The Art of Effective Leadership: Achieving Organizational Success Jeannette Lenear Peruchini, AECOM October 22, 2024



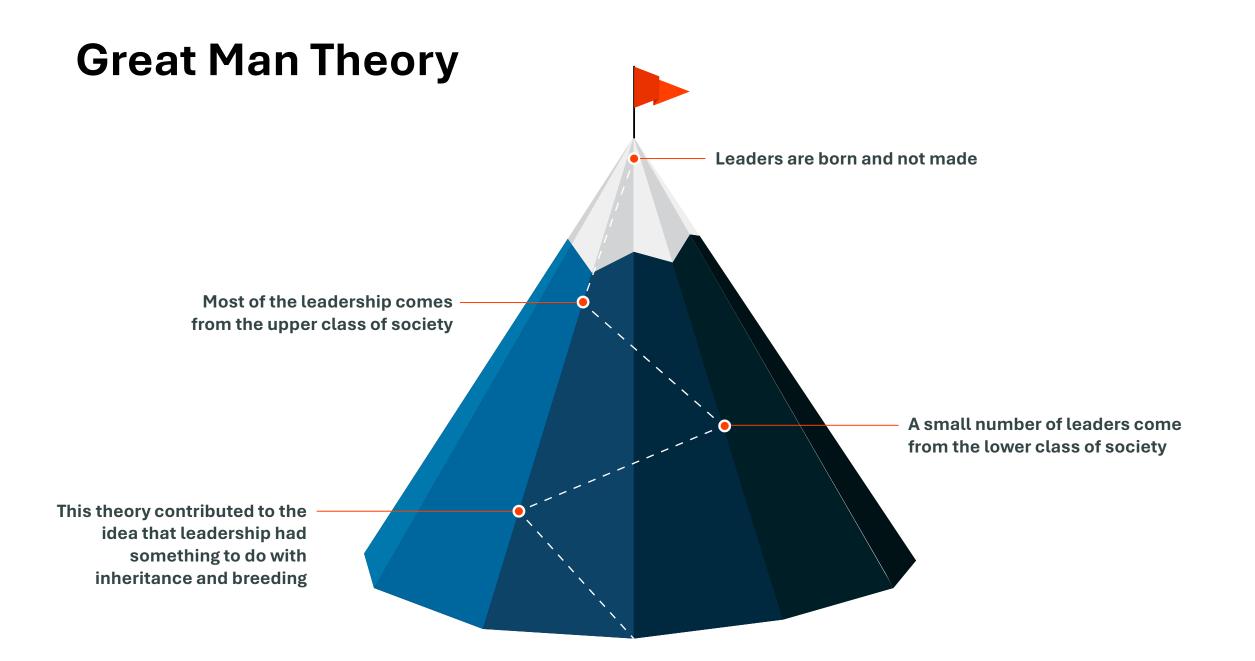
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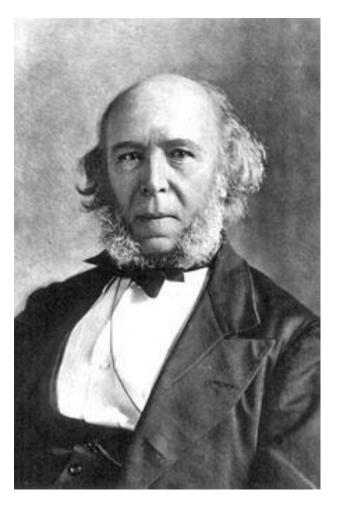
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**Effective leadership is the** ability to guide, inspire, and influence others to achieve common goals and drive organizational success.

# Is leadership innate or can it be learned?







## **Herbert Spencer**

philosopher, sociologist, biologist and political theorist



# **Nature + Nurture**

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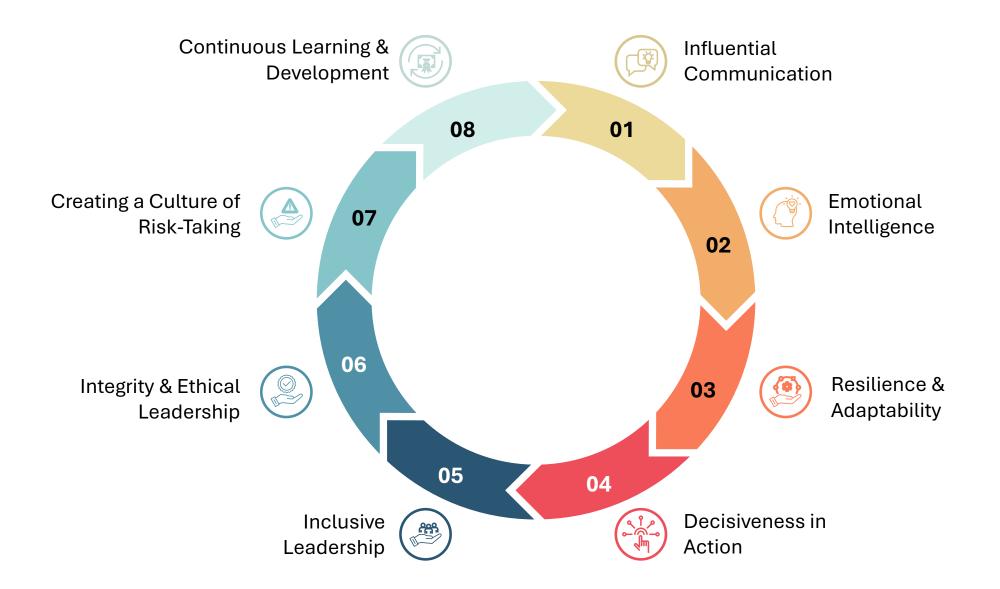
#### **Trait-Like Differences**

Motivation Achievement Charisma Creativity Dominance Energy Honesty and Integrity Self-Confidence

#### **State-Like Differences**

Decision Making Interpersonal Skills Management Skills Oral Communication Problem-Solving Skills Written Communication

# **8 Characteristics of an Effective Leader**





Effective leaders communicate clearly and with confidence and listen to feedback.



# Influential Communication

**The Four Pillars of Confidence** 

#### **Self-confidence:**

This is where it all begins—the personal belief in one's ability to succeed. It's the foundation of high aspirations and unwavering expectations of personal success.

#### Team confidence:

Trust, mutual respect, and unwavering support among team members create an environment of shared responsibility, where success is a collective effort.

#### System confidence:

This layer signifies an organization's unwavering faith in its established structures and routines, which promote accountability, collaboration, and initiative.

#### **External confidence:**

The ultimate level of confidence is the assurance that external stakeholders will invest resources based on the positive expectations cultivated through the preceding three levels. It's the manifestation of a reputation built on trust and reliability.



Effective leaders have high emotional intelligence and are empathetic.



# Emotional Intelligence

**59%** of employers would not hire someone who has a high IQ but low EI. For workers being considered for a promotion, the high El candidate will beat out the high IQ candidate in most cases – **75%** said they're more likely to promote the high El worker.

# When Hiring **71%**

Value EI in an employee more than IQ.



Effective leaders are adaptable and resilient and can pivot when necessary.



# **Resilience & Adaptability**

Strategies for Developing Resilience & Adaptability

#### **Be Proactive:**

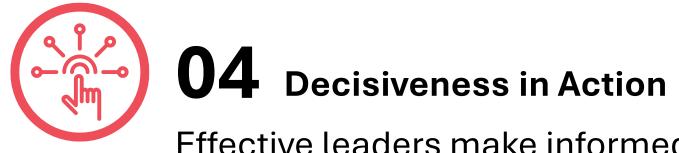
Anticipate change and take action before it happens. Proactive means investing in new technologies or processes, developing new skills, or building new partnerships.

#### **Stay Positive:**

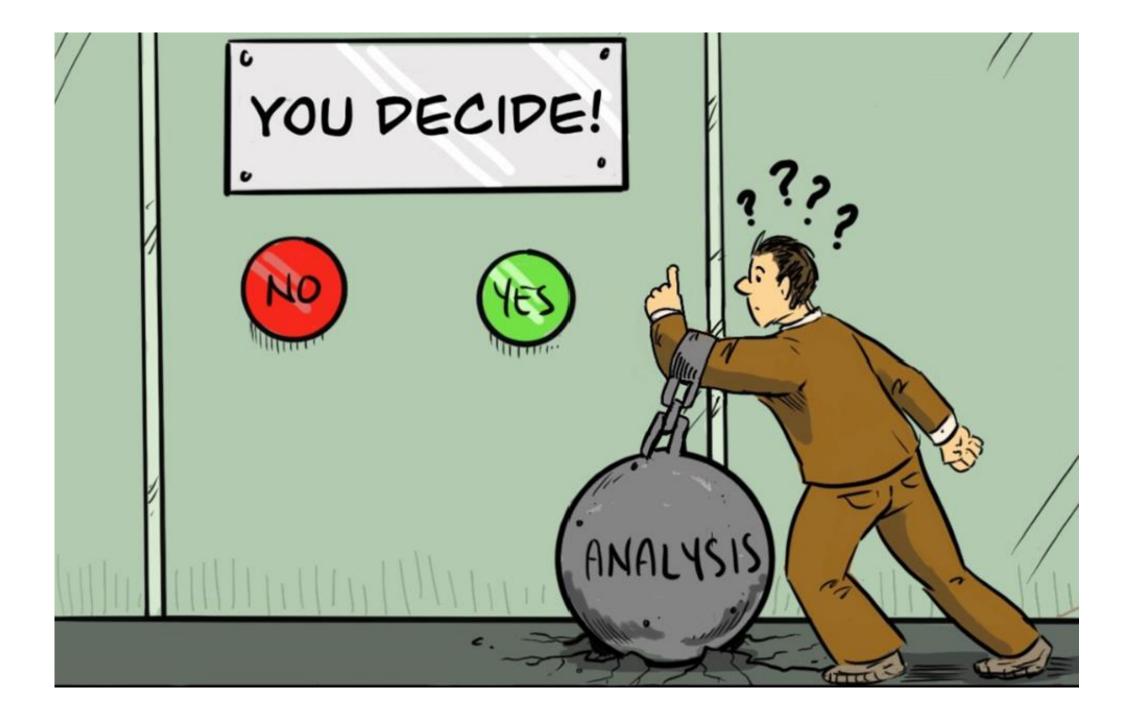
A positive mindset can help leaders stay motivated and maintain their focus on their goals. Optimistic leaders can inspire their teams to do the same despite adversity.

#### Learn from Failure:

Resilient leaders view failure as an opportunity to learn and grow. By analyzing what went wrong, they can identify ways to improve and prevent similar mistakes in the future.



Effective leaders make informed decisions and are capable of continuously evaluating and reassessing their approach.





Effective leaders manage and lead a diverse group of people in a way that values their uniqueness and perspectives.

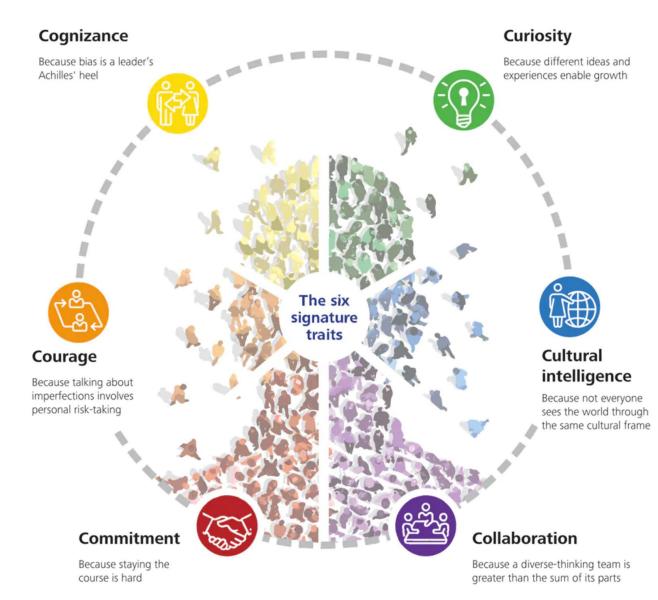


# **Inclusive Leadership**

# What distinguishes highly inclusive leaders from their counterparts?

Deloitte's research identifies six signature traits of inclusive leaders:

- Commitment
- Courage
- Cognizance of Bias
- Curiosity
- Culturally Intelligent
- Collaboration





# **Inclusive Leadership**

#### Inclusive leaders

Individual feelings of inclusion

*†70%* 

increase in experiences of fairness, respect, value, and belonging; psychological safety; and inspiration

#### Team performance

↑17% increase in team performance

↑20% increase in decision-making quality

129% increase in team collaboration



Effective leaders have integrity and hold themselves to high standard. Effective leaders are ethical and demonstrate moral behavior.



Effective leaders create an environment that encourages new ideas and risk-taking.



Effective leaders focus on team development and the long-term develop of their employees.

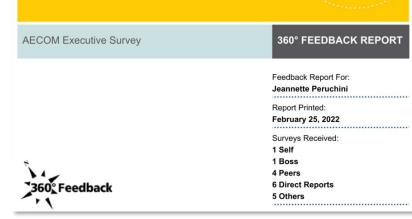


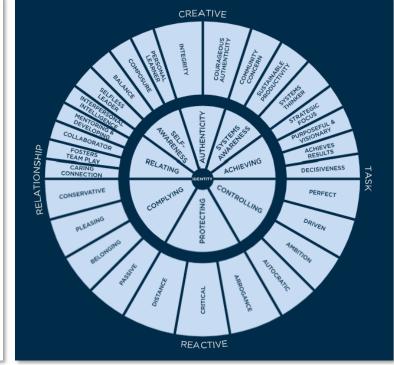
# **Continuous Learning & Development**



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#### **OVERVIEW OF THE DISC MODEL** Influence Dominance Direct Outgoing Enthusiastic Firm Strong-willed Optimistic DOMINANC Forceful High-spirited Results-oriented Lively INFLUENCE Conscientiousness STEADINESS Steadiness Analytical Even-tempered Reserved Accommodating Precise Patient Private Humble Tactful



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