MANY WAYS TO MAKE GOOD GROUP DECISIONS

A good group decision is one that results in both profit and peace. The group as a whole profits from the decision over the long run; it was worth making. Also, people get along better and the group gets stronger.

	ONE DECIDER	MAJORITY RULE	ALL AGREE
TYPE OF TASK	Implementation	Planning and implementation	Planning
LENGTH OF IMPACT	Short	Medium	Long
WIDTH OF IMPACT	Few	Medium	Many
HOW MUCH TIME TO DECIDE	Quick	Moderate	Ample

NOT ONE SIZE FITS ALL!

A single person decides for everyone.

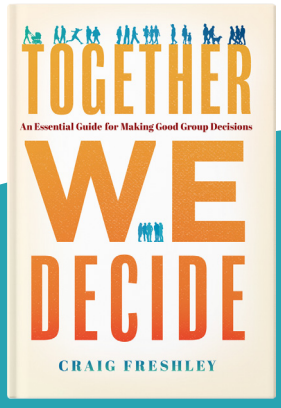
The benefits of this method can be enormous IF the single decider truly acts in the group interests, rather than self-interest. It's a big IF.

Most of us decide for all of us.

It's quick and it intuitively makes sense and we all know how to do it. Vote. Count. Done. The downside is that there is always a minority fighting with the majority. Always.

We're all involved and every opinion counts.

Hard to get full agreement but the benefits come in the implementation phase.



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