

Effective Group Discussion, 15e

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Chapter by Chapter Changes

Part I: Overview of small group and human communication theory.

Chapter 1: Introduces several ideas: the importance of small groups in our lives, types of groups, how many groups use technology, what constitutes ethical behavior, and why members should become participant-observers in their groups.

Chapter 2: Presents the basics of communication theory that serve as the foundation for studying small groups.

Chapter 3: We present systems theory as the organizing framework used throughout the text. Part II: begins the discussion of group developing by focusing on the members, the main small group inputs.

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Chapter 4: Introduces the importance of diversity and the contribution that members' cultures and co-cultures make to that diversity.

Chapter 5: Discusses how member characteristics contribute to the roles that members play in groups, and offers an enhanced section about the relationship of the "Big Five" personality characteristics from psychology

Part III: Focuses on the development of the group as an entity by presenting information about a variety of throughput processes

Chapter 6: Consolidates the information about norms, fantasy themes, and cohesiveness.

Chapter 7: Focuses on the theoretical concepts necessary to understanding leadership

Chapter 8: Provides practical suggestions for group leaders.

Part IV: Discusses the importance of having appropriate problem-solving and decision-making processes

to
improve the quality of group outputs

Chapter 9: Discusses conceptual information for understanding problem solving and decision making

Chapter 10: Provides specific suggestions and techniques for improving problem-solving and decision-making processes.

Chapter 11: Focuses on how conflict, if managed well, can improve group outputs.

Chapter 12: Provides tools for assessing and improving small groups.

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