

Law & Crime Forum

[sample moderator page]

Agenda

- Community Agreements
- This is a conversation - not a competition
😊 (speak & listen with an open mind.)
- The Moderator will look away (so you will address the people in the group!)
- A change of view.
- Time Limit:

[Sample] Community Agreements

Speak honestly and respectfully.

Stay engaged

Listen to understand

Honor diversity of opinion.

Disagree with a curiosity to understand

Share the space - allow others to share too

Do not interrupt.

The **SOFTEN** Model for Effective Listening
Apply these non-verbal tips for effective listening.

S= SMILE or SERIOUS whichever is most appropriate.

O=OPEN POSTURE facing the person who is talking.

F=FORWARD LEAN slightly toward the speaker.

T=TIME allowed for the speaker to talk without interruption.

E=EYE CONTACT should be made without staring.

N=NOD occasionally to show acknowledgement.

These questions are to boost conversation, feel free to follow the flow of the conversation. We do not need to address each question.

[SAMPLE QUESTIONS Have your leaders develop these.]

Is your school safe?

How do we prevent school shootings?

Should law enforcement take a more active role in helping school districts create policy and procedures for safety on school campuses.

Are Active-Shooter drills needed?

How do you view the role of law enforcement in your community?

Should the Second Amendment be changed?

How should a mass shooting suspect be punished?

How should America respond to gun violence in our country?

Civility Begins with Us

Scanning - Don't engage with the speaker so he/she will communicate with the group - not you. Scan the group to check engagement.

Stacking - establishing a speaking order

Paraphrasing - revealing your understanding of another person's comment

Validate - Acknowledge feeling, opinions, concerns

Clarify - Ask follow up questions.

Restate - Paraphrase and summarize

Polling - Identify common themes & values

Ask open ended questions.

PHYSICAL SET UP

Seated in a Circle

6-8 + moderator per group

1 large room VS small breakout rooms

Moderators - Community members? Students?

Helpful Phrases in Paraphrasing

- *I hear you saying that...*
- *Let me see if I understand you correctly...*
- *Would this be a good example of what you said...*
- *What I hear you saying is...*
- *Correct me if I'm wrong. Are you saying...*
- *If I heard you correctly then...*
- *If I heard you right, your point is...*

Killer Phrases

- *Oh, everybody does it that way!*
- *That takes too much time.*
- *Too much trouble to get started.*
- *That's too big/too small for us.*
- *Let's wait and see.*

RESOURCES

The Institute for Civility in Government:

<https://www.instituteforcivility.org/>

National Institute for Civil Discourse <https://nicd.arizona.edu/>

Civility wars: series on NPR

<https://www.npr.org/series/702738248/civility-wars>

Sun Youth Forum (partnership between CCSD & [Las Vegas Sun](#))

<https://lasvegassun.com/news/sun-youth-forum/>

<https://www.pbs.org/video/ccsd-students-participate-las-vegas-sun-youth-forum-o0j3ba/>

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