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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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3. Declare what you are going to do.
4. Do just that *one* thing.
5. Choose the next speaker.
6. Summarize where we are so far every so often.
7. Review the discussion.

Connect to what was said by the previous speaker

"I agree / disagree with <Person's name>..."

"I have a question about what <Person's name>
just said..."

Declare what you are going to do.

"I have an example to support / counter example to challenge..."

"Here is a reason why we should believe that..."

"I have a question to help redefine the issue..."

"I'm just going to talk a lot for no particular reason.."

Do just that *one* thing.

Seriously. Just do the one thing you said you would and then let it go.

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Try to make sure that a variety of positions get on the table and that everyone gets a chance to speak.

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The facilitator may demonstrate this a few times
but be prepared to be asked to do it.

We want to make progress towards discovering
what is most reasonable to believe and to do that
we need to track the discussion.

Review the discussion

The facilitator will lead this at the end. It is not about the answer to the question but about how the discussion went so the next one can be better.

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