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papering over differences in values or identity.

avoiding dehumanization or painting the other side as an enemy to be destroyed.

finding full unity or complete agreement

finding points of commonality, especially when "us vs. them" thinking is pervasive

ignoring or deprioritizing outcomes for the sake of harmony

centering and prioritizing "means" as much as "ends"

advancing politeness at all costs or avoiding thoughtful critique/criticism

co-creating norms and behaviors that foster the mutual tolerance and restraint democracy requires

requiring that others share the same values or perspectives

building a more complete understanding of other cultural perspectives

eliminating partisanship

advancing pluralism and goals that are inclusive of multiple perspectives

creating moderates

acting in a manner that allows everyone to explore the possibility of developing overarching goals

