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“Cox last month began a one-year term as chairman of the National Governors Association and said he would devote much of the year to promoting civility in politics through a “Disagree Better” program that draws on the Stanford research.”

[Gov. Spencer Cox: 'We're tired of the toxic partisanship that's infected our country'](#) | MSNBC “Morning Joe”

“Utah Governor Spencer Cox champions the 'disagree better' initiative to combat toxic partisanship plaguing the nation. Gov. Cox joins Morning Joe to emphasize the need to shift the political discourse towards respectful disagreement and attacking ideas rather than individuals.”

[In an age of political discord, look to our governors](#) | The Hill

“The new chair, Gov. Spencer Cox of Utah, lauded his predecessor’s bipartisanship and noted the national malaise. Stating then that governors are often seen as “the last adults left in the room in politics,” he invited his colleagues to lead by example in demonstrating “healthy disagreement.”

[Can Utah’s political figures ‘disagree better’ on social media?](#) | Deseret News

“Enter Gov. Spencer Cox’s recently released “Disagree Better” initiative, which seeks to look at the problems of polarization and how Americans can work together to find solutions to the country’s toughest problems. Cox is promoting the initiative as chairman of the National Governors Association.”

[National Governor's Association and 'Disagree Better' with Gov. Spencer Cox](#) | First Lady and Friends Podcast

“In this week’s episode, Utah’s First Lady Abby Cox is joined by Gov. Spencer Cox to talk about some life updates, their recent trip to Atlantic City, NJ for the National Governor’s Association where the governor was elected chair of the NGA, and the importance of building bipartisan relationships with other governors throughout the country.”

[To disagree in good faith](#) | Deseret News

“A constitutional scholar reminds us to consider other points of view.”

[‘We Need to Do Better’: Democrat Cuts Ad For Republican Governor’s Initiative to Fight ‘Toxic’ Partisanship In The U.S](#) | Mediate

“Democratic Governor of Colorado Jared Polis dropped an ad this week in support of Republican Utah Gov. Spencer Cox’s “disagree better” campaign aimed at breaking the cycle of rampant polarization in the U.S.”

[Former County GOP party chair says political rhetoric still needs to improve](#) | Cache Valley Daily

“Utah Governor Spencer Cox, who is chair of the National Governor’s Association for the next year, recently launched an initiative called ‘Disagree Better’, trying to increase the use of more civility in political discourse.”

[Utah Gov. Spencer Cox's statesmanship should be an example to Republicans](#) | Washington Examiner

“Cox shows us what it looks like when our leaders' political courage outweighs their fear. Let us hope that more elected officials follow his example.”

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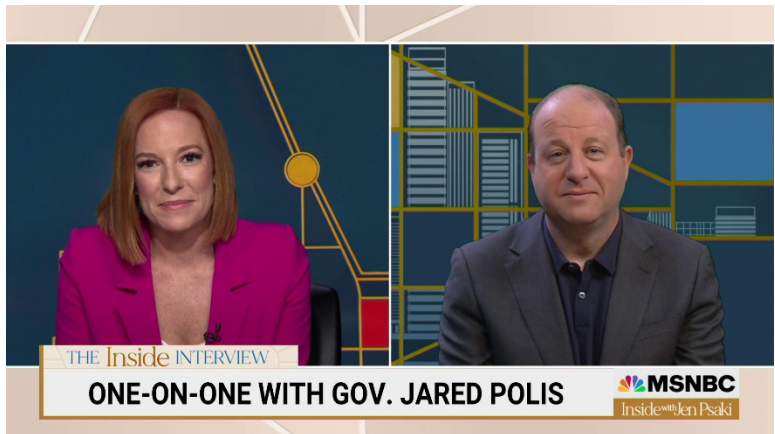


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[‘Disagree better’ on display as President Joe Biden visits Utah](#) | **KSL News**

“Disagree Better” is the slogan for Cox’s National Governor’s Association initiative for the year, where he’s asking Governors to model better civil discourse.”

[Commentary: Finding a path to healthy conflict](#) | **Central Maine**

“Spencer Cox, the new chairman of the National Governors Association, is promoting the idea of “healthy conflict.” The Utah governor has become concerned about the growing problem of toxic arguments in society. As the Washington Post reports, Cox wants people to learn how to “disagree better.””

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“Cox, 48, now serves as chair of the National Governors Association. Last month, he launched “Disagree Better,” an NGA initiative meant to promote a more civil political discourse to solve some of the nation’s most pressing challenges.”

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“I was thrilled to see Utah Gov. Spencer Cox’s recent announcement of the National Governors Association “Disagree Better” Initiative, which aims to help Americans move past polarization and engage in conflict in a more healthy way. I am grateful that someone in high-level political office is trying to make progress on this important issue, and I am excited to see Utah’s governor taking the lead in this effort.”

[Finding a Path to Healthy Conflict](#) | **DC Journal**

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[National Governors Association Launches “Disagree Better” Initiative](#) | **Associations Now**

“The initiative will look at the problems of polarization, elevate the solutions that groups around the country are already implementing, and feature governors modeling what disagreeing better looks like.”

[Bipartisan governors challenge Americans to disagree ‘better’ over politics](#) | CNN

“Republican Gov. Spencer Cox of Utah and Democratic Gov. Jared Polis of Colorado on Sunday challenged Americans to approach political disagreements with respect in their mission to elevate “civic dialogue across the country.”

[Bipartisan governors want Americans to 'disagree better' over politics](#) | CNN “State of the Union”

“Republican Gov. Spencer Cox of Utah and Democratic Gov. Jared Polis of Colorado tell CNN's Dana Bash that Americans need to “have authentic conversations with those that we disagree with.”



[Bipartisan governors want Americans to ‘disagree better’ over politics](#) | The Hill

“A bipartisan pair of governors is pushing for Americans to “disagree better” when it comes to politics.”

[OUR VIEW: We won’t always agree — and that’s OK — but we can disagree better](#) | Magic Valley

“In addition to the videos used to launch the campaign this month, the NGA plans a series of public-facing efforts including service projects, op-ed submissions with a member of “the other party on a topic of common ground,” and civic education ads and debates on college and university campuses to model healthy conflict.”

[Utah Gov. Spencer Cox wants Americans to learn to ‘disagree better’](#) | The Washington Post

“As chair of the National Governors Association, Cox wants to end the toxic partisanship that impedes real results.”

[Gov. Spencer Cox of Utah wants Americans to learn how to disagree](#) | NPR

“When Utah Governor Spencer Cox took the chairmanship at the National Governors Association this week, he announced his chair's initiative called Disagree Better. It's a program to encourage governors to try to set an example in how to disagree but still seek bipartisan solutions and, dare I say, be civil as they disagree.”

[Better disagreement makes American democracy better](#) | The Bush Center

“Spencer Cox, the Republican Governor of Utah launched the Disagree Better Initiative last week after taking over as the Chair of the National Governors Association (NGA). He is supported in this effort by NGA Vice Chair Jared Polis, the Democratic Governor of Colorado.”

[Tonic for Colorado’s Political Tension](#) | The Gazette

“Kudos to Colorado’s Democratic Gov. Jared Polis and his Republican counterpart in neighboring Utah, Gov. Spencer Cox. They’re not only modeling civility in politics, they’re promoting it. And they have a message for the nation’s fractured electorate: Our differences don’t have to divide us.”

[Utah governor: Moderates ‘exhausted’ by extremism](#) | News Nation

“Utah Governor joins Dan Abrams Live to discuss NGA Chair’s Initiative.”

[New NGA chair Utah Gov. Spencer Cox wants Americans to "Disagree Better" | Axios](#)

"The one-year initiative, launching this month, will use open debates, service projects, public service announcements and other strategies to promote civil discourse over hotly contested issues facing Americans."

[As head of National Governors Association, Cox seeks to turn down the political heat | The Salt Lake Tribune](#)

"With his new role leading the [National Governors Association] made up of the nation's governors, Gov. Cox is also launching a new initiative that seeks to turn down the political heat."



[Why this governor is promoting 'healthy conflict' | The Washington Post](#)

"The conservative governor emphasizes that this isn't just another warm and fuzzy civility initiative. He's working with experts at universities such as Stanford and Dartmouth to understand the science behind toxic animosity. He said research shows that leaders of different political tribes talking to each other respectfully in public works to lower animosity."

[Can we disagree better? Utah's governor wants to give it a shot and it starts today | Deseret News](#)

"As Americans, can we learn to disagree better? Utah Gov. Spencer Cox thinks so, and on Friday he kicked off his yearlong tenure as chairman of the National Governors Association with a mission he says is "an existential issue and crisis for our country": Americans' inability to disagree without hating each other."

[Colorado, Utah governors team up to fight political polarization in 'Disagree Better' campaign | Colorado Politics](#)

"Colorado Gov. Jared Polis and Utah Gov. Spencer Cox want to "save your family dinners." That's the message of their new "Disagree Better" campaign launched on Friday. The year-long initiative seeks to reduce political polarization nationwide — from the debate stage to the dining room table — with Polis, a Democrat, and Cox, a Republican, leading the way."

['Permission to care for each other': Gov. Cox urges healthy disagreement, less contempt | KSL News](#)

"Utah Gov. Spencer Cox is taking his message of civility in politics to a national audience, encouraging his fellow governors to set the example of what healthy disagreement looks like."

[Utah Gov. Spencer Cox takes aim at toxic disagreement as National Governor Association Chair | ABC 4](#)

"Governors will be working together on the Disagree Better initiative through public debates, service projects, public service announcements and a "variety of other tools," according to Cox's office."

[Opinion: Why Gov. Cox wants us to stop hating each other | Deseret News](#)

"This is an awful big issue for any governor to try to impact, especially at a time when Washington politics seems to dwarf state issues in the court of public opinion. But we agree with Cox's reasoning, and we applaud his decision to make this a public campaign. Governors can help stem the tide of hatred and division by modeling it for the citizenry. And as Cox reasons, you can't attack any problem if you can't learn how to manage differences."

[Transcript: Utah Gov. Spencer Cox on "Face the Nation," July 9, 2023 | CBS "Face The Nation"](#)

"I do [that most Americans are tired of the toxic disagreement]... I believe there's nothing more un-American [than hating our fellow Americans]. I think we need to get back to- to that. And I'm hoping to do that as chair of the National Governors Association."