Civility needs to return to higher education

According to the Institute for Civility in Government, ‘civility is not just for the elite. The majority of our country’s problems are public problems that need to be solved by all of us. But first we need to agree on a common ground as a starting point for dialogue about our differences and for avoidance of our presump tions, and teaching others to do the same.’

Civility has all but been lost. We see students actively taking part in outside speakers just because those guests do not adhere to a particular political agenda. This is unacceptable in any society, or are not always considered “politically correct.”

However, students, some of whom may believe that bringing a speaker to campus is only to be done for the benefit of their own particular viewpoints, often find themselves having to push and shove in athletic facilities of the same campus during competitions is also becoming more common. Other times we hear students just calling for the killing of this or that person have also become quite frequent and have attracted press.

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