It's possible to argue about politics with civility and respect. Here are some tips:

Canadians think our politics is becoming less civil. It's an even bigger problem online.

Canadian politics are:

Passion is important in politics. So is anger. But civility still matters.

Because incivility:
- Makes people give up on politics
- Targets groups that are already underrepresented (like women)
- Makes us more polarized (we like each other less)
- Makes us vulnerable to bad actors who want to exploit our divisions

47% of Canadian social media users stay out of online political conversations because they're worried they'll get criticized.

Let's express our political passion, learn from each other, and debate the issues with mutual respect. We're all in this together.

+ Lead by example: When people see civility, they show civility (and they stay on-topic)
+ Police your own side: Respectfully calling out bad behaviour, especially of those who are on your political team, can work
+ Remind us what we share: Encourage people to think about the identities that unite us (like being Canadian) rather than divide us (like party affiliation)

For more information on conversations online, visit SamaraCanada.com/Field-Guide

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