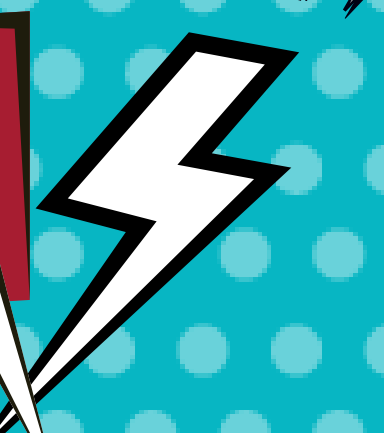




It's YOUR Vote!

What is Your

**Decision-Making
Framework?**



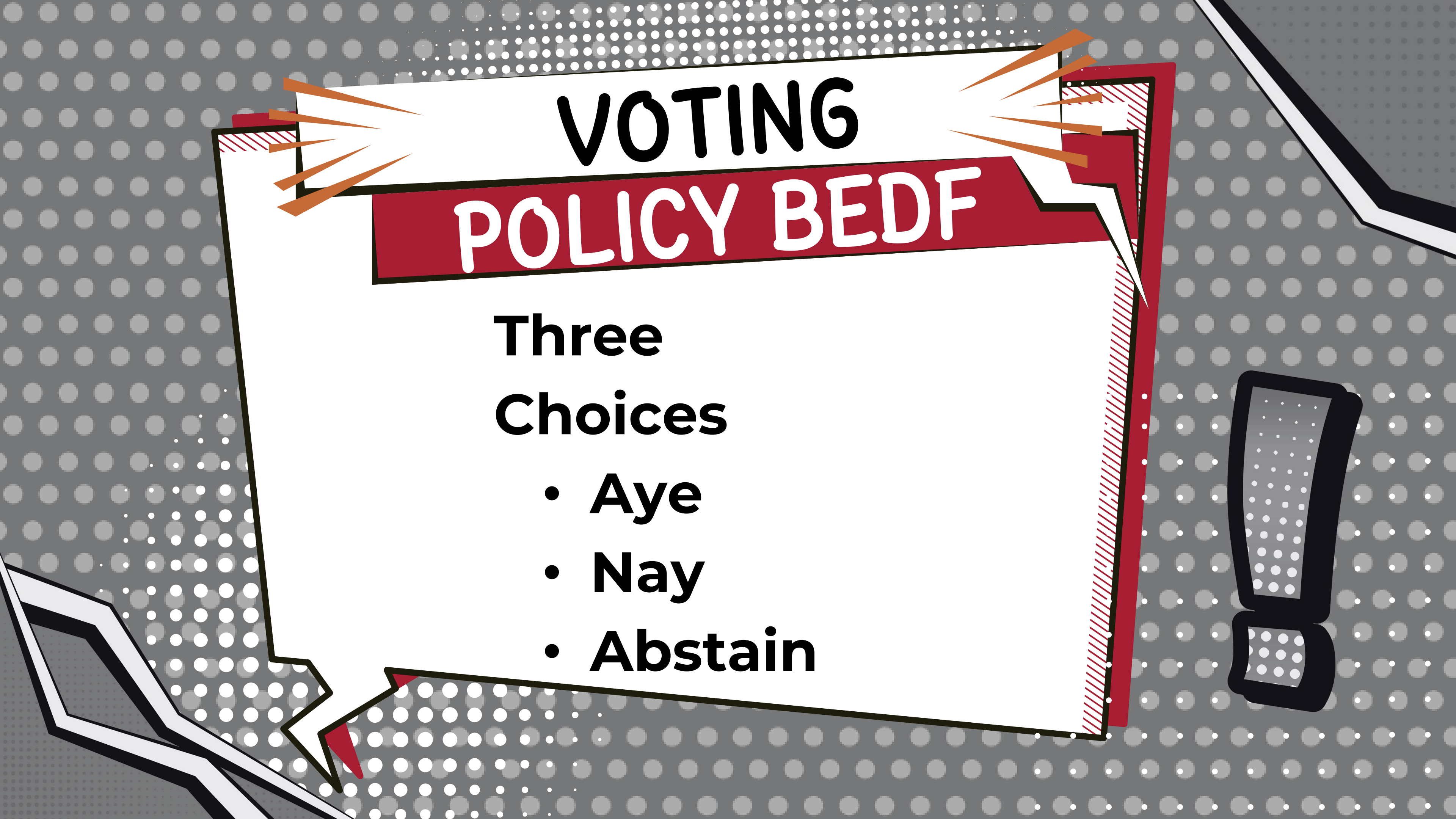
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The image features a comic book-style graphic. A large, white speech bubble with a black outline and a red border is the central focus. Inside the bubble, the text "VOTING POLICY BEDF" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the words "Three Choices" are written in a similar font. Underneath, there is a bulleted list with three items: "Aye", "Nay", and "Abstain". The background of the entire image is a grey field with a white dot pattern, resembling a halftone or dithered texture. There are several orange and red lines radiating from the top left and top right corners of the speech bubble, suggesting motion or emphasis. On the right side, there is a black, stylized object that looks like a microphone or a speaker, also with a dot pattern. The overall style is reminiscent of mid-20th-century comic book art.

VOTING POLICY BEDF

Three Choices

- **Aye**
- **Nay**
- **Abstain**

WHAT DO VOTES MEAN?: AYE

An "AYE" vote is expressing agreement with or a vote in favor of a motion

"AYE" COMES FROM THE MIDDLE ENGLISH WORD FOR "AY," MEANING "YES,"

WHAT DO VOTES MEAN?: NAY

**A "NAY" vote expresses
disagreement with or a vote
against a motion.**

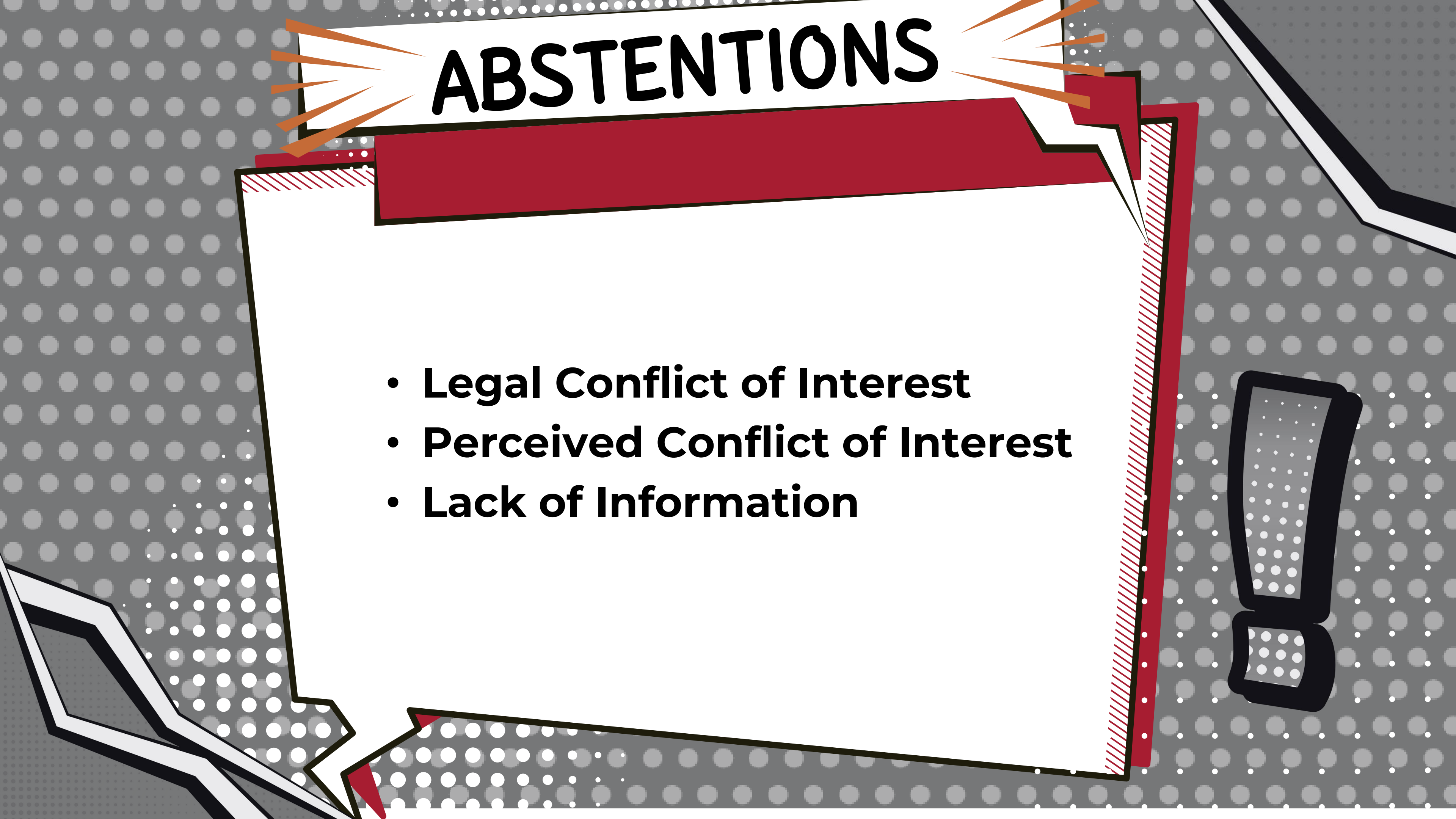
**"NAY" COMES FROM THE OLD ENGLISH WORD "NAEGA," MEANING
"NO."**

WHAT DO VOTES MEAN?: ABSTAIN

Simply put, an abstention refers to the decision by a board member to not vote. Abstention doesn't mean the board member is in favor of or against a vote – it simply means the board member made a conscious decision to not vote.

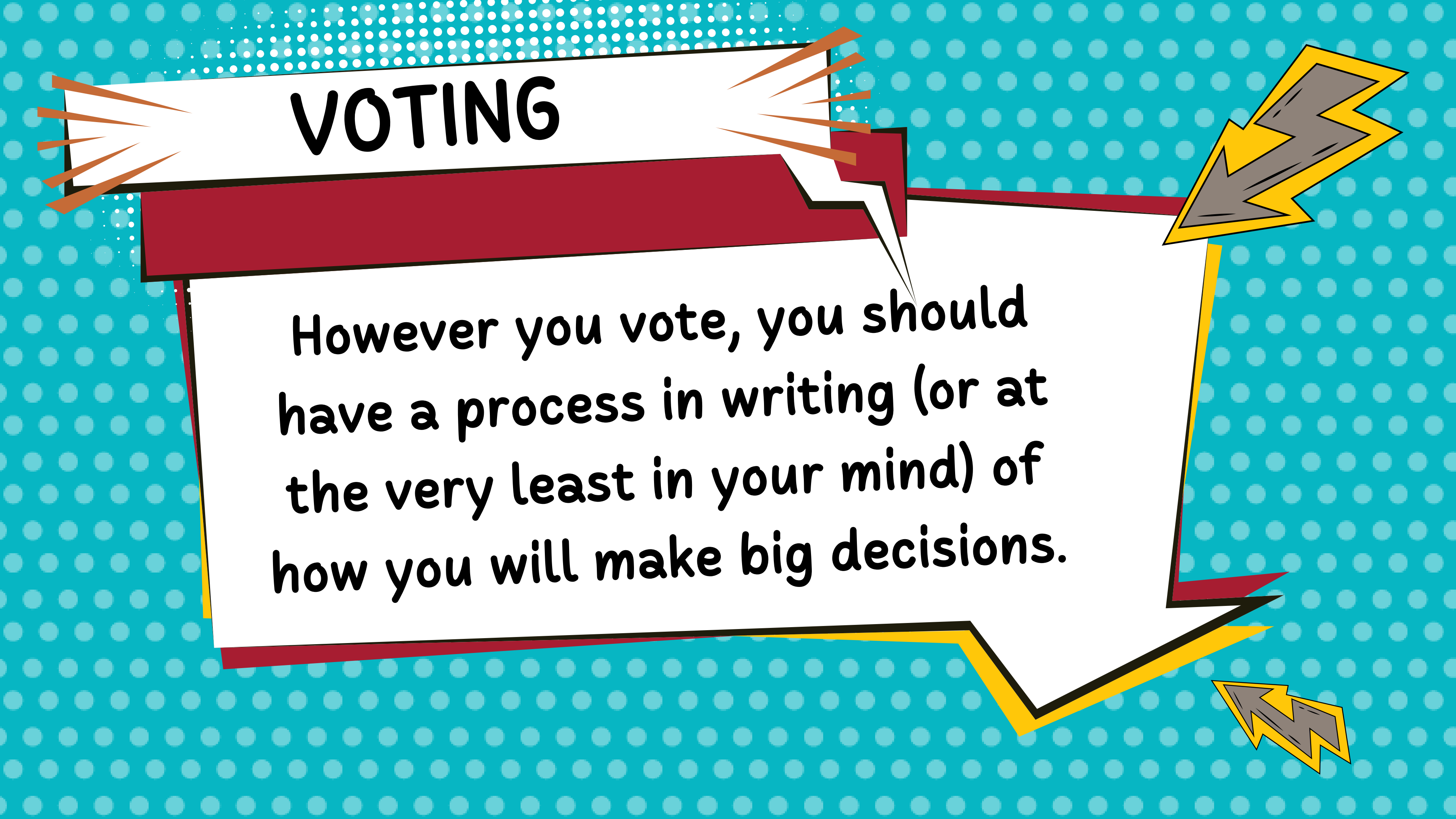
*Roberts Rules

ABSTENTIONS

The graphic is a comic book style illustration. It features a large, jagged speech bubble with a white interior and a red border. The word "ABSTENTIONS" is written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters at the top of the bubble. Below the title, there is a list of three items. To the right of the speech bubble, there is a large, stylized exclamation mark with a grey, dotted interior and a black outline. The background is a grey field with a white dotted pattern. There are also some orange and red lines and shapes around the top of the speech bubble, suggesting motion or emphasis.

- **Legal Conflict of Interest**
- **Perceived Conflict of Interest**
- **Lack of Information**

VOTING



However you vote, you should have a process in writing (or at the very least in your mind) of how you will make big decisions.

TIPS FOR USING

DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORKS

1

Understand Context

2

Select the "Right" Framework

3

Gather Information

TIPS FOR USING

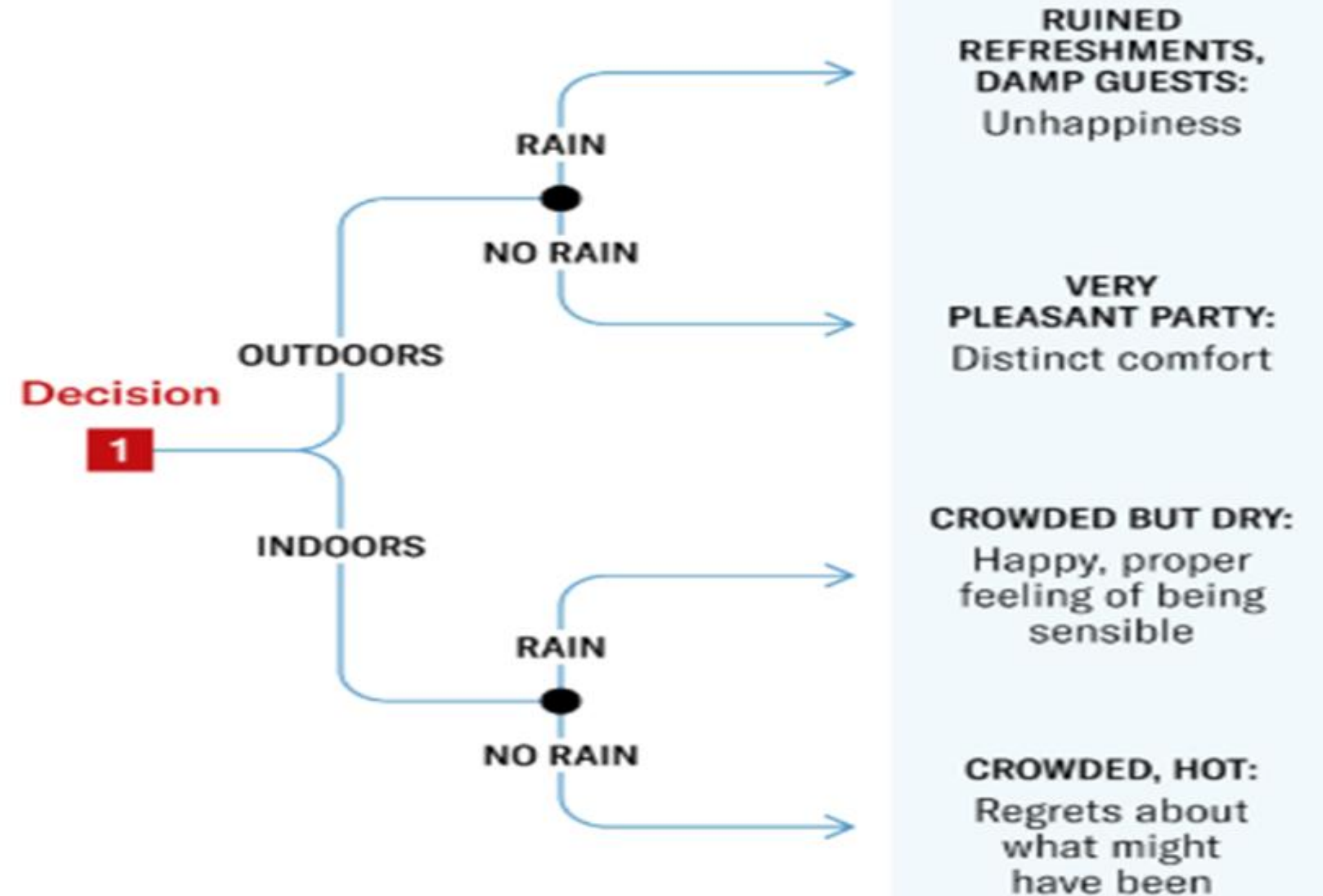
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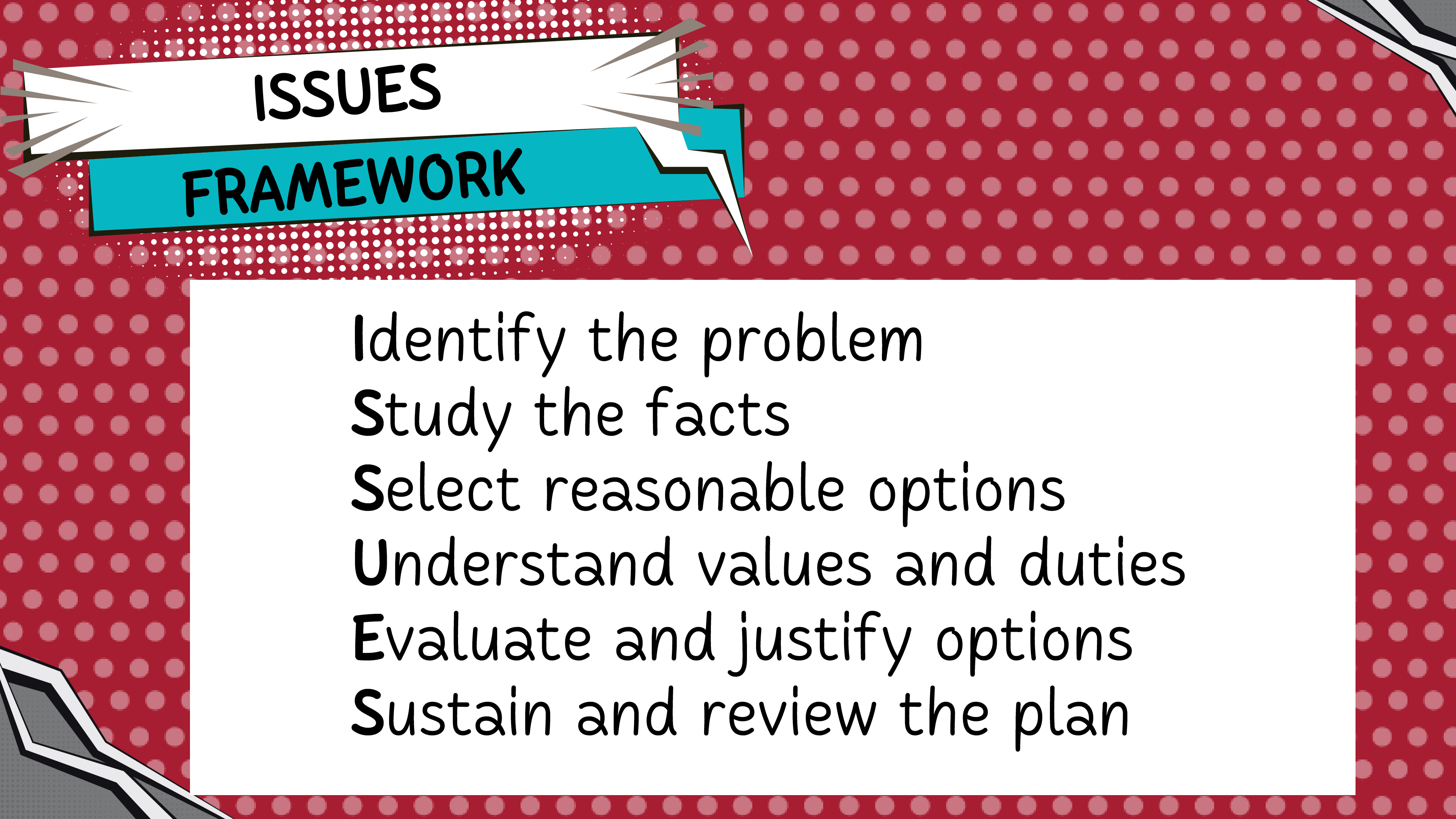
- 4 Involve Stakeholders
- 5 Apply Methodically
- 6 Be Open to Adjustment
- 7 Consider Multiple Perspectives

DECISION TREE

Exhibit I: Decision Tree for Cocktail Party

Key: ■ DECISION POINT ● CHANCE EVENT (WEATHER)





ISSUES

FRAMEWORK

Identify the problem

Study the facts

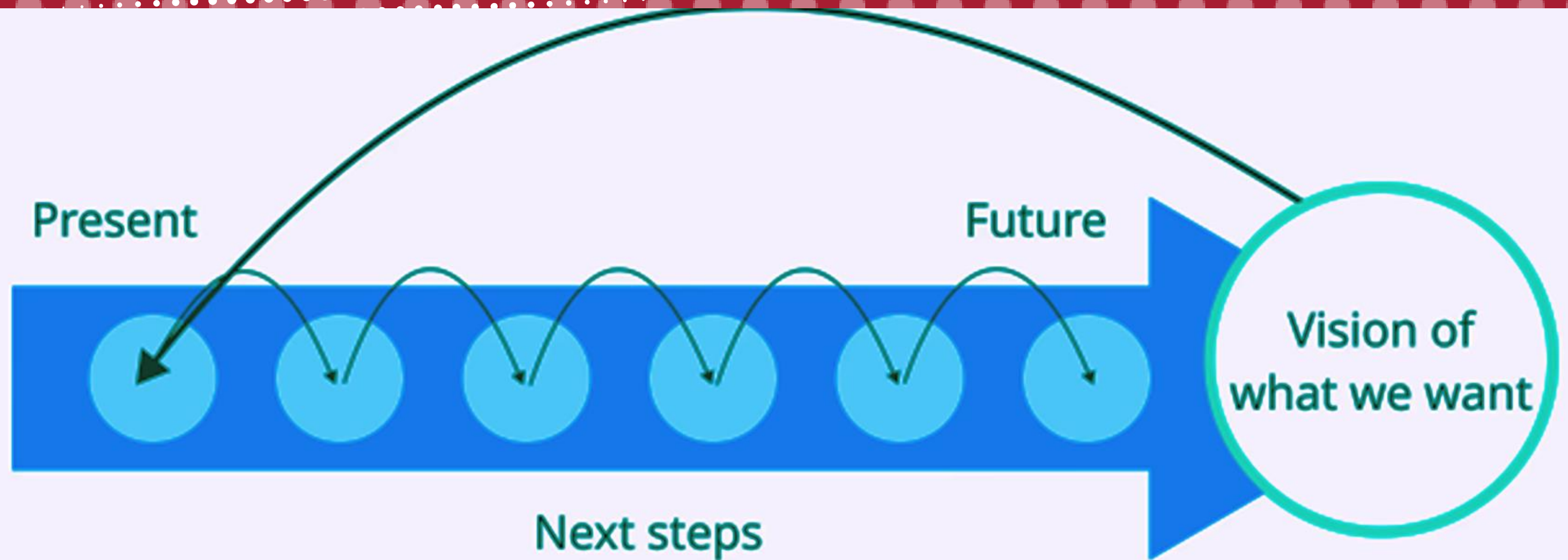
Select reasonable options

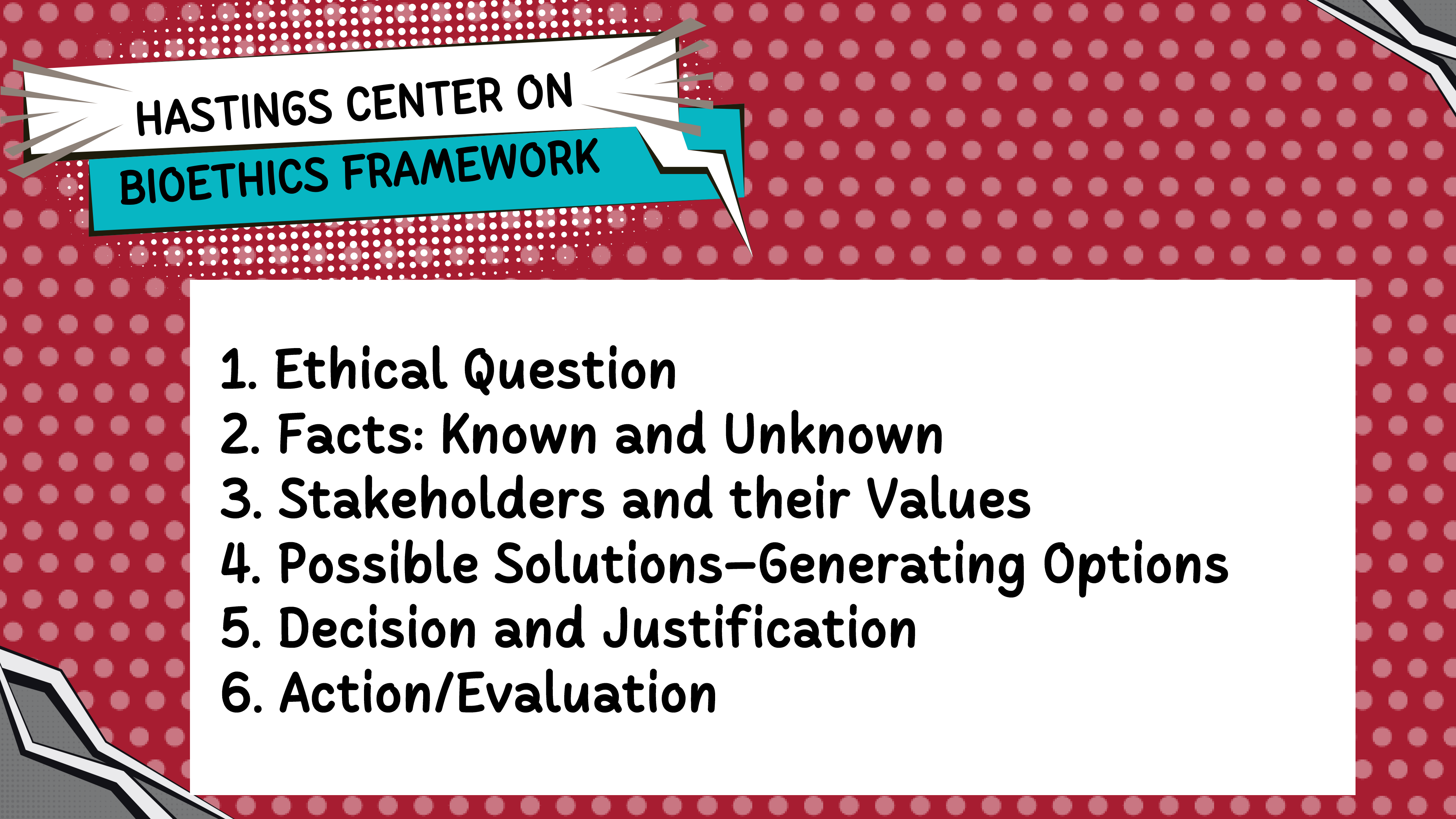
Understand values and duties

Evaluate and justify options

Sustain and review the plan

BEGIN WITH THE END



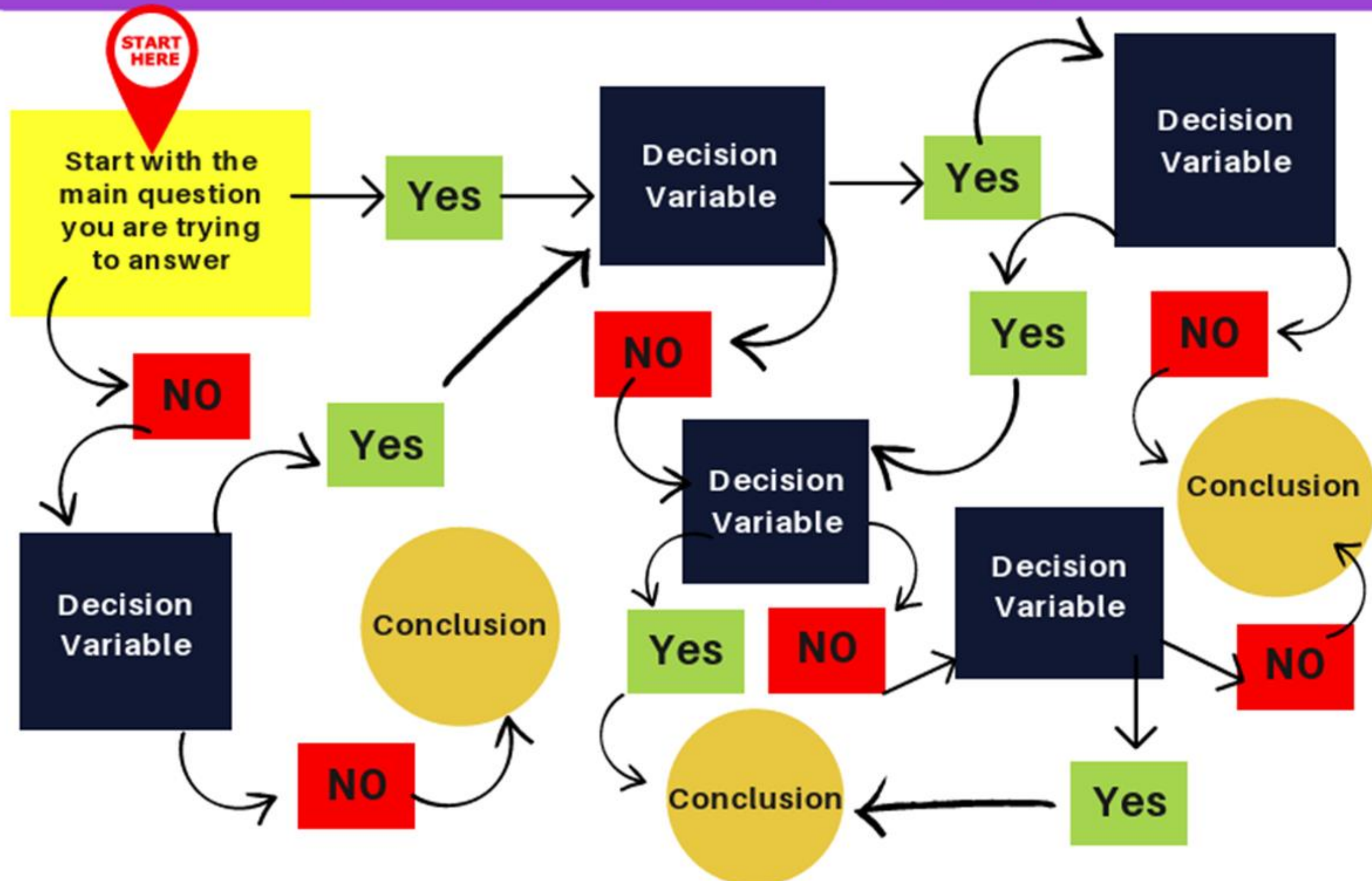


HASTINGS CENTER ON BIOETHICS FRAMEWORK

- 1. Ethical Question**
- 2. Facts: Known and Unknown**
- 3. Stakeholders and their Values**
- 4. Possible Solutions—Generating Options**
- 5. Decision and Justification**
- 6. Action/Evaluation**

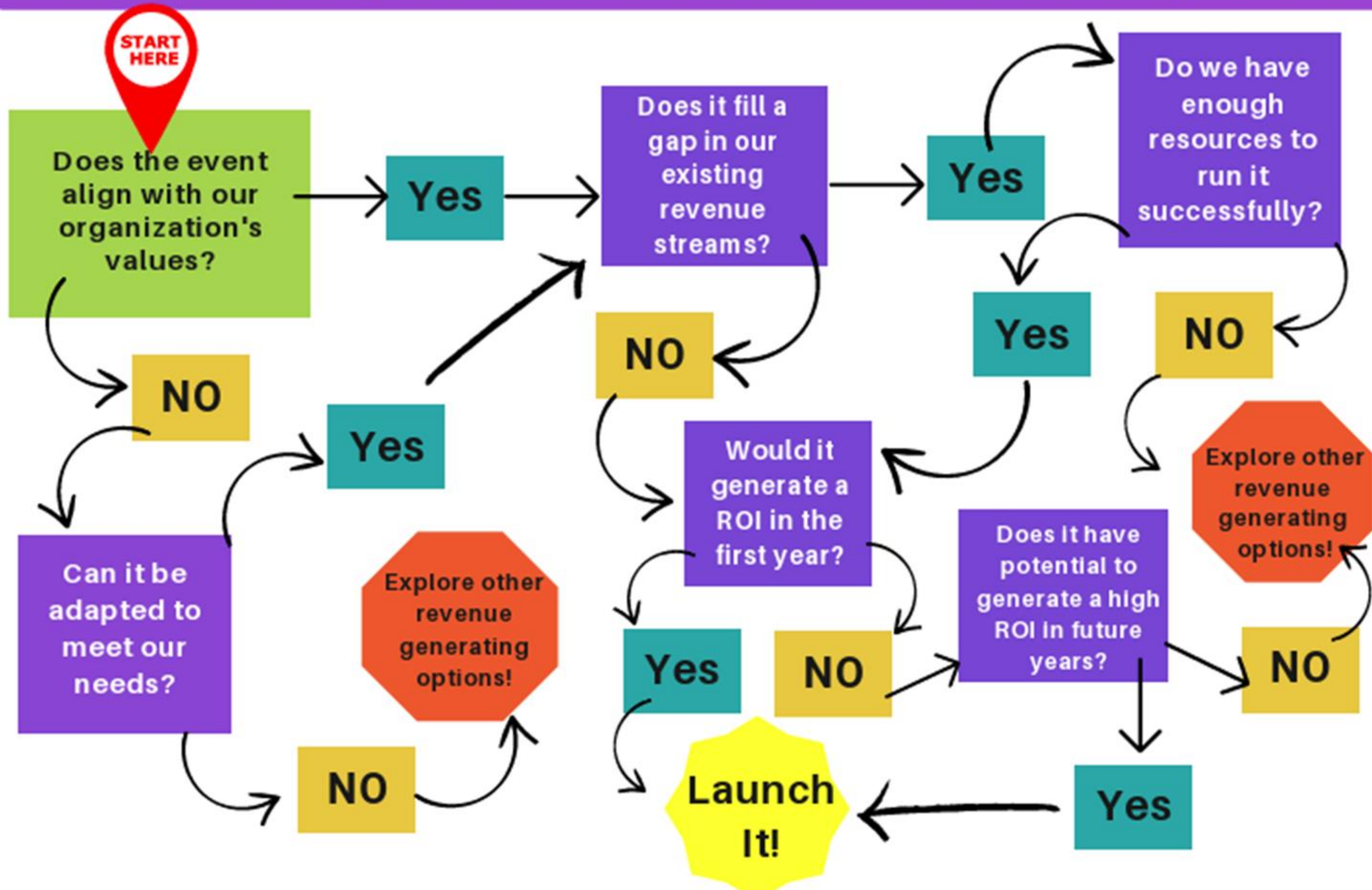
Decision Making Framework Template

Download the full template [here](#).



Example

Should Your Organization Launch a New Fundraising Event?



BENEFITS

IT CAN...

- Provide structure
- Clarify objectives and goals
- Minimize emotional impact
- Identify complexities
- Focus on essentials
- Streamline your process



Questions?
Thank You!

