

- C. People in a given culture or community can agree on the good they want to accomplish and over time build up wisdom on how to achieve it.
- D. The person who performed an act must be prepared to discuss what he or she did and why he or she did it in an open forum.
- E. He imagined an ideal speech situation where participants were free to listen to reason and speak their minds without fear of constraint or control.
- F. Three requirements must be met:
  - 1. Requirement of access for all affected parties
  - 2. Requirement of argument to figure out the common good
  - 3. Requirement of justification or universal application

VII. Critique: is rationality overrated?

- A. Although the functional perspective is one of the three leading theories in small group communication, its exclusive focus on rationality may cause mixed experimental results.
- B. The FOICS method all but ignores comments about relationships inside and outside the group.
- C. Cynthia Stohl and Michael Holmes emphasize that most real-life groups have a prior decision-making history and are embedded within a larger organization.
  - 1. They advocate adding a historical function requiring the group to talk about how past decisions were made.