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due Sep 18 at 1:59am

Week 5 - Discussion Forum

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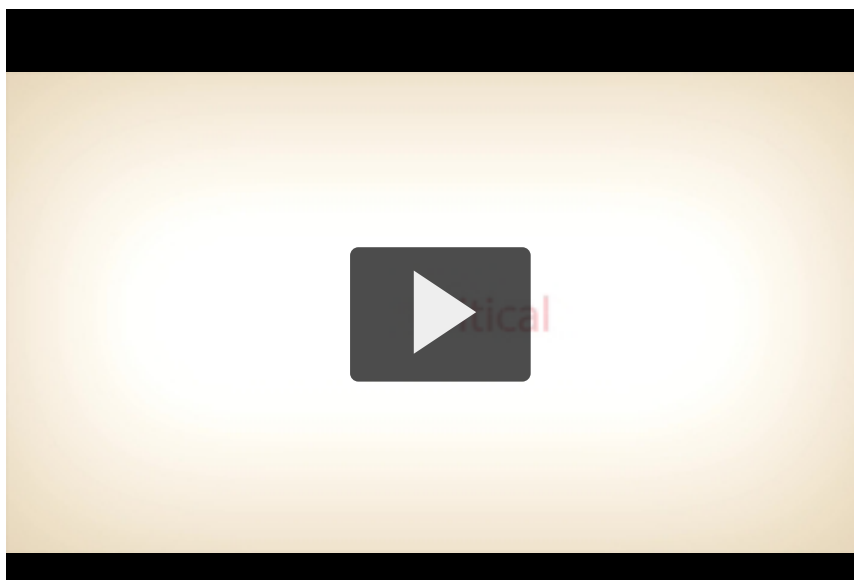
Your initial discussion thread is due on Day 3 (Thursday) and you have until Day 7 (Monday) to respond to your classmates. Your grade will reflect both the quality of your initial post and the depth of your responses. Refer to the Discussion Forum Grading Rubric under the Settings icon above for guidance on how your discussion will be evaluated.

### Logic and Life [WLO: 4] [CLOs: 2, 3, 4]

Prior to beginning work on this discussion, read Chapter 9 in your textbook and complete the interactive module *The Graduate* [↗](#)

(<https://content.bridgepointeducation.com/curriculum/file/1e7aa7ea-801b-4b47-a55e-c8cf6597af26/1/GraduateScenario.zip/story.html>) . In addition, watch the video *The Value of Critical Thinking in Daily Life* [↗](#)

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One of the advantages of learning logic and critical thinking is that it can benefit all areas of one's life. The ability to research all sides before arriving at a position on an issue, the humility to consider opposing points of view in a fair-minded way, the wisdom to evaluate the quality of reasoning for and against positions, the capacity to recognize and avoid logical fallacies, and the skill to be able to construct effective reasoning all can benefit us by helping us to arrive at positions that are most justified by the evidence (and therefore most likely to be true).

These habits, when applied, can also help us to make decisions based on a more comprehensive understanding of different points of view, to better appreciate other people's perspectives, to be clearer and more persuasive in our reasoning, and to avoid making decisions that are not rationally justified. The discussion this week is designed to assist us in this process of applying critical thinking to our daily lives.

Your instructor will choose the discussion question and post it as the first post in the discussion forum. Answer all the questions in the prompt, and read any resources that are required to complete the discussion properly.

**Guided Response:** In addition to your original post, post a minimum of three responses for a total of at least four posts. At least two responses must be to your classmates; the third response could be to a classmate or your instructor. Be sure to post on three separate days throughout the week to promote further engagement and discussion. Each response should be a minimum of 75 words.



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3:32pm

Hello all,

For our final discussion I want to talk about the relationship between critical thinking and dogmatism.

How do you define dogmatism? I want you to think of an example of dogmatism in your life (movies, tv, personal experience, books etc.) and then address the following questions:

How is dogmatism harmful?

and

How (if at all) can the problems of dogmatism be addressed by the practice of critical thinking (using examples from the course)?

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4:57pm

Class and Professor Norris

Good Afternoon, When it comes to Critical thinking and dogmatism they can go hand in hand. Dogmatism is a statement or a direction to take, given as an opinion or a belief of others. while we all probably have experienced dogmatism quite frequently from our friends, family, co-workers, and so many more people we interact with. We need to be able to think critically to assess whether we are going to agree or disagree with whatever it is these people in our lives are trying to suggest, recommend, or advise us to do. Critical thinking is when we use our brains and really think about everything we do in our daily lives. Everything we do has consequences, the severity, or almost unnoticeable consequences may vary, but they still exist. Critical thinking

can be simple things we do, from the logical choices we make. The smallest decisions we decide through critical thinking can add up over time to large outcomes. We are using critical thinking in every decision we make from which route to take to get to work on time, what we want to eat, what career path we would like to take, to the decisions about our health and how to go about them.


Now this is where Dogmatism and Critical thinking really relate, if we are trying to figure out something we need to do, and ask peoples opinions, or people just offer them, how do we really know that what they are stating will actually benefit us. The information we get from others can simply be information that is bias, a fallacy, or just what their opinion is, which is where we would consider this as dogmatism. We then have to decide whether we should just take their opinions blindly because we feel that they are smart, or they have had experiences that relate, and may be right. Or, we can choose to really assess this information and think on our own, what would be the best scenario for us (using our critical thinking)?

For example, I was looking to purchase some stock at a time where the price of a very reputable company was low. My uncle had told me I should go for it and buy the stock, he had told me with the dip in price it would bounce back. Now, while my uncle was trying to help, and believed the price would bounce back up and I would be getting in at a time where the price was cheap and will make a lot of money when it went up. He was just giving me his opinion. I ended up not taking his advice and did some research on the company that was decently well known, spoke to others who have more information on stocks, and I decided not to buy the stock. As it turned out if I had listened to my Uncle I would have lost the money I was going to invest as about 6 months later the company closed down. In this case he gave his opinion (using dogmatism) and I used critical thinking to decide to not just go off of his advice, but do further research, with doing that I found out some more information that made me not jump on the opportunity. If I had listened to him it would have hurt me financially.

Just from that example dogmatism could have been harmful in this situation as financially I could have been harmed. Dogmatism can be harmful in an infinite amount of ways besides financially. it can be from taking someone's advice without knowing the facts medically, about diet plans, in what school you should go to, what career you should choose, and so much more. taking the opinions or beliefs of others without facts, without using your critical thinking to research the information people

offer you could be harmful in many different degrees of severity. While advice is great research and thinking on your own in a critical fashion is always your best course of action. If you use critical thinking and do things in a more logical way to make decisions, you can not be affected by the possible pitfalls of dogmatism.

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Best Regards,

Joe

