

Productive Discourse for a civil society



VALUES

- Active Listening - Finding Common Ground -
- Evidence Based Discussion -
- Benefit of the Doubt - Civility -

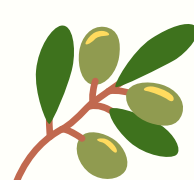
Empathy: awareness of others' feelings in a particular situation

Self-Awareness: awareness of one's own personality, attitude, behaviors, and privilege.

Graciousness: a generosity of spirit including benevolence, courteousness, and kindness toward others.

Magnanimity: the ability to bear trouble calmly and to refrain from meanness and pettiness.

Provisionalism: Engaging in dialogue with a willingness to listen to other perspectives, gain new knowledge, be challenged, and possibly even be persuaded.



45%

have stopped talking to someone they know about politics

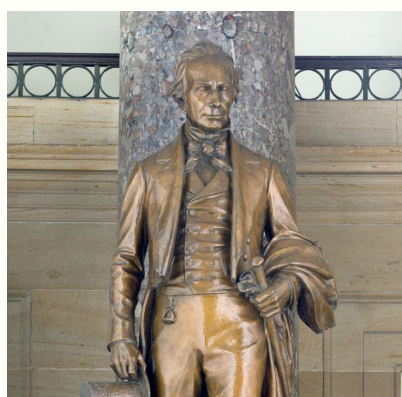
68%

misrepresent statistics when trying to make a point

110%

believe incivility is a "major" problem (2019)

Henry
Clay



Nelson
Mandela



Oprah
Winfrey



By age 16 George Washington wrote out the 110 Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior.

2.22.1748

The Civil Rights Act guaranteed the right to equality by prohibiting discrimination.

7.2.1964

Each year Thanksgiving is an ideal time to practice productive discourse.

11.25.2021

8.28.1963

2.4.2004

Martin Luther King Jr. advocated for productive discourse in his I Have a Dream speech.

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