



Beyond the Deliberation: **Resources for Continued Engagement on** ***Campus Protests***

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 **Campus Protests**. 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

- Learn more about the [ethical debate](#) surrounding the policing of campus protests and civil disobedience from the Director of the Ash Center at the Harvard Kennedy School.
- Read this [series of essays](#) from the Education Law Association discussing the legal components of campus protests.
- Explore the tradeoffs between harm and free speech in the context of recent campus protests [in this article](#) from the Center for American Progress.
- Read [this note](#) from the American Civil Liberties Union to college and university presidents.
- Check out this [campus free speech and protest planning guide](#) from PEN America.
- Explore different perspectives on the Israel-Hamas campus protests from [The Hill's education opinion section](#).
- Read this perspective on [punishing campus protesters](#) from The Heritage Foundation.
- Get your questions about campus protests [answered here](#) by the Freedom Forum.

Get Connected

- Track [campus protests and arrests](#) with this source from the New York Times.
- Connect with [Jewish Life resources](#) on Davidson's campus.
- Connect with [Muslim Life resources](#) on Davidson's campus.
- Stay abreast of legislation relating to campus protests/protestors [with this tracker](#) from the International Center for Non-Profit Law.
- Join networks [on FIRE](#) that focus on defending and sustaining individual rights at America's colleges and universities.
- Find [resources to support peaceful conflict resolution](#) on school campuses from Conflict Resolution Education.

Get Involved

- Review this [list of action items and contacts](#) if you wish to aid campus protestors around the nation.
- Use [ontheissues.org](#) to find and support candidates who hold similar views to your own on campus protests.
- Support the [National Lawyers Guild](#) – an organization that offers support and legal assistance to activists and protestors.
- Aid the [Anti-Defamation League](#) in their efforts to combat antisemitism and violent campus protests.
- Engage with [resources from the Shoulder-to-Shoulder Campaign](#) to combat Islamophobia.
- Support student safety on college campuses with the [Clery Center](#).

About This Guide

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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 dc@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.