



**WIELS Distinguished Leader Panel Discussion**

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# *Leadership in an Age of Disruption*

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## Introduction

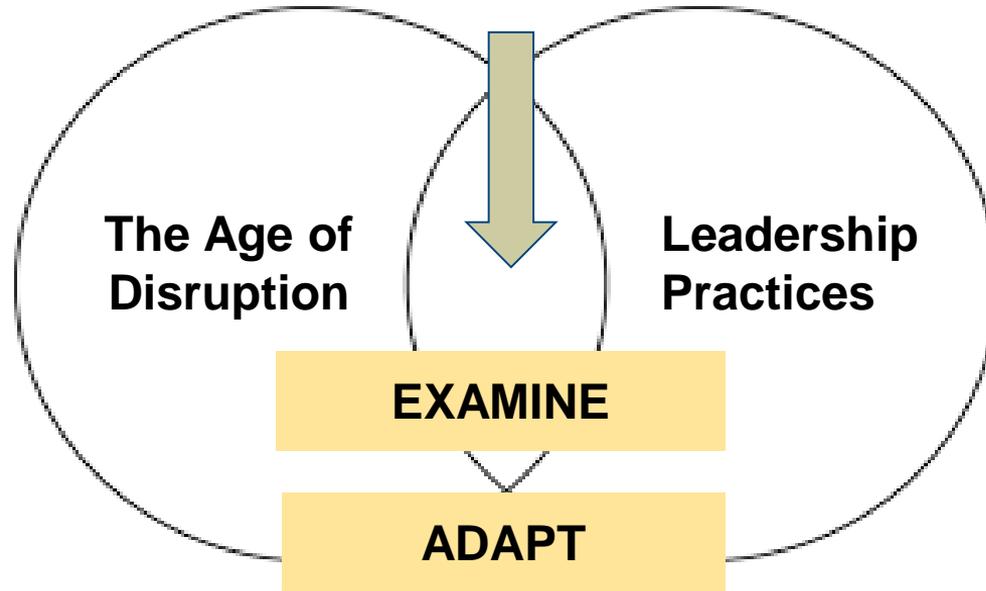


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# Panel Discussion Goals

- To examine our leadership practice in the *Age of Disruption*.
- To learn from our panel members about their journeys as leaders.
- To return to your communities more resolute and empowered to lead change at this critical time.

**“A disruption, by definition, is a radical change, necessitating an adjustment of course or strategy.”**



Quote by Dak Dillion

# The Age of Disruption

“Finance. Food. Water shortage. Resource scarcity.  
Climate chaos. Mass poverty. Mass migration.  
Fundamentalism. Terrorism. Financial oligarchies. We have  
entered the age of disruption. Yet the possibility of  
profound personal, societal, and global renewal has never  
been more real. *Now is our time.*”

Scharmer & Kaufer, 2013. *Leading from the Emerging*

# Who Do You Choose To Be In Service To This Time?

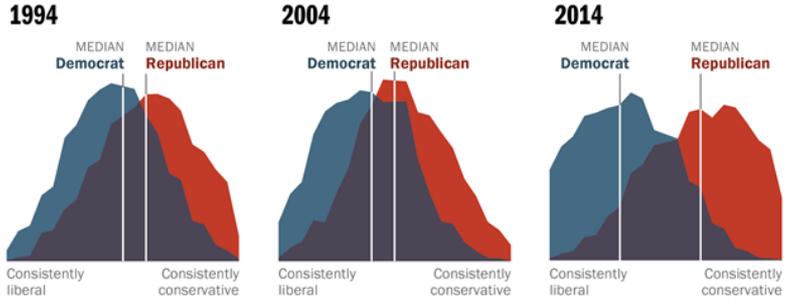
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# SCIENCE DENIAL is real is deadly



## Democrats and Republicans More Ideologically Divided than in the Past

Distribution of Democrats and Republicans on a 10-item scale of political values



Source: 2014 Political Polarization in the American Public  
 Notes: Ideological consistency based on a scale of 10 political values questions (see Appendix A). The blue area in this chart represents the ideological distribution of Democrats; the red area of Republicans. The overlap of these two distributions is shaded purple. Republicans include Republican-leaning independents; Democrats include Democratic-leaning independents (see Appendix B).

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**Dr. Jewel Cherry**

Vice President, Forsyth Technical College

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# Panel Member Discussion

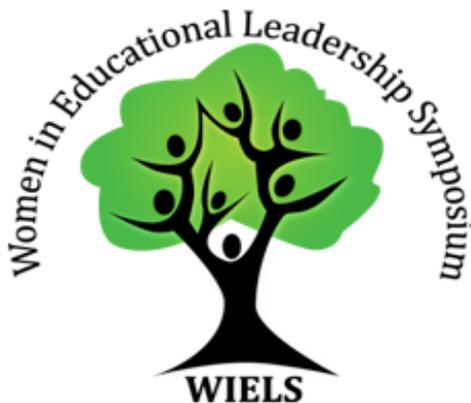
- What does it mean to be a leader in the Age of Disruption? What are the dispositions and commitments necessary for this work?
- What are the roles of educational and academic leaders during unstable and critical times?
- What causes do we advance and how do we choose? How do we advocate for sound and just practices and policies that affect sustainable change?
- What core values provide guidance during these unsettling times? How can these values act as a compass to provide a foundation for our work?
- How do we develop the capacity and expertise to become a leader of change on critical issues? How do we sustain our impact?
- How do we support each other in this work?



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## THANK YOU!