



## Promoting Civil Discourse in America

### HOW TO HAVE CIVIL CONVERSATION: Guidelines for Modeling Civility

1. Be respectful.
2. Listen to hear.
3. Relate your position on the subject to America's values.
4. Look for common ground/shared values.
5. Don't talk to win/score debate points.
6. Once you've agreed on common ground/shared values, propose solutions based on it.
7. Seek solutions that are mutually acceptable.
8. If you can't agree, agree to respectfully disagree.
9. Be patient. Conversation is a process.
10. Fruitful, productive conversation means everyone wins.

*Purple America is a national initiative of Values-in-Action Foundation to re-focus the American conversation to a civil, productive and respectful dialogue around our American shared values.*

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