

Habits of Thinking

a routine of behavior repeated regularly that tends to occur subconsciously

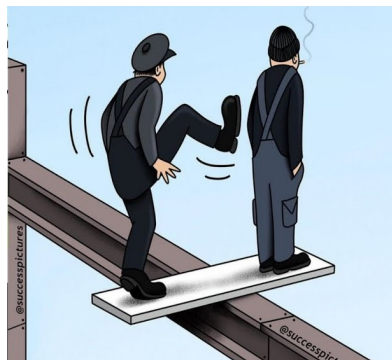
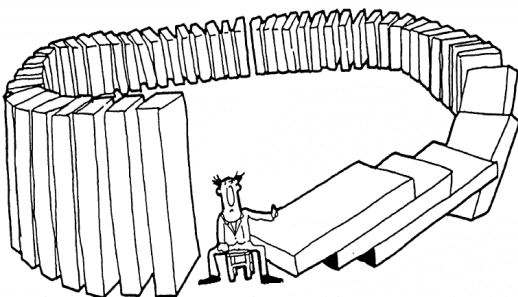
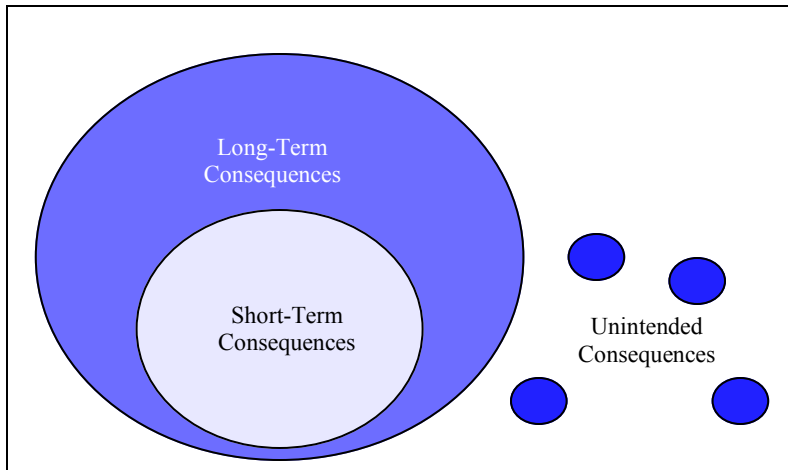
A practitioner in habits of systems thinking...

Considers SHORT-TERM, LONG-TERM, and UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES of ACTIONS.*

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- A *consequence* is the result or effect on an action or condition.
- When practicing this habit, consequences are initially labeled as short-term, long-term, or unintended.
- *Positive, negative, or neutral* labels on consequences are almost always conditional or made with bias.
- Recognizing inherent bias is an important step in developing a habit of considering consequences of actions.

“Read” each picture to the right. What are the short-term, long-term or unintended consequences of the actions or conditions related to each picture. Consider showing your thinking using a graphic similar to the one shown below.



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