Civility in Modern Times



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The pandemic that we are going through right now has made social relationships difficult to maintain. We cannot interact with our friends and family members the way that we used to back then when the pandemic did not even exist. We used to go to the grocery stores, supermarkets, shopping malls, and other public places without having to wear something that would protect us from a disease that someone may have and spread. But today when we look around, all we see is people wearing masks, who would have thought that we all would have to wear a mask even to go across the street to go to the grocery store or at the very least, who would have thought that a disease would come and strike all of us and would kill millions of people world-wide?

This pandemic has affected people in many ways from not being able to work together anymore because of the disease, deaths from family members, friends, and co- workers. It is also affecting people mentally and emotionally as well as physically, and lastly, has even affected marriages and relationships. Social unrest is also another issue that has been going on during the time of this pandemic, there have been riots and protest. Isn't it already enough with all of us going through such a tough distressing time?

Let us discuss the word civility and its meaning. Civility is formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech. Civility is particularly important to maintain whenever and wherever, we all must carry ourselves in a respectful manner to the community and to each other.



Civility is also the act of showing regard for others by being polite, like the civility you have when respecting one's feelings. We can promote civility by reminding people to be compassionate of others' feelings, situations, and emotions especially in a time where we are all hurting.