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THINK AND DRINK EVENT IN TACOMA TO ASK: IS OUR COUNTRY THAT POLARIZED?

“AMERICAN RAGE” ON SEPTEMBER 22 TO EXPLORE THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF THE LEFT/RIGHT DIVIDE

TACOMA – “This election is like no other.”

Variations of this phrase have almost become a cliché of the 2016 election season. But how else to react to the schoolyard Twitter taunts, calls for mass deportation, e-mail scandals, sexual innuendo during debates, and fracturing of one of our two major political parties?

We have reached the point where roughly a third of each party views the other as a [“threat to the nation’s well-being.”](#) according to the Pew Research Center, and that the political center has drifted to the left and right at an alarming rate. Forty percent of us [now even disapprove of people from different political parties marrying.](#)

Part history lesson, part discussion, part brewpub hang-out, this Think and Drink event will ask: Is it really that bad? Has U.S. politics ever been more divided and aggressive? Will it get better or worse? And is our increasingly media-saturated environment, including the rise of social media, helping or hurting our divisions and discourse?

At 7:30 p.m. on September 22 at Engine House #9, join us for “American Rage: Division and Anger in U.S. Politics,” featuring WSU professors **Cornell Clayton**, co-editor of *Civility and Democracy in America*; and **Travis Ridout**, co-author of *The Persuasive Power of Campaign Advertising*, for an exploration of our polarized times. Moderated by KUOW’s **Ross Reynolds**.

Humanities Washington’s Think & Drink events are hosted conversations at pubs and tasting rooms on provocative topics and new ideas. This event is free, but [registration is required](#).

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AT A GLANCE

What: "American Rage: Division and Anger in U.S. Politics," a Think & Drink event with Cornell Clayton and Travis Ridout.

When: 7:30 p.m., September 22, 2016

Where: Engine House #9, 611 North Pine St., Tacoma

Cost: Free

Online: humanities.org/programs/think-drink

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