Discovery, acquiring, or combining of information in relation to Group Decision Making

Groups: often work in limited time constraints - and often have 'done some research individually/have competence to make a decision' beforehand

In this scenario:

Discovery of information: the brainstorming stage in the group – initial sharing of ideas/thoughts on the problem, pointing out various cues other members should pay attention to. Every individual is deciding which thoughts to share – might update their beliefs based on information presented by other members of the group or decide to challenge the newly presented ideas. At this stage, ‘weight’ of different opinions in the group might be established, based on levels of expertise and confidence.

Acquiring more information: group members give feedback, ask follow-up questions, express individual evaluation of the information presented

Combining information: An exhaustive, integrative process of combining all information is not appropriate or achievable -> Before deciding what the final decision should be, a group makes a row of hasty minor decisions: which information to be prioritized and which information to be disregarded. In case of equally good contenders for the final decision and divided opinions, someone takes charge and makes the call.

Of course, it isn’t the only scenario…