Enabling Others to Act: How Leaders Turn Their Followers Into Leaders!

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"Only three things happen naturally in organizations: friction, confusion, and underperformance.

Everything else requires leadership."

Leaders Make A Difference



Take a moment and think about the BEST leader you have ever worked with.

In general, what percentage of your talent was utilized when you worked with this leader (write down a number on a post-it note)?

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Take a moment and think about the WORSE leader you have ever worked with.

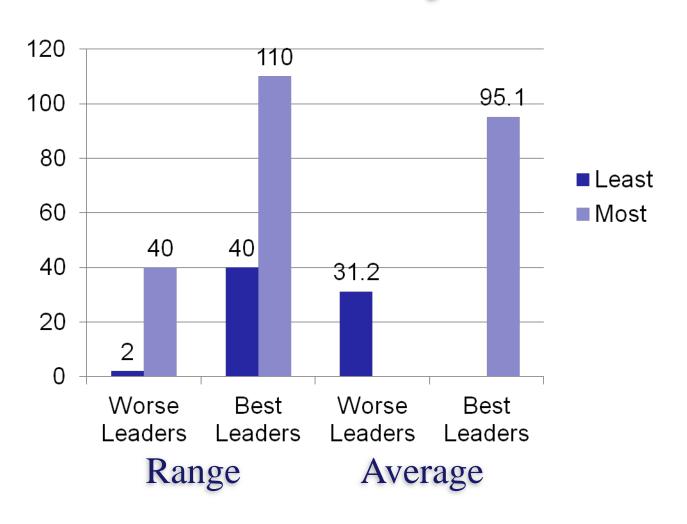
In general, what percentage of your talent was utilized when you worked with this leader (write down a number on a post-it note)?

Actions of Worse/Best Leaders

Describe the attitudes and actions of this leader:

- ■What did this individual do that made him/her your worse or best leader?
- How did this person make you feel?

Talents Utilized by Leaders





A. They have followers!



"If you think you are leading, and no one is following you, then you are just out for a

walk."

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is a relationship



The most critical success factor for the top three jobs in organizations? "Relationships with direct reports"



and what sustains that relationship over time is that

leaders turn their followers into leaders!

Think about that time when you were at your personal best as a leader.

When you were at your personal best as a leader, did you accomplish this all by yourself?

"No matter how capable a leader is, he or she alone won't be able to deliver ...without the joint efforts...that comes from the team."



"My basic philosophy is that I'm only as strong as my team."

"I have learned that a good leader takes the time to break the ice and gets to know his or her team on a personal level, but a great leader goes one step further...

...and learns about each person's values, how they build trust, and what is core to their motivation and drive. They then share the team's values, as well as their own, and align the team around a strong focal point for working together toward a shared goal."



Action Item

What makes for good working relationships?

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1. They involve the whole person.

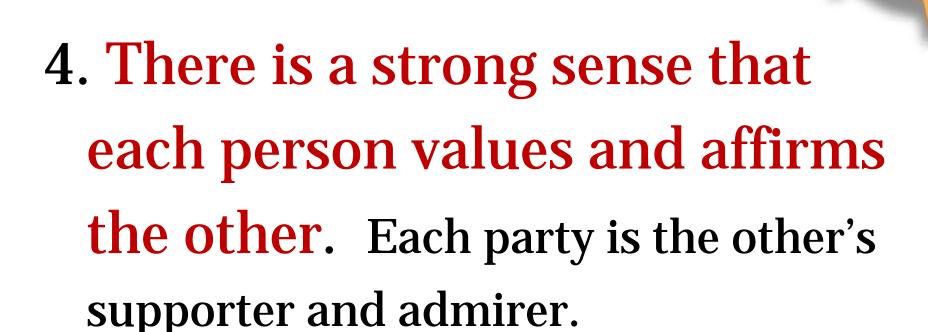
That is, you don't arbitrarily separate business from pleasure but include and acknowledge one another's personal sides (such as family, interests, hopes and dreams).



2. A sense of shared history is developed over time. This fosters a sense of durability, remembering that the relationship has weathered both good times and bad times.



3. These relationships are collaborative rather than competitive. Each person has certain strengths that can be counted on and well-known weaknesses that have to be taken into account.



"I focused on having open and fluent communications with all team members. I asked for their input. I listened to their opinions, needs and complaints. I kept them informed and as involved as possible....

We organized regular social gatherings outside work which helped them to get to know each other better, and thus to understand each other more. All this created a positive environment. We all cared and respected each other. Our team was solid as a rock."

Think of a Time When You...

- (A) felt **POWERFUL** as a result of what someone said or did. Describe what they did/said:
- (B) felt **POWERLESS** as a result of what someone said or did. Describe what they did/said:

POWERFUL TIMES

- Behaviors that make people feel powerful are enabling, and those that make people feel powerless are disabling.
- Feeling powerful is likely to bring out the best, most positive, most committed energy and performance.

"Making people feel strong, capable, and valued is at the heart of trust — the essential ingredient in people's willingness to take risks that can drive extraordinary results."

"Most importantly, the level of trust subordinates had in their leaders determined the amount of leader influence subordinates accepted."



"...we discovered that trust is among the strongest known predictors of a country's wealth; nations with low levels tend to be poor."

"I am a hard worker as a rule of thumb but Alex's trust in me made me work even harder, because I did not want to disappoint him."

Angelika Mehta (Canada)

"Since Bob put his trust in me, I made sure that I would not fail."

Elaine Fan (Hong Kong)

"I wanted to show my boss and my client that their trust would pay off and I started to throw myself into the project."

Tom Oefler (Denmark)

"This trust gave me more confidence in myself, which encouraged me to do even better and gave me a sense of power."

Cathy Chao (China)

"I felt empowered and trusted at the same time. It made me want to work harder in order to show that I deserved this trust."

Line Mjell (Chile)

"I was excited to work with him because I felt that he trusted my abilities. Not only did I feel compelled to reciprocate Wilson's trust but I also felt empowered to explore new avenues.

Florian Bennhold (Germany)

"I learned to trust in their job performance because at the beginning I was checking every single analysis they did, but I noticed how they got angry with me because I didn't let them conclude anything by themselves....

I showed trust to build trust."

Lorena Compeán (Mexico)

Strongest Predictors of Trust in the Leader

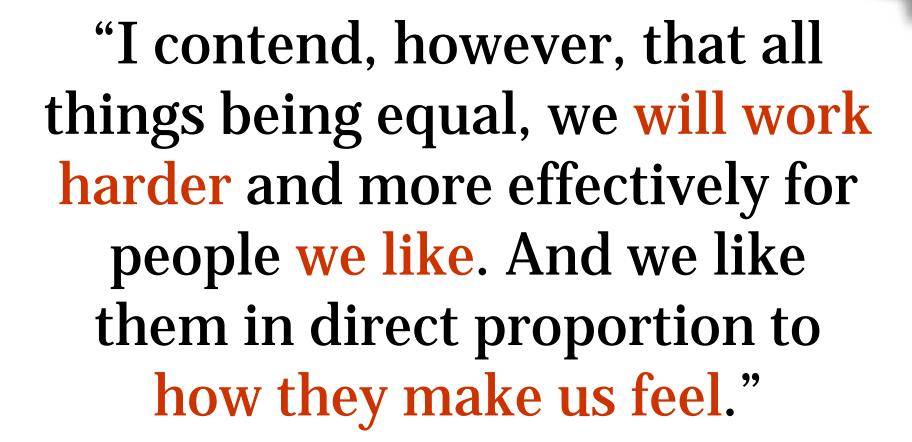
- 1. Common values among team members and the leader.
- 2. Communicating a collective, values-driven vision.
- 3. Consulting team members when making important decisions.







- 1. Share information
- 2. Involve folks in making decisions
- 3. Allow discretion for decisions
- 4. Assign non-routine jobs
- 5. Clear away obstacles
- 6. Eliminate rules







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