One of the key deliberative dispositions that the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative (DCI) has identified is an "action orientation." While dialogue and deliberation are themselves important contributors to a healthy democracy, they become even more valuable when they lead to shared agreement on key issues and an intentional commitment to take either individual or collective action on them.

Such action can come in a range of forms and should be broadly understood. It might involve issuing a set of recommendations or deciding to support a particular policy. It might also manifest as developing a better understanding of a topic, connecting with relevant local or national organizations, participating in continued discussions, or generating new approaches to engaging with the issue.

To support such an orientation, the DCI shares a series of "action pathways" for participants to consider after each event or activity it sponsors. Please see the pathways below related to the topic of **Artificial Intelligence.** Engaging in these activities is voluntary -- participants are free to choose any of the pathways, or none. But we encourage you to at least consider them as options that can build on the conversation you just had with your fellow deliberative citizens.

Get Informed
- Take a free course on AI that maps to your interests and background by visiting Fortune Education.
- Explore AI courses on Coursera and edX by searching for "AI", "machine learning", or "ethical AI" in their course offerings.
- Keep up with cutting-edge AI discoveries from MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratiory, CSAIL, and Georgetown University's Center for Security and Emerging Technology, CSET.
- Learn about recent public concerns about AI in everyday life from the Pew Research Center.
- Read the U.S. Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights and about President Biden's Executive Order on Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy AI.
- Compare AI policies using the German Marshall Fund's AI Policy Tracker.

Get Connected

- Stay up-to-date on technical developments in AI by subscribing to research summaries from Alpha Signal.
- Discover activists campaigns for ethical applications of AI from the Center for the Study of Existential Risk at the University of Cambridge.
- Explore the AI for Good global summit and blog to discover how AI can have a positive impact on humanity.
- Explore a different AI for Good organization that connects researchers, nonprofits, governments, and businesses to drive positive change.
- Follow the top AI writers on the independent media platform, Substack (2023).

Get Involved

- Explore how UNESCO is seeking to protect human rights and dignity through AI policy proposals.
- Learn about how to craft a school policy on AI use from EdWeek.
- Use AI to improve your company following tips from the Harvard Business Review.
- Explore programs for increasing diversity in the field of AI through AI 4 All, where you can volunteer or donate.
- Join the Partnership on AI to explore additional opportunities for developing and learning about best practices in the field.

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The Deliberative Citizenship Initiative

The Deliberative Citizenship Initiative (DCI) is dedicated to the creation of opportunities for Davidson students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the wider community to productively engage with one another on difficult and contentious issues facing our community and society. The DCI regularly hosts facilitated deliberations on a wide range of topics and organizes training workshops for deliberation facilitators. To learn more about these opportunities, visit www.deliberativecitizenship.org.

DCI Deliberation Guides

The DCI has launched this series of Deliberation Guides as a foundation for such conversations. They provide both important background information on the topics in question and a specific framework for engaging with these topics. The Guides are designed to be informative without being overwhelming and structured without being inflexible. They cover a range of topics and come in a variety of formats but share several common elements, including opportunities to commit to a shared set of Conversation Agreements, learn about diverse perspectives, and reflect together on the conversation and its yield. The DCI encourages conversations based on these guides to be moderated by a trained facilitator. After each conversation, the DCI also suggests that its associated Pathways Guide be distributed to the conversation's participants.

DCI Pathways Guides

For every Deliberation Guide, the DCI has also developed an associated Pathways Guide, which outlines opportunities for action that participants can consider that are related to the covered topic. These Pathways Guides reinforce the DCI's commitment to an action orientation, a key deliberative disposition. While dialogue and deliberation are themselves important contributors to a healthy democracy, they become even more valuable when they lead to individual or collective action on the key issues facing society. Such action can come in a range of forms and should be broadly understood. It might involve developing a better understanding of a topic, connecting with relevant local or national organizations, generating new approaches to an issue, or deciding to support a particular policy.

If you make use of this guide in a deliberation, please provide attribution to the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative and email dci@deliberativecitizenship.org to tell us about your event. To access more of our growing library of Deliberation Guides, Pathways Guides and other resources, visit www.deliberativecitizenship.org/readings-and-resources.