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A Few Ways to Determine if You Are Having a Good (or Bad) Faith Conversation

When we find ourselves having tense conversations about LGBTQ+ equality many of us want to avoid arguments and debates. To do so we must recognize when the people we are speaking with are acting in good or bad faith. Here are a few tips to help you identify the difference.

People are likely acting in good faith if they are:

- Asking questions in an open way and actively listening to your response.
- Expressing that they don't know much about a particular issue.
- Centering people, and not abstract concepts, in the conversation.
- Keeping assumptions they've made in the past to themselves.
- Staying on topic.
- Expressing gratitude.

People are likely acting in bad faith if they are:

- Repeatedly asking the same, inappropriate, question of multiple people.
- Voicing skepticism, even when they admit to knowing very little.
- Making the same mistake in conversation over and over again.
- Using red flag language and anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric.
- Citing problematic resources, even after being corrected.
- Focusing on hypotheticals and "what ifs" rather than people.



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