

The Rules of Incivility

1. Label facts as “fake news”
2. Be gleeful when telling lies
3. Befriend our enemies
4. Belittle our friends
5. Trust only one’s self
6. Call the free press the enemy
7. Call opponents the enemy
8. Make every situation about one’s self; brag without facts
9. Encourage violence against those you disagree with
10. Label immigrants south of the boarder as murderers, rapists and drug dealers
11. Use any means to discourage families trying to seek asylum – separate the children
12. Belittle women, their bodies and their abilities
13. Criticize and distrust our democratic institutions and their leaders
14. Be primarily concerned about money over morality
15. Deny and deflect any criticism by blaming others
16. Avoid submitting personal tax information
17. Profit from elected office for one’s self and family’s businesses
18. Surround one’s self with sycophants, fire those who disagree
19. Repeat lies often so they are often believed
20. Deny human contribution to climate change and weaken environmental laws
21. Cut taxes for the rich – then promote cutting of entitlements because of the deficit
22. Cut health care for the lower wage workers and the poor
23. Promote American first by weakening our allies and treaties
24. Damage international relations at every opportunity
25. Claim success when success was already in place – the economy, jobs, etc.
26. Enjoy making outrageous claims if it focuses attention on self and roils others and gets attention
27. Make impulsive decisions without consulting others
28. Dominate the news cycle by saying whatever
29. Use an insecure phone despite warnings
30. Tweet at night to stay ahead of the news cycle