

Affective Domain Activity #7: Dare to Disagree

Watch the following 13-minute video:

https://www.ted.com/talks/margaret_heffernan_dare_to_disagree

Most people instinctively avoid conflict, but as Margaret Heffernan shows us, good disagreement is central to progress. She illustrates (sometimes counterintuitively) how the best partners aren't echo chambers — and how great research teams, relationships and businesses allow people to deeply disagree.

Write or type your response to the following:

1. Briefly summarize why daring to disagree was so important in the story about Alice trying to stop the medical community from x-raying pregnant women.
2. Explain the advantage of having someone who thinks very differently from you and has a very different background than you? How was this important for George and Alice in the x-ray example?
3. Why did the video say that employees at large companies are afraid of conflict? Why is this a problem?
4. Briefly summarize the example of Joe at the medical supply company. How is this a good example of the importance of being able to disagree when needed?
5. Provide an example from your own life where you showed the courage to disagree?

Closure: You will be responding to each other either as a class discussion.

