

ACTIVISM AND ADVOCACY SOCRATIC METHOD EFFICACY SELF-TEST

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This is a progressive test in which each question includes sample responses to contemplate as you answer the questions for yourself to improve your efficacy. While COPE's HEAL Mission can't take credit for being entirely responsible for closing down the frauds/criminal/tortious (tortious means "wrongful" and actionable with a tort/personal injury/civil suit) enterprises that were on our watch-list then shut down, our watch-list is now smaller than the list of those closed who previously populated the watch-list. To see the ones shut down, visit <http://www.beyondbusiness.net/youarenext.htm> and to view those still actively populating the watch-list, visit <http://www.heal-online.org/thelist.htm> .

It is my hope that by the end of this test you will be more effective or prepared to be more effective in your efforts as an activist and/or advocate regardless of cause or issue.

QUESTIONS AND CONTEMPLATIVE EXAMPLE RESPONSES (Note: The contemplative example responses are respectively related as questions progress. For example "Response A:" to question 1 will share the same specific cause/issue as "Response A:" to question 2.) :

1. What is my cause or issue?

Response A: Prevent crimes, especially abuse of vulnerable populations such as children and animals.

Response B: Stop crimes through conversion, intimidation, coercion, and undue influence which at times involves or may involve violating the constitutional rights to privacy and security of person and property of those suspected of committing crimes and where felt justified may involve trespassing for which one would expect to be forgiven if familiar with the Lord's Prayer.

Response C: Help take a bite out of crime by not committing any and also reporting any crime I have sufficient evidence as a victim or witness to report within the statute of limitations understanding the burden of proof on criminal charges is beyond a reasonable doubt where activism can suggest reporting party has an agenda and may require substantial unimpeachable objective evidence for a prosecution or conviction.

Response D: Demand prohibitions and restrict freedom and rights currently available at law to other citizens who oppose said suggested prohibitions and are recognized as equal to me in the eyes of the government and the law. Ex Post Facto can be repealed. The constitution may prevent Ex Post Facto (applying a law to actions/practices retroactively) regulations, but, it can be changed. No more grandfathered-in industrial practices. All will be equally regulated regardless of Ex Post Facto.

2. How will you achieve your goal?

Response A: Educate people on what is criminal or tortious and discourage them from doing anything criminal or tortious by reminding there are penalties at law for doing so. Encourage lawful, ethical, and humane conduct by leading by example in good faith.

Response B: Act as a militia or mercenary when not recruiting like a missionary. This may involve clandestine activities or what some call "terrorism". Those who do not convert will be destroyed. And, anyone caught in the act of violating the rights of vulnerable populations will be turned into the authorities most likely by Respondent C who claims to understand my passion, but, doesn't agree with my methods.

Response C: Definitely do what Respondent A is doing and Respondent B is right that I'd report suspected or recognized crimes I witness or am victim of to the proper authorities within the statute of limitations.

Response D: I support Respondent B in theory and see it as useful as a tactic to impose the will of arguably 0.5% of the US population if talking prohibiting animal agriculture on the other 99.5%. Those who fail to convert are evil and must be destroyed or brought to justice.

3. Am I in a cult or victim of "group think"/"mob mentality" (i.e. like when the vampires nest and become their own crazy echo chamber in HBO's "True Blood")?

Response A: No, I'm just a caring person who recognizes vulnerable populations and/or victims of crime need support and that leading by example in being honest and virtuous seems to help keep the peace. I like being helpful.

Response B: I don't have to answer your questions. You are an infidel. You are now on my list.

Response C: Again, I'm in agreement with Respondent A but I don't think that means we're in a cult just because we happen to agree. I'm pretty sure we're both Wycliffites and therefore know we don't always have to agree on everything and would find it off-putting if that were the case unless everyone was omniscient and there was no point in sharing information or points of view because everyone already knows everything perfectly like GOD or the Whole Truth. (Truth is one of the many names of GOD in Islam and Christianity too.) I respect your right to disagree with my response. But, my answer is no. Wait, am I asking these questions to myself? I am. Then, simply no.

Response D: I agree with Respondent B and feel this was a "Gotcha" inquiry that is very judgmental and not accepting of my right to protest or disagree. I don't believe it was written by a Christian. Familiar with the Crusades? Well? How is what we're doing different for our cause? How about the Spanish Inquisition? What the hell is a Wycliffite?

END TEST

The purpose is to help you consider your approach and understand how others may receive or perceive you depending on communication style. It is important to be prepared to listen if you wish to be heard or else you are a hypocrite and likely to be dismissed, particularly by government who will be polite but also dismissive offering lip service to those who fail to be objective and/or reasonable in recommendations with respect to fellow citizens who get equal consideration at law. Hopefully Helpful.