

# "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"

