

## Saving our Democracy

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***We can bridge a divided nation by reflecting on our own attitudes and behaviors, but it's also up to elected officials to be truthful and honest and restore trust in our democratic process.***

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MADISON - Now is the time when our government should be focusing on our COVID-19 recovery. Wisconsin leaders should be fixing the unemployment insurance crisis, working on the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out and expanding broadband access for every rural household. This is what I'd rather spend my time on. Sadly, other issues have overshadowed the essential work that should be happening because our nation is as divided as it's ever been.

The shocking attack on our nation's Capitol earlier this month left Americans with all sorts of questions. How did we get to this point? How were we so unprepared on that day, despite all of the warning signs? What can we do differently to bridge the rift we're experiencing these days? As Americans, we must reflect on these questions and consider what we, personally, can do to be more empathetic and humble listeners. But it's also up to our country's leaders to set the right example through their speech and actions.



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