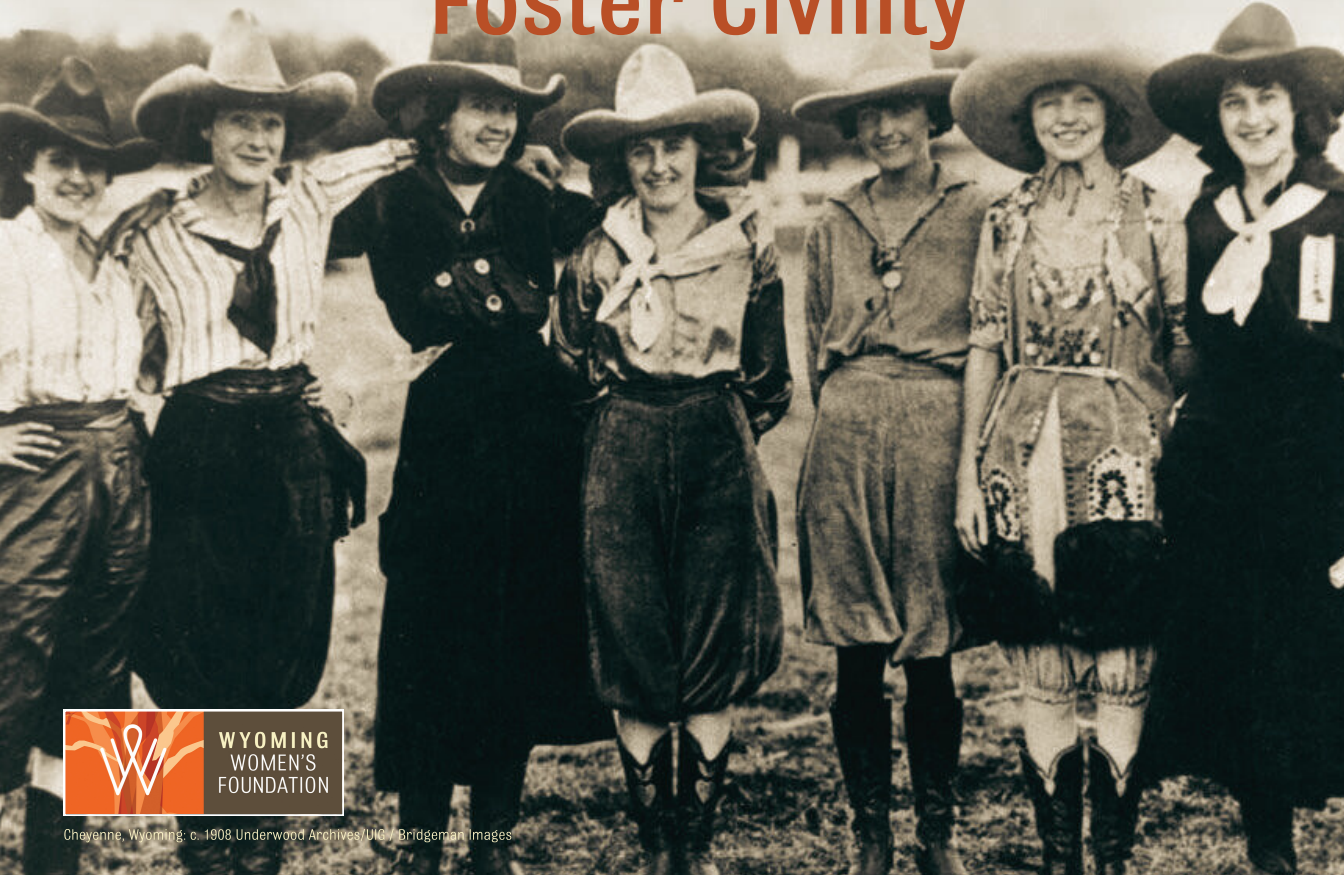


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# Suggestions for Fostering Civility

- **Get to Know the Issues & Your Legislators:** Visit [wyoleg.gov](http://wyoleg.gov) to learn about legislators' backgrounds, committee roles, voting records, and sponsored bills.
- **Practice Legislative Etiquette:** Address legislators by their title (i.e., Senator or Representative). Know if they hold an additional role such as Madam/Mr. chairman, floor majority leader, floor minority leader, etc. and use that title when applicable.
- **Identify Yourself as a Constituent:** Legislators are much more receptive knowing they are speaking with a member of their community – especially when those folks are voters.
- **Keep it Short, Relevant, & Personal:** Your message should be clear, concise, and easy to remember. Consider using bullet points. Share your personal experience when possible.
- **Offer Appreciation:** Legislators hear complaints all the time. Just like all of us, they like to be acknowledged and thanked for their time, work, and dedication.
- **Be Courteous & Respectful:** Engage with legislators and other members of the public with respect, kindness, and consideration - especially when you disagree.