

Talking politics? Here's six ways to show respect



Politics can provide us with many opportunities for enriching discussion. Here's a few ideas on how to show respect:

1. Be honest (with others and yourself) about the information you distribute regarding candidates, policies and opinions. There is no shortage of inflammatory materials online. Look to make sure the information is coming from a reliable source before you click "share."
2. Be tolerant of other viewpoints. You do not have to agree with another person's beliefs in order to show them respect. Remember, just because you are passionate about an issue doesn't make you right.
3. Don't start political arguments that you know will hurt other people's feelings or damage relationships. Keep in mind that not everyone enjoys debating the issues.
4. Take time to learn about the candidates and the issues. Get information from reliable sources. Don't rely on negative tv ads or social media to research the

candidates. Learn about the candidates from non-partisan sources.

5. Consider what is best for the community. It may not change the way you vote, but consider all viewpoints before you make a decision.
6. If you aren't sure what to do in a tricky situation, treat others the way you want to be treated.

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