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Can We Survive This Incivility?

My wife posted a wonderful quote [often attributed to Gandhi] on social media: "Seven blunders of the world that lead to violence: wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice, politics without principle. -- Mahatma Gandhi."

In response to her I wrote: "We should keep Gandhi's quote in mind as we reflect on the current president of the United States and those who lead our nation. I totally understand your intention was not political, but we must not ignore the political implications of this wise man's words. Acting on what Gandhi says -- in our personal lives and in our nation's politics -- is the best way to demonstrate the profoundness of his philosophy. History is replete with examples of the value of translating Gandhi's wisdom into behavior, and we must do so now else his words will ring hollow."

Sadly, my comment resulted in an ad hominem attack in which I was called a 'libtard.' What a disgusting label. Even sadder was the fact that my wife removed her post, fearing the escalation of derogatory replies. This, unfortunately, is the state of our political discourse. The question is: Will our nation survive this incivility?

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