

# *How We Think*

## Six Basic Thought Patterns

- What causes X? or Why does X happen?
- What are the effects or results of X?
- How does X compare to Y (and Z, etc.)?
- How can X be improved?
- How does X work in other situations or at other times?
- Is X feasible? Can it be done?

These questions **must be used** to begin an analysis or analytical report.