

"WHAT DOES A HEALTHY COMMUNITY LOOK LIKE?"

(According to Bruce Adams of the Pew Partnership for Civic Change, USA)

HEALTHY

optimism
focus on unification
"We're in this together"
solving problems
reconciliation
consensus building
broad public interests
interdependence
collaboration
win-win solutions
tolerance and respect
trust
patience
politics of substance
empowered citizens
diversity
citizenship
challenge ideas
problem solvers
individual responsibility
listening
healers
community discussions
focus on future
sharing power
renewal
"We can do it"

UNHEALTHY

cynicism
focus on division
"Not in my backyard"
solution wars
hold grudges
polarization
narrow interests
parochialism
confrontation
win-lose solutions
mean-spiritedness
questioning motives
frustration
politics of personality
apathetic citizens
exclusion
selfishness
challenge people
blockers and blamers
me-first
attacking
dividers
zinger one-liners
redebate the past
hoarding power
gridlock
"Nothing works"

