

We're all in this together - Part I A

Description

I don't think I wrapped up [Part I](#) of this unstructured multi-post, but here's what the final issue should have been: Disrespect runs rampant, from the minor to the major demonstration. When I grew up, I wasn't bludgeoned into submission, but I was taught those who went before me had some valuable life experiences that may be something I didn't understand just yet, so I was to bite my tongue. It certainly has proven to be a valuable thing over the years of my life. The message also was there are "offices" that are worthy of respect, and sometimes the person in there isn't the most respectable, but the submission to that position, and not the person was appropriate. This, of course includes that of the President of the United States.

I did have the occasion to work with and for some people who really either didn't care what they were doing, or actually didn't know what they were doing. In particular, these people would demand things that were wrong, out of ignorance, or laziness, but the net result was things would go off the tracks. Then it was time to jump in and properly disagree. I had to do that in a few occasions. After an upbringing that taught me respect for my elders/seniors, it was a difficult set of emotions to deal with, but it had to be done. By approaching them in the correct forum, and providing a coherent argument, unemotionally stated, things got better, or when I was mistaken, things got explained. Facts carried the day many times, instead of emotional appeals, particularly ones with a lot of "I feel" statements.

My point? Where has this level of respect gone to? If someone doesn't think the President is doing the right thing, they grab the ear of a local media outlet and do a lot of ad homonym attacks, generally devoid of any substance, or alternative solution. The media, having been perverted, quickly trots the videos/sound bites out, and off we go.

We need to get back to teaching basic civility to a wide age range of many of us, since the problem has been percolating for several decades already.

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