

Critical Thinking



Developing Skills for Effective Decision-Making

Objectives:

1. Reflect on Your Own Critical Decision-Making Process
2. Share 3 Principles for Critical Decision-Making
3. Provide Strategies to Help You Act on Those Principles



Set the Stage



1. Default to Trust

2. Respect is Queen and King

3. Open Heart



WARNING

1. There may be some discomfort!
2. We are going to get real.



3. Minds may change.

Remedy for Discomfort



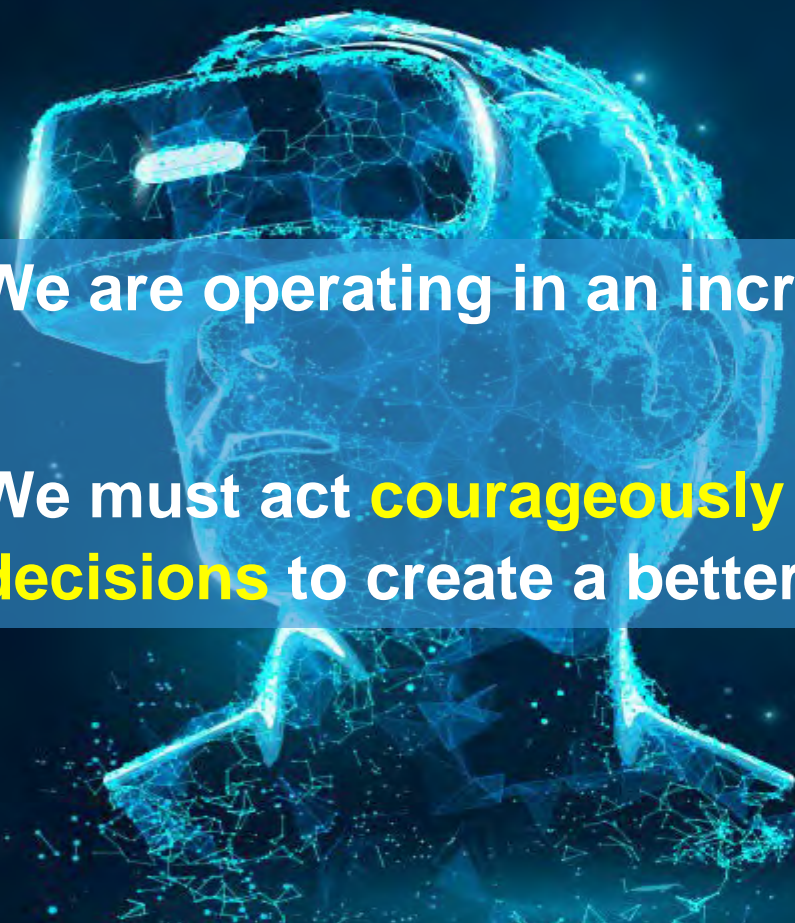
Listen with your heart

2 Questions for You?

1. How many of you are satisfied with the state of the world?
2. How many of you are optimistic that things will change for the better?



Our Reality

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1. We are operating in an increasingly divisive socio-cultural paradigm.
 2. We must act **courageously** and **constructively** in **making critical decisions** to create a better future for us **ALL**.

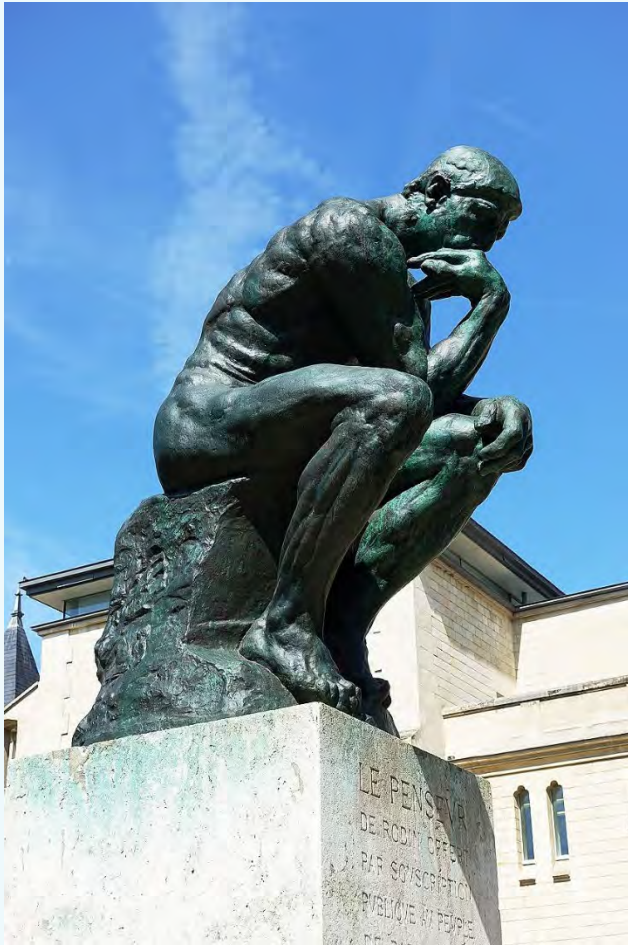
Changing the World

MARGARET MEAD



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

What is Critical Thinking?



- The ability to analyze information objectively and make a reasoned decision.
- It involves evaluating data, listening to relevant dialogue, and evidence to form a clear, rational, and well-supported conclusion.

Table Exercise #1

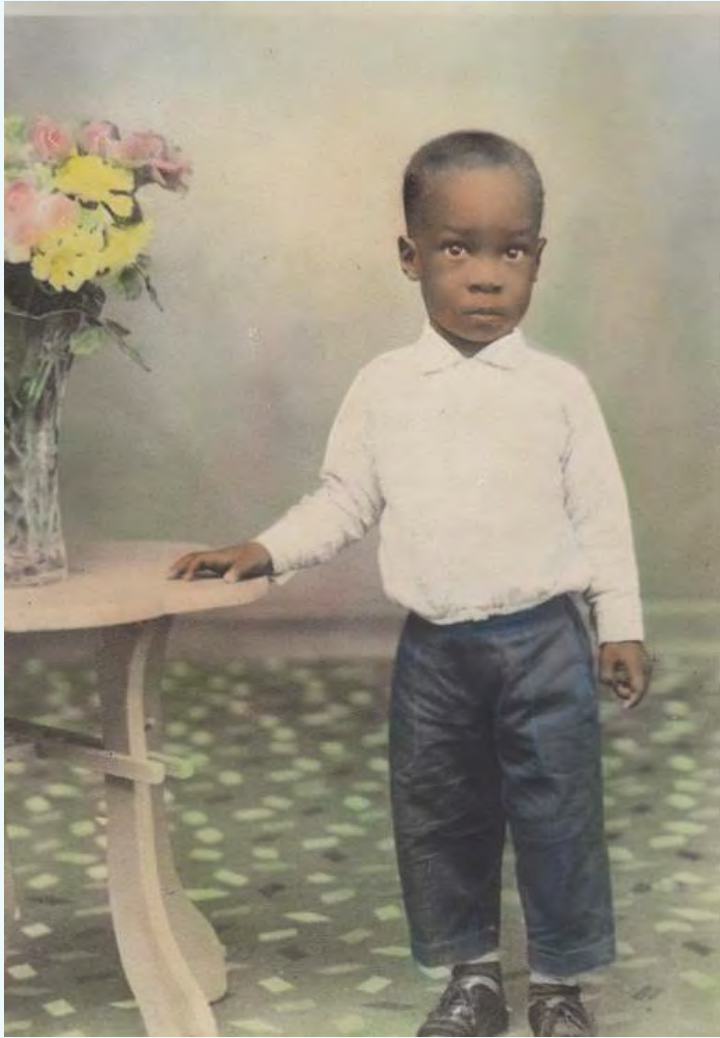


What do you believe are some of the most pressing issues facing us?

Table Exercise #2



What factors do believe are driving critical decisions on those issues?



The
Story

Listen for the critical decisions
in the story.



Note the principle(s) and/or
factors that drove decisions?





Miss Hanna

1976



Police Officer

1987 - recruit

1998 - School Resource Officer

2002 - 1st promotion

2007 - Inspector



2012 - Chief of Police



Thank You Miss Hanna



2012

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario's First Inspector General of Policing Appointed

New oversight role will enhance policing services delivery and increase public trust

October 02, 2020

[Solicitor General](#)

Table Exercise #3

What factors do you think lead to poor decision-making?



Good Decision-Making?

Table Exercise #4

What factors do you think lead to good decision-making?



Three Principles
for
Good Decision-Making

Principle #1



PURPOSE

Principle #2

People First

Inside-Out



People First – Inside Out – in action



1. Focus on the welfare of others (Fire or Not Fire)
 - Emotional
 - Mental
 - Physical
2. Compassionate correction (Shape up or Ship out)
3. Take the hit (The buck stops with me)

PEOPLE FIRST

Principle #3

PREPARATION

**IS
THE KEY**

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1. Purpose

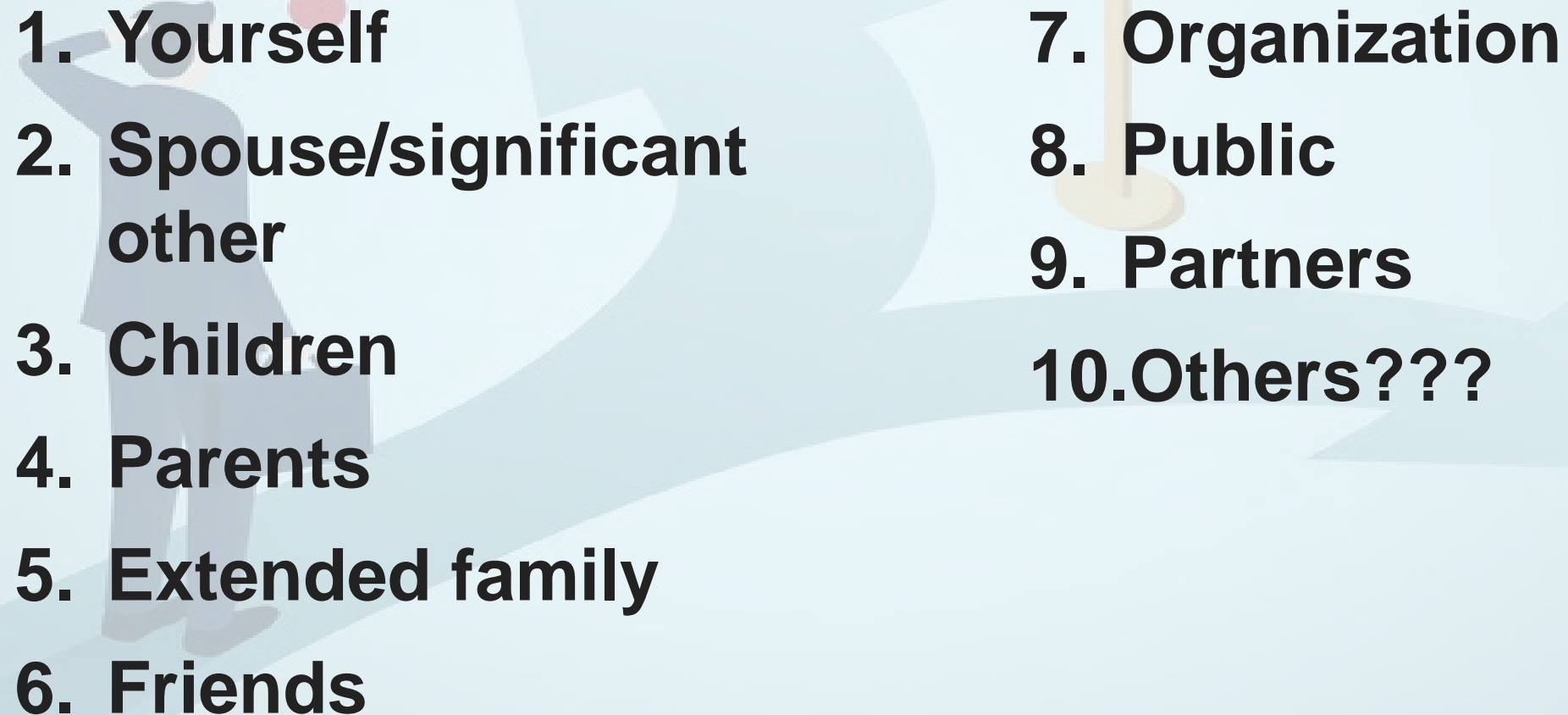
2. People



3. Preparation

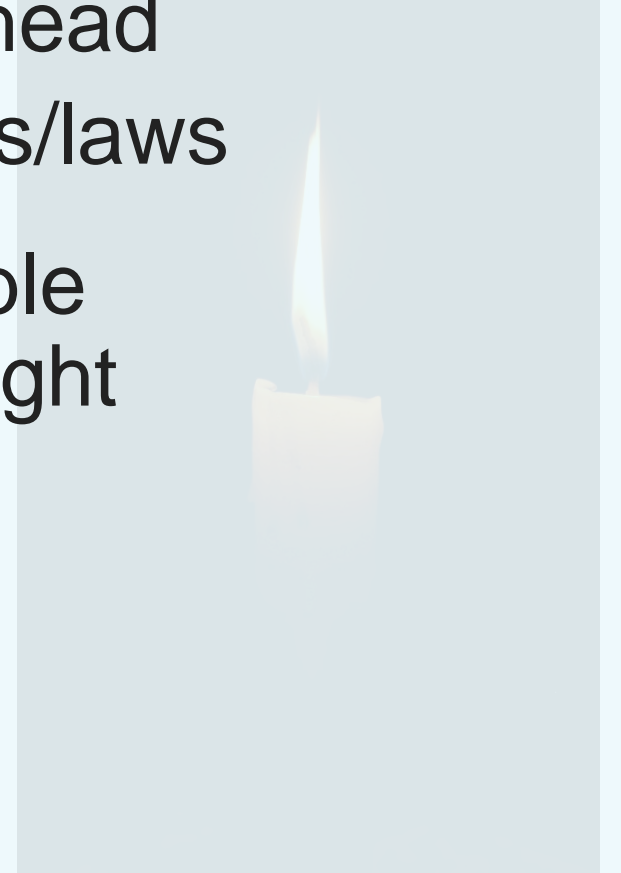
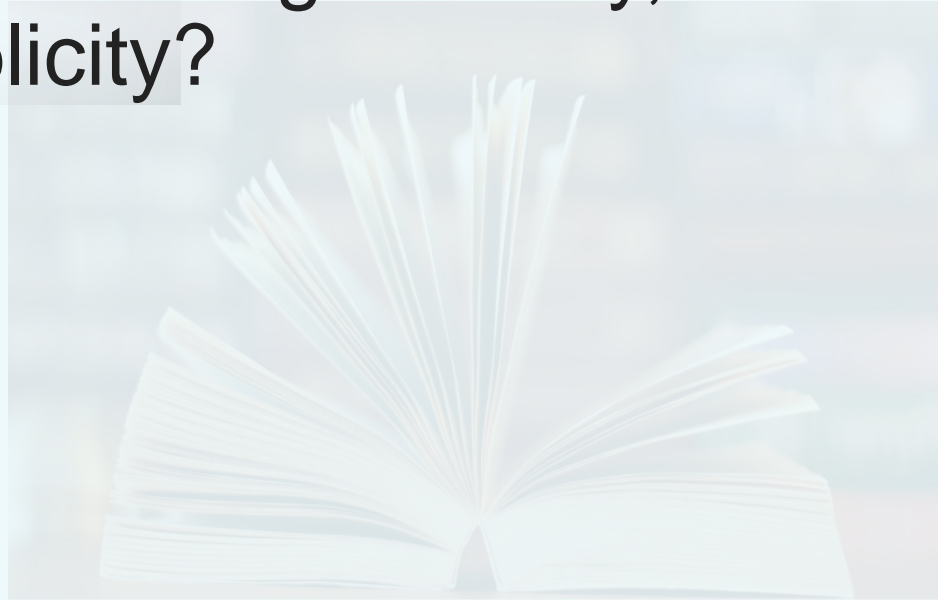
Decision-Making Strategies

Think about key stakeholders:

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1. Yourself
 2. Spouse/significant other
 3. Children
 4. Parents
 5. Extended family
 6. Friends
 7. Organization
 8. Public
 9. Partners
 10. Others???

Decision-Making Strategies

- **The Bell** – alarms going off in your head
- **The Book** – am I violating any codes/laws
- **The Candle** – will my decision be able to stand the light of day, or the spotlight of publicity?



People First Perspective

A diverse group of eight people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are standing together and smiling. The image is overlaid with a light blue tint. The text is centered over the group.

Table Exercise #6

Thinking back to the list of issues facing the world today, pick one and address it from a People First Perspective?

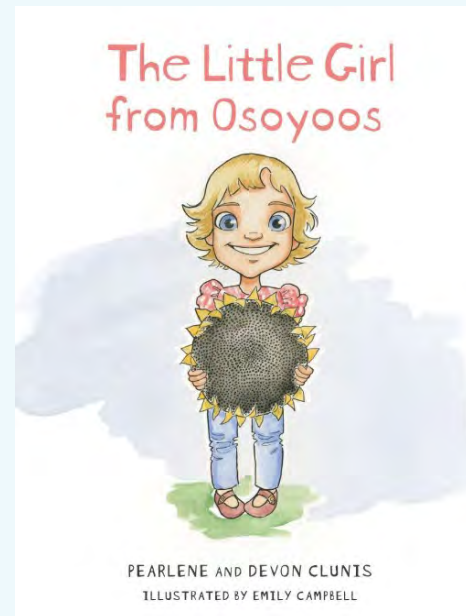
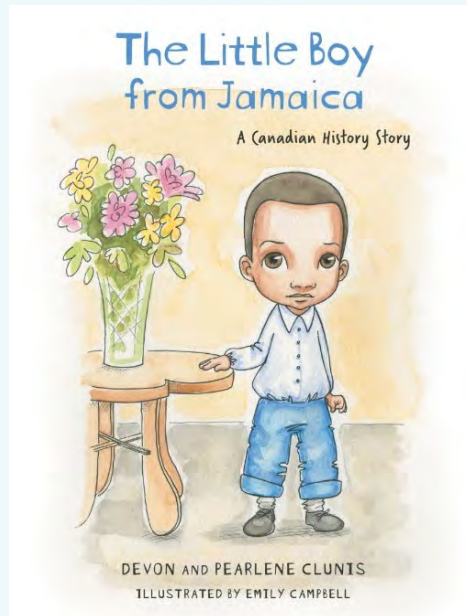
Your Decision-Making Pledge

Table Exercise #7

Develop Your Critical
Decision-Making Pledge?



Resources



English/French
Free Teacher's guides
Clunisconsulting.com/videos



onestoryofhope.com

Questions/Comments

