

Describe a time you disagreed with a decision that others made

1. What decision it was
2. Who made the decision
3. Whether you told him or her that you disagreed;
4. **and explain why you didn't agree with this decision.**

I want to talk about a decision I disagreed last year happened in my research group. Our research group consists of 4 people, one postdoctor - the leader and 3 PhD students. At that time we were doing a project called "Activities of microorganism in acid-filled environment". I must say it was a very tough projects. We met numerous difficulties such as microorganism sampling, DNA extracting and so on. We also had a deadline for the top Journal Science at the end of March. You could imagine the pressure when hard experiments meet a rush deadline.

necessary background
for question 4

On morning, to my surprise, the three guys told me that they had made a decision that we would submit our project achievements to another low-ranked journal. All of a sudden, I was so angry that my hair raised. I directly told them "I disagree" (lao niang bu gan, ping sha bu jing guo wo tong yi luan gai ji hua)

question 1 and 2

The reasons why I did not agree lie in two aspects. ★ For one thing, it was a collaborative work and we were a team. From my perspective, it is a rude way to decide something neglecting any member no matter your decision is wise or not. There need a discussion when all members involved. ★ For another, natural is the top one journal, but the other one they wanted to submit is just a bad one. They just wanted to finish the project soon and got one paper. When quality meets quantity, I definitely select the formal. High quality paper means breakthrough in research and I treat it as a high praise and reward for one's hard work. The fulfillment it brought is unmatched. Throwing our work to a bad journal is a waste of time and energy.

I think you are
familiar with un-
matched

In a word, because of their wrong way in decision making and my thinking about quality, I did not disagree them.

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