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Description of the organization from a third party source: "How Do We Fix It is a podcast that searches for positive ideas for disturbing times and fixes over fear. Join journalists Richard Davies and Jim Meigs every week as we talk solutions with some of the world's most creative thinkers."

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Paragraphs: Your Custom Text Here; We ask questions about solutions - how to make the world a better place. Each week, hosts Richard Davies and Jim Meigs engage in smart, fun, spontaneous interviews with expert guests. We welcome constructive, unusual opinions. Find us on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, TuneIn, Stitcher, Radio Public, and other podcast apps.; Spread the word! Rate and review us on Apple Podcasts. Give us a boost on Patreon. Download our episodes. Follow @fixitshow on Twitter and How Do We Fix It? on Facebook.; Some of our guests: Russell Shorto, Claire Cain Miller, Chloe Valdary, David Bornstein of Solutions Journalism Network, Rebecca Jarvis, Rana Foroohar, Amna Khalid, Mike Rowe, Lenore Skenazy, Maajid Nawaz, Maria Konnikova, Jon Haidt, Ezekiel Emmanuel, Farai Chideya, Philip K. Howard, Salena Zito, Diana Henriques and Maya MacGuineas;; From the economy and prospects for a Biden vs Trump rematch to the future for global energy and artificial intelligence, Richard and Jim make their forecasts for 2024.; And we re-visit our predictions from exactly a year ago and report on precisely how we did. "It's sort of like weather forecasters and opinion pollsters going back and owning up to their mistakes," says Richard. "I mean, who often do we see that!"; Once again, Meigs and Davies make their best guesses about what's to come this year. Will Donald Trump maintain his slim lead in the polls over President Biden? Is there a much higher risk than most experts expect for energy supplies during the winter months? How big are the chances for a wider war in the Middle East?; We continue our discussion with Yascha Mounk, one of the leading public intellectuals of our time. The subject is a hugely influential ideology that attempts to put racial, sexual and gender identity at the center of our social, cultural and political life. The "identity synthesis", Mounk argues, denies that members of different groups can truly understand one another and this stifles public discourse.; In this podcast episode we learn why an obsession with identity undermines social justice, fuels culture wars, and boosts hateful hardliners on the right and left- from Donald Trump to protesters who support Hamas and its murderous attacks on Israeli civilians. We also hear how to politely but

firmly push back against those who have become ensnared in "The Identity Trap," the name of Yascha Mounk's new book.; Having skewered right-wing populism and its demagogues in his two previous best-selling books, politics professor, writer, and podcaster Yasha Mounk turns now to the threat posed to liberalism from those progressives who champion "woke" identity politics. We discuss his latest, "The Identity Trap: A Story of Ideas and Power In Our Time."; This episode- the first of two with Yasha Mounk - looks at the complex roots of a highly influential ideology based on personal identity- specifically race, gender and sexual orientation. These are said to determine a person's power, role in society, and how they see themselves. Mounk explains how the identity synthesis, which has become widely accepted in many universities, nonprofits and large corporations, had its origins in several intellectual traditions, including post-colonialism, postmodernism and critical race theory.; Our interview mentions ideas and concepts raised by Michel Foucault, Derrick Bell, Kimberle Krenshaw, Edward Said, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, and others. We learn how these thinkers sharply criticized modern liberalism and the civil rights movement of the Sixties and beyond.; Yes, it's our 400th episode. But instead of looking back over the past eight-and-a-half years of our podcasts, we consider the future: How collective optimism or pessimism can have a huge impact on the economy, risk taking, and the acceptance of new technologies that spark growth and innovation.; Our guest is scholar and journalist James Pethokoukis of the American Enterprise Institute, author of "The Conservative Futurist: How To Create the Sci-Fi World We Were Promised."; In this episode he argues that in the decades after World War Two and during the space race, America was the world's dream factory. TV and movies helped to turn imagination into reality, from curing polio to landing on the Moon to creating the internet. In those years we were confident that more wonders lay just over the horizon: clean and infinite energy, a cure for cancer, computers and robots as humanity's great helpers.; But as we moved into the late 20th century, we grew cautious, even cynical, about what the future held and our ability to shape it. James Pethokoukis says that this year- 2023- marks the 50th anniversary of the start of the Great Downshift in technological progress and economic growth, followed by decades of economic stagnation, downsized dreams, and a popular culture fixated on catastrophe.; Affective polarization in America - the gap between voters' positive feelings about their own political party or "side" and negative feelings toward the opposing party - has sharply increased during the past two decades.; We speak with two leaders in local government and a nationwide students group about effective ways to bridge divides.; Erica Manuel is CEO and Executive Director at the Institute for Local Government in Roseville, California. She has over 20 years of experience helping public, private and nonprofit organizations implement innovative policies to provide strong leadership, advance climate resilience, support economic development, engage communities, and drive positive change.; Manu Meel is CEO of BridgeUSA, a student-led nonprofit organization that creates spaces at colleges and high schools for open discussion among students about political issues. BridgeUSA began in 2016 at the universities of Notre Dame, CU-Boulder and UC Berkeley in response to growing polarization on campus.; It's easy to look at the impacts of rigid polarization and blame our leaders and political parties, the media, or the education system. In this episode, we hear an argument that the first thing all of us should do is focus on what we can control: ourselves.

We discuss how to learn to live with others despite deep divisions.; All democracies need protests and debates to flourish. But we also need to respect ourselves and acknowledge the dignity of others.; Alexandra Hudson is the author of the new book, "The Soul of Civility", and an adjunct professor in philanthropy at Indiana University. She argues that civility is a key solution for polarization and a breakdown in social order. In her writing she examines how civility-a respect for the humanity of others-transcends political disagreements. Civility, she writes, is not a technique, but a disposition: "a way of seeing others as beings endowed with dignity and inherently valuable."; The divided state of the world "is a timeless problem. It's an intractable problem, but there's no policy solutions or simple cure," Lexi tells us. "It requires constant vigilance on behalf of each of us. That's humbling."; Destructive conflict aims to destroy the other side. But constructive conflict can be a force for good.; In this episode we learn how good conflict helps move people beyond polarization, slogans, and angry tweets to a place where they can connect and grow- even as they strongly disagree. Helene Biandudi Hofer says that when we have the vocabulary and basic skills to investigate conflict with curiosity, it can change everything.; Journalists Helene Biandudi Hofer and Amanda Ripley co-founded Good Conflict, which works with news organizations, non-profits, elected officials, educators, religious leaders, and others to lean into conflict in a constructive, productive way. Helene developed and managed the Solutions Journalism Network's Complicating the Narratives project. She trained more than a thousand journalists across 125 newsrooms throughout the world.; Almost everyone has an opinion about the impact of social media on political polarization. Most of us believe that Twitter, Facebook, Reddit, YouTube and other sites have made our civic life more angry and divided. But how much of this is true? Are consumers as much to blame as the platforms themselves?; 15 years ago, in the very early days of social media, many Americans had a much more positive view of this new technology. It was bringing friends and families together, opening up new sources of information, and that was viewed as a good thing.; We discuss the surprising findings of research into social media and polarization with Professor Chris Bail, founder of the Polarization Lab at Duke University. He's the author of the 2021 book, "Breaking The Social Media Prism." Bail studies political tribalism, extremism, and social psychology using data from social media and research from computational social science.; Have you ever been asked by a political opponent to describe what's wrong or weak about your own side's arguments? That's what Richard and Jim do here. This episode could have been ripped from a Braver Angels training seminar, but to our knowledge, no other podcast has tried this before.; Liberal-leaning Richard takes on three hot topics, picked by Jim, where the left is wrong. Jim does the same thing for his side, discussing three examples picked by Richard.; The ground rules are simple: No "your-side-ism". When describing the failings of their own side neither host was allowed to criticize their opponents. If they do, a loud bell rings. Listen to find out how many times the darn thing goes off!; Why is American politics so dysfunctional? Is it because we are too polarized or too fragmented? Throughout this fall we will be exploring different aspects of polarization- arguably the most important threat to both effective governance and a stable democracy.; This episode includes an edited recording of a lively conversation from the podcast, "Politics In Question", between Rick Pildes, Professor of Constitutional Law at NYU School of Law,

and political scientist Lee Drutman, a senior research fellow at the New America Foundation.; Lee has been a guest on several previous episodes of "How Do We Fix It?". Author of the book, "Breaking the Two Party Doomloop: The Case for Multiparty Democracy in America", Lee is known as an advocate for proportional representation with ranked-choice voting, arguing that it would reduce political polarization and minimize the risks of democratic backsliding.; Toxic polarization is "the problem that eats all other problems... It's the sludge at the base of everything else," our guest Monica Guzman tells us. In this really useful repeat episode from 2022, we learn how to fight back against the confusion and heartbreak of living with rigid divides.; This show is a curtain raiser for a series we are doing this fall with funding from Solutions Journalism Network. We will be examining threats to our society from polarization and recent efforts to build a national movement to bridge divides.; Monica is a bridge builder and author of the highly-praised book "I Never Thought Of It That Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times". She serves as a Senior Fellow for Public Practice at the national depolarization organization, Braver Angels.; Why aren't Democrats doing much better in elections for Congress and also in state races? We explore several reasons. One is that Democrats have been losing the support of many black, white and hispanic working class voters. We heard a forceful argument about that in "How Do We Fix It?" episode #389 with Ruy Teixeira.; In this show we expand the argument and look at another group of voters often ignored by Democratic party leaders- Christians and especially Catholics who are among the largest group of swing voters.; This is a shared podcast with "Talkin' Politics and Religion Without Killin' Each Other". Their show and ours are members of the Democracy Group podcast network, Our guest is Lanae E

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Additionally, the organization has a website with blog posts, book recommendations, and links to various resources. The organization also appears to have connections to individuals and organizations involved in politics, journalism, academia, and advocacy."""