What are we learning from the election results?

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A few minutes after the voting ended on Tuesday, three days after the election day, the USA is a deeply polarized country. Some of us are certain that the winner is Trump, whereas others are convinced it is Biden. In one respect, this is true. We are certain about the person who won. In another, the results are not final. The winner will be certified once the states finish their processes. We are still learning about the election results and the way we vote.

(1) It is a much closer race than any side expected or wanted. We are a deeply polarized country; some are confident about the outcome, whereas others are convinced that their candidate will win. This means that some will be happy, and others will be disappointed. This is not good for democracy. It creates anxiety. Yet, it is our democracy at work.

(2) We should respect the results. The election results should be accepted by all. They should respect the fact that their candidate will not win. This is not a good thing. It is not fair. It is not democratic. It is not respectful.

(3) The USA is a union of states. Each state has their own rules and they are being followed and respected following the basic premise, "If you voted, your vote should be counted," (regardless of who you voted for).

(4) Let me say this again: this is a very close race. This means we all have friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, who voted differently than we did. We all need to do our best to respect that difference, be tolerant and constructive, build on it to become more agreeable going forward.

We should reflect on this morning before we move forward. How can we begin to bridge these differences? How can we work together to make our country better?

What are we learning from the election results? We are learning about our country. We are learning about how we vote. We are learning about our democracy. We are learning about our differences. We are learning about our responsibility.

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