

Join a lively discussion of
The Big Sort: Why the clustering of like-minded America is tearing us apart
on Mondays, September 12, October 3, November 7, and December 5
at 12:30 p.m.
in the UCCS School of Public Affairs conference area -Dwire 356A

The book discussion group is students, faculty and alumni who are interested in learning and who come together once each month to share their ideas. Dr. Lonnie Schaible, professor at the UCCS School of Public Affairs, facilitates the discussion. About *The Big Sort*, he states:

“The book explores an on-going theme of the book club, specifically, how do we break down societal barriers to public discourse and affect positive change in the world in which we live which affords all perspectives a voice.”

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THE BIG SORT

BY BILL BISHOP

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WHY THE CLUSTERING OF LIKE-MINDED AMERICA IS TEARING US APART

This is the untold story of why America is so culturally and politically divided.

America may be more diverse than ever coast to coast, but the places where we live are becoming increasingly crowded with people who live, think, and vote like we do. This social transformation didn't happen by accident. We've built a country where we can all choose the neighborhood and church and news show — most compatible with our lifestyle and beliefs. And we are living with the consequences of this way-of-life segregation. Our country has become so polarized, so ideologically inbred, that people don't know and can't understand those who live just a few miles away.

In 2004, journalist Bill Bishop made national news in a series of articles when he first described "the big sort." Armed with original and startling demographic data, he showed how Americans have been sorting themselves over the past three decades into homogeneous communities — not at the regional level, or the red-state/blue-state level, but at the micro level of city and neighborhood. In *The Big Sort* Bishop deepens his analysis in a brilliantly reported book that makes its case from the ground up, starting with stories about how we live today, and then drawing on history, economics, and our changing political landscape to create one of the most compelling big-picture accounts of America in recent memory.