



## Group Decision Tip

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### Lose now, win later

**In principle**, more important than winning any particular decision is the health of the relationships that we carry into the next decision. Is it worth it to jeopardize a long term relationship in order to win a short term decision? Maybe, but not likely.

Further, a group member may be inclined to block the group's forward progress and perpetuate conflict because they are holding out for a win. They are sure that they are right and that the group is wrong. Is an individual win more important than group peace? Sometimes, but not often.

The good thing about losing is that it often allows one to move on, let go of the battle. Rather than be stuck in conflict it can be very beneficial to say, "Okay, I lost that one. What's next?"

**Practical Tip:** Be thoughtful about when to fight and when to accept. Stand tall enough to see beyond the immediate conflict. Is it more important that **I** win now or that **we** win over the long run?

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