

***Industry Best Practices in  
Leadership Development***  
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It will be my views of leadership grounded from almost 40 years of working in many organisations and doing many roles and functions.

# I hope to answers the following questions...

- What is leadership and how is it being practiced in organisations?
- What are the issues in leadership that organisations are grappling with and how to mitigate them?
- What are the best practices in leadership development?
- What implications will it have on me?

.. are there any other questions you want answered?

# VUCA (Untrusting) – WORLD



AGILITY

RESILIENCE

INNOVATION

# External shifts affecting organisations require different leadership ...

CONSUMER PREFERENCE

SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT



COVID 19 PANDEMIC

TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES

EMPLOYEE DEMOGRAPHICS D&I

# Our employees have shifted their aspirations and wishes...

I want to be in control of what I perform & do

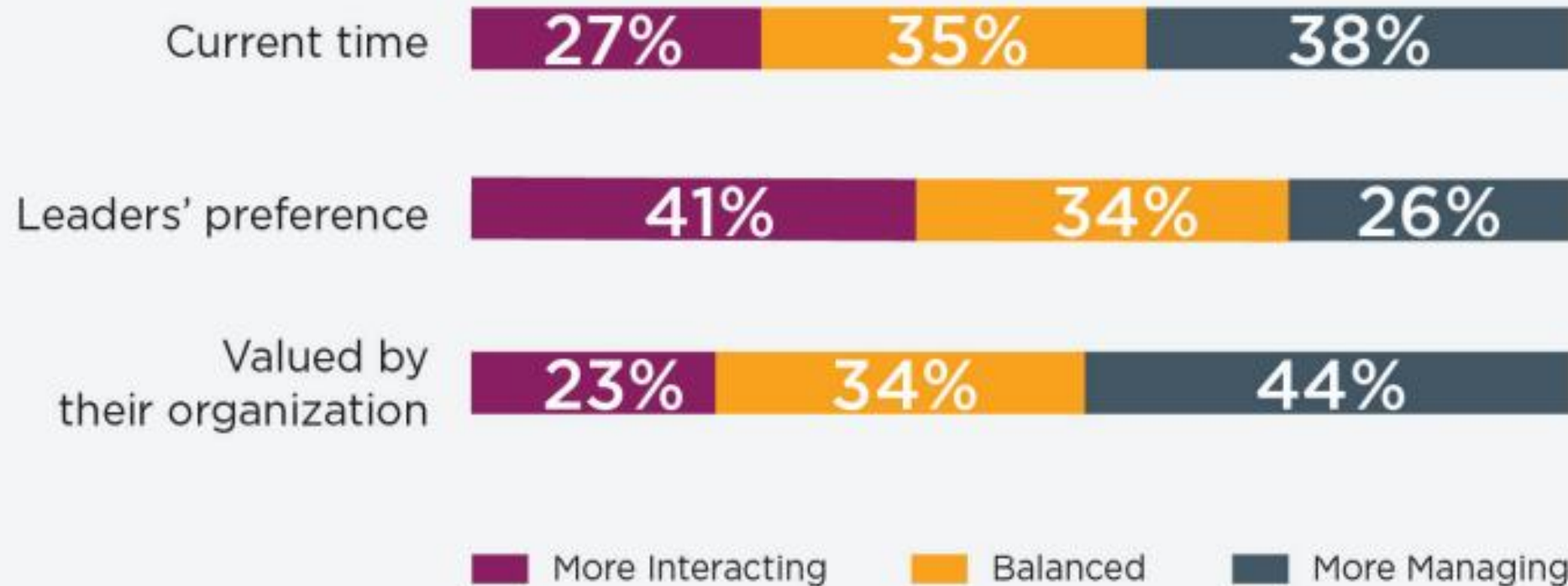
I want my job to be more purposeful and connected to the wider organization

I want more coaching to perform better



I want to gain new competencies that will contribute to my career success

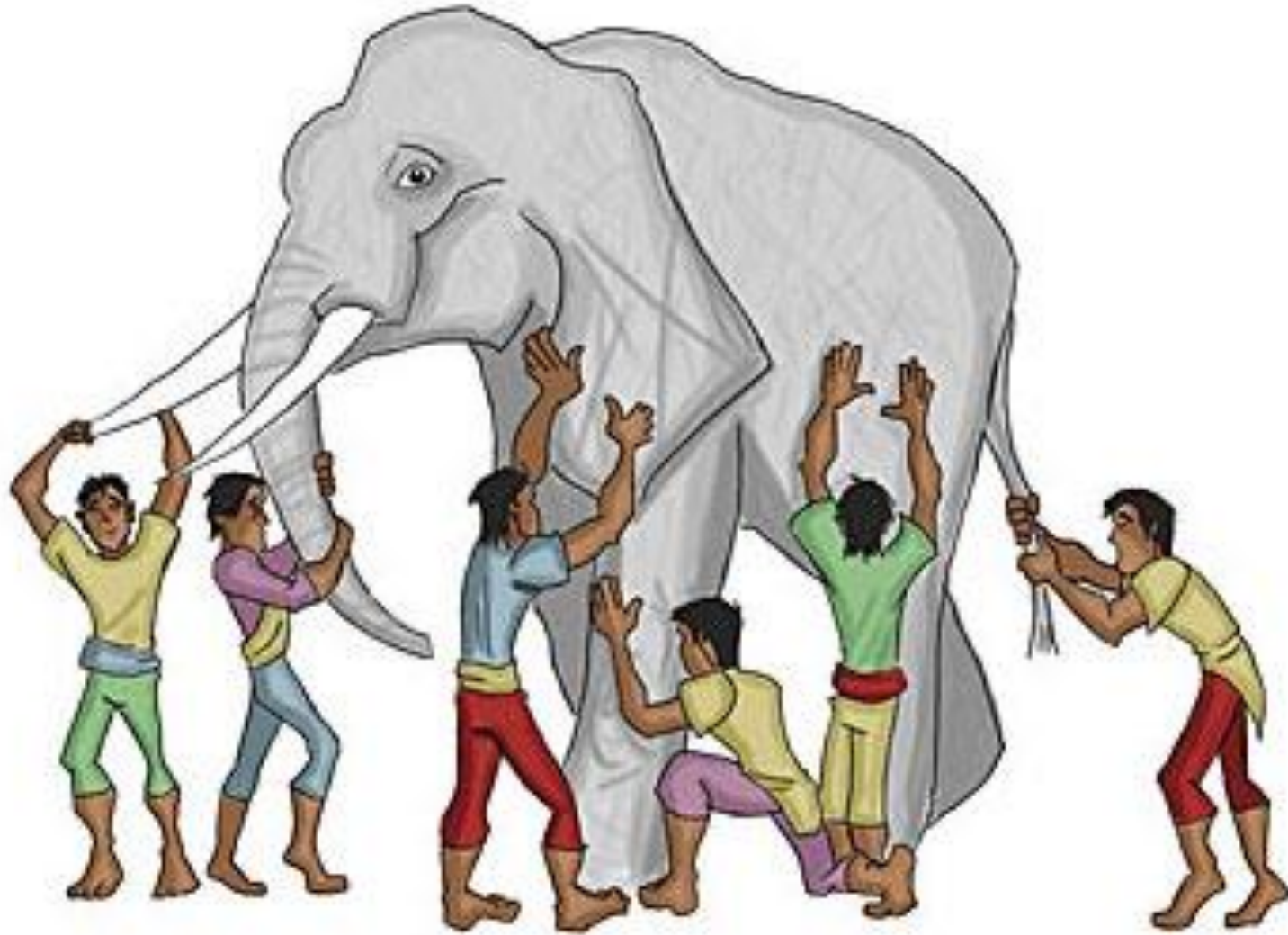
## Leaders Spend Too Much Time Managing, Not Enough Interacting



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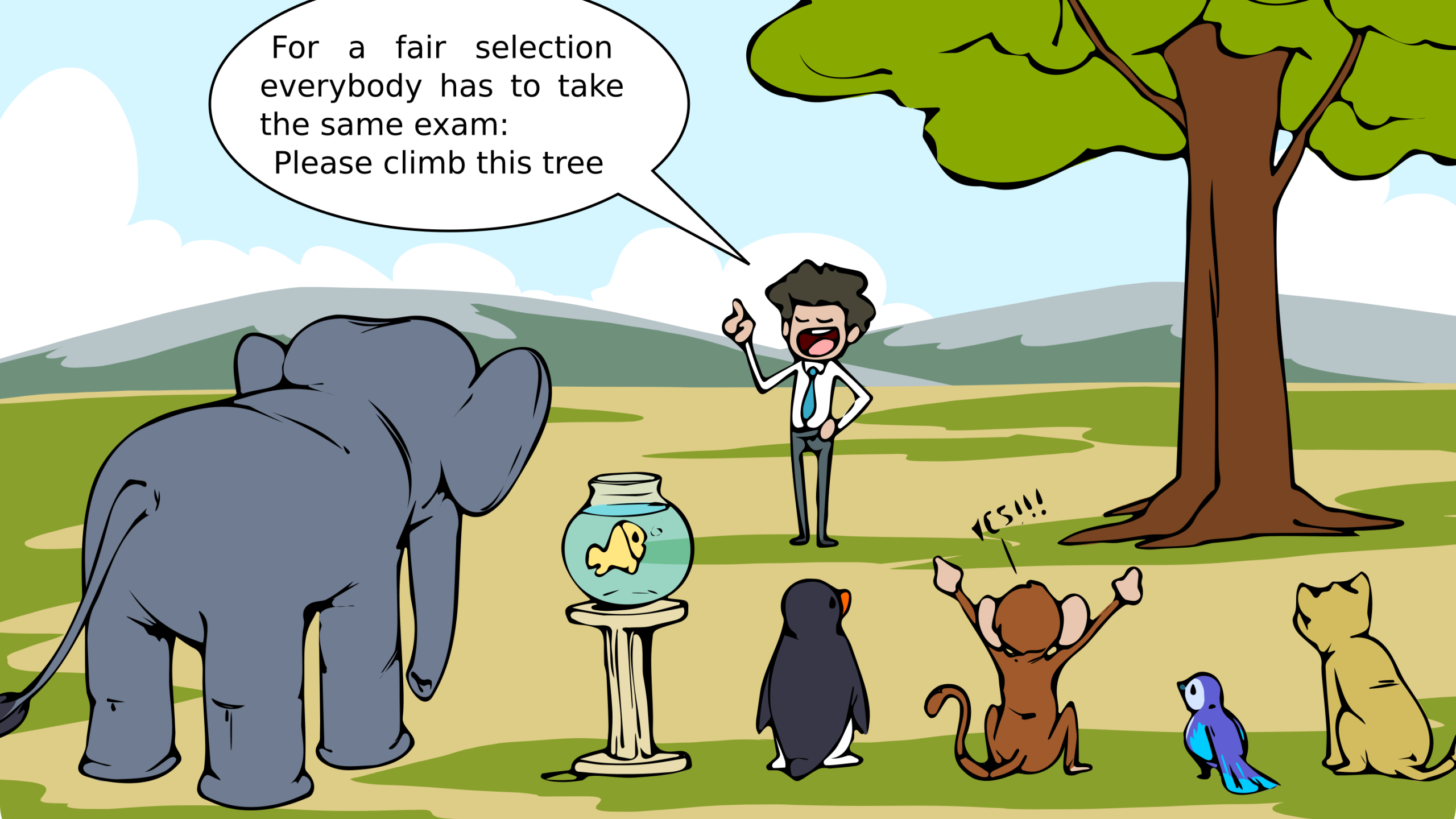


In what way is LEADERSHIP like this?



Leadership is contextual

For a fair selection  
everybody has to take  
the same exam:  
Please climb this tree



# Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



**Self-actualization:**  
achieving one's full potential, including creative activities

**Esteem needs:**  
prestige and feeling of accomplishment

**Belongingness and love needs:**  
intimate relationships, friends

**Safety needs:**  
security, safety

**Physiological needs:**  
food, water, warmth, rest

# Theory X and Theory Y (Douglas McGregor)

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## Theory X

The assumption that employees dislike work, are lazy, dislike responsibility, and must be coerced to perform.



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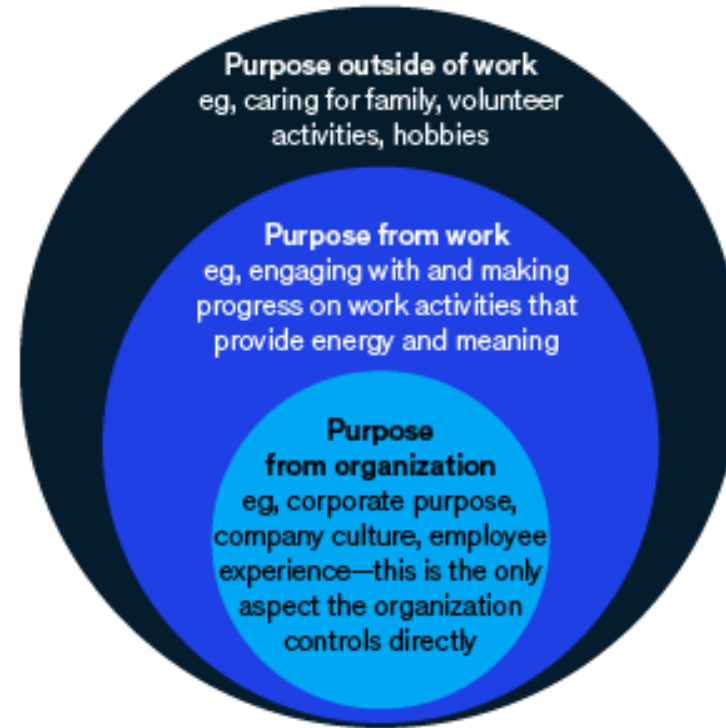
## Theory Y

The assumption that employees like work, are creative, seek responsibility, and can exercise self-direction.



Meet employees where they are to help them achieve fulfillment at work.

The relationship between individual purpose and work



Three scenarios

**Nicole's** purpose from work is aligned with and fulfilled by her company's purpose



Although she's aligned with the company's purpose, **Nancy** isn't feeling fulfilled by it in her work



**Katherine's** purpose is misaligned with—and unfulfilled by—the company's purpose



# Vision and Mission can be replaced by a single Statement of Purpose which succinctly expresses our cause



**A Statement of Purpose is a unified rallying call to drive action towards a higher aspiration...**

SAMPLE

**“A progressive energy and solutions partner enriching lives for a sustainable future”**

# ...which includes our future business focus and the impact we wish to have on the world

SAMPLE

“A progressive energy and solutions partner...

- Our company will continuously push the boundaries in enhancing our value proposition, placing customers at the heart of all the things that we do;
- In the pursuit of growth, we will continue to strengthen our portfolio to future-proof the organisation beyond oil & gas to include renewable energy, and specialty chemicals whilst providing innovative solutions to complement our integrated business; and
- Our ultimate success is realised when our stakeholders see us beyond just a provider of products and services, but instead we are trusted as a valuable partner.

...enriching lives...

- We are committed to improving the quality of life for all our stakeholders by creating value and delivering products that our customers need;
- We provide opportunity for our own employees to develop their career and grow with the company; and
- Ultimately, we help society to reach its full potential.

...for a sustainable future”

- We ensure that the benefits that we create can be sustained over the longer term, measured in terms of shareholder value creation, societal progress and environmental sustainability.





# WORKPLACE MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

NOT JUST A TICK AND FLICK



THOUGHTS  
ONLINE

LIFE

DIVERSITY

INCLUSION

EQUALITY

COMMUNITY

CONCEPTS

GENDER  
SEARCHING  
PEOPLE

ANALYSIS

DIVERSE

Other words scattered throughout the word cloud include: GROWTH, INTEGRATED FUTURE, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCE, COOPERATION, SALES, GLOBAL, STOCK MARKET, INNOVATION, CONCEPTS, IDEA, PROFIT, CONNECT, IDEA, PEOPLE, INTERNATIONAL WORLD, ADVICE, DATA, SHARES, TEAM, PEAN, PROFIT, DATA, TEAM, COOPERATION, SHARE, CONCEPTS, TEAM, LIFE, CONNECT, STOCK MARKET, STRATEGY, VISION, DATA, PEOPLE, DECISION, BUSINESS, INTERNATIONAL, FUTURE, DATA, STRATEGY, IDEA, PEOPLE, SUCCESS, PLANS, GLOBAL, PLANNING, RESEARCH, TEAMWORK, ANALYSIS, VISION, SALES, DATA, PLAN, COMMUNICATION, DATA, SECURITY, PRODUCTIVITY, CONNECT, SHARES, MANAGEMENT, IDEA, DATA, TEAM, NETWORK, DATA, EXPERTISE, COMMUNICATION, MARKET, DATA, CONNECT, IDEA, PLAN, PEOPLE, PEOPLE, FUTURE, INVESTMENT, FUTURE, DATA, SALES, INTERNATIONAL, PROFIT, ADVICE, COMMUNICATION, TEAMWORK, INVESTMENT, GLOBAL, RESEARCH, PEOPLE, IDEA, DEVELOPMENT, PLANS, DATA, NETWORK, GROWTH, BUSINESS, IDEA, PLANS, CONCEPTS, TEAM, DATA, GROWTH, TEAM, SALES.

A man in a dark suit and glasses stands with his back to the camera, looking towards a modern building at night. The building has large glass windows and columns, with some lights visible inside. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the building's interior lights and some streetlights. The overall mood is contemplative and professional.

MANAGERS DO  
THINGS RIGHT.  
**LEADERS DO**  
**THE RIGHT THING.**

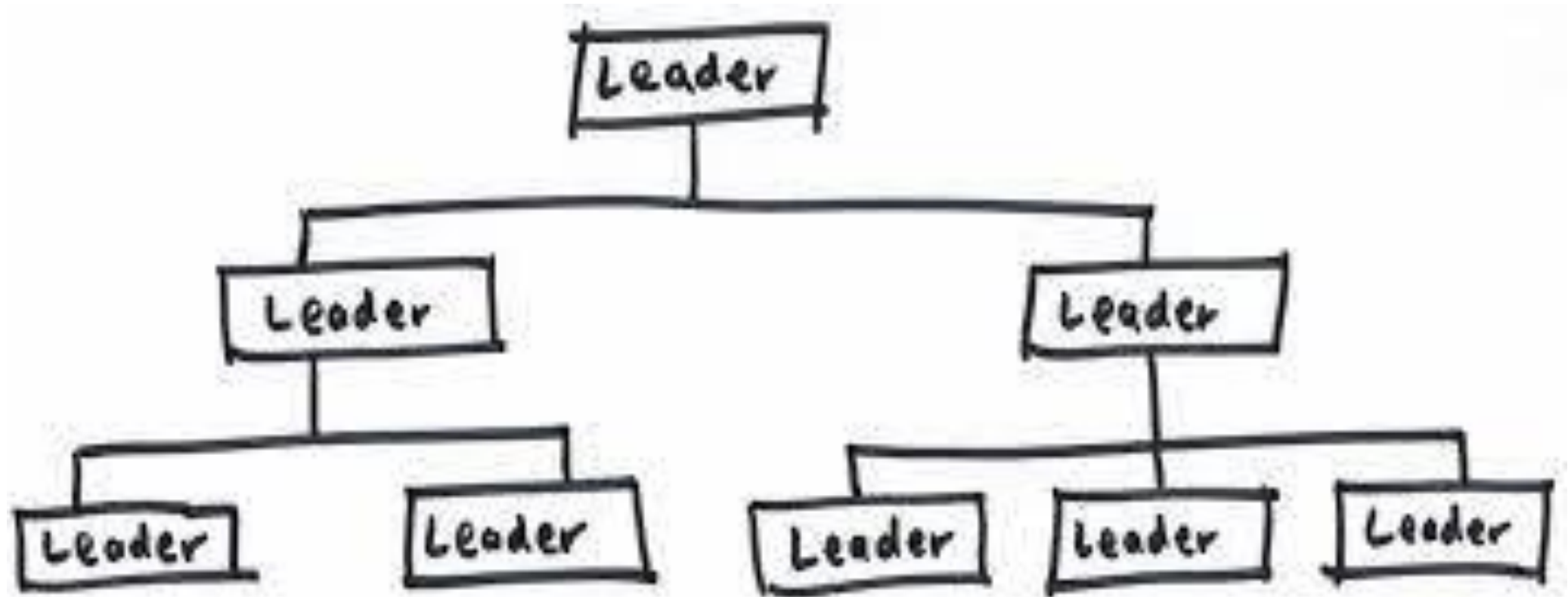
WARREN BENNIS

# How do we know if leadership happens in our organisation...



...based on CCL's *D-A-C Leadership Model*

# Leadership at ALL levels



# Most important leadership skills at each career level



## AT ALL CAREER LEVELS

- Building trust (servant)
- Being an excellent listener (servant)
- Having a keen sense of situational awareness (servant)



## SUPERVISORY STAFF

- Being task-oriented (transactional)
- Being directive (transactional)
- Working effectively within existing system (transactional)
- Being action-oriented (transactional)
- Having infectious enthusiasm (transformational)



## MANAGER LEVEL

- Being directive (transactional)
- Being action-oriented (transactional)
- Being able to anticipate consequences of decisions (transformational)
- Being value-driven (transformational)
- Demonstrating faith in subordinates' abilities (transformational)



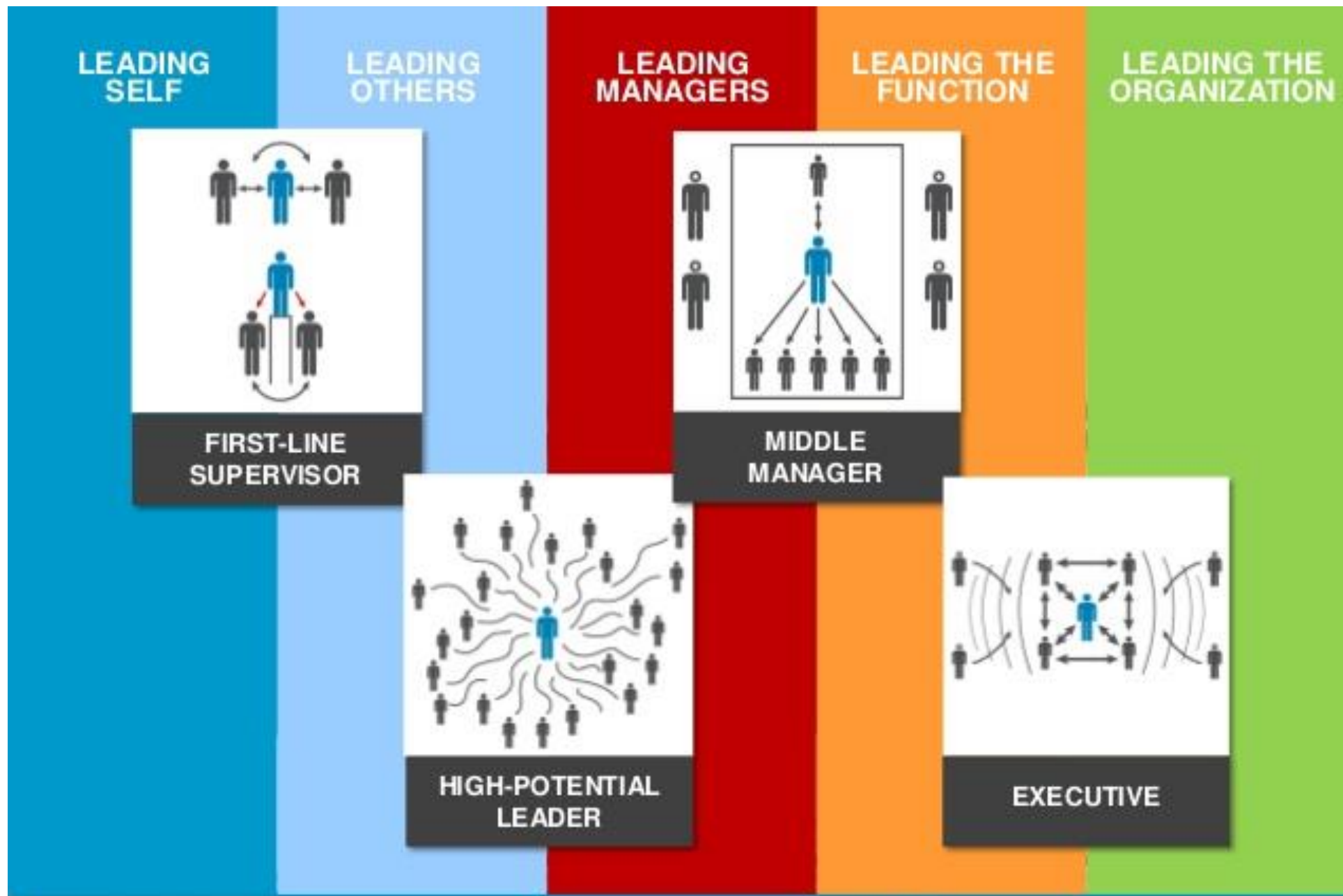
## SENIOR LEADERSHIP

- Being able to anticipate consequences of decisions (transformational)
- Creating a vision for others (transformational)
- Being value-driven (transformational)
- Demonstrating faith in subordinates' abilities (transformational)
- Being an agent of change (transformational)

# Everyone can be a leader - in any role or position

It is important to define what leadership means at each level in your organisation







## LEADING SELF

### Challenges

- Prepare for management or leadership role
- Build common leadership language in organization
- Increase personal effectiveness and performance

### Competencies

- Establishing credibility
- Leading with purpose
- Delivering results
- Doing whatever it takes
- Interpersonal savvy
- Embracing flexibility
- Tolerating ambiguity
- Understanding one's own values and culture

## LEADING OTHERS

### Challenges

- Transition from individual performer to leading a team
- Build relationships to get work done
- Deal effectively with conflict
- Solve problems successfully

### Competencies

- Coaching & developing others
- Leading team achievement
- Building & maintaining relationships
- Resolving conflict
- Learning to delegate
- Confronting problem employees
- Innovative problem solving
- Embracing change
- Adapting to Cultural Differences

## LEADING MANAGERS

### Challenges

- Integrate cross-functional perspectives in decisions
- Handle complexity
- Manage politics
- Sell ideas to senior leaders
- Select & lead managers for high performance

### Competencies

- Thinking & acting systemically
- Managing organizational complexity
- Negotiating adeptly
- Selecting & developing others
- Taking risks
- Implementing change
- Managing globally dispersed teams

## LEADING THE FUNCTION

### Challenges

- Set vision and build toward the future
- Balance trade-offs between the short and long-term
- Align organization for strategy implementation

### Competencies

- Being visionary
- Driving results
- Strategic thinking & acting
- Creating engagement
- Identifying innovation opportunities for new businesses
- Working across boundaries
- Leading globally

## LEADING THE ORGANIZATION

### Challenges

- Set organizational direction
- Foster alignments across the organization
- Gain commitment for performance
- Refine and build strong executive persona

### Competencies

- Creating & articulating vision
- Creating strategic alignment
- Developing a leadership and talent strategy aligned with business strategy
- Leading the culture
- Executive image
- Creating a culture of innovation
- Catalyzing change
- Leading outwardly

**Fundamental Four Leader Competencies: Self awareness, learning agility, influence, communication**

## Challenges & Competencies

*First Time or Front Line Managers*

- Need leadership fundamentals, business acumen and communication skills development.
- Need to provide hands-on direction, mentoring and assigned training opportunities for their direct reports.
- Require engaging, self paced, technology based learning solutions covering their wide range of needs.
- Learning at the moment and time of need is critical for this multi tasking audience.

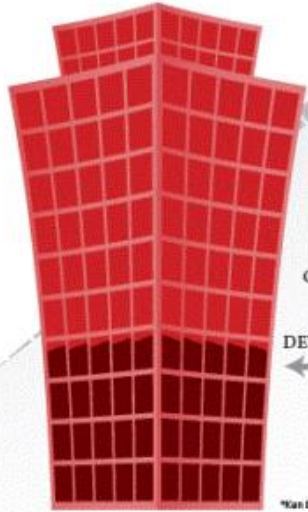
*Mid Level Managers*

- Need blended learning supported by authoritative content and performance support resources.
- Learning resources need to be targeted to their role of managing other managers and balanced with opportunities to learn new skills.
- Must include job rotation/stretch assignments to allow for growth with assigned mentor.
- Feedback and mentoring are critical learning components for leaders at this level of their career.

*Executive Level Managers*

- Need to develop higher level leadership skills such as motivation, strategy and creating a culture of innovation.
- Peer to peer collaboration and idea sharing are important for today's executives – video and social media channels address this audience's unique needs.
- Highly focused development plans and executive coaching

LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS



*Only 38%*  
OF ORGANIZATIONS BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE EFFECTIVE OR VERY EFFECTIVE AT DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS

\*Korn Blanchard Companies 2011 Corporate Issues Survey

*62%*

LOWER TURNOVER RATE AMONG HIGH PERFORMING EMPLOYEES WHEN COMPANIES HAVE STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN PLACE



\*Bain's Talent Management Factbook, 2009

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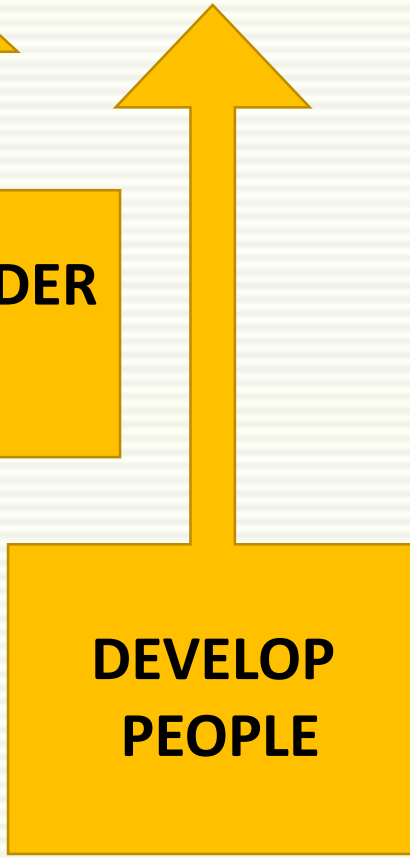
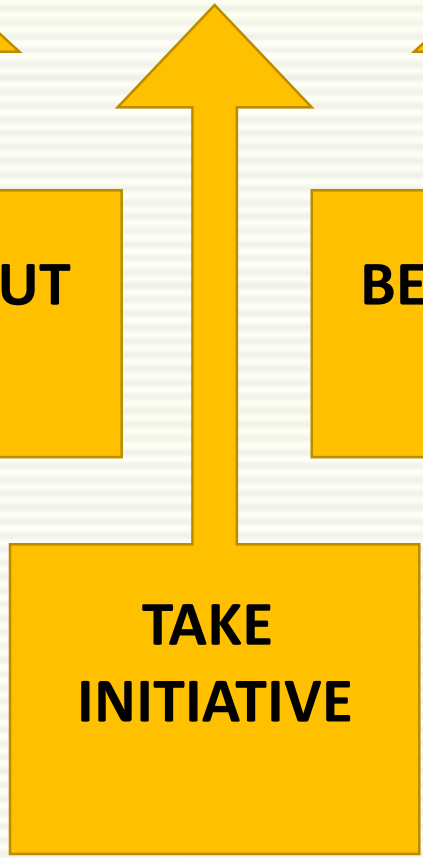
MORE TIME & MONEY SPENT TO DEVELOP AN EXECUTIVE THAN TO DEVELOP A FIRST-LINE MANAGER



\*Bain's Leadership Development Factbook, 2009



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## **7 even desirable traits of leaders...**

**Compassion**

**Confidence in themselves & their team**

**Great communication skills**

**Ability to make tough decisions**

**Desire to serve a purpose greater than themselves**

**Fostering a creative environment**

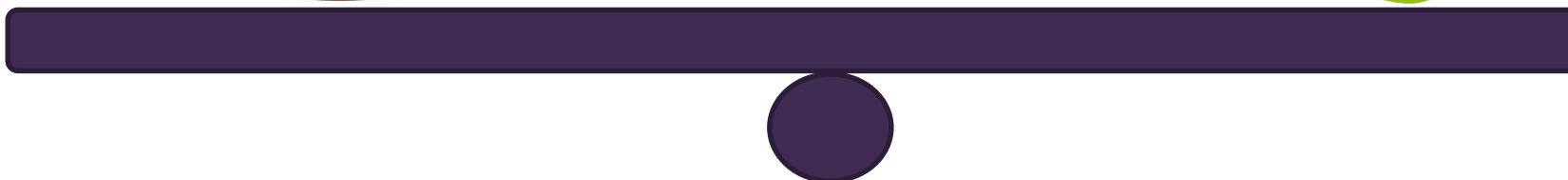
**Lead by example**

# Manage performance and health with equal rigor\*

## Performance



## Health



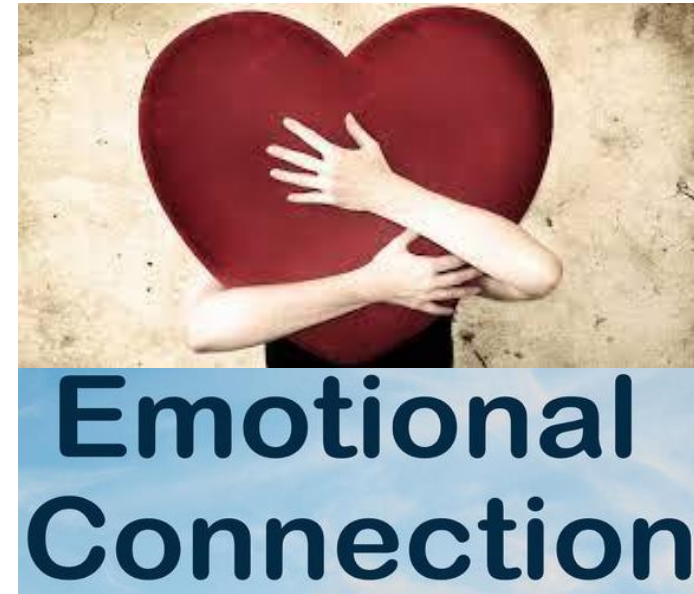
\*Source: McKinsey

# The Skills to Lead Culture Change

Change the experience of people through 5 levers of the 'Influence Model'



# How best for leaders to communicate?



**Clarity**



# Leaders need to shift towards the Seven Mindsets to deal with the new normal.

Leading in the next normal

## Resilient mindsets

<b>Protection</b> "I need to stop something bad from happening"	vs	<b>Opportunity</b> "I could make something great happen"
<b>Expert</b> "I should know this already and have answers"	vs	<b>Curious</b> "I'll ask lots of questions to learn more"
<b>Reactive</b> "What's the problem and the solution?"	vs	<b>Creative</b> "What are the possibilities and the bigger purpose?"
<b>Victim</b> "My growth is limited by factors beyond my control"	vs	<b>Agent</b> "I back myself to learn and get things done"
<b>Scarcity</b> "I can't perform with such limited resources"	vs	<b>Abundance</b> "I have plenty and will share with others"
<b>Certainty</b> "I have a plan and I will not be diverted"	vs	<b>Exploration</b> "My plan is good but I'm flexible and curious"
<b>Fixed</b> "I'm not great at this, I'll avoid the challenge"		<b>Growth</b> "I learn from mistakes to gain new skills"

McKinsey & Company



Source: McKinsey

*"What got us here may not get us there!" (Marshall Goldsmith)*

*"Progress over perfection"*

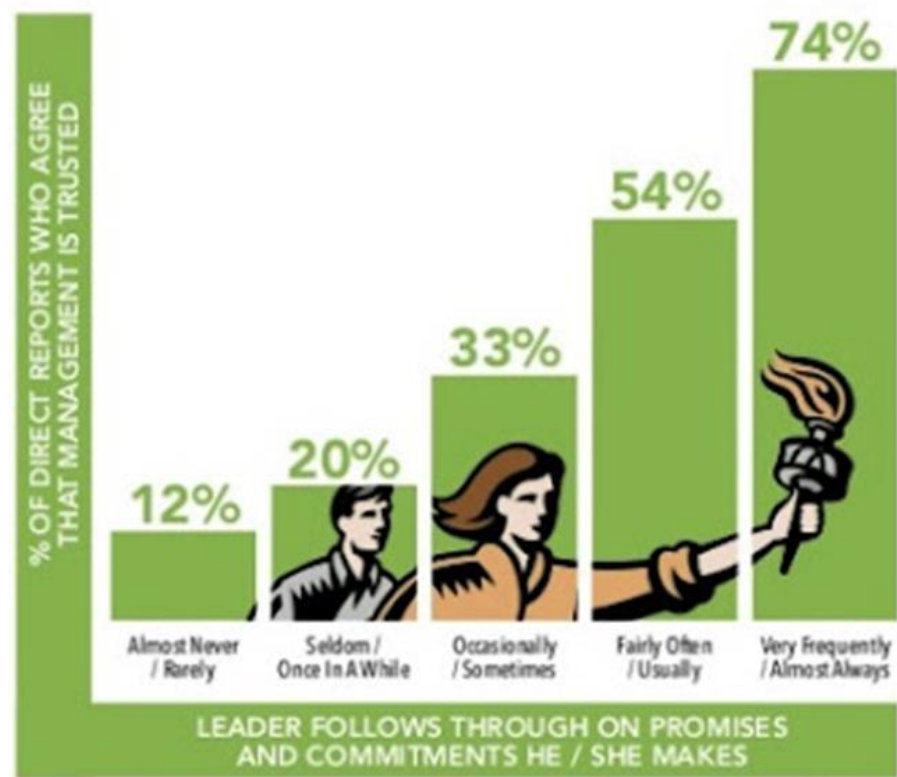


The core of  
influence is

TRUST

You cannot lead  
without it

**Leaders inspire trust.**



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# TRADITIONAL LEADERS



Sees leadership as a rank to obtain.

Uses power & control to drive performance.

Measures success through output.

Speaks.

Believes its about them.

# SERVANT LEADERS



Sees leadership as an opportunity to serve others.

Shares power & control to drive engagement.

Measures success through growth & development.

Listens.

Understands its not about them.

High Will



Low Will

## GUIDE

Reduce risks, obstacles, constraints  
Provide tools, training, guidance,  
coaching, feedback up front  
Relax control as progress is shown

## DELEGATE

Provide freedom in job methodology  
Communicate trust and recognition  
Develop stretch goals, broaden  
responsibilities, treat as "partner"

## DIRECT

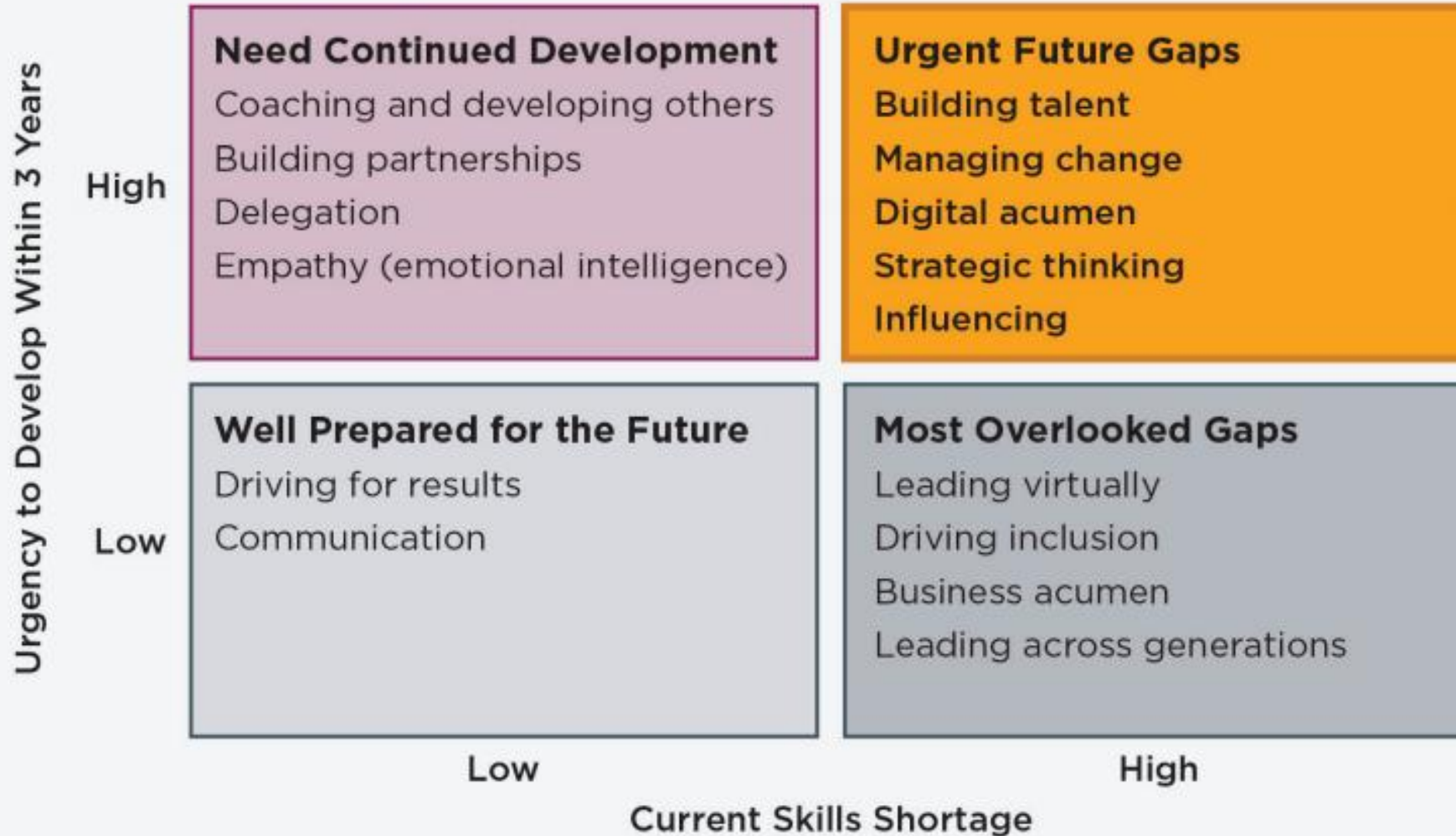
Provide clear briefing, identify  
motives, develop vision of success  
Structure "quick wins," train/coach  
patiently, supervise with frequent  
feedback and clear expectations

## EXCITE

Identify reason for low will  
Develop intrinsic motivation,  
incentives, value alignment  
Monitor and provide recognition to  
reinforce positive behaviors

Low Skill .....> High Skill

# Where Leaders Need Help the Most



## My parting words....



Don't do unto others what you  
don't want others to do unto  
you.

~ Confucius

AZ QUOTES

**You reap what you  
sow. Be mindful of  
your behavior and  
how you treat others.**

**@StephanSpeaks**



THANK YOU