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It was wonderful to meet so many new people doing such excellent work.

I learned a lot about the work of the Consensus Building Institute.

I believe it would be fruitful to further explore the issue of political context and what it takes to create public will and build a public constituency.

I would like to hear more dialogue on the role of the media in covering and partnering in the work of both fields. Also, to explore the media's role in perpetuating the cultural context that is part of the deep mistrust between people and institutions in our society.

David Kahane's challenge that our work is by definition unjust and incomplete will stay with me and challenge me to rethink how we deal with issues of inclusion.

Larry Susskind's reflection that deliberative democracy work is upstream from conflict resolution work sparked lots of ideas for me.

What I am most interested in is continuing the conversation on the issues of how to institutionalize the work that we are doing in both fields so that it becomes part of how the public does its business.

I would be excited about the potential of a practical collaboration mixing the models from consensus building and deliberative democracy. One example of that might be linking some of the excellent multi-stakeholder work that has been done on environmental issues like energy policy and climate change (National Commission on Energy Policy/National Energy Policy Initiative/Keystone Dialogue on Global Climate Change) to a broad based citizen engagement project to discover the collective wisdom of ordinary people and build a public constituency for change.

Hope this is helpful, Larry. As you can tell, I am usually thinking about how to leverage work to have an impact. I would be delighted to be a co-conspirator in the appropriate context. Thanks again for convening the conference - it expanded my thinking in ways that will be reflected in my choices going forward.