

Washington Week Worksheet

Previewing Exercises

1. Spend a few minutes reviewing factors for success in group discussions.
2. Anticipate the kind of gambits that are particularly useful in group discussion. Write down as many as you can think of.

Viewing and Post-viewing Questions

1. Briefly describe how the panelists present their information in general. How do they interact? What is the format of the discussion?
2. What do you notice about the body language used by the speakers?
3. This program is considered an example of a civilized, intelligent talk show in the US. Did you notice anything in particular that creates this effect?
4. Were there any panelists who were particularly easy or difficult to understand? Why?

Speakers

1. Briefly define the facilitator's role:
2. Listen for and write down some of the gambits used by the group members to
 - Introduce and organize contributions
 - Question each other, or to comment on points made
 - React to information provided by individuals reporting on a particular situation
 - Support their opinions with facts, statistics, and sources.

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