

Myths about unity and agreement –

1. We must agree about everything. Every detail, every preference, every style. Actually that's called "co-dependent" and is unhealthy. Unity comes from different personalities who share the same values. Being republican doesn't mean I like Trumps idiosyncrasies (tweets, outbursts, etc)
2. Unity means an absence of conflict. Conflict is necessary to define boundaries. Unhealthy conflict is when people can not resolve minor and major differences.
3. I must be passive to be in Unity. This could not be further from the truth. To be passive means to hide, pretend or even lie. We must learn to speak our mind in a respectful, honoring way to leadership.
4. Strong Unity always produces financial and numerical success. Some of the strongest and most productive groups are those who have been reduced to a core few.
5. If I submit or follow, I must be stupid. Actually the most intelligent people have the ability to see a higher purpose and do not get bogged down with petty details, or "non-essential" differences.
6. If we part ways, we must be enemies. Simple minded people feel like they have to win. Win arguments, win debates, prove they are right, etc. I can respect and even support people who are different.
7. We will never part with people if we have unity. That may be the very thing necessary to have it. Different businesses, living on different sides of town, or whatever it takes to define our relationship. It is awesome when we share, but having two bowls is better than fighting over the same dish!