

**Understanding Domination v. Partnership Culture**  
**Tuesday, May 19 at 9:00pm ET**

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Join this discussion on the differences between domination and partnership culture and how these perspectives impact our view of gender, race, age, and economic status. We'll also discuss how domination and partnership mindsets hinder or benefit our advocacy with RESULTS.

RESULTS Silicon Valley volunteer Georgia Platts will lead the conversation. Please watch

"Humanity's Default with Riane Eisler" before the webinar (56 min):

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1320&v=vONFxeHNP5s&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1320&v=vONFxeHNP5s&feature=emb_logo).

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**Suggested questions for discussion:**

- How close is the US to a domination v partnership society?
- In our culture today, which demographics have the most power?
- Who is working to maintain domination culture? Who is working to create partnership culture?
- All of us, having been raised in a domination society, have internalized sexism and racism etc. It may be unconscious within us and we may not realize we hold these views. How might you hold some biases?
- How might Eisler's analysis help us to understand perspectives of members of Congress?
- What might we learn from this about how to treat members of Congress? How do we these ideas message to members of Congress?
- How have you seen domination or partnership at work in your experience with RESULTS or other organizations?
- What might we learn from Eisler's analysis about how to treat other RESULTS volunteers?

## **“Humanity’s Default with Riane Eisler” video notes**

We must move from a domination society to a partnership culture

**Domination societies:** Top-down rankings (gender, race...). Authoritarian.

- Violence is common (to maintain rank)

**Partnership societies:** Equality of gender, race, class...

- Care-focus

**4 cornerstones of partnership:** Childhood, gender, economics, story/language

**Childhood:**

- Partnership families: Authoritative parents. Personal empowerment.
  - “Nurturing parent” model — caring policies like good nutrition, public education, childcare, universal medical care.
- Domination families: Authoritarian male head. Spanking.
  - Teaches domination and submission.
  - “Strict father” model — reap hard consequences

**Gender**

- All authoritarian regimes prioritize "traditional families"
- Devalue the feminine, soft, caring

**Economics**

- Beyond capitalism, socialism. (Neither value caring work, the earth)

**Story/language**

- Caveman dragging a woman by her hair. Patriarchy has always been, will always be.

**Domination and violence are not natural or normal.**

- Humans can be loving or violent. What’s nurtured?

**Love and caring are central to our species.**

- Humans are born helpless, care needed for survival
- Sexism isn’t normal.
- 99% of human experience was egalitarian
  - Forager societies now and then.
  - Domination arose with agriculture
- We can return to partnership.