

CITY OF UPPER ARLINGTON



#ReviveCivility



WHAT IS REVIVE CIVILITY?

- An initiative of the NICD (National Institute for Civil Discourse)
- Effort to restore and call for civility in communities by creating opportunities to practice honest and civil discourse.
- To influence politicians and media to engage in civil discourse.
- Focus on 4 states: Ohio, Maine, Iowa and Arizona

WHO IS INVOLVED?

The **National Institute for Civil Discourse** is a nonpartisan center for advocacy, research and policy.

UC Berkley Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement

University of Virginia Center for Politics

Harvard Graduate School of Education's The Good Project

American Psychological Association

American Bar Association – Section of Dispute Resolution

League of Woman Voters of the United States

Mayor of Birmingham

Mayor of Sacramento

Mayor of Austin

Mayor of Boston

Mayor of Akron



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THE NICD INTEGRATES:



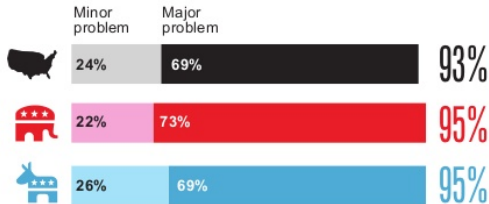
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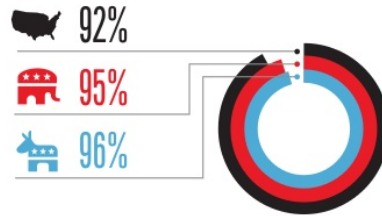
WHAT DOES THE DATA SAY?

AMONG AMERICANS...

AGREE THAT THE NATION HAS A CIVILITY PROBLEM



CITE THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVILITY TO OUR DEMOCRACY



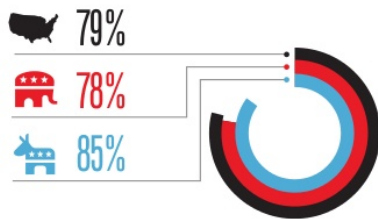
93% Civility Problem
84% Experienced Incivility

83% BELIEVE INCIVILITY LEADS TO INTOLERANCE OF FREE SPEECH

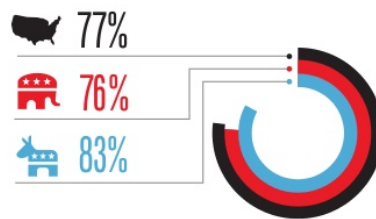


Generation Z
61% Experience at school
59% Training in schools

BELIEVE INCIVILITY LEADS TO LESS POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

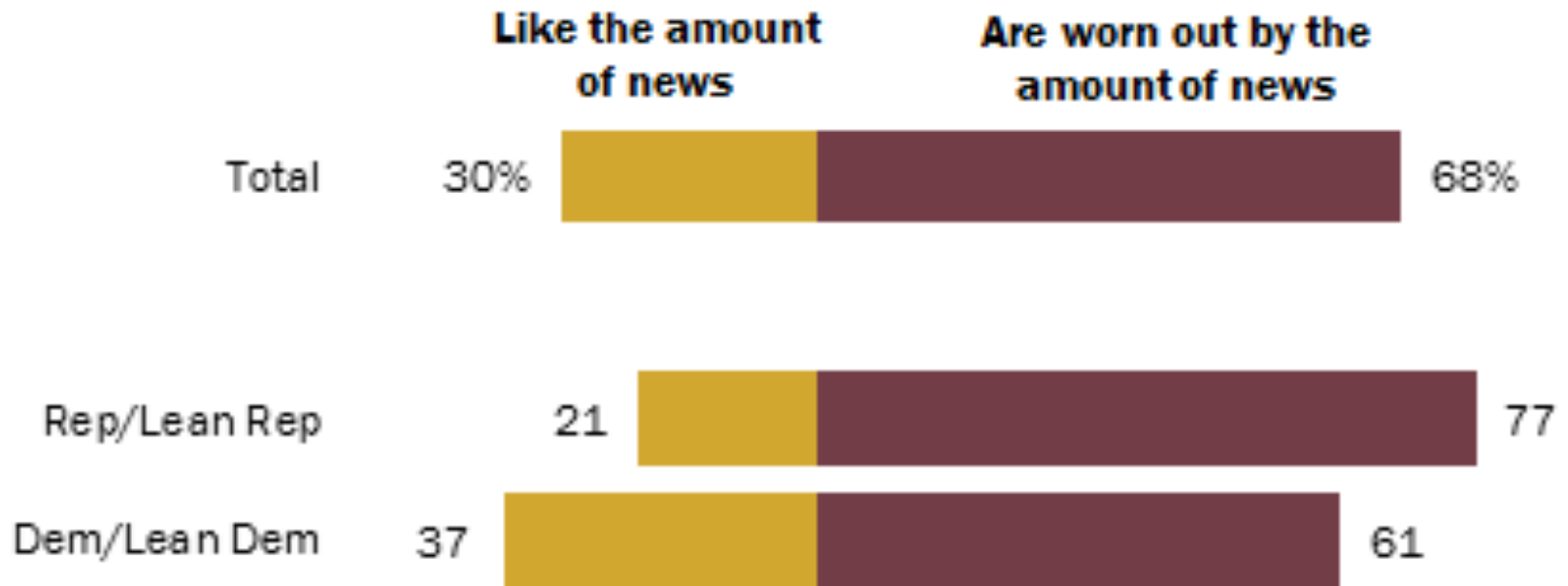


BELIEVE THAT INCIVILITY OF POLITICIANS AND OTHER LEADERS ENCOURAGES SOCIETAL INCIVILITY



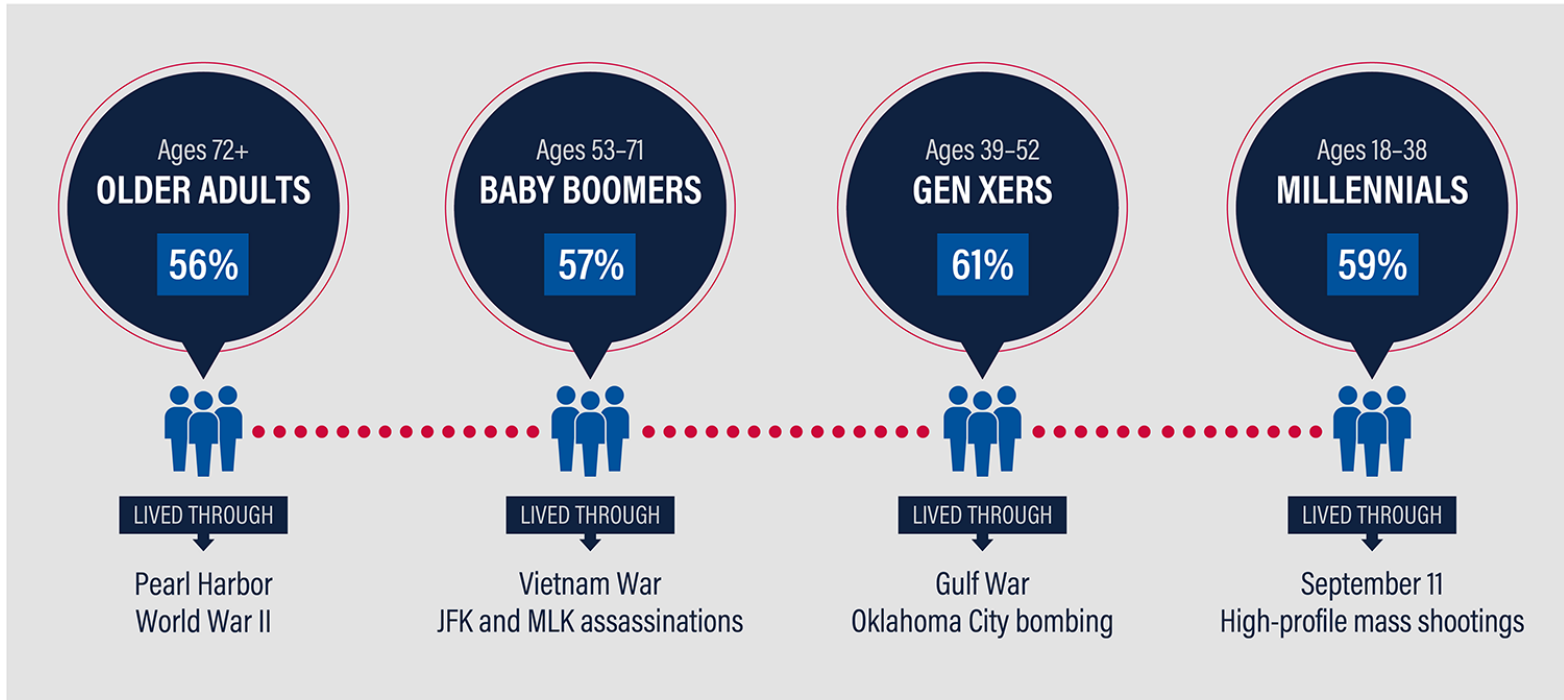
EXHAUSTED BY THE NEWS

% OF U.S. ADULTS WHO...



A SHARED VIEW ACROSS GENERATIONS

No matter their age, more than half of Americans believe this is the lowest point in our nation's history that they can remember.



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REVIVE CIVILITY HELPS

By changing our Civil Discourse, we...

- Understand and are understood by others;
- Build relationships;
- Uncover multiple perspectives rather than become entrenched in either/or thinking;
- Collectively improve the critical and creative thinking skills of participants;
- Move beyond taking sides and instead working collaboratively to uncover real solutions to problems; and
- Let go of the “us versus them” mentality.

How?

Take the Civility Pledge

1. **Seek out a variety of reliable news sources with different perspectives** in order to learn more about the forces that divide—and also unite—our country.
2. **Listen Respectfully** to people who have views different than my own, be mindful to **avoid stereotyping and not use language that is insulting or derogatory.**
3. **Encourage and support efforts to bring people to different points of views together** in our community to have civil and respectful conversations.
4. **Invite other people to join in the Initiative to Revive Civility** and get involved in helping to connect people across political divisions.

www.revivecivility.org



How?

Hold a Revive Civility Conversation

1. **One on One with another person:** Arrange a time to have a conversation with someone who you think has different political views than you.
2. **In a small group:** Ask a group you are a member of to have a conversation on civility at a regular meeting.
3. **Hold a community conversation:** Get two or more organizations to come together and host a conversation that brings together people from several different segments of the community to listen across differences.

How?

Hold a Revive Civility Conversation

1. **Training and Skills Building:** Host a 1-2 hour training for people who want to learn more about listening and other skills needed to effectively promote civility (guide provided by NICD)
2. **Text, Talk and Revive Civility:** Build skills that enhance civil discourse, listening skills and tolerance of other points of view through the use of a fun and engaging text messaging platform. Popular with middle, high school and college students.

How?

Foster Civility on Social Media

1. **Check for accuracy** when sharing a post. Make sure the story is true and accurate
2. **Avoid insults and name calling.** Helpful tip; never say anything on social media that you would not feel comfortable saying to someone in person.
3. **Step back.** If you see something on social media that upsets you. Do not immediately respond.
4. **Spread respect** by sharing information about the role of civility in promoting constructive conversations.

FIRST STEP...

Members of Council can help support this initiative by making Upper Arlington a Revive Civility Community

On August 27, we ask City Council to issue a Resolution of Support, leading the community in a Revive Civility Pledge through words and actions, that renews your efforts to uphold the principles of civility and maintain civil discourse in all matters.



WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- Take the pledge at www.revivecivility.org
- Stop by the City's tent at the Labor Day Arts Festival to learn more and take the pledge there
- Host conversations, large or small
- Attend and Participate with other community members at The Big Table event on August 29, hosted by a number of organizations in Upper Arlington
- Foster Civility on Social Media

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

- City of Upper Arlington
- UA Library
- Leadership UA
- EQUAL UA
- 2 UAHS classes