

## Ways of understanding II

Through the course of human history, people have had different ways of understanding their world and things in it. One of the most fundamental improvements of human thought is to recognize that there are these different ways of understanding, and then to decide which way of understanding is superior to the others. Part I of this pair of page illustrated that concept by presenting different ways of thinking about the origin of trips, an imaginary category of imaginary things. This page takes a slightly different tack, by looking at ten different ways of evaluating the ideas of others.

### *Some possible ways of understanding*

The person who speaks loudest is correct.

The government/state is correct.

The tallest person is correct.

The idea most supported by evidence, and least dependent on unsupported assumptions, is most likely to be correct.

The best-dressed person is correct.

The oldest person is correct.

The person wearing a uniform is correct.

The most attractive person is correct.

The youngest person is correct.

The person who most assures my security, or who least threatens my security, is correct.

Whatever most people say is correct.