

# **A Few Antidotes to Bad Group Thinking**

## **Oct. 19 in class, Board Notes**

- Awareness of social psychology issues (ideas in Larry's lecture and reading) that lead groups and individuals astray from good decision making
- Education and education level affects one's ability to speak up in a group and contribute
- Educate oneself and spend time with people who think differently/ are different from yourself
- Put yourself in other's shoes – look at their perspective
- Draw out quiet types – quietness might originate in family background, ethnicity, culture, etc...
- Provide security for dissenters → in work environment, in institutions and government, in politics
- Do smaller groups → which would provide security and put more responsibility on each person → less diffusion of responsibility
- Borrow some ideas from hunter-gatherer social structure -- (example: Australian Aborigines?)
  - A dispute – talk it out in a small group- take time (take as much time as necessary to settle disputes, which might be a long, long time)