



Prifysgol Cymru
Y Drindod Dewi Sant
University of Wales
Trinity Saint David

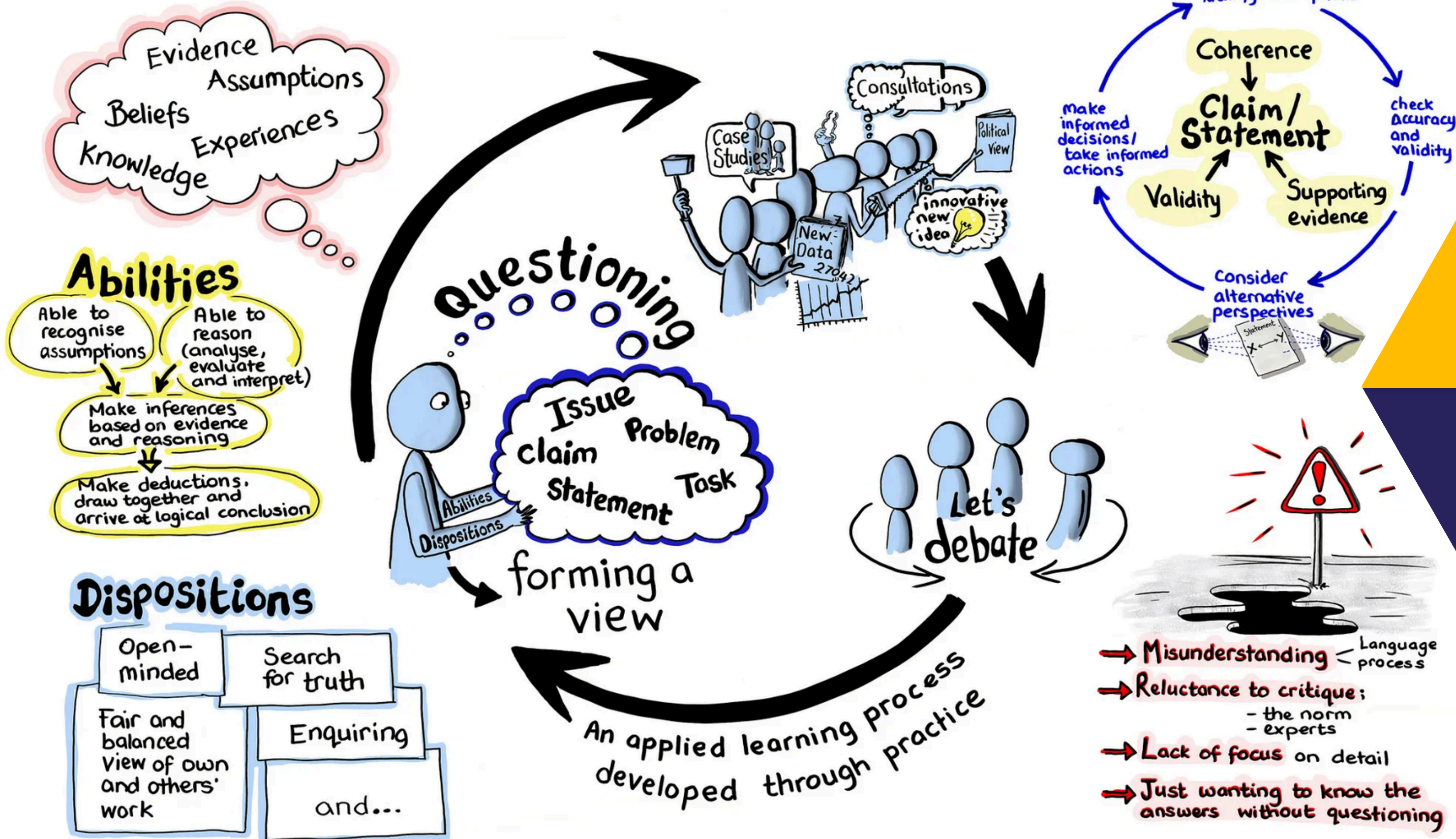


Public Policy & Strategies in Health

Block 2

Critical and Analytical Thinking

Objective analysis and evaluation of an issue in order to form a judgement
Succeeding in Postgraduate Study





analysing

A THEME



WE ARE

 Summarising

 Evaluating claims

 Exploring evidence

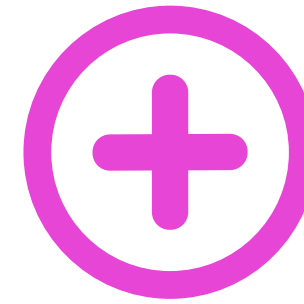
 Challenging assumptions

 Pondering limitations

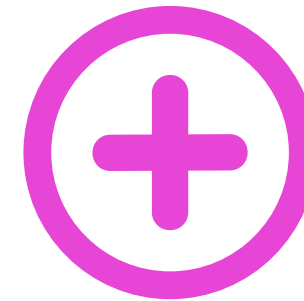
 Questioning implications

MAPPING

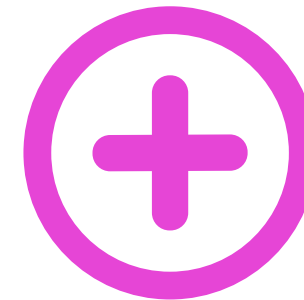
CLAIM



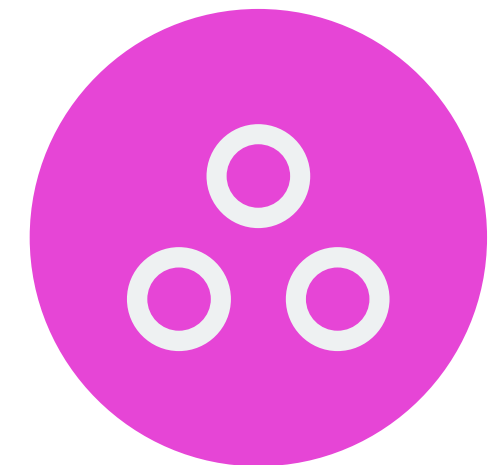
EVIDENCE



REASONING



CONTEXT



IMPLICATIONS

Who is affected / benefits / loses?

What is usually asserted?

What research supports it?

Who disagrees?

What research contradicts it?





Explore:

1. **Policy rationale & evidence base (what evidence was used/ignored)**
2. **Comparators (what other places did; alternatives considered)**
3. **Design & instruments (why this tool, not another)**
4. **Implementation & street-level reality**
5. **Cost, capacity, and feasibility**
6. **Impacts & distribution (equity, protected groups, geography)**
7. **Legality/rights/ethics**
8. **Monitoring & evaluation (metrics, data quality, time lags)**
9. **Unintended consequences & risk**

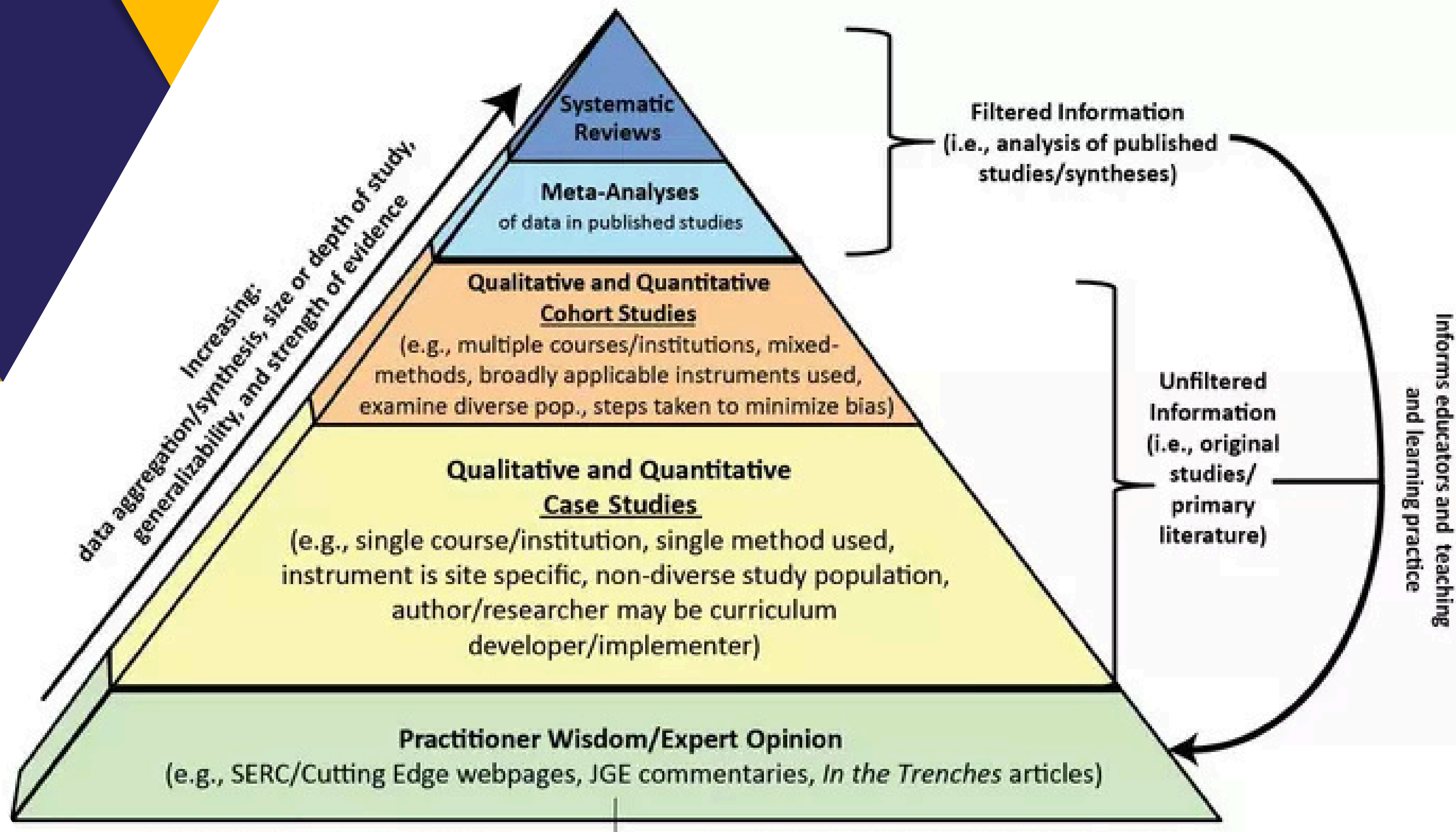
Generate questions from your topics

- *What evidence supports the policy's causal link between X and Y?*
- *What outcomes are measurable within the policy timeframe—and what won't be captured?*
- *What implementation bottlenecks are likely (workforce, funding, admin burden)?*
- *Who bears costs vs who receives benefits?*
- *Does this shift burdens onto local government/NGOs/families?*

What type of evidence do you need to answer?



**What
information
do we need?**



The graphic features a large, hand-drawn black circle on the left side, containing the text 'Knowledge Sharing' in a black, cursive script. To the right of the circle is a large, stylized arrow pointing towards the right. The arrow is composed of several triangular segments in dark blue and yellow, creating a sense of motion and direction. The background is a light, neutral color.

Knowledge
Sharing

**Next
Thursday**

**Bring information
ready to share
(slides, summary,
graphics, sources)**