# Cultivating Civility in Your Work Environment



# **Objectives**

- Recognize what workplace civility is and what it is not
- Understand the negative impact of incivility in the workplace
- Recognize the value of contributing to and being part of a positive and civil work environment
- Learn how to promote a climate of civility starting with yourself

What is civility? What is incivility?

#### **Civility**

Polite

Considerate

Respectful

A measure of the quality of interactions we have

#### **Incivility**

Unprofessionalism

Rudeness

Shouting or swearing

Intimidation, bullying or threatening

Being offensive or humiliating

# Americans' views on incivility

Most say incivility has risen to crisis levels

Over half expect civility to worsen

Over 30% have experienced incivility at work

About a fourth have experienced cyberbullying or incivility online

Over half have stopped buying from a company due to uncivil representatives



#### Employee reports on uncivil work environments

Nearly 9 out of 10 Americans who work in uncivil environments report incivility has negative consequences in their jobs and personal lives.

Hurts my job morale

Makes me want to quit

Leads me to call in sick



How each of us can support a climate of civility

Assume best intentions

Keep an open mind

Rely on facts

Explore personal biases

Don't let 5 bad minutes ruin 5 hours, 5 days, 5 weeks

# Think about the potential impact

- T Is it true?
- **H** Is it helpful?
- I Is it inspiring?
- **N** Is it necessary?
- K Is it kind?

#### More ways to foster civility

Listen fully

Self-monitor

Show empathy

Engage in acts of kindness

Embrace differences and diversity

Work through conflict

Strive for acceptance

Practice stress management

Acceptance doesn't mean resignation; it means understanding that something is what it is and that there's got to be a way through it.

~Michael J. Fox

# Civility starts with you

# **My Takeaway Commitments:**

Going forward, I will...

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