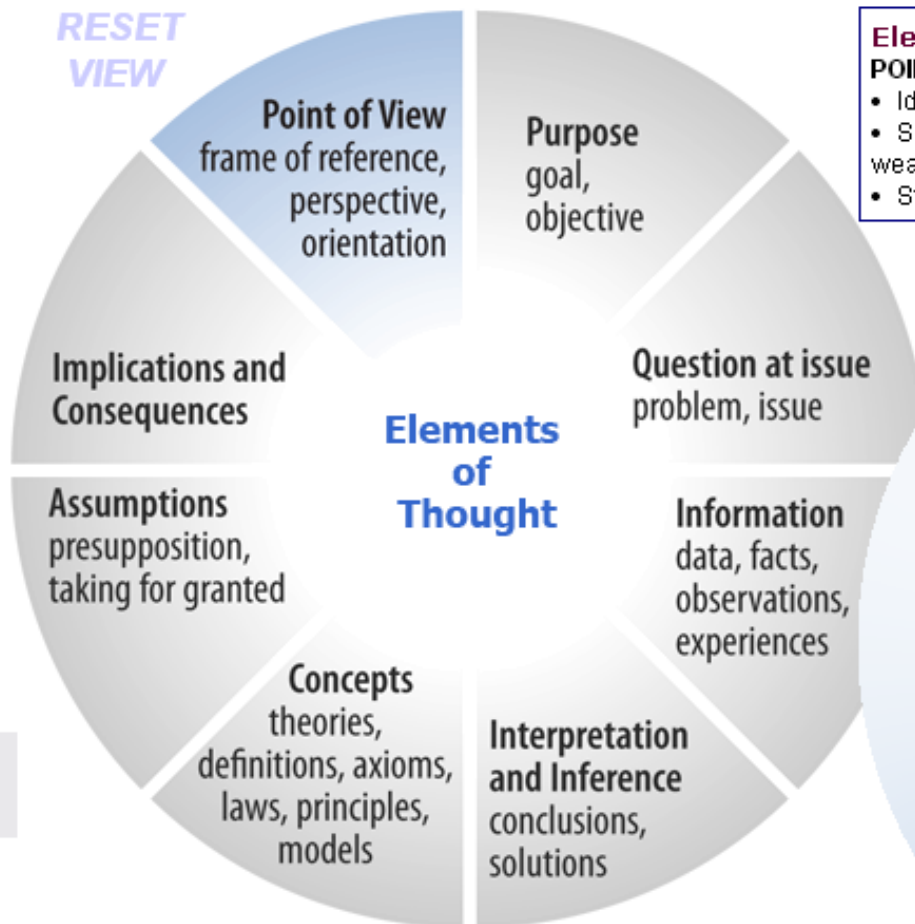


To Analyze Thinking We Must Identify and Question its Elemental Structures

Use the elements with sensitivity
to Intellectual Standards »

Clarity	Accuracy	Precision	Relevance	Depth
Breadth	Logic	Significance	Fairness	more...

**RESET
VIEW**



Element: Point Of View All reasoning is done from some **POINT OF VIEW.**

- Identify your point of view.
- Seek other points of view and identify their strengths as well as weaknesses.
- Strive to be fairminded in evaluating all points of view.

Understand Your... Point of View

Point of view is literally "the place" from which you view something. It includes what you are looking at and the way you are seeing it.

Make sure you understand the limitations of your point of view and that you fully consider other relevant viewpoints.

Questions to check your point of view

- How am I looking at this situation? Is there another way to look at it that I should consider?
- What exactly am I focused on? And how am I seeing it?
- Is my view the only reasonable view? What does my point of view ignore?
- Have you ever considered the way ____ (Japanese, Muslims, South Americans, etc.) view this?
- Which of these possible viewpoints makes the most sense given the situation?
- Am I having difficulty looking at this situation from a viewpoint with which I disagree?
- What is the point of view of the author of this story?
- Do I study viewpoints that challenge my personal beliefs?



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