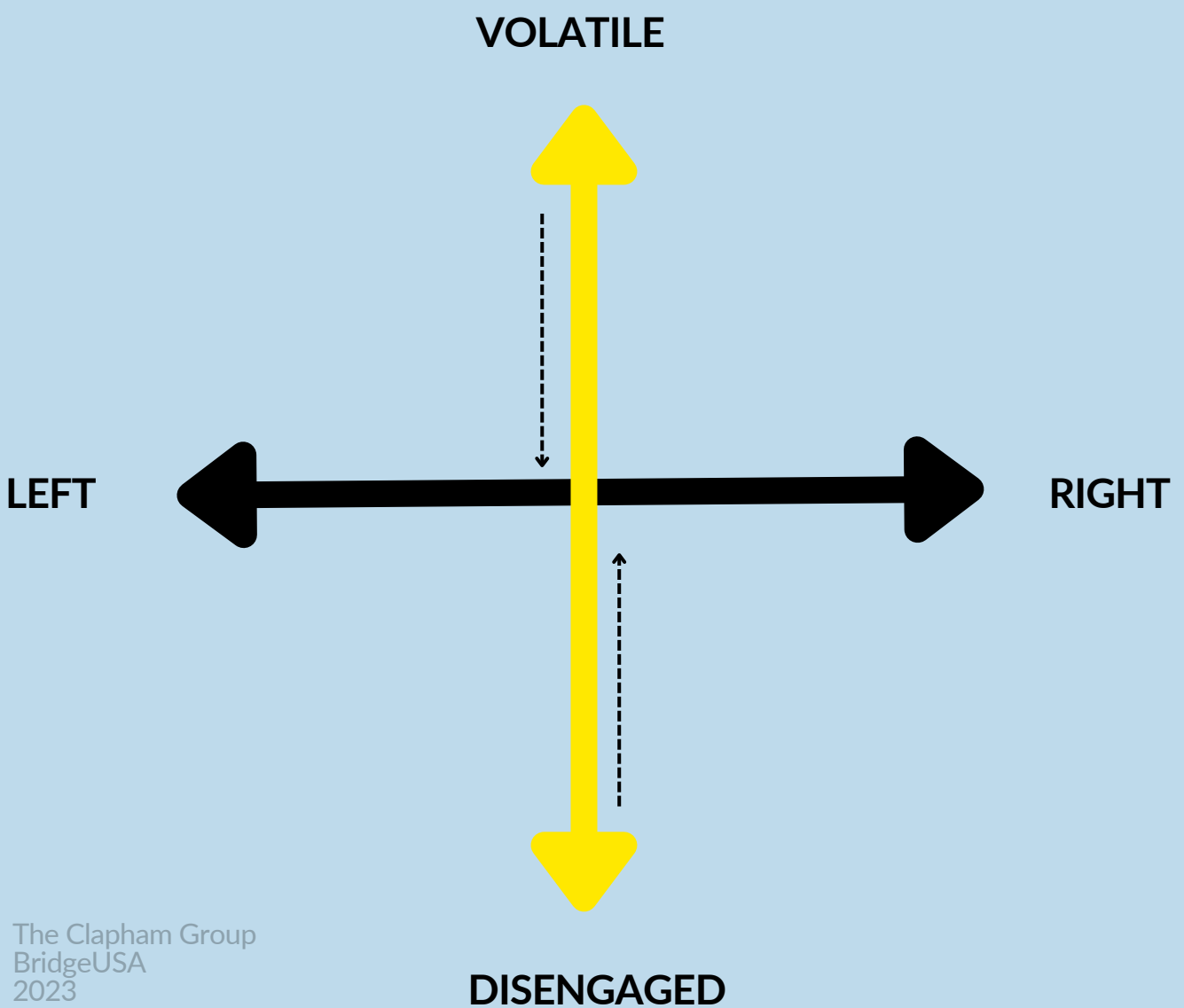


# Framework for Bridge-Building



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**The end goal of bridge-building is not more centrists.**

Bridge-building does not ask people to dilute their political convictions or compromise their values.

**Bridge-building efforts are intended to change temperament.**

Efforts are focused on building civility towards the “other” and/or training participants to engage or “co-create” with someone or some group they disagree with.

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**Success is when people are engaging with each other with empathy and understanding.**

Depolarization is ultimately about decreasing volatility and hostility from toxic polarization.

The Clapham Group is a social impact agency that works with clients to build bridges and promote social change for the common good. This graphic was informed by work with Bridge USA. BridgeUSA is a youth-led nonprofit organization that creates spaces on high school and college campuses for open discussion between students about political issues.