

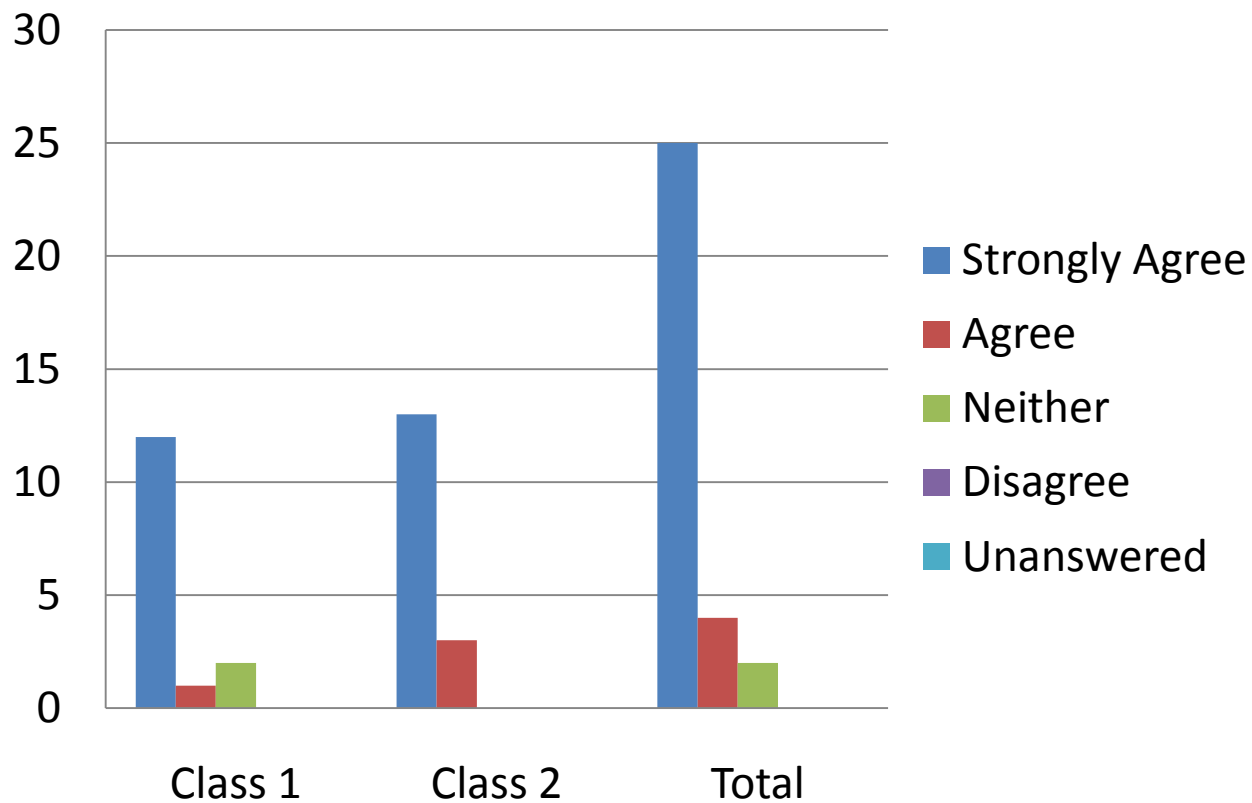


# Results of Critical Thinking Survey

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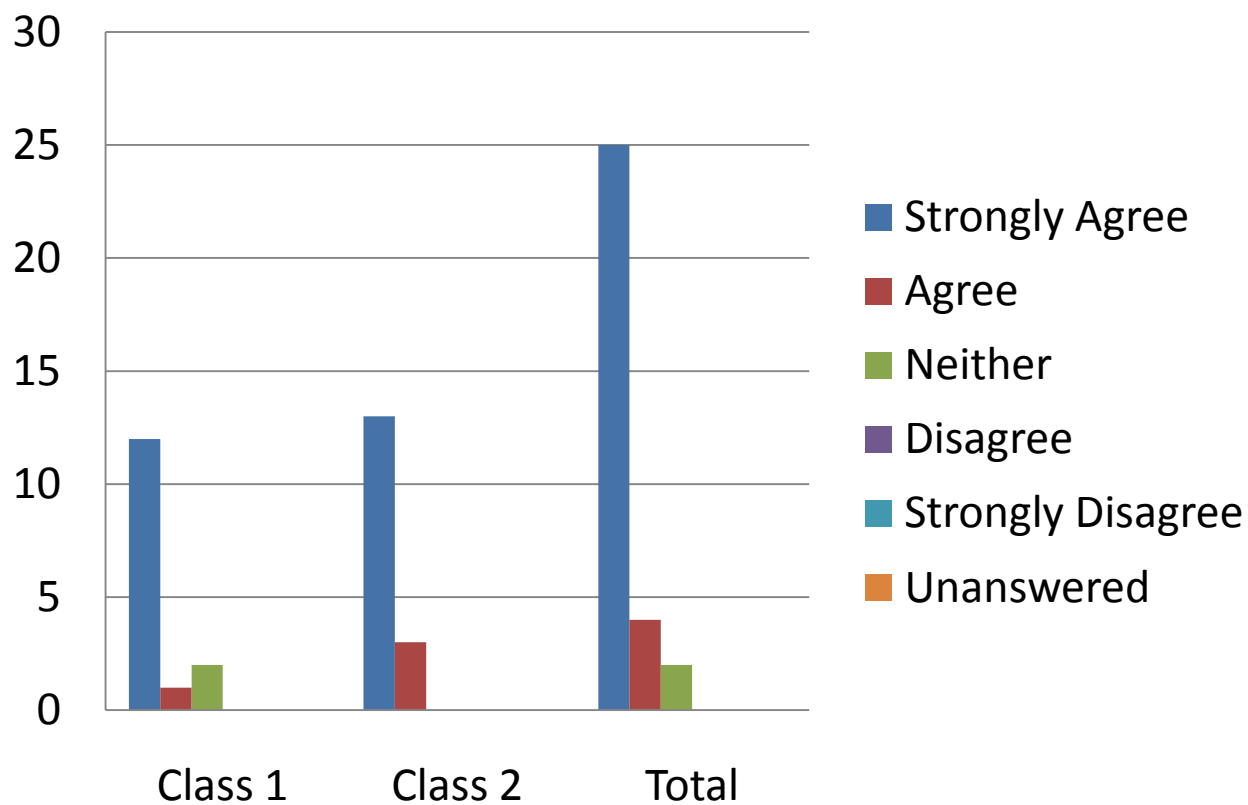


## Q1: The Content Was Current & Appropriate



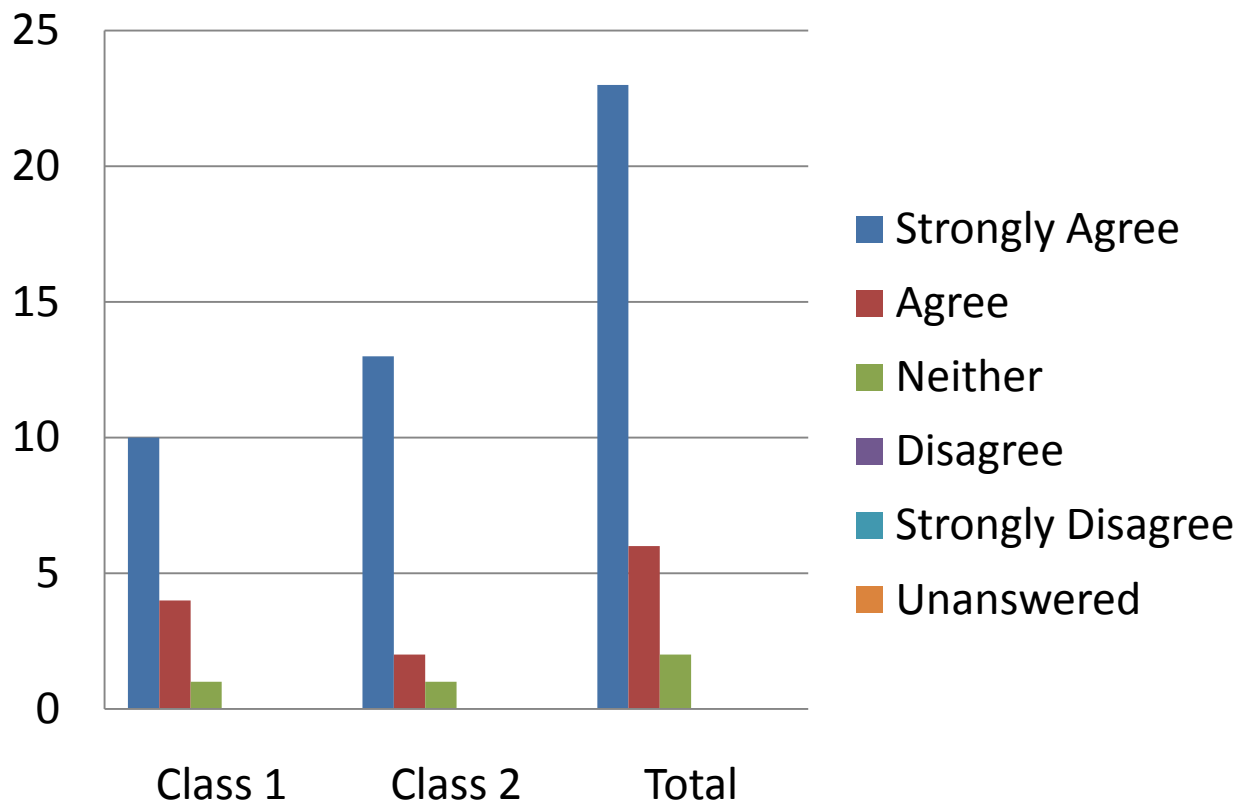


## Q2: The Information Was Effectively Presented





## The Information Will Be Useful to My Career





## Suggestions from Class 1

- I feel Dr. Facione presented an awesome insight into critical thinking. I believe that this needs to remain in the course even if it is put into captive. I know it's a money thing to get guest speakers to come to this course and if it is not a money thing, bring him here for every course.
- Dr. Facione must be retained for future courses, in person, to interact with the students. He was a monumental guest speaker.
- Dr. Facione is a true expert and a man that I am honored to have learned from as he scratched the surface on a topic that is, in my opinion, one that in today's SOF is critical for mission accomplishment. The problem with this lecture is that as amazing as it was and as clear as he was on what he tried to impart on us, it leaves me feeling unfulfilled as I now want to learn more, and feel that the amount of time that we had with this amazingly brilliant man was far too short. I do not find myself a more comfortable critical thinker, in fact I find the opposite, I find myself wondering if my way of thinking may very well be flawed, as we were fed with a fire hose on a topic that should be fed with a spoon due to the short amount of time the instructor was given. I do not have an answer on how to make this period of instruction better as I was absolutely blown away with the six hours we received, I may feel like a 1st phase recruit (broken down and now waiting to be rebuilt) in my decision making capability, but I am a better leader for what I was privileged to today in the critical thinking module. Thanks to Sergeant Major Dolasky for setting this one up for us!!



## Suggestions from Class 1

- The critical thinking information that was posted on the blackboard assisted me in understanding the lesson. Dr. Facione didn't really provide me anything.
- Dr. Facione provided a great briefing. His unorthodox delivery of instruction was well received by the students and his professionalism (ability to refer to each student by their first name) was an attribute I plan to utilize. The critical thinking workshop enabled each student to experience what they previously perceived to be unattainable- the art of critical thinking. Peter was also able to easily relate the steps and skill he has developed to fit the military way of solving problems and tasks. I recommend the academy do whatever it takes to keep this block of instruction in the course. Actually, it should be the foundation that the course is built from. SGM Troxler
- Dr. Facione is a skilled critical thinking instructor. We all know how to think but sometimes we rely on the system 1 approach and do not give enough consideration and react too impulsively in our responses. I recommend keeping him as an instructor for this module. He was able to read the audience in order to specifically meet the instructional requirements of our class. Excellent module. The associated report was a good capture of the lessons learned from the module. I recommend keeping it in the course as well, but identify the specific writing topics clearly for the students. I approached the direction as given and wrote how critical thinking applied to SOF. However, I can see how others in the class may have been confused. The fix to the class was for them to focus on their personal approach to a given situation. Both are fine for topics...but I recommend spelling them out early.



## Suggestions from Class 1

- Good info. He should be a regular speaker at this course.
- This was a great class and information. It is important to understand critical thinking. I believe that you can always learn. Great class!
- This was one of the best classes we have encountered yet. (Critical Thinking) This is definitely the type of material which can be absorbed and processed by the entire class. It also has a specific relevance to each of us which can be utilized to make us all better leaders. Well done.
- I enjoyed Dr. Facione's presentation, but have mixed feelings on whether I would bring him back next course. I agree this information needs to be taught, but think it can be taught by the staff cadre. The cost for Dr. Facione could be used for a public speaking class such as Dr. Phau.
- Dr. Facione is an expert in the field of Critical thinking. He presented this class in a way that made it easy to understand and in a way that I could apply it to my thinking and problem solving. At the senior level that we all are, we must be able to think outside the box and develop recommendations to our boss that are well thought out and relevant. If not we become irrelevant. Anything that can make all of us better at this is a must at this level. It was right on in my opinion and should stay in the course as is. Maybe even another day if possible to practice more of what we were taught



## Suggestions from Class 1

- Recommend bringing Dr. Facione to all future courses, he was added benefit to this COI. Would like to be able to take one of his Critical Thinking Skills tests. Recommend you offer these tests to this and all future courses.
- Very good information presented. Doubt it can be duplicated without class participation. Probably could use even more time and training and thinking. Might cost more but we are the world's most powerful military and the SOCOM budget is less than 1% of the total DOD. If we are the premier force fighting for the GWOT then why are we being nickled and dimed to death. We should get the best and most training bar none!! This is a leadership issue not a DOLLARS issue. Needs to be rethought. Ask SGM Smith what he thinks then have him ask ADM Olson. Would be useful to bring in Dr. Pfau also. Our American public deserves the best military and best trained forces money can buy not whatever can be provided by the lowest bidder. Quality over quantity. Please re-read ADM Olson's tenets on SOF warriors if you don't get it.



## Suggestions from Class 2

- Great lesson. Dr. Facione presentation was very good and I would say worth every bit of the cost. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to hear him speak.
- This was an excellent presentation. Critical thinking is definitely a topic that is better taught through exercises instead of just doing some reading on the topic. Definitely a keeper.
- I'm glad this was done at the mainsail as I don't think it would have been as dynamic via VTC.
- I truly feel that Dr. Facione is definitely is a true expert in critical thinking. He brought everything to light and made it clearer on why we as leaders need to ensure the best decision is made to accomplish any mission no matter how minute it may be because it alleviates the job being done twice and wasting valuable time on redoing or causing detrimental problems. He is a great speaker and I really did enjoy his seminar. I was captivated with how Dr. Facione made it clear on how the mind works. GREAT SEMINAR
- To be honest I didn't get a lot from the brief the Dr is a very good speaker and he gets everyone involved. We do critical thinking everyday on the job and in life. We wouldn't be where we are without it... I would put this in the DL phase and save your money...



## Suggestions from Class 2

- Dr. Facione did an excellent job of presenting the material. I would very much like him to come back and show the JSOFSEA some methods of teaching critical thinking to others. I think this is a valuable lesson, it just needs to be expanded a little.
- CT has a direct application in to the military mindset. If this is taught earlier on in a career, like Dr. Facione taught it, we may even spawn a younger generation of SOF who can use CT without thinking about it. Thus, creating younger enlisted who use the MDMP better than the previous generation. Dr. Facione did a fantastic job with his presentation to the class, hands down. The way he engaged us with his concepts was much better than I have seen this topic done before. No fancy-shmancy latin phraseology was used to make this a concrete idea for us to grasp. Awesome! Keep it!
- Great class, a definite keeper. Dr. Facione was a good speaker and delivered a great presentation. Black board seems to have recurring issues. I was locked out of being able to see the resident modules multiple times this evening, this has happened in the past as well. I was never able to see the grading rubric, and only 2 of the other links worked.
- Dr Facione, was by far the best Guest Speaker we have had thus far. His Critical thinking class was very relevant to our jobs and everyday life.



## Suggestions from Class 2

- Good instruction on the depth that critical thinking can go. In a situation like Afghanistan or Iraq it is important to us the critical thinking model before you react. Many times Soldiers don't take the time to think about a course of action and this unfortunately in some cases gets troops killed.
- The lesson material was effective and well-presented. I think the material could have been covered in the morning period, though. The afternoon session seemed to ramble and lacked structure. I definitely got the impression Dr. Fascione was "winging it." The material was interesting, nonetheless.
- Dr. Facione's presentation was outstanding and very enjoyable. Instead of writing a paper on critical thinking, I would recommend an exercise in critical thinking instead. Pair up a couple of students, and give them a scenario where they must use the critical thinking principles presented by Dr. Facione to arrive at a decision. The students would need to document the processes used, hurdles they overcame and how they arrived at the COA they present.