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Sommario/riassunto	Cultural factions are an intrinsic part of the fabric of American politics. But does this mean that there is no room for compromise when groups hold radically different viewpoints on major issues? Not necessarily. For example, in a June 2003 Time/CNN poll, 49% of respondents identified themselves as pro-choice and 46% identified as pro-life. But in the same poll, 81% indicated that abortion should be always legal or sometimes legal, suggesting that pro-life and pro-choice are not discrete positions but allow room for compromise. How do legislators legislate policy conflicts that are defined in