

## To Whom It May Concern

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Might I offer a suggestion?

It seems the polarization between the Republicans, the Democrats--and those people who still are honest, understanding, responsible, trustworthy, and consistently contributing to the greater good--(pause)--is leading to more and more disasters involving core and existential value conflicts. Too many times, these value conflicts are about personal and cultural identities. And too many times, these value conflicts lead to violence, suffering, trauma, and death. [one reference: "Moral or Value Conflicts" article by Michelle Maiese, at the Beyond Intractability website (July, 2003) ( <https://www.beyondintractability.org/essay/intolerable-moral-differences> )]

The truth could set you free. Maybe you are the kind of people who cannot, and should not, live in the same province, or maybe even the same country (or Planet) with people who are not exactly like you. And rather than continue with the value conflicts until we have widespread violence, suffering, trauma, and death --and use up so many resources in the bargain--(pause)--my suggestion is that all the parties involved send representatives to Philadelphia (where this all got started), and have some very sincere and genuine discussion about how you, and all the other parties involved, can amicably, but also *decisively*, part ways. I'm sure there are--somewhere in the world--neutral and unbiased mediators, who could be trusted to help with:

- 1) Secession
- 2) Establishing Geo-Political Boundaries
- 3) Land and Resource Swaps
- 4) Compensations and Good Will Gestures
- 5) International Recognition as a Sovereign State
- 6) Immediate Most Favored Trade Status with the World
- 7) High Credit Scores with International Banks
- 8) 24/7 Customer Service from Call Centers in the Philippines

--AND find language that all parties to the agreement can understand and agree to.

What do you think?

There are cultures 3,000 years and older; and many times in those cultures there were factions which finally parted from where they had called home, to pursue their own core and existential values.

There is wisdom in being very conservative with what resources are still left on Planet Earth. However, in your own homeland, you can live by your own set of core and existential values.