

Week 5 Discussion: In My Opinion

Initial Post Instructions

Consider one of the following current social issues – or one of your choice:

- Opioid crisis
- Legalization of recreational or medical marijuana
- Vaping
- Immigration
- Elimination of the electoral college
- Gun control

For the initial post, address the following:

- State your position on one of these issues – are you for, against, or neutral? Explain why. Avoid vagueness or ambiguity in your response. Make your position very clear.
- Examine how you have formed that opinion.
 - How well do you think you know the facts?
 - Do you know and understand statistical information that applies to the issue?
 - Do you think you have formed your opinion using only System-1 thinking, or have you applied System-2?
 - What part have heuristics, cognitive bias, and dominance structuring played in how you have formed your opinions?
- The initial post is not about how "correct" your position is; it is about **how you arrived** at your position on the issue. This discussion requires application of metacognition – thinking about how you think.

Hello Class & Professor,

I'm for gun control. More specifically, raising the minimum age for all gun purchases. Why? Purchasing and possessing a lethal weapon is a serious responsibility and one that should not be taken lightly.

The facts & understanding the facts: Federal law establishes two classifications of firearms: handguns and long guns. In gun crimes for which the type of gun is identified, handguns are most common (Edwards, et al., 2018) As an outcome, handguns are overseen more precisely compared to rifles and shotguns (Edwards, et al., 2018). In the United States, a 21-year-old can buy a handgun meanwhile and 18-year-old can buy a long gun (Crifasi, 2019). This has the