

CBN Meeting Rules

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While it's tempting to weigh in with your views on the politics, religion and other sensitive topics, **don't**. Politics is one of three **unacceptable** topics that can hurt your relationships. The other two: sex and religion. Before you make the potentially relationship-endangering mistake, here is why you should stay away from all three topics in the meetings, gatherings and workplace.

Politics

In case you haven't noticed the country is more divided than ever when it comes to politics. Whether you fall on the left or on the right doesn't matter, what does matter is that you **keep your affiliation** to yourself during our meeting hours.

Sex

Of the three unacceptable topics, sex by far is the most volatile not only because **people should know better** but because there are a lot of laws on the books regarding sexual harassment. While you may think everyone in this day and age knows better than to bring up sex at meetings, and work. **Please do not discuss sex while in our meetings or other CBN gatherings**. The best offense: steer clear of any topic that remotely has anything to do with politics, Religion, or sex.

Religion

We live in a melting pot of ethnicities, beliefs and religions. The CBN meetings isn't the place to get into a raging debate over Judaism versus Buddhism or try to convert someone to your way of thinking. Just like announcing your political affiliation can change people's opinion about you, trying to change someone's beliefs or discuss religion can have the same effect. **"Those topics that are led by passion are hard to put back," "That's why mom told us never to talk about politics, sex and religion."** Not only can talk about religion offend somebody but it can also get you in trouble if you appear to be harassing or discriminating against someone based on their religious beliefs. "When talking with people with differing belief systems you're not going to convince anyone to come over to your side,"

CBN welcomes anyone and everyone, regardless of religion, race and political affiliation. We do discuss the readings of the Bible. Not the differences each denomination interprets these readings. It is our goal to **spread God's word**.