



Law Of Triviality

Back in 1957, Cyril Parkinson observed that people within an organisation typically give disproportionate weight to trivial issues. His example was a committee approving plans for a nuclear power plant. Instead of focusing on the plant, they spent most of their time on what materials to use for the bike shed.

His logic was everyone could grasp the bike shed. But the reactor, for example, is too complex. The lesson is just because you know something and feel comfortable in that space, you probably don't need to input and argue about every little detail.

Where are you sweating the small stuff, pouring time and energy into trivial issues? Be sure to call it out early, so you can shift attention to important tasks that require your attention.