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Freethought is a philosophical viewpoint that beliefs should be formed on the basis of science, logic, and reason, without regard to authority, tradition or religious dogma.

Members of *SWiFT* have adopted the following operating principles and objectives:

Always proceed democratically, ethically, and honestly.

- Promote and exemplify the fact that Freethinkers are reasonable, thoughtful, civil, and caring people.
- Increase awareness of Freethought positions.
- Promote the idea that the Freethought world view of trying to understand nature through rational, scientific inquiry is the most satisfying and rewarding way to appreciate existence.
- Encourage objective and dogma-free education.
- Do good works on behalf of Freethought.
- Create opportunities for Freethinkers to meet formally and informally for an open exchange of ideas and for mutual support.
- Provide venues for Freethinkers and their families to get together in social settings.
- Establish a presence at community events.
- Establish a systematic method of responding to local attacks on Freethought or free inquiry.
- Lobby for the inclusion of Freethought points of view in local government policy- and decision-making.
- Take a strong and consistent position against any unconstitutional mingling of government and religion and against discrimination aimed at Freethinkers.
- Be willing to consider picketing or otherwise demonstrating on behalf of Freethought positions.