Washington Week Worksheet

Previewing Exercises

- 1. Spend a few minutes reviewing factors for success in group discussions.
- 2. Anticipate the kind of gambits that are particularly useful in group discussion. Write down as many as you can think of.

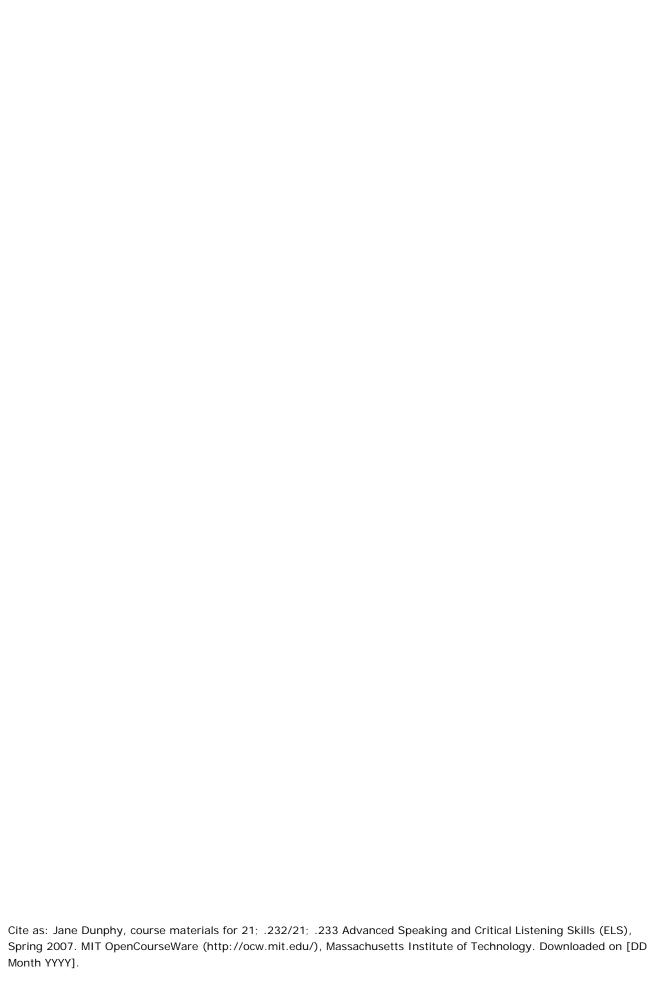
Viewing and Post-viewing Questions

- 1. Briefly describe how the panelists present their information in general. How do they interact? What is the format of the discussion?
- 2. What do you notice about the body language used by the speakers?
- 3. This program is considered an example of a civilized, intelligent talk show in the US. Did you notice anything in particular that creates this effect?
- 4. Were there any panelists who were particularly easy or difficult to understand? Why?

Speakers

- 1. Briefly define the facilitator's role:
- 2. Listen for and write down some of the gambits used by the group members to
 - Introduce and organize contributions
 - Question each other, or to comment on points made
 - React to information provided by individuals reporting on a particular situation
 - Support their opinions with facts, statistics, and sources.

Cite as: Jane Dunphy, course materials for 21; .232/21; .233 Advanced Speaking and Critical Listening Skills (ELS), Spring 2007. MIT OpenCourseWare (http://ocw.mit.edu/), Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Downloaded on [DD Month YYYY].



21G.232 / 21G.233 Advanced Speaking and Critical Listening Skills (ELS) Spring 2007

For information about citing these materials or our Terms of Use, visit: http://ocw.mit.edu/terms.