



TAVIS SMILEY PRESENTS

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Welcome Philadelphia!

We are pleased that you have chosen to join us for *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? Black America's Vision for Healing, Harmony, and Higher Ground*.

Tavis Smiley Presents, a subsidiary of The Smiley Group, Inc., was created to bring ideas and people together through symposiums, workshops, seminars, forums, and town hall meetings.

The purpose of today's historic symposium is to present a public think tank to analyze the challenges facing the African American community after 9-1-1. As America begins the healing process, now is the most propitious time for us to redefine ourselves and move to higher ground on issues that most affect us and our children. Our responsibility is not to return to business as usual, but to create a new standard for our community and our country.

We have assembled the nation's most progressive minds to challenge us and to help chart our course at this critical time in America's history.

It is my hope that we will listen to the critique, learn from the dialogue, and lead the effort to help make America better.

Thank you for joining us.

Keep the faith,

Tavis Smiley