

The Many Forms of Incivility

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Incivility, what is it?

- The act of being rude, discourteous behavior/act
- What are some examples of uncivil acts?



Forms of Incivility

- Herbst article - many forms of incivility (Internet, TV, print media, face-to-face interactions)
- All these share one aspect: rhetoric

Paper Recap

- Incivility affects many people worldwide
- Popular mediums incivility is found in include the classroom , online, and work
- Classroom is supposed to be a safe haven for students, incivility is damaging this ideal
- Rates of bullying are enormous in today's society, very different view of bullying now compared to 20 years ago
- Workplace incivility - sexual harassment is most common
- Incivility is violating the workplace as well, supposed to be professional

Paper Recap cont.

- Employees need to be educated on harassment and what it means for employees
- Online incivility - cyberbullying
- Many cases of cyberbullying have led to suicide in recent years - epidemic
- Can be as simple as posting a snarky comment on social media
- Conclusion: we need to be more aware of what we say and whom we say it to
- Incivility can take on many forms

The Internet

- Easiest place to be uncivil
- But, why?
- Lack of repercussions? Anonymity?
- <http://science.howstuffworks.com/life/inside-the-mind/human-brain/psychological-reason-mean-on-internet1.htm>

Television

- We are very accustomed to seeing incivility on TV
- Restrictions?

Print Media

- Persuasion
- Tough to remain objective when writing

Face-to-face Interactions

- Can happen due to frustration, lack of compassion, respect
- Important that we act as a role model

Pay attention to their interactions with each other

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IT14-ZBPRDY>

All these interactions stem from rhetoric

- Rhetoric is any form of communication
- Goal is to inform people, persuade
- Not always reasonable or truthful

Wrap Up

- Rhetoric is at the forefront of incivility
- Many forms of incivility
- Important to keep in mind possible repercussions, be professional