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Richard C. Harwood is founder and president of The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation. Mr. Harwood, who has been called "one of the great thinkers in American public life," has criss-crossed the United States listening to our national story and seeking to better understand the essence of changes in the public realm and our public challenges. Through a series of innovative projects, Mr. Harwood has worked on the nation's toughest issues. He launched The Harwood Group in 1988, at the age of 27; he continues to lead The Harwood Institute with his vision for what American society and citizenship should be, and his ideas for how to get us there.



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