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WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL DISCOURSE AND FREE SPEECH?

It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.”

-Joseph Joubert

Freedom of speech is the right to express ourselves freely and publicly. Furthermore, Civil Discourse stands for the conversation that takes place intending to increase understanding and engagement and is one of the functions of the Freedom of Speech. The most empowering thing for humans is the sense of being heard and being able to articulate their ideas and perspectives without any interference. The importance of Civil Discourse and Freedom of Speech hence cannot be neglected.

Public Discourse and Freedom of Speech drive society towards progress and development and help modernize its social outlook with time. It also helps it to grow and become more respectful and inclusive. Free speech gives birth to unique and diverse ideas that lead to the evolution of communities. From educational institutions to the government, it is important to have the freedom

of speech and civil discourse to build a safer environment and to stop people from being exploited. It is also important to stop people from misusing their powers and take undue advantage of others. Putting things on trial and challenging them should be the right way because if it can't overcome the barriers then perhaps, they are wrong.

However, it is important to take into consideration the true intentions behind these rights to keep their spirit intact. It is extremely important to make sure the discourse is with the intent to understand others and their respect and dignity shall never be sacrificed. If the rights are practiced in the right way it will open doors for a bright future and regardless of disagreements in the discourse, it will establish harmony in society because when a voice is raised, half the problem is solved right there.