



Courageous Conversations Activity

Select a Topic:

- [Fake News](#)
- [White Supremacy](#)
- [Terrorism](#)
- [Opposition to Places of Worship](#)
- [Islamophobia/Islam](#)
- [Extremism on Social Media](#)
- [September 11th](#)
- [MLK: Faith & Nonviolence](#)
- [Sharia](#)
- [Anti-Semitism](#)
- [The Refugee Crisis](#)
- [The Rohingya Crisis](#)
- [Tree of Life](#)
- [Travel Ban](#)

Tanenbaum offers resources on these and other topics through our Combating Extremism campaign, which can be found at www.tanenbaum.org/Combat-Extremism

Questions:

1. Choose one of the topics listed on the reverse side of this document, that evokes a passionate response or a visceral reaction *and* involves a subject that:
 - a. You always end up heatedly debating; or
 - b. You avoid discussing with “certain” people who think differently from you.

2. Consider why you always end up so “heated” or why you don’t have these conversations/ What preconceived ideas or opinions, assumptions or *explicit bias(es)* do you have that fuel your responses or actually prevent you from having conversations on this topic?

3. Who are the person(s) or group(s) with whom you have the most heated debates about this? Alternatively, who do you want and/or *need* to talk to about this? (Choose people or groups from whom you could learn something. Someone from your life, social media, a representative from an organization or institution, etc.).

4. What is one behavior for your “Courageous Conversation” that would make it more successful?

5. What are 3 questions you want to explore during this conversation? Think about the various aspects of this topic that you really want to know more about as well as the issues you want to make.