



AN ONLINE GROUP RELATIONS FORUM

# UNITED & DIVIDED WE STAND

**Leadership, Authority, Political Identity, and \_\_\_\_\_**

Saturday, February 20, 2021

9:00 am - 4:00 pm EST

Zoom

Register at <https://www.nycgrouprelations.org/new-york-center-grc>

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The New York Center for the Study of Groups, Organizations, and Social Systems is excited to announce an online group relations event that foregrounds American political identity. On February 20, 2021, all are invited to join the virtual forum, *United and Divided We Stand: Leadership, Authority, Political Identity, and \_\_\_\_\_*.

This one-day event is designed to engage participants of varying political persuasions in a dialogue across the boundaries of party lines using group relations methodology. As members, participants will have the opportunity to explore what is beneath the surface of what unites and divides us politically while forming a temporary learning organization with staff. Staff representing various political party affiliations, ideologies, and group identities will be present to facilitate members' learning.

The Tavistock Model of Group Relations, developed in London, England in the 1950s, is the model upon which this event is based. In 1965, Margaret Rioch and A. Kenneth Rice, for whom the A.K. Rice Institute for the Study of Social Systems (AKRI) was named, imported the model to the United States. This time-honored method offers a dynamic lens *for exploring conscious and unconscious behavior within groups, organizations, and social systems*. More specifically, group relations thinking offers insight into our experiences of group life across the different contexts that make up our daily lives, such as at home, the workplace, and within society at large.

Through group relations, members and staff are invited to explore in more depth the interplay between their political identity and other group identities, in relation to leadership/followership, and authority, to better understand individual and collective behavior in groups and how we take up our role as citizens at this particular moment.

*United and Divided We Stand: Leadership, Authority, Political Identity, and \_\_\_\_\_* is hosted by the New York Center for the Study of Groups, Organizations, and Social Systems, an affiliate partner of AKRI, and co-sponsored by Group Relations International, Tavistock Institute of Human Relations, and the Washington-Baltimore Center for the Study of Group Relations. Familiarity with group relations methodology is not required to attend; those who are new to the ideas and concepts of group relations are encouraged to join.

To reserve your place, register at <https://www.nycgrouprelations.org/new-york-center-grc> by **Saturday, February 6, 2021**. Space is limited. For all event-related queries, email: **thenewyorkcenterGRC@gmail.com**.