

## CEP Magazine – August 2018 Singular Fact Syndrome

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Basing opinions and decisions on “a fact” has become in vogue. What we need is a better understanding of the value of an independent and unbiased gathering of all relevant facts on which to base opinions and decisions. People who have a fact often admonish the person they are debating for not having a fact, and they claim the existence of one fact is enough. I call it Singular Fact Syndrome. Those with Singular Fact Syndrome indignantly and self-righteously hold their fact high in the air and say to people with an opposing view, “Don't come into this discussion without a fact. Look here, I have my fact. I am better than you, because I have my fact with me. You have not come prepared. You lose.” (I may have exaggerated a bit there for dramatic effect.)

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