

# Opinion Development Notebook



# Facts

*Facts are raw, verifiable pieces of information.*

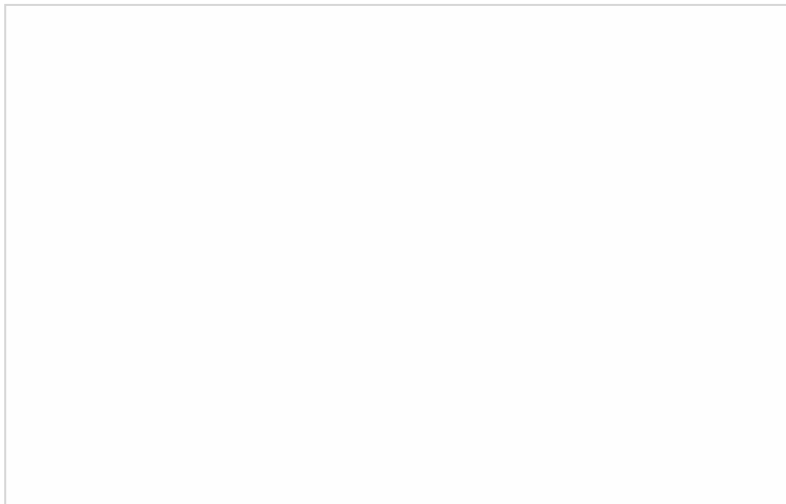
List key facts you know or have heard about your chosen topic.  
Where did these facts come from? (News, social media, publications,  
someone told you, etc.).



How much do you trust the facts you listed? Do you suspect that some of them might be wrong, or exaggerated?

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What missing pieces of information would help you to better understand the subject?

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# Interpretations

*Interpretations are meaning that we give to facts.*

What sense do you make of the topic at hand?

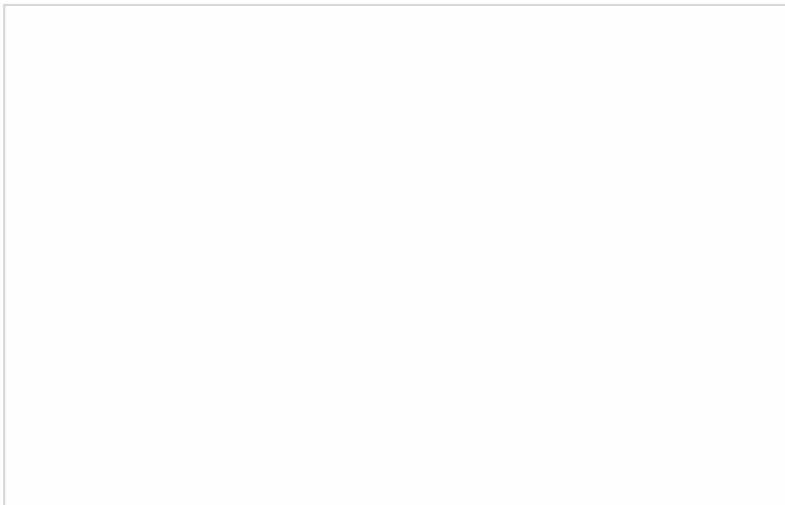




What do you find particularly difficult to understand about the issue?

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What are your assumptions? What do you think might be true, even if you cannot prove it?

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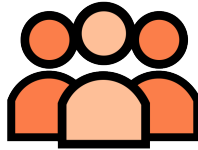
What factors can influence our thinking?



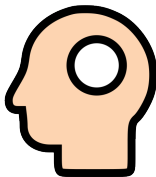
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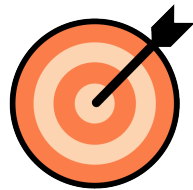
Feelings



Other people



Personality



Goals



Experiences



Biases



Culture



Media



Values



Needs

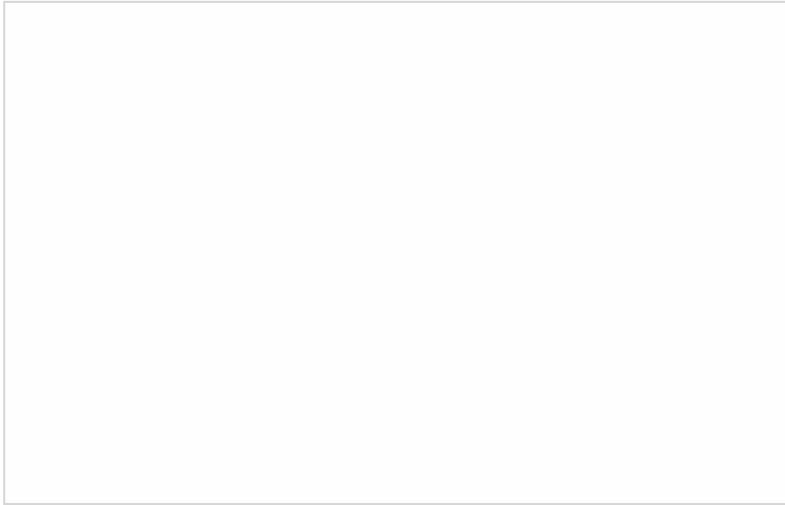
# Influences

*Many factors influence the way we think.*

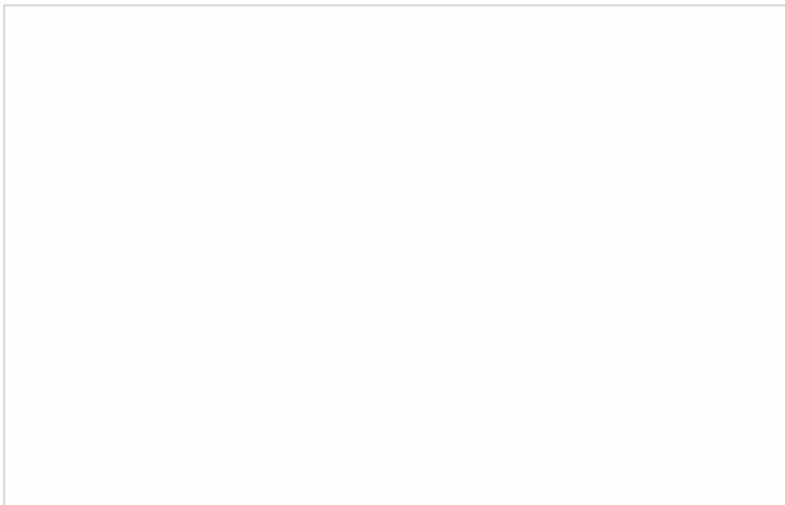
How does the issue make you feel? Why so?

Can you recall past experiences that might affect the way you think about the issue?

How does the way you see yourself affect your opinion of the issue?

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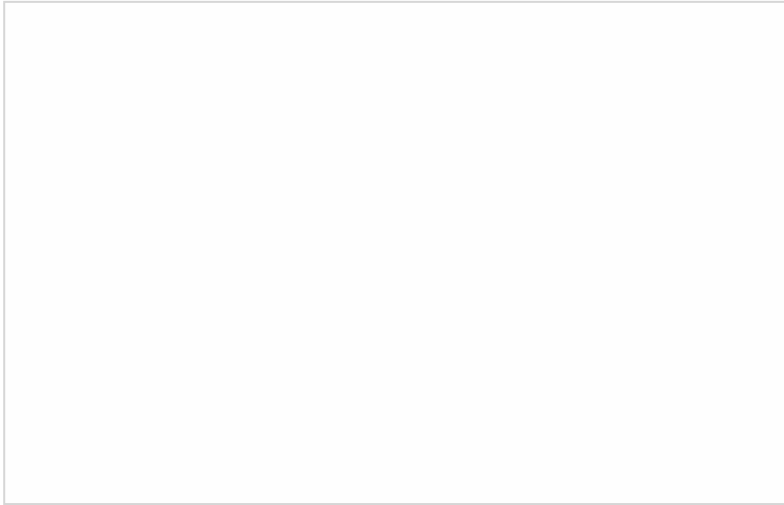
Is the way you think about the issue affected by how you see others, or think they might behave?

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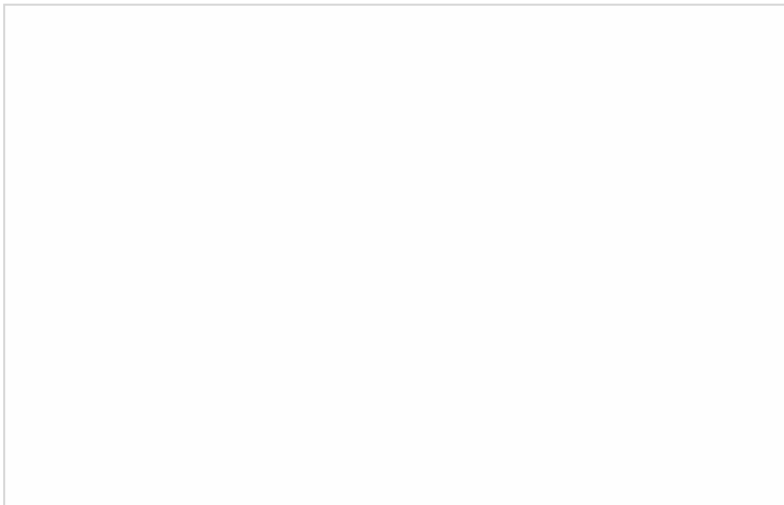
# Perspective



What **positive** aspects do you see about the issue?

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What **negative** aspects do you see about the issue?

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# Summary

Based on everything you've explored, what conclusions can you draw? How confident are you about them?

