**Decision Making on *The Big Bang Theory***

**Decision making process, decision making style, group decision making, Devil’s advocate**

Description: This humorous clip shows Leonard, Howard, Raj, and Sheldon trying to make a decision to maximize their enjoyment with dinner and a movie. The problem is it is impossible to meet everyone’s desires. Sheldon is the biggest problem as he is unwilling to make compromises and nixes every idea the others have. Finally, the other three reach their own decision.

Please share your thoughts on the following issues as you watch a clip from *The Big Bang Theory*. This humorous clip shows Leonard, Howard, Raj, and Sheldon trying to make a decision to maximize their enjoyment with dinner and a movie. The problem is it is impossible to meet everyone’s desires.

*Use with:* [*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Amu3UBj-qw*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Amu3UBj-qw)

1. Outline the steps in the decision-making process that Leonard, Howard, and Raj undertake to come up with their final option.
2. What appears to be the best alternative to the dinner/movie theater problem?
3. Describe the decision making style of the four decision makers.
4. How might the group’s decision have differed if the group had been smaller (e.g. just Sheldon and Leonard)?
5. Describe how this clip demonstrates some of the disadvantages of making decisions in a group.

1. Would you put Sheldon in the position of Devil’s advocate? Why or why not?