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Idea of America Seminar: Our Values, Our Legacy, Our Future
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Sessions: Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 AM (10/2, 10/9, 10/16)

Location: Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium

Course Description
How does our nation’s history and system of values help to inform the realities of today’s political polarization? This program will apply the tensions created by these competing values to an exploration of current issues confronting American society in relationship to the economy, education, and immigration. During these three weeks, the facilitators and participants will examine America’s unique legacy, attempting to understand how our societal values have been viewed differently across time as frequently conflicting ideals. Participants will be asked to consider how we as a nation can move away from confrontation to cooperation in order to solve the challenges facing the country in the years ahead.

Required Reading

Optional Readings (Provided free of charge)
The Idea of America: Our Values, Our Legacy, Our Future Leadership Manual (handout)

Participation
Much of the value and understanding of the conceptual framework of The Idea of America is derived from its application to historical and current events. In sessions two and three participants will utilize the information from the identified readings to engage in discussions focusing on the nation's economy, system of education and immigration policies. As a result, it is important that participants come to the sessions prepared to share ideas with the others in attendance. The optional readings are provided free of charge as a means of providing an
opportunity for individuals to broaden their understanding of the subjects dealt with during the class time.

10/2/18, Session 1: Orientation to the Course and Value Tensions
Reading in advance: *The Idea of America: Our Values, Our Legacy, Our Future*
   Introduction and Part 1, pp. 8-39

10/9/18, Session 2: Economy and Education
Reading in advance: *The Idea of America: Our Values, Our Legacy, Our Future*
   Case Study 1, pp. 72-97; Case Study 2, pp. 101-126

10/16/18: Session 3: Immigration and A Call to Action
Reading in advance: *The Idea of America: Our Values, Our Legacy, Our Future*
   Case Study Three, pp. 128-157

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