
The author discusses his theories on how to further overcome linguistic violence beyond censorship and tolerance via listening. Linguistic violence can be defined as written or spoken words that, indirectly or directly, lead to a greater amount of disharmony. On a more long-term basis, linguistic violence can ruin relationships or prevent future ones creating an negative tension. One manner of handling linguistic violence is with censorship, but this leads to conflicts on personal rights and freedoms. Another means is tolerance, but this method does not respect the other party’s opinion. Tolerance merely covers up the negative tension in a relationship. An approach to solve the tension is the act of listening. This means not only taking in what a person says, but seriously considering what the person is saying and respecting his/her opinions. If a person realizes you are truly listening he/she will be less inclined to act in more violent, verbally or physically, ways to get his/her point across. This idea is to develop more of a peace connection with people. This article expands on the definition of linguistic violence compared to an article by Ellen Gorsevski. Also, Gorsevski’s article as well as an article by Brien Hallett both suggest listening to others in a respectful manner can prevent linguistic violence as well as create a peaceful relationship in a manner that reduces linguistic violence by both parties.