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## **WHY CAN'T WE JUST "TALK ABOUT IT"?**

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*Here's what provoked me:*

*There's a new phrase that's driving me nuts.*

*Here's my response:*

### **Why Can't We Just "Talk About It"?**

Let's take a break from thinking about nuclear weapons, immigration, international terrorism, the trade deficit, abortion, or the British Royal Family, and think about something really important.

There's an over-used and annoying phrase that's starting to give me the same "shivers" as: "been there, done that," "don't go there," "life is good," well yeah," "reporting from on the ground," and everybody's ultimate annoyance, squeaky chalk. My latest addition to the "squeaky chalk" list is for a pretend pundit to wisely proclaim, "we should have a conversation about that." It usually has to do with some heavy-duty national or international issue. I must confess my own guilt in this transgression.

Of course, I know what message is being sent. But isn't it just possible that at least once in a while, rather than always "having a conversation," a better choice might be to "discuss," "confer," "debate," "have a dialogue," or maybe even "confabulate"?

If this continues and I can't shake these distracting symptoms, I'm going to gather together a group of similar minded, or at least sympathetic, individuals and we're going to just "sit down and talk about it."