



Presidential Debates Civility Score Card

Use this **Civility Score Card*** to keep track of the conduct and civility of the Presidential Candidates and Moderators. Score a mark in the appropriate box for each civil/uncivil occurrence. When the debate is over sum up the total “civil” and “uncivil” occurrences to give each candidate a **final civility score**. For the Moderator(s), sum up the total number of “Yes” and “No” scores. Subtract the “No” from the “Yes” totals to get a final Moderator score.

UNCIVL BEHAVIOR (# of occurrences)	Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump
Direct Insult?		
Fail to Answer Question?		
TOTAL UNCIVIL		
CIVIL BEHAVIOR (# of occurrences)		
Admit error in past statements or actions?		
Take responsibility for the negative consequences of any past statements of actions?		
Condemn uncivil statements?		
Condemn uncivil statements made or uncivil actions taken by supporters?		
TOTAL CIVIL		
TOTAL CIVIL – UNCIVIL = Final Security Score:		
MODERATOR BEHAVIOR	YES	NO
Object to uncivil statements made by either of the candidates?		
Pursue or restate questions when candidates did not respond?		
Challenge the candidates on any false statements?		
Treat the candidate equally in regard to the complexity of the questions asked?		
Try to ensure that the candidates had equal time to speak?		
Treat the candidates with respect?		
TOTALS		
	TOTAL Y-N	

*Based on the **Standards of Conduct for Debates** (last page) developed by the National Institute for Civil Discourse and endorsed by over 60 national institutions and organizations)



NOTES/Examples of Incivility

NOTES/Examples of Civility



Standards of Conduct for Debates

I want **debaters** to:

1. Be respectful of others in speech and behavior
2. Answer the question being asked by the moderator
3. Make ideas and feelings known without disrespecting others
4. Take responsibility for past and present behavior, speech and actions
5. Stand against incivility when faced with it

I want **moderators** to:

1. Address uncivil behavior by naming it and moderating the conversation to move toward a more respectful dialogue
2. Enforce debate rules equally
3. Hold candidates accountable by challenging each candidate to speak the truth and act with integrity
4. Treat all candidates equally in regards to the complexity of questions and debate rules
5. Be respectful when interacting with candidates

I want **audience** members to:

1. Be respectful of other audience members, the candidates and moderators in speech and behavior
2. Refrain from creating disturbances to other audience members, candidates and moderators
3. Take responsibility for personal behavior, speech and actions
4. Speak against incivility by reminding candidates it is not acceptable
5. Practice active listening when someone else is speaking, seeking to understand them