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The rude divisiveness we've seen on display in the Halls of Congress, college campuses, and Hollywood runways continues to grow. Press Secretary Spicer was verbally accosted by a fellow shopper at an Apple Store. This woman seemed to think that it is her duty to rant and rave at someone with unsubstantiated insults and that it is his job to take it. He acted with grace and dignity by simply completing his transaction and leaving, rather than arguing or "returning verbal fire". Can't a person just go about their business without being screamed at? And it doesn't end there.

A brouhaha was created recently in a family I know. It happened at a 3-year old's Birthday party. Everyone enjoyed the cake and seeing the delighted little boy open his gifts. Then, the child sat down for a snapshot with Great-Grandma and the drama began.

It seems Great-Grandma was sporting a "Make America Great Again" t-shirt at this casual dress, family only event. After the photos were posted on social media, the grand-daughter (who's the mother of the birthday boy) added a comment along with a hash tag that she loves GG but not her t-shirt. Her friends then "piled on" the family matriarch with their great, to put it mildly, dislike of President Trump. The octogenarian, just likes the concept of America being Great. After a series of posts/counter posts, it was agreed that political comments/opinions and families need to be kept separate...And certainly not raised in Social Media.

Why do some have to insert politics into everything and not only pass judgment of those with differing opinions, but voice them publicly? Even bashing Great-Grandma disrespectfully?

Let's let there be some space and time without politics. And let's conduct ourselves with respect towards others, always.

Thank you for listening. And have a nice day on the Wild Rivers Coast.