
The author explores how to rise above linguistic violence with three strategies. The first and perhaps the most obvious strategy is to identify violent language replacing it with nonviolent language. The second strategy involves two forms of silence, positive and negative. Negative silence occurs after linguistic violence leading to tyranny and oppression; in essence, a silencing of any opposition. A positive silence occurs while a person is becoming aware of the situation, enabling one to listen to others, and developing a more understanding for others. Positive violence is what people should focus on in order to overcome the barriers of linguistic violence. This article correlates to a similar article by Andrew Kelley and Ellen Gorsevski suggesting ways to better communicate between others by listening and respecting another party’s view in order to overcome linguistic violence.