

Civility

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The need for civility

"It's too much to expect in an academic setting that we should all agree, but it is not too much to expect discipline and unvarying civility."

~ John Howard



<http://images.elephantjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/civility.jpg>

Respect for ourselves and others

"Respecting others' opinions doesn't mean being untrue to our own."

~P.M. Forni,
Choosing Civility: The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct.



<http://midlife-journey.blogspot.com/2011/01/respect.html>

Revised 15 principles of Civility

- Pay attention
- listen
- speak kindly
- assume the best
- respect others' opinions
- respect other people's time and space
- be inclusive
- acknowledge others
- accept and give praise
- apologize earnestly
- assert yourself
- take responsibility
- accept and give constructive criticism
- refrain from idle complaints
- be a considerate guest

www.choosecivility.org

Pay Attention

*“Give whatever you are doing and **Freedom isn't free!** whoever you are with the gift of your attention.”*

~ Jim Rohn

*You have to pay
attention!*

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Listen

“It is the province of knowledge to speak, and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.”

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes



Speak Kindly

“Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you - not because they are nice, but because you are.”

~ Anonymous



Assume the best

"I always prefer to believe the best of everybody, it saves so much trouble."

~ Rudyard Kipling



Respect others' opinions

“What you would desire others to do for you, you should do for others. You should respect others, as you want to be respected by them.”

~ Sri Sathya Sai Baba



Respect other people's time and space

“You should respect each other and refrain from disputes; you should not, like water and oil, repel each other, but should, like milk and water, mingle together.”

~ Prince Gautama Siddhartha
Prithe (founder of Buddhism)



Acknowledge Others

“No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.”

~ Alfred North
Whitehead

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mahalo 고맙습니다
thank you
merci 谢谢 danke
Ευχαριστώ شكرا
どうもありがとう *gracias*

Assert yourself

“He who does not have the courage to speak up for his rights cannot earn the respect of others.”

~ Rene G. Torres



Take Responsibility

“One’s philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes... and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility.”

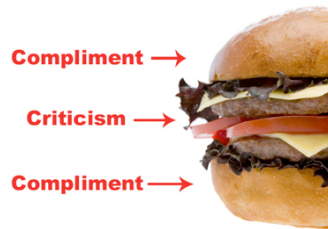
~ Eleanor Roosevelt



Accept and give constructive criticism

“Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfills the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things.”

~ Winston Churchill



<http://n8tip.com/the-hamburger-method-of-constructive-criticism-works-for-vegetarians-too>

Arcadia University Statement on Civility

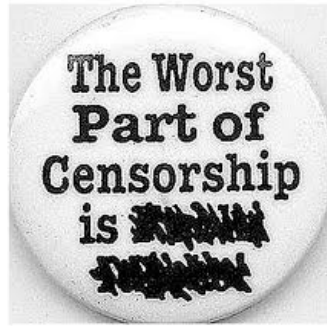
- Respecting the dignity of all persons
- Respecting the rights and privacy of others
- Striving to learn from differences in people, ideas, and opinions.
- Discouraging bigotry
- Demonstrating concern for others, their feelings, and their need for conditions that support their work and development.
- Acting with integrity



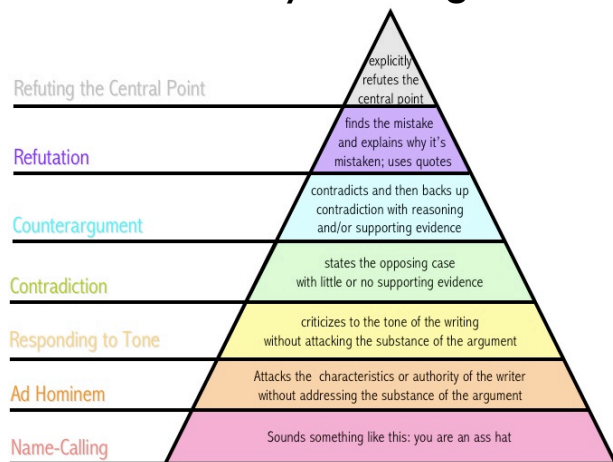
<http://www.arcadia.edu/academic/default.aspx?id=4236>

Civility, not censorship

- comments should be civil and useful
- focus on ideas
 - do not comment about groups or individuals.
 - no personal attacks or insults



Graham's Hierarchy of Disagreement



<http://blog.createdebate.com/2008/04/07/writing-strong-arguments/>

Assignment

The Civility of Civilized Politics?

2012 is a presidential election year, with all of congressional representatives and 1/3 of the senators up for election. It appears that the next 10 months will be filled with partisan bickering, attack ads, mud-slinging, and debates.

In your discussion group:

Discuss what things can be done to promote a civil discourse of the important issues that require the attention of our elected officials.



Readings

Burgess & Burgess.
“The Meaning of Civility.”
<http://www.colorado.edu/conflict/civility.htm>

Graham.
“How to Disagree.”
<http://www.paulgraham.com/disagree.html>



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