

THE ART OF JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS

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South Asians are a peculiar bunch. We live with our set-in-stone values and refuse to accept that we may be wrong at times. We are experts at instantly coming to our own conclusions about a topic we hardly know or a person we barely met.

However, not all conclusion-jumpers are the same as the others. Some can end up with pleasant conclusions too. Thus, I will try to break down the conclusion jumpers into categories for you. Just a reminder, try NOT to be like these people in the future:

THE LYNCHERS

These people will instantly come up with conclusions like 'He/she must be doing this for attention' and continue to berate the individual concerned to oblivion, even if they have no idea about what, who or the condition of the 'who' they are talking about. Especially if the individual is a girl. Don't do that.

THE INDECISIVE

This category of people will have no clue what to come up with themselves. They come in two sub-categories. One, they will listen to whatever they are told by others and come up with a conclusion without having any conviction of their own. And two, they will keep changing their conclusive answers over and over again, not being able to come up with a final conclusion to the issue at hand.

THE SYMPATHISERS

These people will constantly stick to their guns about everyone having a good reason for anything they would have done, no matter how heinous that task would be. Though this category of people is extremely rare, this is still an extreme.

THE FOLLOWERS

The people falling into this category will only come up to conclusions when the events occurring can only be related to examples leading up to their lives. They will vehemently stick to their 'ideal examples' of how something should be done and come up with conclusions accordingly. This isn't exactly a bad thing at most times. But keeping that standard as the 'benchmark' may not be the best idea.

Rare photos of me jumping to conclusions



THE LAZY

People in this category take way too long to come to a proper conclusion. Though taking time to come to a conclusive decision is good, they are often too late.

THE CONFUSED

Finally, this group of people are either the ones that choose not to come to a conclusion, or simply choose to stick to the "ignorance is bliss" ideology. They are content with the fact that a rigid conclusion is not necessary. They are confident

that making an immovable decision and always acting upon it leaves your views too narrow.

So there you have it. A list of the categories of people that jump into conclusions. But bear in mind, this is just an opinion. Just remember that if you live and let live, the world can be a better place. Always remember to not be a jerk.

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Stuff we want from the metro rail

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With the metro rail construction slowly starting to come into view around major pathways throughout the city, now might be the right time to consider what our expectations for the intercity transport system will be, seeing as we are going to be its users.

TICKET/CARD SYSTEM

In order to ensure the trains don't suffer the same fate as our buses, we have to ensure there is a system in place from keeping the trains getting overloaded. There should be a specific capacity set for the train, accounting for both seated and standing passengers. In order to ensure the success of such a system, there should be a booth at the entrances to the train, where you have to scan your ticket or card before entering the train. That way once the capacity has been reached, no more passengers will be allowed pass the booth.

COMPREHENSIVE WEBSITE AND APP

Coming into play with the card system, the website and the app for the metro rail should be a simple interactive way to buy tickets beforehand. The card would be somewhat similar to the Oyster card used in London's underground metro system, where the balance could be topped up via the website or app using either a debit card or a digital payment system. Additionally both the site and app



should also have a schedule for all arrivals and departures from all the different stations.

MAINTENANCE

I'm sure this is one point everyone will unanimously agree to. We've seen the state of our public buses, and would in no way, shape or form, wish the same condition onto our precious metro rail. Therefore proper care should

be taken for it, not only at the beginning but all throughout its useful life so as to ensure tip top quality. Also, rules should be put into place to ensure passengers do not litter on the train. Maybe setting up a fine system will help maintain these rules better as well. Proper care should be taken to ensure no one can abuse these rules, so possibly keeping security at each section to enforce the rules will help.

PROPER SCHEDULE

The entire purpose of the metro rail is to provide us with a better alternative to the bus, and part of that is ensuring that the trains arrive and leave on time, so that people can time their commute accordingly. Once a regulated system is set in place, people will follow accordingly, planning out the perfect time to board trains according to their location and commute distance. Therefore it will be of utmost importance to ensure that trains maintain the schedule they set themselves.

While the metro rail might seem like a distant dream, it's slowly starting to come to life as more and more sections of the city are going through construction for its foundation. And as skeptical as you might be about the benefits it will bring, I'd suggest looking to the metro rail as an opportunity for us to cut down on traffic and make our collective lives a little better, even if it translates to something as simple as getting home a little quicker.