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"Do not discuss politics or religion in general company."

Etiquette in Conversation, 1879

"Never discuss religion or politics with those who hold opinions opposite to yours; they are subjects that heat in handling, until they burn your fingers; ..."

The Corsair, 1840

Fractional reserve banking
Free trade
Female genital mutilation
Overpopulation
Free software
Bioethics
Feminism
Catholicism
North Korea
Hate crimes
Palestine
PATRIOT Act
Again
Gambling
Fascism
Intelligent design
Cyprus
Impeachment
Fossil fuels
Culture war
AIDS denialism
Hydraulic fracturing
Cancer cures
Allopathic medicine
Hezbollah
Divorce
Poverty
Detroit
Communism
Gay rights
Coal
Cuba
Disability
 Hamas
Crime
Agnosticism
Copyright
Jury duty
Domestic violence
Fox News
In conflict
LGBT rights
Invasion of Iraq
Holocaust
Libertarianism
Genocide denial
PETA
Discrimination
Cloning
NATO
Eugenics
Catalonia
Abortion
Prisons
Liberalism
Global warming
Guns
Neoliberalism
Anarchy
Osama bin Laden
Antisemitism
Espionage
Ozone depletion
Evolution
Health care reform
War on Drugs
Natural gas
Military draft
Pollution
Neoconservatism
Black supremacy
Nuclear
Neutrality
Capitalism
New World Order
Atheism
Northern Ireland
Mercury poisoning
Anarchism
Astrology
Assisted suicide
Biblical literalism
Law enforcement
Bumfights
Anti-Irish racism
Multiculturalism

PleaseConvince.Me Jay Hannah

YES!

NO!

YES!

NO!

No?
YES!

NO!

Yes?

No?

YES!

NO!

Yes?

Discuss?

No?

YES!

- ▶ Meetings. IN PERSON.
- ▶ Attendees must to be good listeners, open minded.
- ▶ The organization holds no position on issues.
- ▶ Organizers are human, have opinions, participate. Facilitating is tricky, depends on group size.

- ▶ Welcome!
- ▶ Any interest in our agenda items?
- ▶ What do YOU think?
- ▶ Here are my thoughts.
- ▶ Where do we agree?
- ▶ Where do we disagree?
- ▶ Why do we disagree?

- ▶ Here is what would change my mind.
- ▶ What would change your mind?
- ▶ I think I can state your perspective. I think it's this. Am I right?
- ▶ Can you state my perspective?

- ▶ Did you get what you wanted out of this meeting?
- ▶ Did you feel heard?
- ▶ If we agree, can we find someone who doesn't, and invite them to our next meeting?

DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

HOW TO DISCUSS
WHAT MATTERS MOST

DOUGLAS STONE,
BRUCE PATTON AND
SHEILA HEEN

OF THE HARVARD
NEGOTIATION PROJECT



Not an easy sell

Necessary

"Faced with the choice between changing one's mind and proving that there is no need to do so, almost everyone gets busy on the proof."

John Kenneth

Will YOU
facilitate a group
in YOUR
hometown?

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