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## 5 Wishy-washy [14 Nov 2019]

Imagine the pain of loudly supporting one side of an issue only to learn later that the opposite side had the better argument. A legal advocate or a debate team must know the alternatives and be able to present either side at its best, and universities teach us how to refute any proposition. Comprehending all viewpoints elevates discussion from assertion to evaluation.

Navigating arguments is like driving a vehicle that must be able to turn to the right or to the left in order to stay on the road ahead.

When readers expect me *invariably* to take positions on the right or on the left (as they perceive), I do not *invariably* meet their expectations. Perhaps they might call me wishy-washy. If they do, it is like saying my car is wishy-washy because it can turn to the right or to the left according to road conditions.

In my multi-dimensional world, the road to progress is neither unique nor linear.