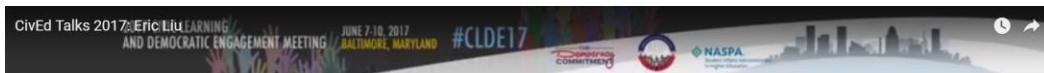


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Abstract

Far too many Americans are illiterate in power – what it is, how it operates, why some individuals have more than others. As a result, those few who do understand power wield it disproportionately. How can you learn to activate your civic power to see problems through fresh eyes and bypass broken institutions, stale ideologies, and divisive politics? Eric Liu answered this question in his recent book *You're More Powerful Than You Think: A Citizen's Guide to Making Change Happen*. In this talk about power and civic purpose, Eric Liu expound the values, knowledge and skills of effective citizenship, and rejuvenated the meaning of being an active American.



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