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For many years people have been arguing whether to rely on critical thinking or intuition. Have you ever thought about the role of both in your life? Let us see what the point is.

It seems to me that critical thinking allows us to understand multiple perspectives of a problem and prompts us for deliberate self-reflection. Critical thinking is evaluation and checking information. It is an unbiased opinion about events. "Teaching without reflection is useless as well as reflection without teaching is dangerous", Konfutsiy said. As far as I am concerned, critical thinking implies the "why" question that forces you to justify your belief structure rather than just accepting it. First, it gives you the tools and a strategy to look at problems from different sides and make a decision in a much more thoughtful way. Secondly, it improves your personal abilities through considering your own ideas.

However, opponents of this point of view say that "the first occurred idea is the most sound". They believe intuition plays a great role in the development of economy and culture. Moreover, they suppose the success of some famous businessmen, such as Bill Gates', Ted Turner's, is connected with intuition.

I disagree with them because intuition has nothing in common with critical thinking based on searching information, analyzing it, understanding a connection between different facts and coming up to some conclusion while intuition prompts you with a ready answer that may be mistaken as the situation can unexpectedly change.

To sum up, I tend to believe the ability to think critically helps people to avoid some mistakes and determine priorities in their personal and professional life.