

Civility

Civil Discussion Series at the Waupaca Library

September 25, 2018 Civility Speaks Resources

Read:

An Antidote to Incivility. Christine Porath, Harvard Business Review, April 2016. This article discusses the physical toll of incivility and thriving in the face of it. <https://hbr.org/2016/04/an-antidote-to-incivility>

The Civility Wars. Hua Hsu, The New Yorker, December 2014. This article challenges the idea of civility as a type of discourse. <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/civility-wars>

Watch:

Can a Divided America Heal? Jonathan Haidt. From the TED site: "(Haidt) describes the patterns of thinking and historical causes that have led to such sharp divisions in America -- and provides a vision for how the country might move forward."

https://www.ted.com/talks/jonathan_haidt_can_a_divided_america_heal?language=en

Why It's Worth Listening to People We Disagree With. Zachary R. Wood. From the TED site: "Tuning out opposing viewpoints doesn't make them go away," Wood says. "To achieve progress in the face of adversity, we need a genuine commitment to gaining a deeper understanding of humanity."

https://www.ted.com/talks/zachary_r_wood_why_it_s_worth_listening_to_people_we_disagree_with

Take "the Other" to Lunch. Elizabeth Lesser. From the TED site: "She shares a simple way to begin real dialogue -- by going to lunch with someone who doesn't agree with you, and asking them three questions to find out what's really in their hearts."

https://www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth_lesser_take_the_other_to_lunch?language=en

Listen:

The "civility" debate. WHYY Radio Times. Is there a time and place for incivility? Is that time now?

<https://whyy.org/episodes/the-civility-debate/>

Do:

- Educate yourself – use the above resources to start and seek out your own resources.
- Watch the Take 'the Other' to Lunch video (above) and consider following the speaker's advice.
- Volunteer for an event with people who hold different views from your own. From civilpolitics.org. For example, if you normally volunteer at church, do so for a non-religious civic organization. If you aren't a church goer, find one and offer to volunteer for their civic efforts.



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- Bring treats to the campaign headquarters of the “other side.” Have a civil conversation with them.
- Get out into the community and interact with others more.

October 23, 2018 Climate Change Civility Workshop Resources

Read:

ProCon.org’s Climate Change Pro’s and Con’s. ProCon.org specializes in nonpartisan education.

<https://climatechange.procon.org/>

"Are climate skeptics right?" Josh Clark, 28 November 2007. "Inaction risks future catastrophe. Hasty action may cause present calamity." HowStuffWorks.com.

<https://science.howstuffworks.com/environmental/green-science/climate-skeptic.htm>

Taking Politics Out of Climate Change. PBS NOVA NEXT, May 17, 2017.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/article/depoliticizing-climate-change/>

Watch:

A Civil Dialogue on Climate Change. A Breakthrough Institute Talk with Senator Lisa Murkowski. May, 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bl1LGU91RjY>

Take the Other to Lunch.

https://www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth_lesser_take_the_other_to_lunch?language=en&utm_campaign=tedspread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare

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November 27, Minimum Wage Civility Workshop Resources



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Read:

ProCon.org's Minimum Wage Pro's and Con's. ProCon.org specializes in nonpartisan education.

<https://minimum-wage.procon.org/>

Living Wage Calculation for Wisconsin. Includes typical expenses and typical annual salaries by industry.

<http://livingwage.mit.edu/states/55>

Watch:

Take the Other to Lunch.

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