

Political Difference Engagement Survey

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Please circle the most accurate response to each question.

When I find myself in conversations with people who have political opinions that are significantly opposed to mine, I tend to:

1. **Show respect, civility, and kindness, toward them.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
2. **Try my best to reduce any tension and animosity between us.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
3. **I prefer direct confrontation over political issues.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
4. **I take a moment to allow myself to calm down and clear my head before speaking.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
5. **I advocate strongly for my position.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
6. **I try hard to control my negative emotions so they don't derail the conversation.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
7. **I like to escalate issues so that they cannot ignore them.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
8. **I try to identify shared concerns between us.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
9. **I look for the positive in the other person.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
10. **I communicate tactfully and in a calm manner.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
11. **I channel my emotions to get energy to clarify the moral importance of the issues.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
12. **I try to instill a sense of guilt or shame if I feel they support unjust positions.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
13. **I shine a harsh light on their misunderstanding of the problem.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)
14. **I communicate forcefully and in ways that feel challenging.**
(1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often)

Constructive Conflict Responses: 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10

Activist Responses: 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14