Defending Democracy
Empowering Voters

Part One:
The Panel
Part Two: Audience Circle Discussions

Conclusion/Reflections: Bob Drewel / Karen Madsen

Relevant Readings on Civil Discourse
Choosing Civility: The Twenty Five Rules of Considerate Conduct,
by P.F. Forni, St. Martin’s Griffin, New York, c. 2002

Civility: Manners, Morals and the Etiquette of Democracy,
by Stephen Carter

Crucial Conversations When the Stakes Are High,
by Kerry Patterson and Joseph Grenny

Reclaiming Civility in the Public Square: Ten Rules that Work,
by Cassandra Dahnke and Thomas Spath with Donna Bowling

Treating People Well,
by Lea Berman and Jeremy Bernard, Simon & Schuster, New York, New York, c. 2018

Relevant Websites

Irving Wladawsky-Berger: Posted on January 24, 2011 at 06:00 AM in Complex Systems, Diversity, Education and Talent, Political Issues, Society and Culture | Permalink

National Institute for Civil Discourse: http://nicd.arizona.edu/

George Washington’s Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior In Company and Conversation • www.foundationsmag.com/civility.html

Handout
LWV Civil Discourse Brochure, copyright LWV of San Luis Obispo

LWVSC Welcome: Karen Madsen, President
EvCC Welcome: Jason Ripper, Communications Dept.
Blake Nakatsu, Diversity Center

Facilitator - Bob Drewel
Senior Advisor to WSU President

Audience Circle Discussions

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Part One
Panel on Diversity

Ayesha Kahn: Muslim Educator, Mukilteo Community Activist
David Ortiz: Chair, Communities of Color Coalition
Dr. Janice Greene: President of NAACP, Snohomish County
Juan Peralez: President Latinos/Chicanos Unidos, Snohomish County
Kathy Coffey: Executive Director of Leadership, Snohomish County
Lois Landgrebe: Tulalip Tribal Member
Cameron Calder: Social Justice & Current Events Coordinator for Student LIFE EvCC

Part Two
Table Participants

American Association of University Women
Court Appointed Special Advocates
Communities of Color Coalition
Diversity Committee – LWV of Snohomish County
Hibulb Cultural Center – Tulalip Tribes
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
EDN Everett Districts Now

Speak from Experience.
Listen with an open mind · Say just enough

Discussion Circles

“Rule of Three” Guidelines-
• 3 Tasks – Timer, Introductions, Recorder
• 3 Minutes or less to speak on question/topic
• 3 Others to speak before speaking again
• 3 Questions to address (Suggestions only)

Transition Question:
How might civil discourse or the expectation of civil discourse limit problem solving for underserved groups? What options might then be effective?

Additional Questions:
• What steps can be taken to reduce polarization that is impeding democracy?
• What advice would you give to others here or in the future on how to promote civil discourse in their community?

Thanks for Participating!

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