ROLES: THINKING HATS

What are we discussing?

From my perspective, my opening statement is ...

Hats and Descriptions					
(White Hat)	 Detective Hat Questions Analyzes What info is needed? What facts do we know? 	(Green Hat)	 Creative Hat Thinks outside the box Imagines What new ideas do we have? What creative solutions are there? 	(Yellow Hat)	 Optimistic Hat Finds the value Considers the pros of ideas Why is this idea useful? How can one benefit from the idea?
(Red Hat)	 Thoughtful Hat Thinks with one's heart Shares gut instincts and hunches How do I feel about this? How might our decision make others feel? 	(Black Hat)	 Cautious Hat Plays devil's advocate Identifies potential risks/concerns/cons What difficulties might arise? Is this actually going to work? 	(Blue Hat)	 Conductor Hat Listens Summarizes How do we stay on track? How does this move us toward our goal?

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