

Experts vs. Lay People: Discussing the Differences

I.

- a. What do you think about the quality of decisions that lay people make about risks?

- b. What do you think about the quality of decisions experts make about risks? Is either group more right or more wrong?



II.

- a. Should values and nonscientific judgments be considered in making decisions about risks?

- b. Do you think that people who use value judgments to make decisions about risks still want to know about scientific data concerning risks?



III.

- a. If an expert and a lay person were presented with the same information about a risk, do you think that they would make the same decision about how to manage the risk?

- b. How do you think public policy decisions about how to manage risks should be made?