About The Institute for Civil Dialogue

ICD produces events featuring Civil Dialogue®, a unique format first developed in 2004 to foster civil spaces for productive dialogue. Diverse positions and identities are welcome and the goal is to acknowledge and understand differences, not necessarily to achieve agreement or consensus.

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The Ground Rules of Civility

The goal is productive and civil communication
✓ Be passionate, but not hostile.
✓ Focus on how the statement makes you feel.
✓ Avoid framing the dialogue as an argument.

Participants should use truthful speech that does not attack others.
✓ “I” language shows conviction, “You” language implies critique.
✓ Use your own words and avoid slogans that advocate your position.
✓ Disagree without demonizing.

Participants should use dialogic and reflexive listening practices.
✓ Listen to create successful dialogue and genuine communication.
✓ Listen patiently; do not interrupt.
✓ Do not engage in fake listening as you plan out what you want to say next.

Civil Dialogue
Aridity in the Desert
February 1, 2018

A round of Civil Dialogue
(30-40 minutes)
- The facilitator presents a controversial or provocative statement to be discussed.
- Audience members consider their positions on the topic.
- Five volunteer participants are recruited from the audience to take a position on the statement.
- The facilitator reviews the ground rules of civility.
- The dialogue:
  - Opening statements from the five speakers
  - Dialogue between the five speakers
  - Audience comments & questions
  - Closing statements from the five speakers
- The facilitator summarizes the round.
Civil Dialogue Tracking Sheet – Round 1

Quotation/statement to be discussed

My position:

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Names of volunteer speakers:

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Notes: __________________________________________
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My critique of the round:

How I feel about the quote now:

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