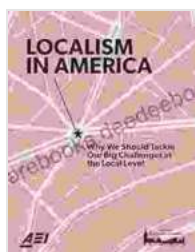


Why We Should Tackle Our Big Challenges At The Local Level

Global challenges like climate change, poverty, and inequality can seem daunting and impossible to solve. But what if we could make progress on these issues by focusing on local solutions?

When we tackle our big challenges at the local level, we can:



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- **Be more effective.** Local solutions are often more effective than top-down solutions because they are tailored to the specific needs of the community. For example, a local government can implement a program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that is specific to the needs of its community, whereas a federal government program may not be as effective because it is not as tailored.

- **Be more efficient.** Local solutions can often be implemented more efficiently than top-down solutions because they do not require the same level of bureaucracy. For example, a local government can implement a program to reduce poverty that is specific to the needs of its community, whereas a federal government program may be more bureaucratic and inefficient.
- **Be more sustainable.** Local solutions are often more sustainable than top-down solutions because they are more likely to be supported by the community. For example, a local government can implement a program to promote renewable energy that is specific to the needs of its community, whereas a federal government program may not be as sustainable because it is not as supported by the community.
- **Be more resilient.** Local solutions can help communities to become more resilient to challenges like climate change and economic downturns. For example, a local government can implement a program to promote food security that is specific to the needs of its community, whereas a federal government program may not be as resilient because it is not as tailored to the community.

Of course, there are also some challenges to tackling our big challenges at the local level.

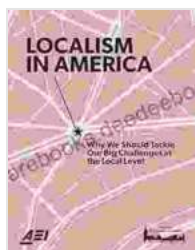
- **Lack of resources.** Local governments often have limited resources, which can make it difficult to implement effective programs. For example, a local government may not have the resources to implement a program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that is specific to the needs of its community.

- **Lack of expertise.** Local governments may not have the expertise to implement effective programs. For example, a local government may not have the expertise to implement a program to reduce poverty that is specific to the needs of its community.
- **Lack of coordination.** Local governments may not be coordinated with each other, which can make it difficult to implement effective programs. For example, a local government may not be coordinated with neighboring governments to implement a program to promote renewable energy that is specific to the needs of its community.

Despite these challenges, there are a number of ways to overcome them.

- **Partner with other organizations.** Local governments can partner with other organizations, such as non-profits and businesses, to implement effective programs. For example, a local government can partner with a non-profit to implement a program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that is specific to the needs of its community.
- **Get training and technical assistance.** Local governments can get training and technical assistance from state and federal agencies to implement effective programs. For example, a local government can get training from a state agency to implement a program to reduce poverty that is specific to the needs of its community.
- **Coordinate with other governments.** Local governments can coordinate with other governments to implement effective programs. For example, a local government can coordinate with neighboring governments to implement a program to promote renewable energy that is specific to the needs of its community.

By tackling our big challenges at the local level, we can make progress on these issues and create a more just, sustainable, and resilient world.



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