

5 TIPS FOR CIVIL DISCOURSE

1. Humility – reserve the right to change your mind.
2. Solidarity with our conversational partner through active listening, presuming that one has something to learn.
3. Avoiding binary thinking which define one against “the other side” – limiting open engagement.
4. Avoiding fence-building and dismissive words and phrases. Use language that engages and draws the other into discussion.
5. Leading with what you are for. You may find that you want the same things ultimately – just through different means.