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WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL DISCOURSE AND FREE SPEECH?

When humans are little babies, we have this desire to talk. We see and hear those around us partaking in this action that we have not fully grasped yet. And despite our lack of understanding, we still strive to speak as we babble and make silly noises to try our best to make words. Speech and the ability to voice our opinions has always been important to humans. Without free speech our country would be completely different. The use of civil discourse, in my opinion, is one of the reasons our technology and society has been advancing at a rapid rate these past few decades. Our ability to communicate our ideas, discuss what could work and what might not, and ability to collaborate, helped strengthen and advance our world. I am majoring in a science related major, and it means a lot to me to be able to agree or disagree with some of the controversial topics in our society, to be able to state my own thoughts without the fear of repercussions, and to be able to guide my own thoughts instead of them being controlled by someone. Being able to freely voice our opinions, being able to discuss what we truly believe and think, creates a society that is conversational, more connected, and one that can

make mistakes, discuss what went wrong, and correct their ways to enhance society even further. Without free speech and civil discourse, we would be locked inside of our own minds, unable to completely express ourselves.

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