



maintain community focus on NA  
message

**Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the N.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.**

Before speaking or acting, we think about whether this will harm the reputation of the NA.

By avoiding divisive issues, we stay together.

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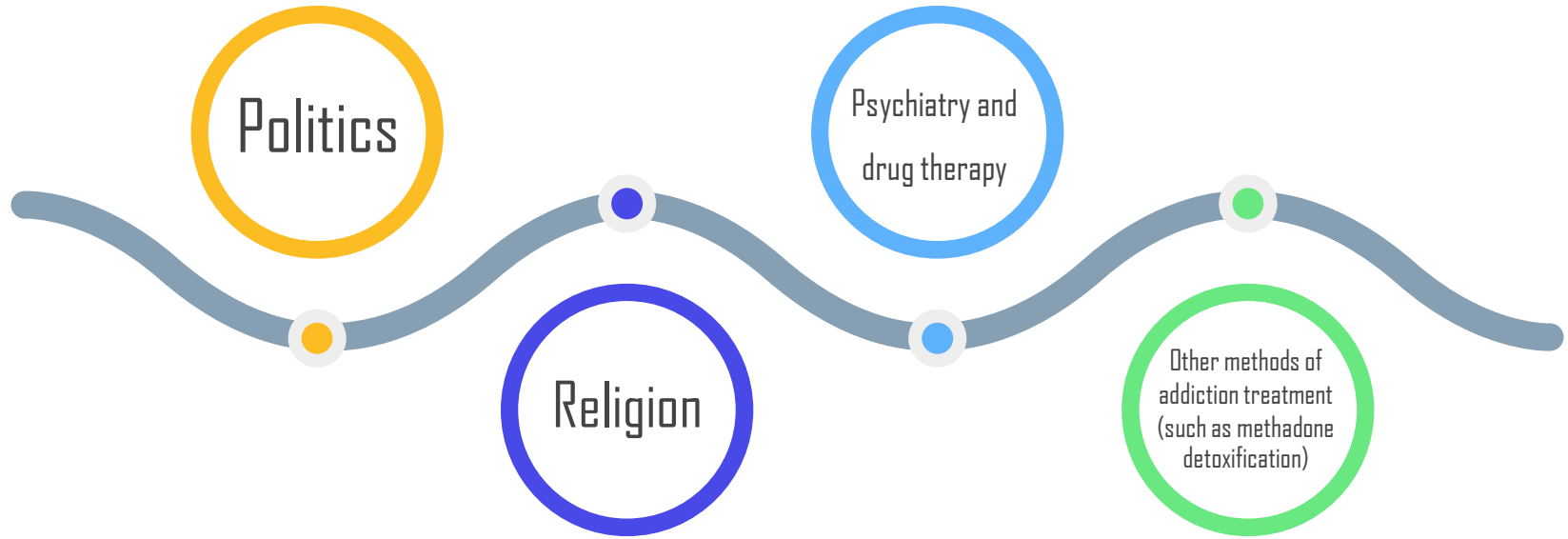
We sacrifice our personal opinions for the public good.

Anonymity

We accept that the NA is not the solution to all the world's problems

Humility

# What do you think external issues include?



## (The NA has no opinion...) What does it mean?

This does not mean that the members of the association as individuals do not have opinions. It is rather that the association as a whole does not have opinions

The association is neither for nor against anything. We are "neutral"

## Interesting point:

In explaining the path to becoming “fully prepared” in Step Six, the Basics describes the fears (fear of change and fear of the unknown) that can hinder our progress in recovery. This fear of change (fear of abandonment) can also manifest in our service efforts. We must be willing to talk about issues that may be divisive, to be honest about our own and others’ perspectives, but at the same time be open about how we can best help the newcomer who comes through the door today, who may have different needs or concerns than when we were newcomers

## Things to discuss

A long-standing and well-known member of the NA is promoting a political party or a particular religion on his virtual page. Do you think this is contrary to the Tenth Tradition?

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A NA group decides to raise money and donate it to a rehabilitation center (camp) because most of the members there have been purged. Is this against the Tenth Tradition?

## Things to discuss

The city wants to close the park where the meeting is being held.

Members sign a petition as a group to stop this. Is this against the

Tenth Tradition?



Everyone has ideas about how to serve more effectively.

When each of us proposes different plans for doing things,

how do we choose among them? Who has the final say in our discussions?

Our answer is that a loving God, the source of our unity, has the final say  
the same Higher Power who guides our personal recovery. (Second Tradition)

Thank you