

Deliberative Engagement in the City of Pittsburgh



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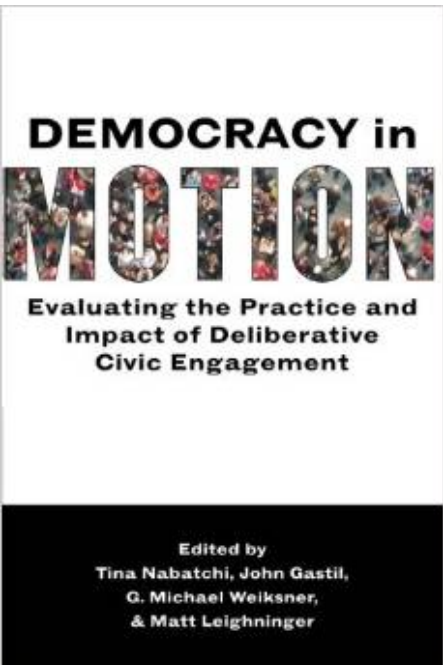
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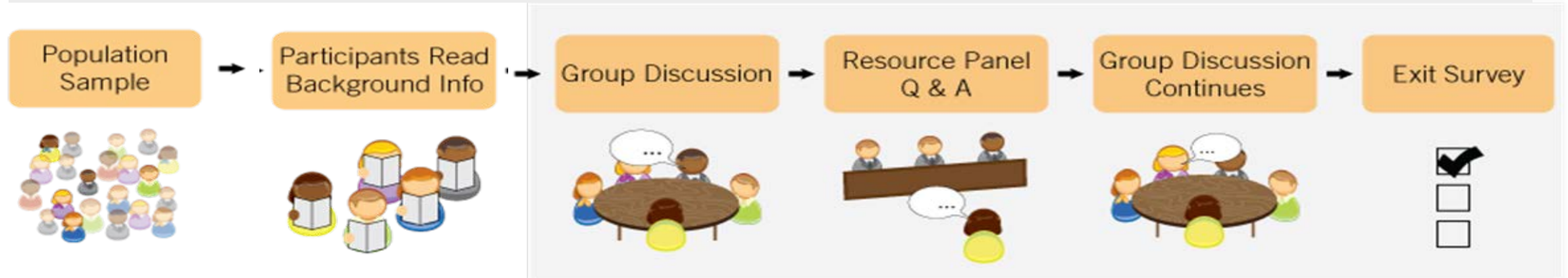
Deliberative Civic Engagement

- Engages a group of citizens reflective of the diversity of the communities impacted by the outcomes of the deliberation
- Involves citizens in structured discussions
- Provides citizens with the opportunity to compare values and experiences, consider a range of policy options, and engage relevant arguments and information
- Activities aim to produce tangible actions and outcomes



-Matt Leighninger, "Mapping Deliberative Civic Engagement"

Deliberative Community Forums



- Engage difference as a resource
 - Individual's particular wisdom engaged to create a shared, public resource: collective wisdom
- Collective wisdom
 - Individual's opinion informed by relevant facts, expert information, and knowledge of how policies effect different people differently

Benefits



- Improved relations: in neighborhoods, with city, among departments
- Many voices—not just the loudest—are heard
- Creates non-confrontational environment for neighbors to learn from neighbors and for policy makers to learn from constituents
- Efficient means to collect robust data

Insights



- Necessary organization and planning creates additional benefits
- Important to consider When and Whether deliberative forums are useful
- Timely and appropriate delivery of results important