

# Does the 21st century court chivalry?

## Chivalry is alive



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Chivalry, a word originally describing a code of honor for knights, was an idea first developed by the French during the Middle Ages. The qualities expected of a chivalrous knight were courage, honor, and readiness to help the weak.

Almost a thousand years later, society, like it so often does, has taken this word and beaten the old definition into irrelevance. Society has essentially replaced it with a modernized definition that emphasizes gender roles and piles social pressure on men to act politely while putting down women by telling them they are weaker than men.

With that in mind, let's get to the point. Chivalry is not dead, and it won't die any time soon for a few reasons.

The existence of the conversation itself constitutes chivalry as still being alive. As rap artist Macklemore once said in his song "Glorious," "You die twice, once when they bury you in the grave and the second time is the last time that somebody mentions your name."

Any logical person could conclude that as long as people still debate the existence of chivalry, it cannot die. Trying to get rid of chivalry is like throwing water on a gas fire. You aren't helping to put out the fire, you are just providing more surface area for the fire to spread.

While chivalry is alive and well in our words, seeing it in action is not as common of a sight as it may have been 30 or 40 years ago. If you know where to look, you will see signs of chivalry are quite common.

The first thing many people think of as being a chivalrous

act is holding the door for a someone. It is hard to go out in public for more than a couple hours without seeing someone holding a door at least once.

Everyone does it to be polite from time to time, but do men do it to be chivalrous? Yes, but it is hard to notice because of the tendency for people to abuse the chivalry of a door holder.

We have all been there. You see someone walking up behind you as you are about to go into school, so you decide to be nice and hold the door for them. You give them a smile as they walk through the door and if they're nice, they smile back. Before you can turn to walk in the door, someone else slips inside and cuts you off.

Things just go downhill from there. Looking back you see person after person lining up to get through the door. You are stuck. Students stream through the door in a never-ending torrent of bodies.

Someone watching this would likely think that the person is just in a very good mood that day and decided to be extremely kind. This is the logical thing to assume because all someone watching sees is a mench holding the door for the wonderful people of the world.

The mistaking of chivalry for other acts of kindness is a huge part of why many people claim that chivalry is dead. It is just easier to make assumptions rather than to dig deeper and look under the surface of acts of kindness to find chivalrous intent.

Chivalry is not just about holding doors. It is about politeness and wholesomeness. Chivalrous values are reflected through the ways that significant others treat one another.

The above reasons point to why a large amount of the population is subject to the illusion that chivalry is dead. The presence of chivalry may not be as great as it had been in the past, making it hard to notice sometimes. All it takes is a deeper look to see chivalry very much alive in our society.

## Community Viewpoints



"No. Guys can be pretty nice by thinking about girls before themselves."  
- Marcel Beatrice, Freshman



"No. People still help others and are polite toward others no matter who needs help. Chivalry isn't dead, its just changed/evolved with us."  
- Sara Lockett, Sophomore



"No, I still think many women appreciated being respected and having the door held for them."  
- Hill Little, Freshman



"Chivalry is not dead, but it should be. When men treat women like they are not capable of doing something, it is degrading."  
- Marlee Michel, Sophomore

## Chivalry is dead



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Reporter

Chivalry is defined as the medieval knightly system consisting of a religious, moral, and social code. In my opinion, it is definitely dead.

People pulled the plug on this method of manners years and years ago. Social media and today's pop culture contributed to the tragic death of chivalry.

Everyone is inspired by all the vulgar music that's being put out now that no one has any manners. Not only is the music affecting boys' manners, but it also affects girls. When we accept a boy's bare minimum, we are allowing them to walk over us. We wear the pants but we don't act like we do because we feel as though the pants-wearing is for boys.

Another problem with girls is that we can be mean. Many boys experience backlash for holding the door for girls. We are all so wrapped up in being independent 24/7 that we shrug off the fact that a boy is actually trying to do something nice for us. We are defined as the weaker gender, but in actuality we can do things just as well as boys, possibly better.

That doesn't give us consent to act hostile towards the opposite gender. Ladies, if a boy goes out of his way to do something nice for you, i.e. holding a door, the least you can do is 'thank you'.

Communication has also failed, another cause of chivalry's death. Social media and technology has ruined our social skills. Why talk in person when you can just text, direct message, or snapchat them? Social media has inhibited us from actually getting to know the person on the other side of the screen, resulting in boring

small talk.

If you look back at the definition of chivalry, you notice that it mentions the word 'knight'. In the 11th century, the idea of chivalry came from the system of the Pope during the First Crusade. The Pope stated that all knights must follow an order to protect the women and children and defend the church. Obviously, this is not how the idea of chivalry is defined in modern times. It has changed and is now based on how men should have manners and respect others, especially women.

Being chivalrous is when a boy want to be truly nice to a woman and not expect an outcome. Many boys these days only act as if they have manners because they're forced to. John Picciuto, from the website Elite Daily, says "All I know is, the more I look around, the less I see men treating women the way that we're raised to."

Even a man knows that chivalry has become extinct in this culture where hooking up and forgetting about the person the next day is regular.

What about same sex couples? Should a lesbian or a gay man be expected to be chivalrous? The answer, of course, would be yes.

Chivalry to me is almost like a mutual respect for one another. A man holds a door, the woman says thank you. When talking about chivalry, respect should definitely come into play.

With the idea of mutual respect defining chivalry, this would mean that lesbians should respect their partners and gay men to theirs.

The reason chivalry is definitely dead is because it's one the most confusing ideas every thought of. Why only make a method of manners for one type of couple when there are plenty others?

Staff Editorial

# Trump's Twitterstorm

In 2008 after winning the presidential election, Barack Obama held a press conference with various reporters.

In 2017, President-elect Donald Trump turned to Twitter after his win. Since taking office in 2017, Trump has continued to abuse his power on Twitter.

President Trump is the first president to use the social media outlet as a means of communicating presidential messages to the nation. Throughout Trump's presidential campaign he used Twitter to boost his popularity and tweet messages about his campaign.

In Trump's first extensive post-election interview, he appeared on the television news program 60 Minutes with correspondent Lesley Stahl. It was during this interview in November of 2016 that Stahl asked Trump whether he would continue to use Twitter as president.

Trump replied to Stahl with a straightforward answer: "I'm going to be very restrained, if I use it at all, I'm going to be very restrained."

After a year of office, Trump has used repeatedly used Twitter to speak freely and openly to the nation.

Trump has tweeted about meetings with leaders from other countries before the White House has been able to release a statement to the press multiple times.

When he appeared on 60 Minutes in 2016, he said, "I find it [Twitter] tremendous. It's a modern form of communication. There should be nothing we should be ashamed of."

Donald Trump has transformed the use of Twitter, and with that he has transformed the presidency. Accord-

ing to the Independent, Trump justifies his use of Twitter by claiming it is necessary to bypass the, what he deems unfair, media coverage.

The New York Times has stated that Donald Trump admits to being warned by Republican advisors and close friends that his Twitter could bring him down with its offensive and unrestricted content. Trump argues that Twitter is what brought him into office and that he does not plan on stopping his tweets.

After she was defeated, Hillary Clinton told The Graham Norton Show that "The most dangerous thing he [Trump] does is conduct diplomacy on Twitter."

Trump's tweets could soon send America into turmoil. Clinton's references to Trump conducting diplomacy on Twitter refer to his multiple tweets directed toward North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un.

One of the most recent tweets from Trump about the North Korean leader was on January 2, 2018. Trump tweeted: "North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un just stated that the 'Nuclear Button is on his desk at all times. Will someone from his depleted and food starved regime please inform him that I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is a much bigger & more powerful one than his, and my Button works!"

Donald Trump's Twitter could endanger the United States. Beyond that, Trump's Twitter is a danger to the public with its offensive content directed at certain groups of people. Twitter is a great outlet for people to express their opinions and thoughts, but President Trump should refrain from using it to attack others.



Camryn Darragh

## Craigslist cautions

LIAM BARTON  
Reporter

You might have heard that when a car leaves the lot it will lose almost 20% of its value immediately. Well, luckily that applies to almost everything. Buying used items can be a great way to save money.

Other websites like Ebay can have great deals and thousands of results, but there's not too much quality control and you never get to see the product in person, so you could get scammed.

Websites like Craigslist have all kinds of things like discussion forums, jobs, housing ads, and even dating (which is probably a bad idea).

However, the "for sale" category is probably what made Craigslist so popular.

This section is broken down into multiple categories which can help you narrow down your results.

The reason most people normally steer clear of this site is because of the creepy connotation.

"It's too creepy," said Mr. Cassidy when I asked him if he used Craigslist. I've heard stories told like folklore about people getting followed home after buying a phone on there or about someone trying to buy a car and end up getting killed. I've seen an article on CBS about a Craigslist nanny getting killed, so there have been some mishaps with the site. This can discourage the use of a website like that. Craigslist is open to anybody, so yeah there could be a murderer posting an ad to trick someone to coming to his/her house or something, in theory.

The odds are slim but, in hindsight, is going to be 20/20 if you end up meeting a creep. When using Craigslist, avoid the really good deals. Avoiding ones that are just too good to be true can help save you from getting scammed or worse.

I once saw an Xbox One in the free section, which is clearly a red flag. I probably don't have to say that you're not going to get an Xbox One for free. A theory about getting scammed is the more niche of a category you go into, the more likely you are to find authentic ads.

Think about it: if you were a murderer or just trying to make easy money, you'd want to appeal to a larger audience and get as many takers as you can. If you see good deals for things like cars or something that either has a stock photo as the image or no image at all, be careful.

When looking at something like "collectibles" or "musical instruments" don't worry as much because those are both markets that you likely won't get scammed on.

"I got my piano on Craigslist actually," said junior Abby Finan.

The Apex Police have a group of parking lots outside their departments that can be used for internet exchange, where everything is safe according to WRAL. It's video monitored 24/7.

"I bought a go kart on there one time," sophomore Sam Wiedmer said.

Aside from the dangers of meeting complete strangers, there's also some lingo when it comes to this stuff that is good to know. People use abbreviations for terms that could seem confusing at first. Maybe the most common is "OBO." This means "or best offer" meaning they're flexible with the price.

Other times you might see "TLC" as in "this thing needs a little TLC." That stands for "tender loving care" which is a nice way of saying it's not in very good condition and needs some work.

"Curb Alert" which is often found in the free section, means "act fast, it's on the side of the road."

Another one is "MIJ" which means "made in Japan." This comes up a lot in certain areas and normally does not make an item any more valuable.

When you're really on a budget, you can put your price maximums and minimums. This is really helpful when you don't want to have to scroll by your dream items for way more than you have or sift through subpar items that are way too cheap.

Some people will put their item up for one dollar. This item is likely to be more than one dollar. It's either just negotiable or it's a bundle of items at different prices. This really annoys me especially when they say in the description to just make them an offer, because then you don't even really know what they want for it and you might walk away or under shoot it, because that way they hold all the leverage.

Most importantly, don't get too trigger happy when you just start looking, especially when you're looking at something costly.

You need to sit back, check almost everyday, see what the prices look like. and then when a real steal comes along, you email the seller.

"I found my truck on Craigslist," sophomore Wills Womack said.

You must be on top of things to find those steals. Also, if you're selling something, don't forget to take the ad down as soon as you sell it because you don't want to get other people's hopes up.

Never be afraid to make an offer. It can't hurt and these people are probably just looking to get rid of junk, so they will often take a reasonable one.

These are just a few tips that might help and convince you to use Craigslist.

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# Banning words, banning democracy

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In late December, a report surfaced that the Trump administration banned the CDC from using a list of seven words, including “science-based”, “diversity”, and “transgender”. It was soon discovered that the Trump administration had nothing to do with the banned words and that this ban was self-imposed by officials in the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

According to sources, officials didn’t want these words used in reports to the White House because they could potentially “trigger” Republicans who are currently making budget cuts.

The underlying problem in this situation is the war on science and marginalized groups by the Trump ad-

ministration. This attack on science and marginalized groups has been well-documented, and now agencies tasked with protecting the most vulnerable feel as though they can’t even use the word “vulnerable” itself.

This may be due, in part, to the fact the Trump has appointed climate-change skeptics to the head of environmental agencies. Or the fact that last May, the White House announced its intention to cut \$1.2 billion in funding from the CDC and \$2.5 billion from the Environmental Protection Agency. These cuts are more than any other president has proposed in history, including the most recent Republican President, George W. Bush, who actually wanted to increase funding for certain agencies.

Additionally, the HHS has archived pages providing information to LGBT people, including a page detailing how they can receive help if they are the victims of sex trafficking.

Donald Trump is putting politics before the well-being of the American people, and does that even surprise anyone at this point? The CDC is researching how to protect fetuses from the Zika virus. This research is life saving, but now scientists are forced to

make an effort to beat around the bush in their reports because their supervisors may become annoyed with words such as “evidence-based” and “fetus.”

The HHS isn’t the only government organization catering to Trump. EPA officials have recently stopped using the term “climate change” to describe climate change and has instead opted to use the term “climate resiliency” in order to not annoy the climate change skeptics controlling their agency.

Ask any science teacher in the world if finding “evidence” is an important step in the scientific method. How is it possible to talk about health research without using the word “evidence”?

How is it possible to talk about transgender rights without using the word “transgender”? How can an agency tasked with protecting the environment function when the appointed head of it doesn’t believe climate change is a real threat or that relevant scientific data is credible?

You can’t, which is exactly what Trump and his appointees want. And at this point, the only solution is to vote in the midterms for leaders who will hold themselves and others accountable.

## President’s Corner



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What’s up y’all?  
We made it through first semester! The year is flying by!

Second quarter was a huge success! Our fall sports teams wrapped up their seasons with strong showings across the board, and our basketball, wrestling, winter track, and swimming and diving teams are off to a great start.

November and December also saw some amazing shows from our Performing Arts department – if you haven’t been to one yet, be sure to check them out in the spring!

Shoutout to the Sophomore Class for putting on a great Starry Night Sadie Hawkins Dance! It was a huge success; they did an awesome job!

Also, Queen of Hearts is right around the corner, and the seniors have been working very hard to make it the best one yet! Get excited for February 3rd!

After Queen of Hearts, make sure you’re hype for Song-A-Grams on February 9th! It’s always a fun day full of some great musical talent with some acts for comic relief as well.

Also coming up in third quarter are Spring Sports, as well as the 2018 Musical: Beauty and the Beast.

As a quick reminder – if you’re not following us on social media, you should – we’re on Instagram and Twitter @BHSCaps. You can also join our Remind 101 Group by texting @bhscaps to 81010.

Let’s make it a great third quarter!  
‘Sko CAPS!  
-Clay

## Trey’s Take: Top 10 Star Wars Planets

By: Trey Walker, Master Jedi

1.) **Hoth:** Heading up our Star Wars planet list is Hoth, the arctic planet from the Outer Rim Territories. The rebel alliance called this frigid system home as they relocated their main base there after the location of their base on Yavin 4 was compromised. The rebels stint on Hoth came to an end when the Imperials attacked in the beginning of “The Empire Strikes Back”.

2.) **Tatooine:** Once called the most fertile breeding ground for young Jedi in the galaxy, (and home to Luke and Anakin Skywalker), this desert planet comes in at number 2.

3.) **The Death Star:** “That’s no moon, it’s a battle station” We had a tough time classifying this as a planet, but this man-made weapon of mass destruction is the size of a small planet, and has the capability to destroy any type of planet.

4.) **Endor:** Home of the Ewoks. Everybody knows the cute little bears roaming freely in the forest.

5.) **Corscant:** The entire planet is just one big city!

6.) **Naboo:** This peaceful planet is a frequently visited place in the Old Republic. It is also the native land of the Gungan species.

7.) **Geonosis:** The first battle of the Clone Wars occurs here in a rescue mission to extract Obi Wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker, and Senator Padame Amidala.

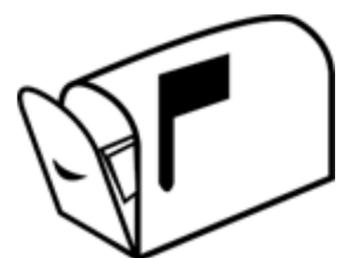
8.) **Kamino:** The entire planet is one big ocean. Kamino becomes a pivotal piece in the Clone War, as it was the production center of the Clone Army.

9.) **Kashyyyk:** More of an unheard planet, Kashyyyk is the home planet of the Wookiees.

10.) **Yavin 4:** Home of the remote rebel base in A New Hope, Yavin 4 was the center of all Rebel offensives.

Honorable Mention:

**Dagobah:** Master Yoda lived out the rest of his days in exile on this swamp-planet. It is covered with different types of swamp vegetation and infested with many species of varmits. Luke Skywalker received the majority of his Jedi training here.



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- Tara Murray, the 2017-2018 Hi-Times Opinion Editor