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J. Barry Griswell, our friend and president of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, contributed the following editorial piece to the May 16 issue of the Des Moines Business Record:

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Des Moines does not suffer from a lack of contentious topics. I believe that a community, and a nation, grow stronger by addressing the issues closest to our hearts. It's how we address them that really matters.

Since I joined the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines in 2008 as president, our board and staff have been discussing the topic of social capital. Social capital refers to the value of all social networks and the inclinations that rise from these networks to do things for one another. Although social capital has several central elements, none is more important than civility. (more...)