**Positive Civil Dialogue**

***How to Disagree & Keep Your Friends***

Introduction

The Importance of Communication (PowerPoint)

* Communication is more of an art than a science (Video)
* How do we spend our time?
* Communication is the key
* I know you believe you understand that they said (optional: Telephone game)
* Effective communication model
* The listening dilemma (Video)
* Interactive listening activity
* Listening bad habits

Handling those tricky conversations

* What is the goal of Civil Dialogue?
* What is real news anyway?
* Sample Issue Statements
* Putting It Into Action!

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