



Group Decision Tip

E-mailed every two weeks to help groups make good decisions

Opt out

In principle, there are many things out of my control but within my control is how I spend my time and money. I get to decide what to participate in and what to opt out of. I can't control a TV show but I can opt out of watching it. I can't control how a consumer product is made but I can opt out of buying it.

Another choice I have when I confront something I don't like is to try to defeat it. This is doing battle, sometimes in a straight path of destruction. Opting out is a winding path.

Both fighting and opting out affect the provider of the product or message we don't like. When people in large numbers opt out of buying a product, the provider stops providing it. Boycotting is a very effective way to make group decisions, and peaceful.

Practical Tip: Don't opt out of agreements already made but with new choices take your time and money away from things you oppose. When something is in your path that you don't like, go around it.

Each personal choice you make sends a message. As a group, make choices based on participation or lack of participation. If people aren't showing up, discontinue the activity.

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