# TBP Big Issues Discussion

Find a location that is conducive to small group conversations

Determine your target audience and invite them. Consider both student and alumni TBP chapters, professors, community members, etc.

(Optional) Provide food and drinks

Pick a topic:
- Topic should be broad enough that everyone is familiar with it
- A technical background should offer an additional perspective
- Avoid controversial topics unless you're absolutely sure…

Sample topics:
- How much technical knowledge should the average person have?
- What is the role of failure in success?
- Ethics in modern engineering

Ideally, allow about two hours for the event

Prepare some "lead-in" questions for the topic in case people have trouble getting started

Divide into groups of 4-6 people, with each group as diverse as possible

After 20-30 minutes, shuffle the groups

After the session, allow a few minutes for wrap-up

(Optional) Send out a survey afterward to get feedback

Rules:
- Nobody speaks twice until everyone has spoken once
- Limit comments to one or two main points before giving someone else a chance to speak
- Group members enforce the rules
- Be polite. Be respectful. This isn't the YouTube comments section!
- Rules are guidelines: adapt for your local event. Set your "house rules" as appropriate.

Questions?  Feedback?  Ideas?  Contact taubetapi@colorado.edu

Ideas for future topics?  Ideas you'd like to share with other chapters?  Send them to us and we'll post them at www.cutbp.org/BigIssues