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UNIT ONE
Power/Dilemma/Tragedy

Power vs. Authority


- **AUTHORITY** is the acknowledged right to make a decision.
 - Example: The President has the **Authority** to appoint a new Supreme Court Justice and a majority of the Senate has the **Authority** to confirm the President's appointment.
- **POWER** refers to the an office holder's actual influence over those involved in the decision making.

Power vs. Authority

- Can you give an example of Power and Authority in the classroom?
- Which is better to have? Power or Authority

Prisoner's Dilemma

- A **Prisoner's Dilemma** is a situation in which two (or more) parties cannot agree to cooperate for fear that the other will find its interest is best served by renegeing on the agreement.



Tragedy of the Commons

- A situation in which group members over exploit a common resource, causing its destruction.
- See the "Tragedy of the Bunnies"
– <http://bunnies.learnliberty.org/>