

Community Agreements

- Express your experience in a clear, respectful, and honest way
- Aim to build trust with the people you are engaging with
- Listen to understand, not to defend or argue your own opinion. Ask questions and seek clarification when needed.
- Have an open mind and invite the opportunity to learn, even if you do not agree.
- Use “I” statements and speak from your own experience
- Lean into discomfort; discomfort can mean that your mind is working intensely to learn and understand
- Brave space- vulnerability is a sign of strength and a desire to grow as a person!

**Activity: Please watch 30 min of news coverage or view 5 articles on their website that is related to our current political landscape and complete these questions in preparation for a class discussion.**

Groups:	What is something you read/heard that aligns with the principles of civility?	What is something you read/heard that is NOT an example of civil discourse?	What is a topic or group that may be impacted positively or negatively by what you read/heard? How?	How do you think the coverage and commentary of our political landscape will impact civil discourse?	What can you do to improve civil discourse as the country moves forward with the new administration?
Group #1: CNN					
Group #2: Fox News					
Group #3: CBS, NBC, or ABC News					
Group #4: PBS or NPR					