

# 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](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](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](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](http://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](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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- Educate yourself – use the above resources to start and seek out your own resources. Be open to learning about all sides of an issue. Keep perspective and truly seek to understand.
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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.***

[https://www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth\\_lesser\\_take\\_the\\_other\\_to\\_lunch?language=en&utm\\_campaign=tedspread&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_source=tedcomshare](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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- Get out into the community and interact with others more.**
- Write your own actions here:**



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