

7 Critical Thinking Tools

For Job Life (mostly)

1. Who are the Stakeholders?
2. Pro & Con: See opposite viewpoint?
3. Rules for Brainstorming



For Personal & Job Life

4. Am I on a "Slippery Slope"?
5. Am acting logically? ... of emotionally?
6. Am I worried about outcome? ...or process?
7. What is under my control? ...What is not?



1

Career Tool #1: Stakeholder Analysis

Who is a stakeholder? ...A stakeholder is someone who "cares"



Players are stakeholders
Parents are stakeholders



Drivers who speed...
...and also police
who keep
roads safe

2

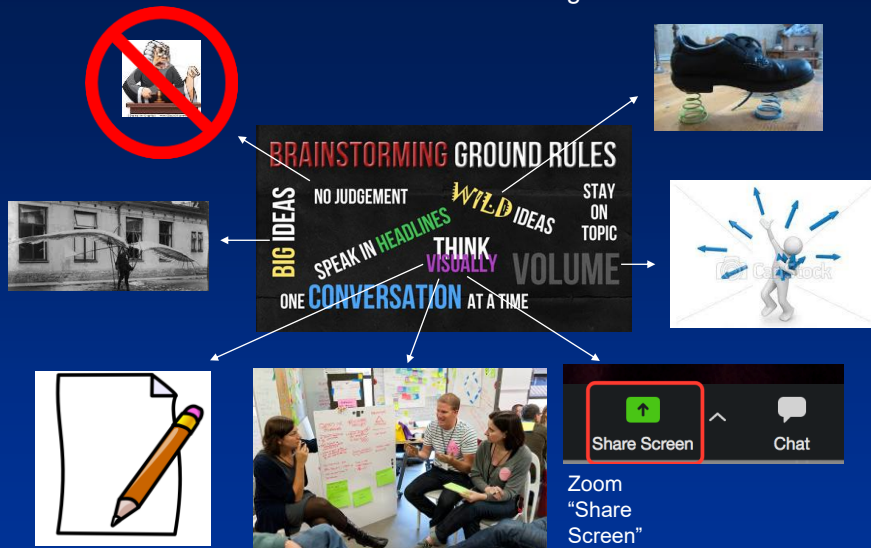
Career Tool #2: Pro & Con: See opposite point of view?

| Reasons for yes | Reasons for no |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | 1. |
| 2. | 2. |
| · | · |
| · | · |
| · | · |



3

Job Tool #3: Brainstorming Rules



BRAINSTORMING GROUND RULES

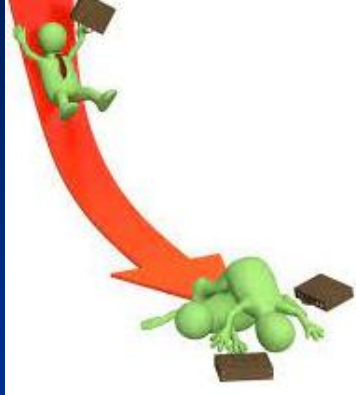
- NO JUDGEMENT
- WILD IDEAS
- STAY ON TOPIC
- BIG IDEAS
- SPEAK IN HEADLINES
- THINK VISUALLY
- VOLUME
- ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME

Zoom
"Share Screen"

4

Personal Tool #4: Slippery Slope (Black and White with Grey Area)

"White"
↑
"Grey Area"
↓
"Black"



(Taking home a paper clip from OU)



Ok?



Ok?



Not Ok?

(Situational Ethics)

5

Personal Tool #5: Separate Emotion from Logic



Feeling
Emotional
Your "Heart"



Thinking
Logical
Your "Brain"



6

Personal Tool #6: Process versus Outcome (Results)

Process:
Running a Race

Outcome (Results):
1st 2nd or last?



“Journey”

“Destination”



7

Personal Tool #7:

“What can you control? ...what is beyond your control?”



Someone steals
from you

External Event



Uncontrollable



Call police; earn, borrow
money to buy another; etc.
You get angry

Internal Reaction



Controllable

(Stoicism: Epictetus & Seneca)

8