



Civil Rules for Engaging on the Forum

1. Be Respectful and Thoughtful

Treat all members with respect, even when opinions differ. Disrespectful language or personal attacks will not be tolerated.

2. Focus on Ideas, Not Individuals

Critique ideas and arguments, not the person presenting them. Engage constructively to foster thoughtful dialogue.

3. Stay on Topic

Ensure your contributions are relevant to the discussion. Off-topic posts detract from the conversation.

4. Use Evidence-Based Arguments

Back your claims with impartial data, research, or reliable sources. Avoid making baseless assertions or spreading misinformation.

5. Encourage Open Dialogue

Be open to different perspectives and allow others to voice their opinions. Diversity of thought helps elevate the conversation.

6. Understand Direction of Travel

Evaluate whether the information and discussions are elevating or degrading the discourse. Aim to contribute positively and identify trends that promote accountability and transparency.

7. No Sensationalism or Clickbait

Avoid exaggerated or misleading content that detracts from factual discussions. Focus on meaningful, fact-driven exchanges.

8. Respect the AI Insights

Use the AI-generated scores to guide discussions, but do not rely solely on them. Engage with the data critically and thoughtfully.

9. Report Uncivil Behavior

If you encounter disrespectful or disruptive behavior, report it to the moderators. Help maintain a positive and constructive environment.

10. Avoid Self-Promotion

The forum is for sharing ideas, not for promoting personal agendas or content. Stick to discussions that contribute to the forum's mission.

11. Practice Patience and Understanding

Online conversations can sometimes lead to misunderstandings. Approach discussions with patience, seek clarity, and avoid rushing to negative assumptions.

Failure to follow these guidelines consistently may result in a temporary ban or permanent expulsion from the forum. These rules exist to maintain a respectful and productive environment, ensuring meaningful engagement and elevating news literacy.
