

Skills for a Successful Career:

How to Remain Unbiased

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In this portion of the Skills session, we'll discuss strategies and tactics to remain neutral and unbiased, even when the political climate is changing. Maintaining an attitude of professional skepticism is key throughout political and economic transitions. We're all humans with opinions and backgrounds – this session will explore structural and attitudinal ways to remain neutral and unbiased in times of change.

- Professional Skepticism
 - At least one side of the cow is purple.
 - “Pig!” and doubt from perception.
 - Auditors are still human.
- “Trust but Verify”
 - Auditees are still human.
 - All auditors (in attitude) are from Missouri.
 - Trained in the art of observation.
- “Absence of Evidence is not Evidence of Absence”
 - Trusting what you see versus seeing what you expect to see.
 - Perception is reality, but maybe shouldn't be.
- Humanity Versus the Auditing Profession
- Who's Your Client?
- To Which Star Should Auditors Hitch Their Wagons?
 - Employment protections?
 - Assessing audit content vs. audit conduct.
- Your Comments/ Questions?

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