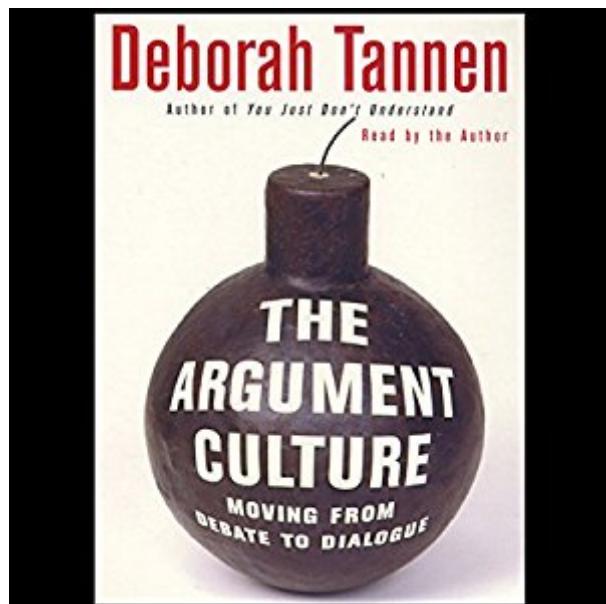


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# The Argument Culture: Moving From Debate To Dialogue



## Synopsis

THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS LINGUIST OFFERS A COMPLETELY ORIGINAL ANALYSIS OF THE WAY WE COMMUNICATE--AND A REVOLUTIONARY LANGUAGE TO LIVE BY!In her #1 bestseller You Just Don't Understand, Deborah Tannen showed why talking to someone of the opposite sex can be like talking to someone from another world. Now Tannen is back with another groundbreaking book, this time widening her lens to examine the way we communicate in public--in the media, in politics, in our courtrooms, and classrooms--once again letting us see in a new way forces that have powerfully shaped our lives. The war on drugs, the battle of the sexes, political turf combat--in the argument culture, war metaphors pervade our talk and influence our thinking. We approach anything we need to accomplish as a fight between two opposing sides. In this fascinating book, Tannen shows how deeply entrenched this cultural tendency is, the forms it takes, and how it affects us every day--sometimes in useful ways, but often causing damage. The Argument Culture is a remarkable book that will change forever the way you perceive--and communicate with--the world.

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## Customer Reviews

I think this book is timely for these days when we hear terribly inept and abusive arguments on every TV channel. It is time someone pointed out the underlying divisive nature of modern American argument. It does nothing for our culture, and in fact destroys it piece by piece. Tannen takes on all these issues one by one with fair evidence and a convincing view. I used this book to teach Argument Writing and my students did not enjoy some of the chapters feeling that there was a bias

on her part to find fault with so much. But I think it is because the students are so young they have little exposure to real arguments where people understand basic fairness, follow certain rules (i.e. no fallacies), are reasonable, and are willing to listen to both sides of a debate. Therefore, I feel the book did a good job of exposing them to the inequities, biases, and sheer ignorance of many of the arguments we are bombarded with today. If for nothing else, this made it a good book for young people to read. Where else can they be aware of the fallacies and breaches of logic that are blasting at them from the media on a daily basis? Thumbs up Deborah!

After reading Deborah's book I am much more aware of the aggressive combative language in our culture and the media. I feel less like a victim of it all. She helps you rise above it and see a better path. I vote for Deborah Tannen for President!

Tannen rules.

Received it in just a few short days from ordering it. Such a great read!!!!

Great Product!!

Quality book in fine condition delivered in a timely way. Thanks.

I wish this book could made required reading for everyone who listens to the media, watches TV news, votes, raises a family, or expresses an opinion. Tannen explains a large part of why our nation is in so many messes we are unable to deal with intelligently. She absolutely nails the problem. You'll never look at things the same way again.

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