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For the first time in recorded history, people are more motivated by tearing down the other side than by building up their own side. In this post-truth, fake news world, facts are flimsy and fabricated. And so using them in discussions about morality actually makes things worse.

I see a future where, of course, Americans still disagree, where there are still heated arguments, controversies in Congress, and awkward conversations at the Thanksgiving table. But I also see a future in which Americans respect each other, not only in spite of their disagreement, but, if I can dream, because of it. Pluralism creates disagreement. But this disagreement, when approached with respect, and a spirit of compromise, keeps us moving forward. I see a future where American democracy is not only healthy and stable, but an inspiration to those around the world, and especially to Americans, no matter what their beliefs.

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