

# How to Raise a Citizen (And Why It's Up to You to Do It)

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### Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 7:00 PM

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Purchase a copy of *How to Raise a Citizen* from The Book Stall, then attend our interactive "After-Hours" event hosted by Cormack and Stevens and receive a bonus second copy, courtesy of FAN. Details on the Zoom registration form.

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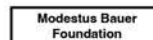
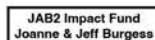
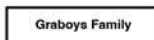
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**Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 7:00 PM, How to Raise a Citizen (And Why It's Up to You to Do It), a FAN webinar featuring Lindsey Cormack, Ph.D. in conversation with Heidi Stevens. REGISTER: [www.bit.ly/CormackFANWebinar](http://www.bit.ly/CormackFANWebinar)**

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The numbers don't lie. American civic knowledge is alarmingly low, and many people dread talking about politics—often choosing to avoid the subject altogether. Studies continue to reveal how little Americans know about their government. Young voters are the least likely to be registered to vote, and the least likely to turn out. Civics instruction receives the lowest number of K-12 classroom hours out of any subject, and it shows – AP US Government & Politics has one of the lowest average scores each year out of all AP classes offered in high schools. But **Lindsey Cormack, Ph.D.**, associate professor of political science and director of the Diplomacy Lab at Stevens Institute of Technology, argues that all is not lost for the next generation of Americans.

In her new book, *How to Raise a Citizen (And Why It's Up to You to Do It)*, Cormack shows how engaging with children about our political system at a young age can help to better prepare them to engage with and understand politics and be catalysts for change. She argues that we all bear a little responsibility for our children's lack of understanding about these subjects; our political system is a complicated one to understand, our society has an aversion to talking about politics, and our schools are stretched.

Cormack will be in conversation with **Heidi Stevens**, Director of External Affairs for the University of Chicago's TMW Center for Early Learning + Public Health, and creative director for Parent Nation, an initiative of the TMW Center. Prior to joining TMW, Stevens worked at the *Chicago Tribune* for 23 years, where she wrote a daily column called "Balancing Act." She maintains a weekly nationally syndicated column. Stevens also serves as a FAN board member.

This event suitable for youth 12+. It will be recorded and available on FAN's website and YouTube channel.

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