

## 8 Critical Thinking Tools

For Job Life (mostly)

1. Who are the Stakeholders?
2. Pro & Con: See opposite viewpoint?
3. Rules for Brainstorming



For Both Personal & Job Life

4. Am I on a "Slippery Slope"?
5. Am acting logically? ... of emotionally?
6. Am I worried about outcome? ...or process?
7. What is under my control? ...What is not?
8. What is the role of "nuance" (ニュアンス)?



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## Career Tool #1: Stakeholder Analysis

Who is a stakeholder? ...A stakeholder is someone who "cares"



Players are stakeholders  
Parents are stakeholders



Drivers who speed...  
...and also police  
who keep  
roads safe

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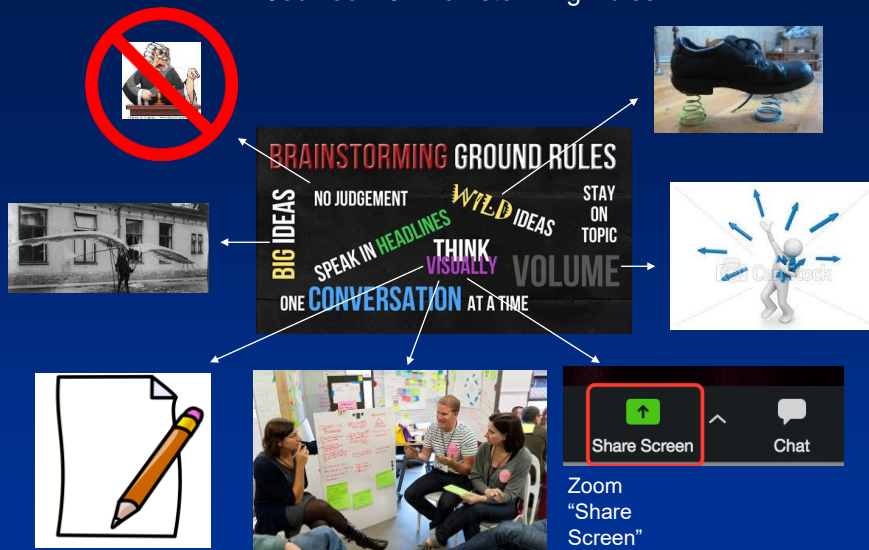
## Career Tool #2: Pro & Con: See opposite point of view?

Reasons for yes	Reasons for no
1.	1.
2.	2.
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## Job Tool #3: Brainstorming Rules



**BRAINSTORMING GROUND RULES**

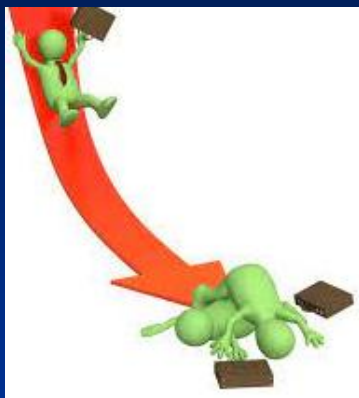
- NO JUDGEMENT
- WILD IDEAS
- STAY ON TOPIC
- BIG IDEAS
- SPEAK IN HEADLINES
- THINK VISUALLY
- VOLUME
- ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME

Zoom  
"Share Screen"

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### Personal Tool #4: Slippery Slope (Black and White with Grey Area)

“White”  
↑  
“Grey Area”  
↓  
“Black”



(Taking home a paper clip from OU)



Ok?



Ok?



Not Ok?

*(Situational Ethics)*

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### Personal Tool #5: Separate Emotion from Logic



Emotional  
Feeling  
Your “Heart”



Logical  
Thinking  
Your “Brain”



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## Personal Tool #6: Process versus Outcome (Results)

Process:  
Running a Race

Outcome (Results):  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> or last?



“Journey”

“Destination”



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## Personal Tool #7:

“What can you control? ...what is beyond your control?”



Someone steals  
from you

External Event



Uncontrollable



Call police; earn, borrow  
money to buy another; etc.  
You get angry

Internal Reaction



Controllable

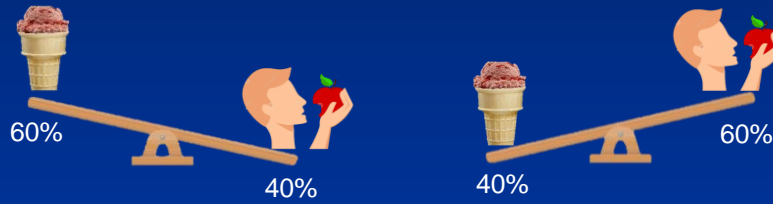
(Stoicism: Epictetus & Seneca)

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## Personal Tool #8: What is role of "nuance" (ニュアンス)?



Nuance = "Gray Area", hard to define, changeable



Helpful Hints:

- 1) accept your feelings are "nuanced" = changeable
- 2) put a number (e.g. 60<->40) on your nuanced feelings