

# What can the **Us vs Them mentality** lead to?

**When mis- or disinformation in public discourse is treated as *fact*, it can lead to viewing our fellow Americans, our neighbors, as belonging to one "side" or the other. *It separates us and shuts down our ability to find the common ground we need to solve problems for ALL citizens.***

## **Mis- or Disinformation treated as *fact*:**

- ▶ Creates scapegoats.
- ▶ Normalizes prejudices.
- ▶ *Hardens Us vs Them mentality.*
- ▶ *Extreme cases can lead to violence.*

Adapted from: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/how-to-combat-fake-news-and-disinformation/>

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