Facilitation Report

Overall from my questions people tended to agree that we like science and try to be as accurate as possible, but we reconcile ourselves that we can only be 100% certain in a few things and attempt to make due with that uncertainty. The respondents figure that we need to find a good balance with trying to be as accurate as possible given the unknown variables that exists and can't be accounted for.

The same applies for my question on society about being individuals and also being cohesive working members of our society. We need to find the balance where we retain our individuality, but are still productive members of society. This is also the case when society tries to mold people to fit its needs. Individuality is still important, just more so to others. From what the respondents said, there are some people that are quite happy just being another gear in the system, but there are some who will only do so as long as it suits them. For society to function correctly and maintain its resiliency there needs to be a good mix of those that will do the job as it's required and those that will do the job, but will also attempt to change it so it suits them.

I found my facilitation helped guide the discussion as close to the text as possible. Even though the text was not too easy to understand, I decided to take a somewhat more simplistic interpretation of the text to help guide the online discussion to what I thought the text was saying while leaving the questions open enough to get everyone to contribute to the discussion what they thought they understood of the readings given my questions.

Next time I facilitate a similar activity, I think I will attempt to see if I asked fewer questions that were more in depth but open-ended enough where anyone could contribute to them whether there would be more of a discourse. I found, that with 6 possible questions, some people will obviously not respond to all of them or even the same ones as other colleagues. I will be curious to see if there are fewer questions, whether there will be more of an online conversation given that more people will be potentially responding to the same questions