

Tools for Non- Confrontational Discussions

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The Skeptic's Toolbox

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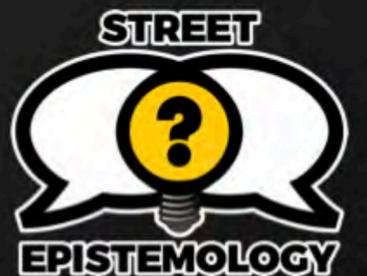


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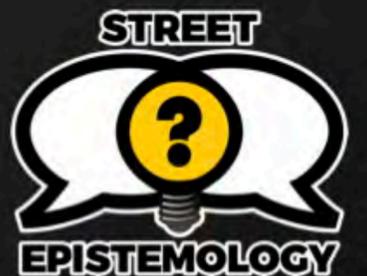
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Thanks and
Welcome



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Who is
this Person?



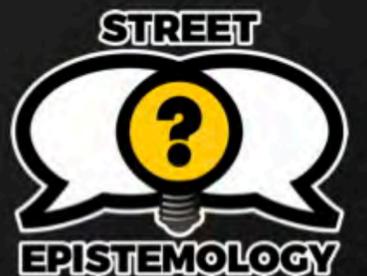
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Our Agenda for Today



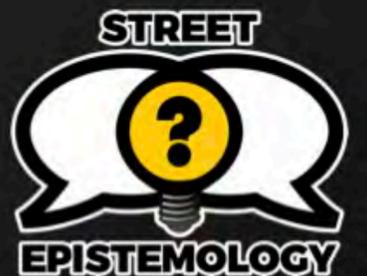
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Beliefs and Behaviors



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Empathy and Foundations

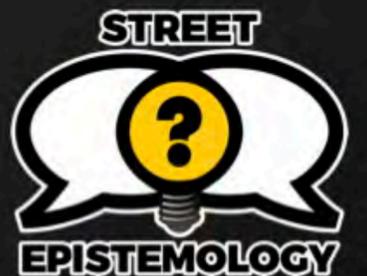


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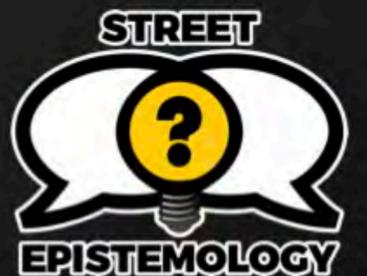
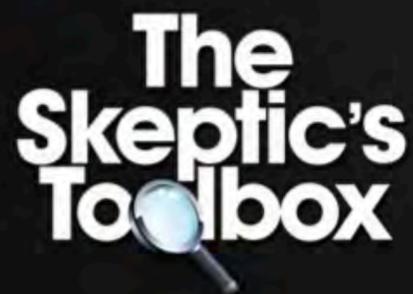
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Conversation Arc



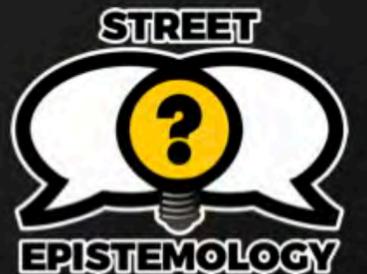
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Having the Right Attitude



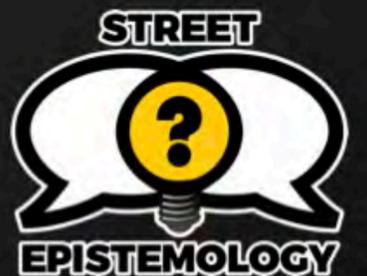
Having the Right Attitude

“What am I hoping to achieve from this interaction?”



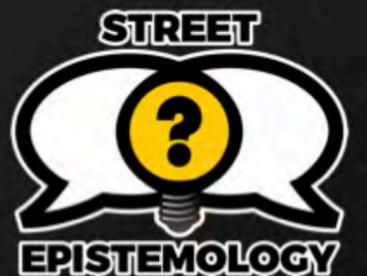
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Obtain and
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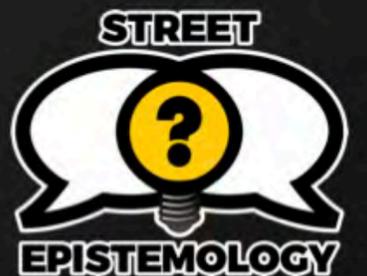
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“Are you fine if we begin?”



Obtain and Revisit Consent

“How are we doing so far?”



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Consider the
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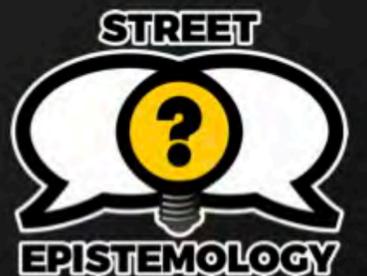
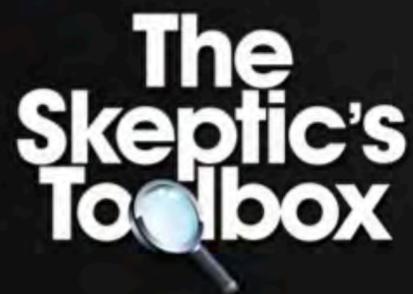
Consider the Ethics Involved

“Would I want someone to use this approach with me?”



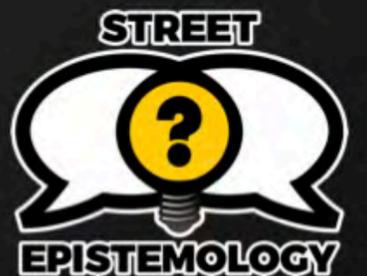
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Build and
Maintain Rapport



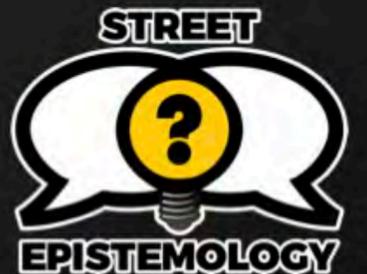
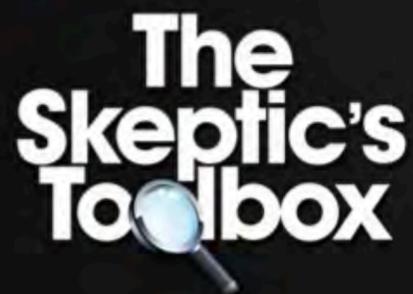
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“What keeps you busy?”



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Assessing the Word 'Truth'



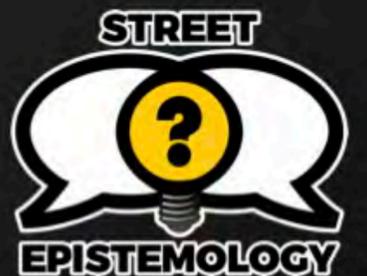
Assessing the Word 'Truth'

“Would you say that’s closer to a fact or an opinion?”



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Identify the
Actual Claim



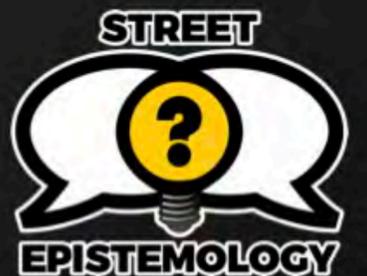
Identify the Actual Claim

“What specifically are we exploring here today?”



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Identify a Level
of Confidence



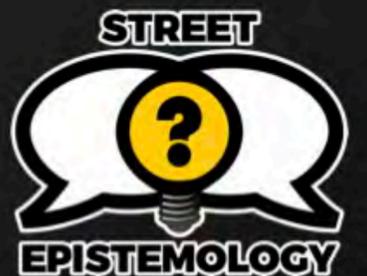
Identify a Level of Confidence

“ How confident are you from 0 to 100 that it’s really true? ”



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Identify the
Actual Reasons



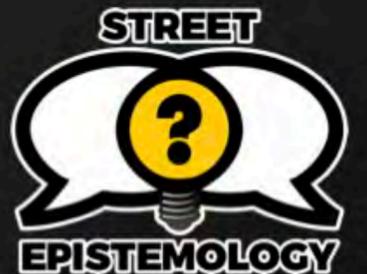
Identify the Actual Reasons

“ Of those reasons, which one gives you most confidence? ”



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Explore the
Reliability of
Method



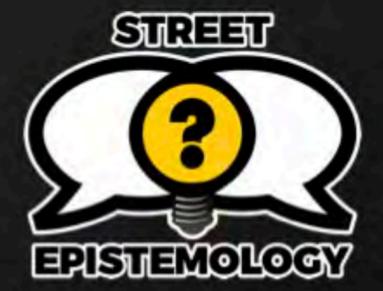
Explore the Reliability of the Method

“ How could we figure out if it really works that way? ”

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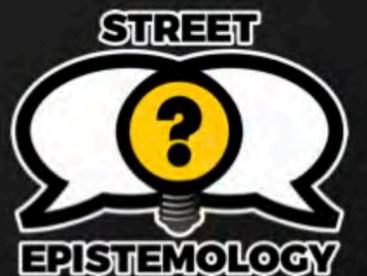
Consider any

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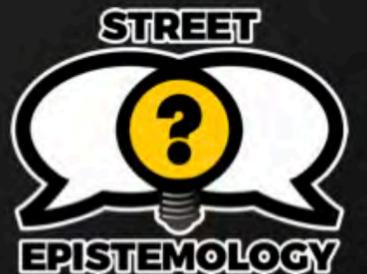
Consider Any Moral Implications

“ How would you be any different without this view? ”



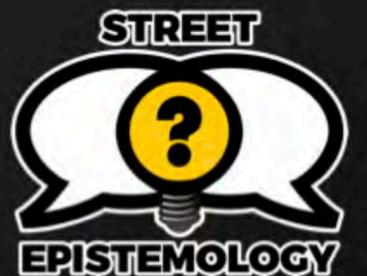
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Encourage
Reflection



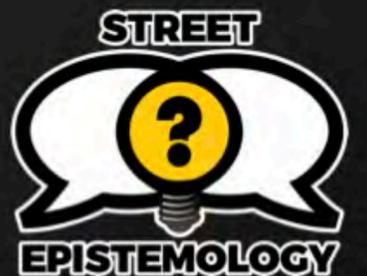
Encourage Reflection

“ Maybe we can give it some thought and pick it up later? ”



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Handling Resistance



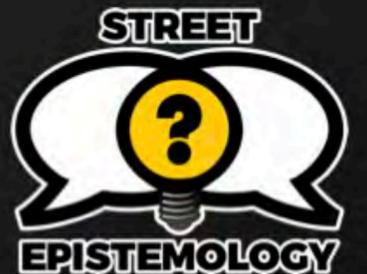
Handling Resistance

“ Is there something you’d prefer I ask about instead? ”



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Sharing Your Own Views



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“Would you like to ask me some questions in return?”



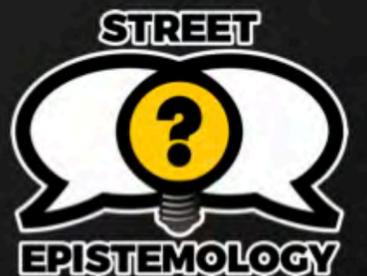
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Ending the Talk



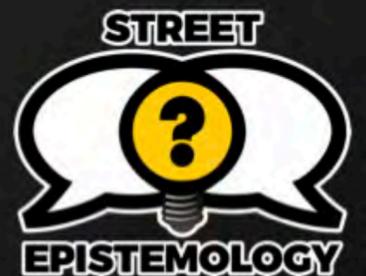
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**“ Thanks for your time.
Could we meet again? ”**



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Self-Care



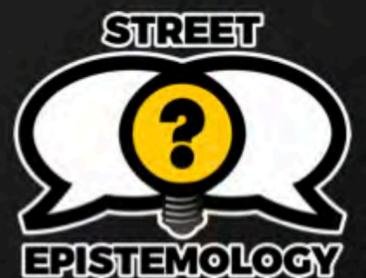
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“ May I tell you about this neat chat I had some time? ”



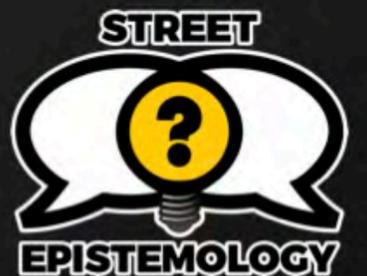
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