

Handouts for:

## Ending the Range Wars: Collaborative Technology Planning and Policy-Making

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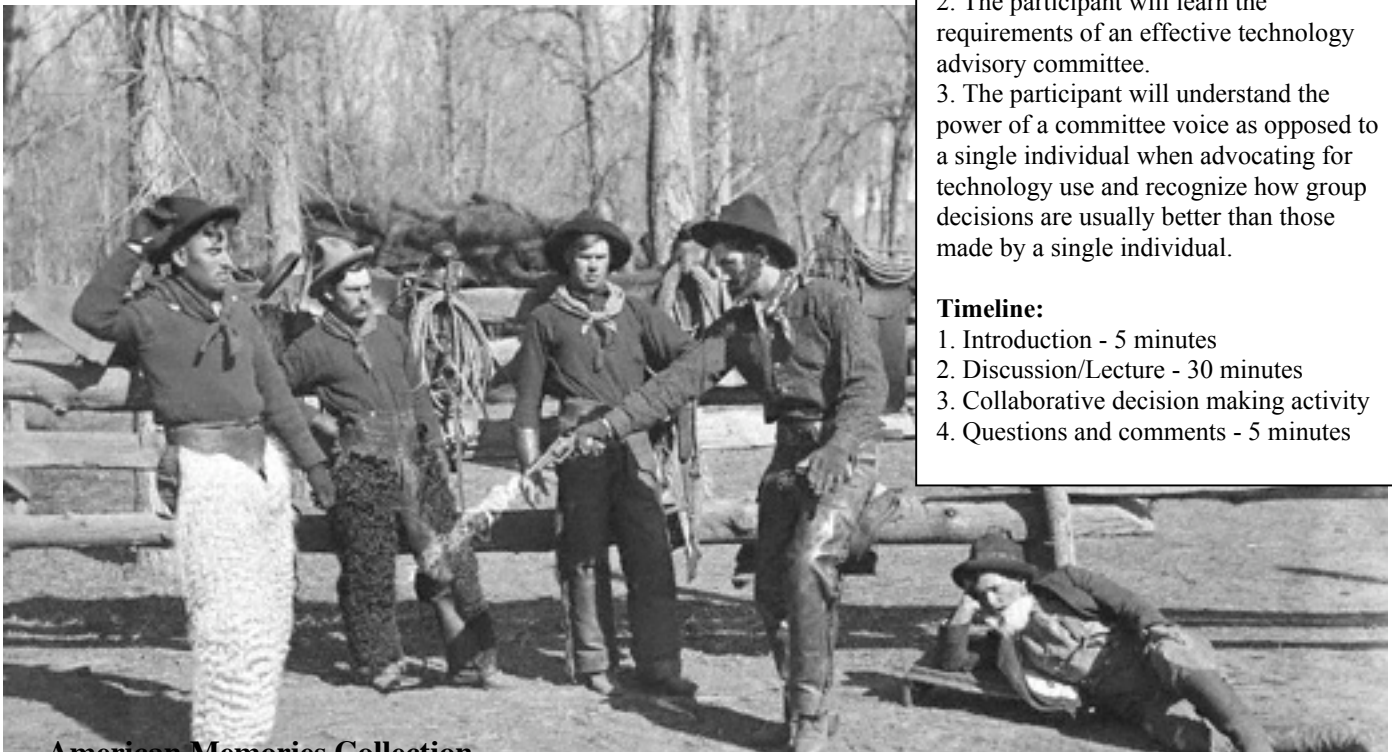
**Description:** The best technology policies are ones developed by a wide range of stakeholders. Learn how an advisory committee makes good decisions related to technology implementations.

**Objectives:**

1. The participant will understand the problems associated with technology plans and policies not collaboratively produced.
2. The participant will learn the requirements of an effective technology advisory committee.
3. The participant will understand the power of a committee voice as opposed to a single individual when advocating for technology use and recognize how group decisions are usually better than those made by a single individual.

**Timeline:**

1. Introduction - 5 minutes
2. Discussion/Lecture - 30 minutes
3. Collaborative decision making activity
4. Questions and comments - 5 minutes



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## So what is with *those* people?

<b>Cattle ranchers (IT personnel, technicians, network specialists)</b>	<b>Shepherders (Classroom teachers, librarians, building administrators)</b>
Highest priority	Highest priority
Greatest fear	Greatest fear
Most annoying attribute	Most annoying attribute
Unique expertise	Unique expertise
Common goals	

### (Edward De bono?) Activity

Imagine a situation in which many students and teachers in your school have laptops or PDAs with wireless capabilities. The question arises about providing building-wide wireless Internet access. Using the form below, jot down some ideas about what may be good, what may be bad, and what is interesting about this scenario. (You must have some ideas in each column.)

What's good?	What's bad?	What's interesting?