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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. How has your upbringing affected your worldview as an American? As it relates to politics?
2. Was there something or someone that changed your mind about something while you were growing up? Who or what was it?
3. Think of a place you've always wanted to visit in the United States, a place you'd never want to visit, and your favorite place to visit. What do these places have in common.
4. What's your favorite big city in America? What's your favorite medium-sized city? What's your favorite small town? Did any of the towns in the book make you want to visit?
5. Do you think social media or the news media is dividing us more? Why?
6. Is there someone from a different political persuasion who has changed the way you think about something? Has someone having

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different political views strained a relationship that is important to you?

7. Do you think America is divided? If so, what would it take for us to come together again?

8. What makes you hopeful about America today?

9. Talk about the last argument you had about politics. Was there something said that helped you have a constructive dialogue? Was there something that inflamed tensions?

10. How does travel affect the way we see people who are different from us? Tell a story about a travel experience that changed you.

11. In one sentence, what does it mean to be American?

12. What is the thing that makes you proudest about being an American? What is the thing that makes you least proud?

13. What is an issue you will never be able to see the other side on? What is an issue you are open-minded to?

14. What is making America so polarized today?

15. Talk about a time someone changed your mind. How did they go about it? How did they make you feel? Was there something they said that you remember?

16. What is the best U.S. state? What state surprised you the most in this book?