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### The Need for Courtesy and Civility in a Society

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "Life is short, but there is always time for courtesy." The three sources, "The power of Hello" "People's tendency to look at the negative" and "students' rights and responsibilities", explain in different ways how much civility can greatly affect a community. Although each article may possess different rhetorical devices to convey its message, it ties back to the same argument.

In the "the power of Hello" , Howard White opens up by explaining that he works with "about a gazillion" employees, many of which he know their names. White then proceeds to imply that this is what got him far as a business man (White). White builds credibility in his argument when he announces that he is the Vice President who was once just an employee. This success can be boasted from his hello. Although White is very successful and powerful in the company he still makes it a priority to say Hello to every employee he passes. From a young age Howard's mother had taught him the true power of a hello. Howard use his teachings and converted it to a ladder of success. Greeting are very important, whether it is in the business world or the social world. A simple hello can be the foundation of your career or a boast of happiness to someone's day. White explained throughout this article that hellos are extremely powerful.

Carolyn Hax starts her "Carolyn Hax: People's tendency to look at the negative" online discussion by answering the question "Do you think it's easier than being happy?" in referral to unhappiness. Hax answers yes and continues to explain why she feels being happy is much harder than being unhappy. According to Hax the difficulty of happiness roots in a person's mindset. Hax suggest that individuals choose "Celebration over blame " (Hax). Instead of speaking negativity or faulting someone else, people should take more accountability .Hax also

analyzes the word joy. The word joy itself is very deceiving, according to her. Joy “sounds easy” when it is hard to obtain and sustain. Hax also states that with this optimistic mindset, you will be able to approach the world and people with an open mindset. The positivity that surrounds you starts internally.

The University of Illinois students’ rights and responsibilities part one is very similar in the message in both “The power of Hello” and “Carolyn Hax: People's tendency to look at the negative.” This code of conduct enforces the responsibilities to respect your community in multiple aspects. The university wants to ensure that its community members are respected therefore, making an open learning environment. In the preamble the university mentions that students should be able to learn and discuss freely within the limits of respect and sensitivity. This is the basics of respecting your community. Respect is crucial in a positive community and should be expected.

These three sources express the power of civility on a community. All three of these sources give moral lessons that any thriving community needs. Cohesiveness is the key to any team. “The power of Hello” teaches that greeting to anybody and everybody will build togetherness. Even a small greeting like hello can brighten up someone’s day. Carolynn Hax explained how a person’s mindset can contribute to their community. Positivity can open your mind to learn and open yourself up to be more social. In The University of Illinois students’ rights and responsibilities ensures students a respectful learning community. This ensures that everybody can feel respected enough to be open with their community. Courtesy is very powerful. All three of these articles explains that politeness is very important. Civility is the key to having a civil society.

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