

ARTICLE OF INCORPORATION

#NotUs for Civic Literacy

a *for-profit* enterprise

Mission

#NotUs for Civic Literacy builds civic engagement and combats voter apathy by developing unique print, online, and in-person workshop resources for community use starting at the earliest ages, including primary to secondary school education and beyond.

Statement of Purpose (long form)

#NotUs for Civic Literacy is devoted to promoting civic engagement throughout the United States, across all age groups, by employing tools of social media, books, music, posters, hosted roundtable discussions, and educational workshops.

Activities, promotional materials, and publications are geared towards stimulating healthy debate and further inquiry around the following core themes:

- *What does it mean to be an American? How has this definition evolved over the years?*
- *What role(s) do we want our country to play in our region (the Americas), and around the world?*
- *How do we see ourselves as a people, from an historical lens? Where do we want to be in generations to come?*

In order to address areas of non-exclusive interest across all sectors of the U.S. population, irrespective of class, race, gender identity, ethnic background, immigration status, and other divisions, we utilize newspaper, magazine, and online press sources, which present reporting within major categories with direct bearing on our political discourse and the democratic process, including business and cultural pursuits, science, technology and medicine, family life, world travel and international affairs.

Participants are continuously pressed to consider sociopolitical context, uncover bias, points-of-view, and alternative perspectives, which may be hidden from consumers before application of the critical thinking skills essential to wholesome digest of our daily feed of news, advertisements, and mass media entertainment, especially within a balanced, properly functioning democracy.

Our concurrent goal is to raise broader awareness of major themes in U.S. history and the overarching path of our nation (gradual progress, albeit with occasional backstepping or regression), as a way of softening the intense emotion and frequent over-the-top histrionics on display in television and internet news, together with their detrimental effects on personal relationships and cross-divisional bondage so essential to the continued prosperity of our union.

FOUNDER Lou Chosen, Sole Proprietor, Shadowlands Bookstore & Cafe (Oakland, U.S.A.); author:

#NotUs — A Memoir of Domestic Abuse: for our kids & grandkids
It's #NotThem, Either — reimagining america
#JustUs, or equal citizens of planet earth: a reckoning and re-emergency
american incest — a crisis of constitution
america's richest — why? (fairest distribution of wealth)
presidential americans — heinous precedents, a juris prudence

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