What We're Fighting For Now Is Each Other: The Urgent Case for Rebuilding Our Civic Bonds

"We are living in a time of extraordinary polarization, a time when our differences seem to divide us more than ever before. In this timely and important book, Vivek Chibber argues that we need to rebuild our civic bonds if we want to create a more just and equitable society."



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- **Ibram X. Kendi**, #1 New York Times bestselling author of "How to Be an Antiracist"

Our society is more polarized than ever before. We're divided by race, religion, politics, and even geography. This polarization is tearing us apart and making it impossible to address the challenges we face as a nation.

In his new book, Vivek Chibber argues that we need to rebuild our civic bonds if we want to create a more just and equitable society. He shows how polarization has led to a decline in trust, empathy, and cooperation. He also offers a roadmap for rebuilding these bonds, starting with small steps that we can all take in our own lives.

"What We're Fighting For Now Is Each Other is an essential read for anyone who cares about the future of our country. Vivek Chibber offers a clear-eyed analysis of the problem of polarization and a practical plan for rebuilding our civic bonds. This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to create a more just and equitable society." - **Heather McGhee**, New York Times bestselling author of "The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together"

Why We're Fighting

There are a number of factors that have contributed to the rise of polarization in our society.

- Social media: Social media has made it easier for people to connect with others who share their views, and it has also made it easier for people to spread misinformation and propaganda. This has led to the creation of echo chambers, where people are only exposed to information that confirms their existing beliefs.
- Political polarization: The two major political parties in the United States have become increasingly polarized in recent years. This has made it difficult for people to find common ground and compromise, and it has also led to a decline in civility in political discourse.

• **Economic inequality:** The gap between the rich and the poor has been growing in recent years. This has led to resentment and anger among those who feel that they are being left behind.

These are just a few of the factors that have contributed to the rise of polarization in our society.

What We Can Do

So, what can we do to rebuild our civic bonds and overcome polarization?

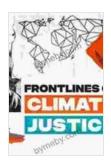
Chibber offers a number of suggestions, including:

- Start with yourself: The first step to rebuilding our civic bonds is to start with ourselves. We need to be more open to listening to people who have different views than us, and we need to be more willing to compromise. We also need to be more respectful of others, even when we disagree with them.
- Get involved in your community: One of the best ways to rebuild our civic bonds is to get involved in our communities. This can involve volunteering, attending local events, or simply getting to know our neighbors. When we interact with people who are different from us, we learn more about their lives and their perspectives. This can help us to break down stereotypes and build bridges.
- Support organizations that are working to bridge divides: There are a number of organizations that are working to bridge divides and promote civic engagement. We can support these organizations by donating our time or money, or by simply spreading the word about their work.

Rebuilding our civic bonds will not be easy, but it is essential if we want to create a more just and equitable society. By starting with ourselves and getting involved in our communities, we can make a difference.

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