooperation

**Description of the organization from a third party source:** "Crossing Party Lines creates open dialogue through warm and engaging conversations with Americans who see the world differently, to increase tolerance, build community, and encourage civic cooperation."

**Scraped text from their home page of their website:** Titles: Crossing Party Lines | Change through civil conversations

**Headings:** Come; Engage; Grow; Inspire; Why cross party lines?; Discover; Explore; Listen; Watch; Subscribe to our Monthly eBlast; A Sampling of Past Topics; About Our Topics

**Paragraphs:** Have a conversation that brings America together.; Crossing Party Lines makes it possible for you to talk and connect with Americans who see the world differently. Our goals are to increase tolerance, build community, and encourage civic cooperation.; Every week, we discuss important and controversial topics. Participation is open to all, with or without membership. You decide which topics interest you, then sign up on Meetup to attend.; Who Attends?; Americans from all walks of life representing the full political spectrum.; Here's what our members tell us;; See for yourself what CPL members have talked about in the past; Check out our podcast, "The Conversation," to hear real Americans talking about the issues of the day.; View video testimonials from Crossing Party Lines members across the nation.; All voices welcome; 244 Fifth Avenue; Suite L208; New York, NY 10001; (929) 266-6078; The Official Site of Crossing Party Lines. (C)2020 Crossing Party Lines. All Rights Reserved. Privacy Policy; Crossing Party Lines members have discussed more than 300 topics over the past 5 1/2 years. Many of the topics were selected by the members through our national poll.; Before we discuss an issue, the Topic Development Team researches and explores it with the goal of designing a topic package for members and moderators. The topic package includes;; We store all topic packages in our Topic Database, along with a post-meeting assessment. The Topic Database is just one of the resources we make available to moderators in all our chapters.

**Scraped text from their about page of their website:** Titles: Who we are: Our story | Crossing Party Lines

**Headings:** We're volunteers uniting America one conversation at a time.; Our Story; Our Volunteers; Our Leadership Team; We want to hear from you. Let's Chat.; Subscribe to our Monthly eBlast; Lisa Swallow; Kareem Abdelsadek; Jessica Brazier; Judy Branch; Richard C. Johnson; Swati Srivastava; Don Lamar; Sally Krantz

**Paragraphs:** Our story begins in 2016 with two groups starting independently of one another - on opposite coasts of the United States. Coincidentally, both founders chose the same name "Crossing Party Lines." Their shared vision led them to create a volunteer platform to unite Americans through warm and engaging conversations.; Lisa Swallow, an author and educator living in Portland, Oregon, was inspired by political conversations with a cousin to design simple process for engaging in respectful conversations about politics of the day.; Kareem Abdelsadek, a management consultant living in New York City, was driven by a sense of civic duty to apply his skills to uniting America through conversations among people from all walks of life.; Prompted by a time of unprecedented political polarization, these two visionaries, their energetic team of volunteers, and over 3,000 CPLs members are uniting America one conversation at a time.; Behind each of our meaningful cross-party-line interactions, there is a team of committed volunteers;; Crossing Party Lines is led by a small group of individuals who are passionate about exploring our unique and shared values as a national community.; Lisa Swallow; Co-founder, Executive Director; "...doing our part to make democracy work..."; Read more; Kareem Abdelsadek; Co-founder, Chairman of the Board; "...open dialogue that allows for disagreements ..."; Read more; Jessica Brazier; Board Member; "...time to listen..."; Read more; Judy Branch; Board Member; "... dignity, creativity and needs of every individual .."; Read more; Richard C. Johnson; Board Member; "...common tenets..."; Read more; Swati Srivastava; Director of Visual Media; "Acknowledging 'the other' as a fellow human..."; Read more; Don LaMar; Director of Operations; "... boots-on-the-ground ..."; Read more; Sally Krantz; Director of Marketing; "...respect every American's needs."; Read more; Sign up to receive email notifications from Crossing Party Lines.; All voices welcome; 244 Fifth Avenue; Suite L208; New York, NY 10001; (929) 266-6078; The Official Site of Crossing Party Lines. (C)2020 Crossing Party Lines. All Rights Reserved. Privacy Policy; Co-founder and Executive Director; "Being American isn't about race, religion, or political views. It's about believing in America and doing our part to make democracy work. It begins with the skills and capacity to talk to one another, explore issues from all angles, and respect every American's needs."; Lisa is the Co-founder and Executive Director of Crossing Party Lines. She manages the day-to-day operations of the organization while facilitating conversations and developing and delivering workshops that teach members to share their perspectives in constructive ways, listen with an open and curious mind, and appreciate the insights multiple perspectives provide.; Lisa is a graduate of UC Santa Cruz and holds a B.A. in Information Science. During her 30+ years as a technical communicator she was known for leadership and innovation and going deep into the subjects she writes about. She holds a patent for her work in microlithography and is published in professional journals, magazines, and on the web.; Lisa proposes we look to our Founding Fathers and Abraham Lincoln to understand that diversity of political perspectives in America is one of our country's core strengths. Lisa's books, No One Was Listening and Yes You Can Talk Politics, offer inspiration and support for anyone interested in learning her process for civil, respectful conversation and the scientifically-based skills that support it; You can learn more about Lisa at [www.LisaKSwallow.com](http://www.LisaKSwallow.com).; Co-founder and Chairman of the Board; "We have lost the emphasis on humanity in our national discourse. Through Crossing Party Lines, we get back

to the basics of listening to understand the humanity behind all of our perspectives. We provide a window into the truth behind our politics, our people, our relationships, and our country. Once we start truly understanding one another, the potential for what we can accomplish collectively is limitless."; Kareem is the Co-founder and Chairman of the Board of Crossing Party Lines. He also leads Crossing Party Lines at the grassroots level by facilitating conversations in his hometown of New York City. Kareem believes the secret sauce for creating a world of love comes from the building blocks we use to create rich and meaningful personal relationships. "Persistent open dialogue that allows for disagreements gives us all an opportunity to grow together."; A senior manager for Deloitte Consulting, Kareem leads large scale transformation efforts in the federal government's civilian sector and has delivered 15+ projects resulting in lasting change, improving organizational culture while furthering mission objectives. Kareem serves on a highly-selective Managers Advisory Council to the Deloitte CEO. He is published in "Deloitte Insights" on how to leverage industry leading methods, including building cross-functional teams to transform large programs and companies for the better.; Kareem is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University with degrees of a B.S. in Information Science and Technology and a B.A. in Philosophy. He is committed to continuous learning, and a member of the Bleeker and IVY professional networks.; Board Member; "I fundamentally believe that if we give ourselves enough time to listen to each other and just for a moment open our hearts and understand where the other is coming from, America would be a much more peaceful and joyful place to live."; At the root of Jessica's work is her interest in empowering people and organizations to creatively solve complex problems that will impact society in meaningful ways. Her professional and volunteer positions reflect her passion for being a change agent for the public good. After a 10-year career in management consulting, she was recently presented with an opportunity to serve in a role that exists at the intersection of four things that deeply matter to her - her faith; diversity, equity, and inclusion; wholistic healthcare; and socially responsible business strategy - joining the AdventHealth team as Vice President and Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer. In this role, she is responsible for leading the execution of the healthcare system's diversity strategy and providing executive oversight of new and ongoing initiatives that build a more inclusive culture and embrace a widely diverse workforce.; Jessica's professional experiences span various sectors, including Deloitte Consulting's Government & Public Services Practice, where she helped leaders of major federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) navigate bureaucratic barriers through strategic communications, learning, and change management techniques, and the Pittsburgh Board of Education, where she coordinated workforce acquisition and engagement efforts for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's "Empowering Effective Teachers" urban education reform initiative. She has also worked with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, CBS Network, CARE USA, and various radio stations and newspapers. Jessica earned B.A. degrees in Communications and English from Oakwood University, and M.S. in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University.; Jessica's work at Crossing Party Lines and beyond is founded on an "intellectual curiosity to understand our diverse world" and "empathy to widen her circle of compassion."; Board Member; "Valuing our humanity

means that the dignity, creativity and needs of every individual is embraced by themselves as well as others."; Board Member; "Dialogue should not be seen as a way to make peace; but as a habit, a virtue, a obligation, and a right." - Paulo Freire; Elevating human perspective, potential, and performance through connection, communication, contribution, and creative collaboration is Richard's life mission and living legacy. His career spans from workforce and business development to the advancement of nonprofit causes dedicated to improving lives of the vulnerable and life experiences at large. Through a variety of development roles from Planner for the Upper Rio Grande Workforce Development Board to Grant Manager for the Dream Center Foundation in Los Angeles, CA, he has developed expertise in non-profit development and creative strategies of fundraising for worthy people building projects.; Now as CEO of Huemany Unlimited and a John Maxwell certified life and business productivity coach, Richard designed Life Mining Mastery strategies for performance improvement of individuals, businesses, and institutions. Life Mining Mastery principles work to boost personal and professional productivity by identifying and resolving areas of Intrapersonal and interpersonal conflict, cultivating Self Love, Spiritual Wellbeing, and Resilience.; Director of Visual Media; "No problem can be solved in a society (and world) that dehumanizes 'the other', and no problem is too big for those who have decided to put their differences aside to meet the challenge. Acknowledging 'the other' as a fellow human with their own fears and hopes is always the first step."; Former woman in STEM now a woman in FILM, Swati Srivastava is a 1st generation immigrant and a multi award-winning writer-director & voiceover artist who has directed several short films, short documentaries, music videos and political ads. Her films have played at numerous film festivals and won several awards, including the "most important story of the year" award from CNN-India aired nationally in India at prime-time. Her political ads have been shown on national TV in the US. All of Swati's work has social/political significance.; Originally from India and having spent half her life in the US, Swati sees the world with a unique East meets West lens. Her three passions are her love for storytelling especially through visual media, her penchant for politics, and her heartfelt desire to be part of the solution for the most challenging problem of our times; our inability to listen to each other. Having experienced childhood trauma and complex grief, she has first-hand experience of how it is not simply a matter of "choosing" facts or logic. When the limbic system is enflamed with fear, rationality goes out the window. As a society, we are all caught in the grip of fear. It takes a lot of work to choose love & hope over fear & despair. But it's the work we need to do - both personally and communally.; Swati is an avid environmentalist. She lives with her husband in a "Net-Zero Energy" house in NY that has been covered by various media including NBC for its unique features. Together they try to lead a sustainable life with a low carbon footprint.; You can learn more about Swati at [www.TiredandBeatup.com](http://www.TiredandBeatup.com); Director of Operations; "We have lost the emphasis on humanity in our national discourse. Through Crossing Party Lines, we get back to the basics of listening to understand the humanity behind all of our perspectives. We provide a window into the truth behind our politics, our people, our relationships, and our country. Once we start truly understanding one another, the potential for what we can accomplish collectively is limitless."; Don LaMar has built his life around helping others to succeed. He grew up in Detroit, Michigan, immersed in the auto

industry world, surrounded by family.; Don's roots in America run deep. His grandfather, a Greek immigrant, came to Detroit in the 19??s and opened <restaurant name>, one of the most beloved restaurants in Greektown. Growing up, Don was Inspired by his uncle, who took over the family business and always fed those in need. [LS1]; Having worked at a homeless shelter in Minneapolis for 10 years, served as a minister for \_\_ more, and provided <underprivileged> youth with opportunities they may not otherwise have access to, Don brings to Cross

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**Summaries of Links:** Based solely on the information provided, it can be inferred that this organization is called Crossing Party Lines. It appears to be a non-profit organization that aims to bridge the gap between people of different political affiliations and encourage respectful dialogue and understanding. The organization offers various programs and resources to facilitate this, including courses, workshops, and events. They also have a strong online presence with a website, social media accounts, and a podcast. Additionally, the organization encourages donations and volunteerism to support its mission."""