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set up situation where students make lots of judgements, defend them, then you criticize? not obvious?

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On Oct 31, 2009, at 12:57 PM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:

How to teach judgment where in the following is that long sought after answer re TEACHING

How do we get good at making a judgment? Judgments are a kind of prediction of course. When a judge sentences a criminal he is, in a sense, making a prediction about what will happen in the rest of this person's life. But he is also making decision that is no way a prediction, but simply serves as punishment. Similarly we when we decide that a certain restaurant is our favorite one, we are predicting something about how much we will enjoy future experiences but we are also making a decision that may or may not matter to others, that is recommendation. Recommendations are also predictions, but they have different feel. When a boss decides who to promote he is predicting something about what will become for their employees but again, the prediction isn't the key point. A judgment is a decision that has some import.

Nevertheless as different as judgments and predictions may or may not be -- the process of teaching them is identical.
Good judgment is learned by making judgments and

analyzing the results or truth of those judgments as more information becomes available. These too are cases and stories and these too can only be learned by making simple judgments and getting smarter about the process over time on the basis of experience.

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