



Overcoming partisan politics while advocating a sustainable planetary society

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The trouble with partisan politics

Reductionist

Divisive

Harming efforts to address climate change

Short-term perspective

Favours those with power

Ineffective for making decisions about important long-term issues



Criteria for an alternative

Inclusive

Unifying

Just

Non-competitive

Collaborative

Mutually empowering



Baha'i consultation

Process-based

Diversity of perspectives

Frank but courteous

Ideas belong to the group

Principles-based

Decisions are supported in learning mode

Understands human beings are essentially noble



Questions

Is it safe to assume that human beings have an inherent capacity for nobility that can be cultivated, or are they hopelessly corrupt, selfish and aggressive?



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It's not too difficult to create inclusive, collaborative processes of decision making in a relatively small group, but what might they look like on a larger scale?



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How can we move beyond partisanship to create innovative governance alternatives that are democratic, non-competitive, and serve the common good?