Leaders and Managers: The missing link

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Prelude

Human behavior reflects the way humans act and interact. It is based on and influenced by several factors, such as **genetic make-up**, **culture**, **individual values**, and **attitudes**.

In a gathering of more than one person within **a given environment**, their individual behavior system plays out. As a unit head, understanding of human behavior and optimization to achieve organizational goal defines you as a LEADER or MANAGER.

This presentation is structured to highlights the deliverables of Leaders and Managers approach in human resource optimization and the missing links in their approach.

[&]quot;Missing link is something that is necessary to complete a series or solve a problem"

Key Take-Away

- Understanding the role of a Leader and Manager in delivering TEAM's mandate and profitability
- Calibration of individual bias in Leadership and Management role
- High-grade the role expectations to deliver premium human performance and productivity
- Self-check on current challenges and improvement opportunities

The Challenge

Team deliverable hinge on the organizational style of the focal contact

In a workplace, the focal contact in interacting with the Team should demonstrate soft skills on:

Empowering the Team

- Provide knowledge and resources to perform the assign task
- Offer constructive feedback and encourage skill-building
- Flexibility on workflow adjustment
- Support in managing challenging tasks



Active Listening

- Maintain eye contact and offer verbal and nonverbal cue to indicate engagement and understanding
- Provide summary of the content
- Ask follow-up question to register understanding
- Emphasize with their experience



Conflict Resolution

- Analyze the situation and identify what the causes of the conflict
- Mediate to gain compromise or collective understanding
- Monitor situation to prevent reoccurrence



Flexibility

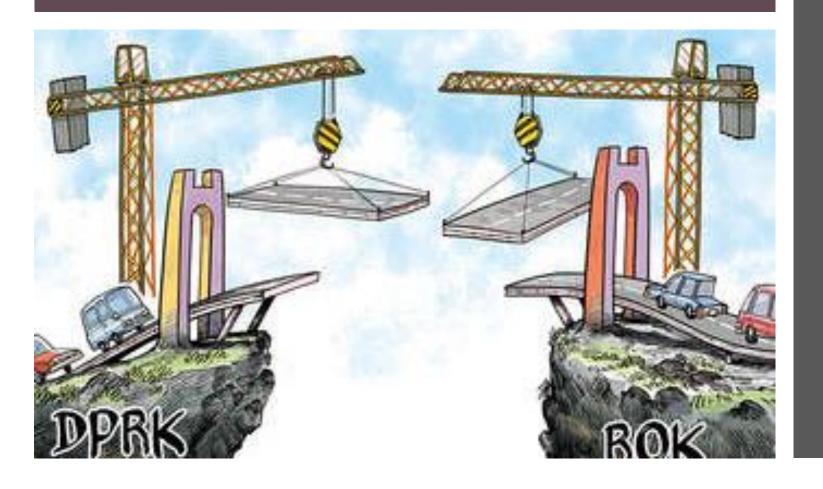
- Know when to be flexible and firm to workflow adjustment
- Review for optimization of output based on individual or group preference
- Coach on improvement strategy



Patience

- See through the lens of others
- Evaluate content in unbiased way
- Demonstrate positive attitude
- Review thoughts from a trusted source





Clear Communication

- Use clear and simple language in communicating the information
- Consider message reversal to minimize common barriers
- Encourage clarifying question to ensure understand the information intent



Trust

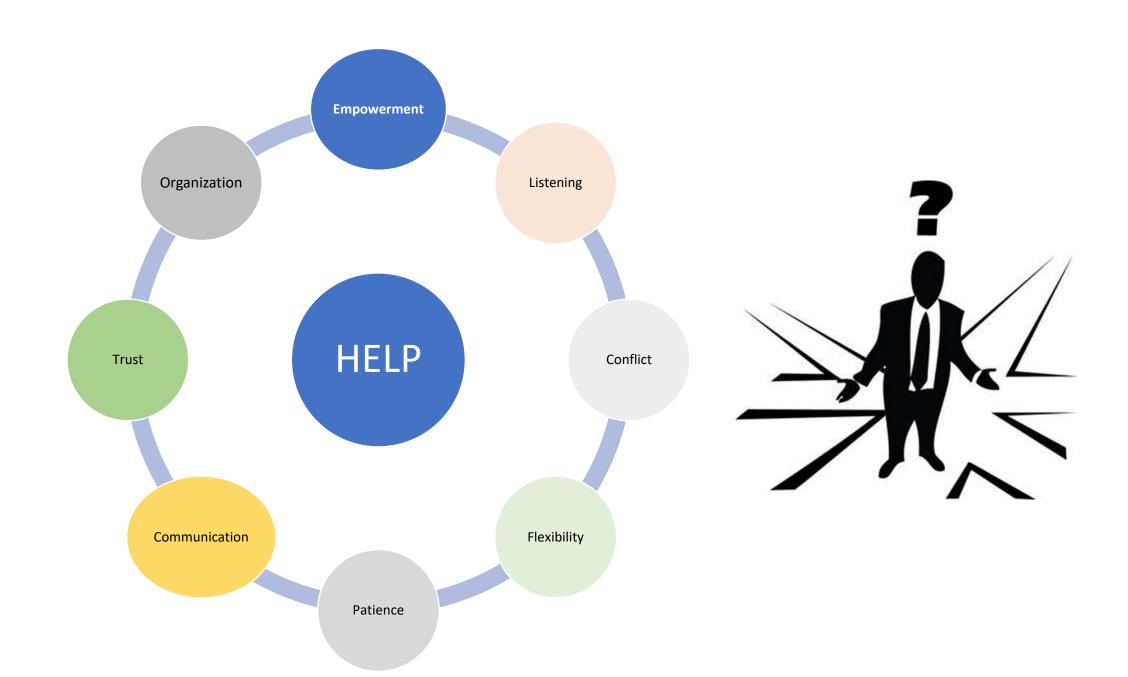
- Develop trust on the team performance
- Demonstrate trust via your technical skill
- Promote trust through constructive feedback on performance and work quality

Organization

- Office setup
- Prompt response to request and approval
- Maintain calendar to track deadlines
- Focused meeting management and deliverables
- Task assignment based on individual or Team competency



Where do I need HELP



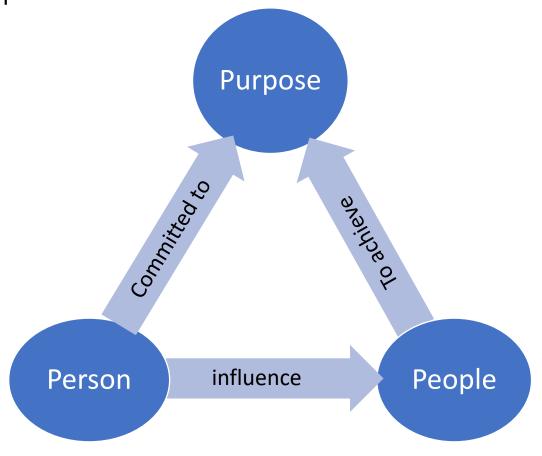
Wrong Leadership and Management Style Hurts Everyone

The Results

- Lower Productivity
- Poorer Quality Work
- Dramatically increased turnover
- More issues with theft and absenteeism
- Reduced Profitability

Leader is a person who influences a group of people towards the achievement of a goal.

Leader may not possess or display power





A great leader's unique achievement is a human and social one which stems from his understanding of his fellow workers.



Manager is a person responsible for getting the work done through others. Manger has the power to hire, discipline, and fire

Beyond the soft skill framework highlighted, Manager should have knowledge in:

Critical Thinking

- Focus on the BIG picture
- Drives goals and objective

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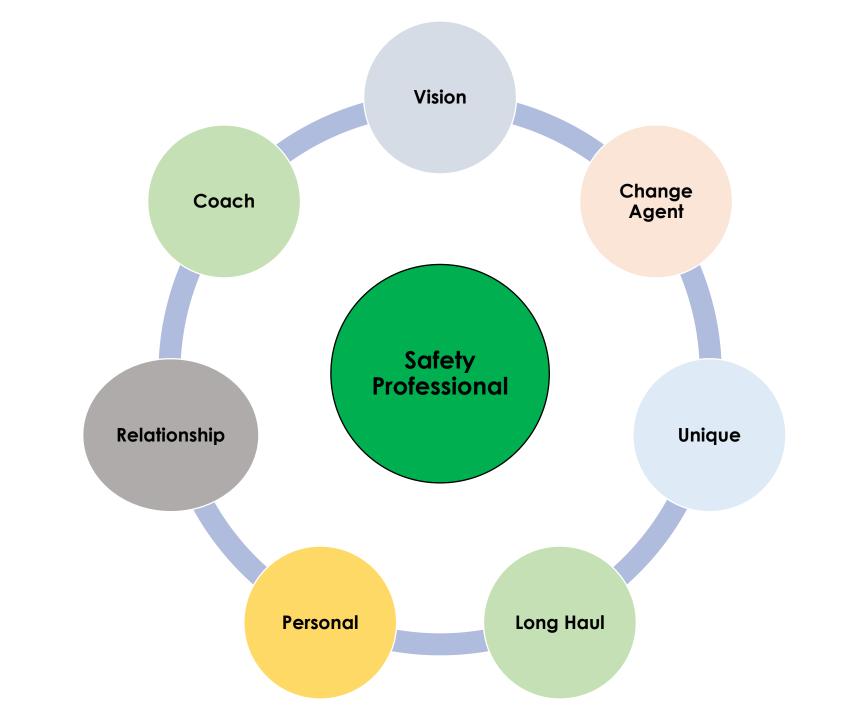
Familiar with numbers
 Project Management

Resource & materials optimization

Leaders vs Managers

- Leaders create a vision, managers create goals
- Leaders are change agents, managers maintain the status quo
- Leaders are unique, managers copy
- Leaders are in it for the long haul, managers think short-term
- Leaders grow personally, managers rely on existing proven skills
- Leaders build relationships, managers build systems and processes
- Leaders coach, managers direct





Safety Professional as a LEADER



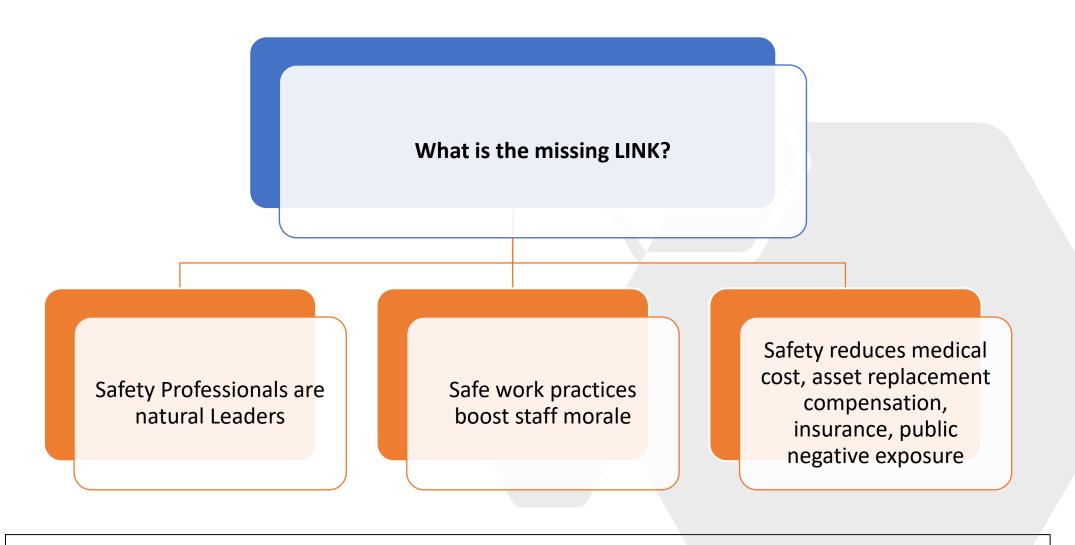


Effective safety leadership is also about maintaining a balance between caring and controlling (Bass, 1999).

Safety Leadership Approach

- Disruptive
- **&** Ecclesiastic
- Fear Factor

Our behavior is influences workplace injuries and accidents



Structurally designed behavior-based safety delivers annual return investment and profitability of the organization



Questions/Comments