Defending Institutions: Promoting Civic Debate and Rejecting Personal Attacks

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2020 Protests
Violence Against Women

According to a study from *The State and Local Government Review*, women who are mayors are twice as likely to be hit with psychological abuse and three times more likely to be the subject of physical violence.
Riverside County Courthouse Vandalized
Riverside officials demand sheriff apologize for accusing councilmember of supporting vandalism
Protect Yourself

- Exercise situational awareness.
- Avoid electronics while walking.
- Consider an alarm system.
- Participate in neighborhood watch.
- Speak up if something seems off.
- Have an exit plan.
- Keep police apprised.
Solutions

1. Communicate and Collaborate
2. Connect and Share
3. Build Trust
4. Manage your Public Persona
5. Harden the Target