

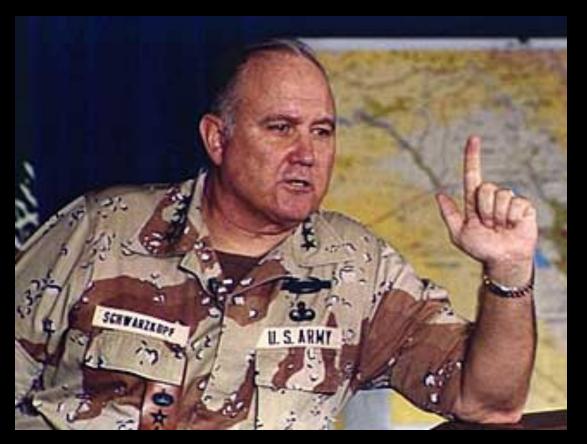


Authentic Leader(ship)
Development





# General Norman Schwarzkopf



Leadership?

# Pair & Share Reactions? Top 3 lessons?





Self-Awareness

"Who we are"



"How we lead"



"Situational Demands"

Basic Assumptions
About Human Nature

LEADERSHIP STYLE

" Are people basically good or bad?"

Personal Theories
Of Motivation

#### Bad Is Stronger Than Good

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The greater power of bad events over good ones is found in everyday events, major life events (e.g., trauma), close relationship outcomes, social network patterns, interpersonal interactions, and learning processes. Bad emotions, bad parents, and bad feedback have more impact than good ones, and bad information is processed more thoroughly than good. The self is more motivated to avoid bad self-definitions than to pursue good ones. Bad impressions and bad stereotypes are quicker to form and more resistant to disconfirmation than good ones. Various explanations such as diagnosticity and salience help explain some findings, but the greater power of bad events is still found when such variables are controlled. Hardly any exceptions (indicating greater power of good) can be found. Taken together, these findings suggest that bad is stronger than good, as a general principle across a broad range of psychological phenomena.

Centuries of literary efforts and religious thought have depicted human life in terms of a struggle between good and bad forces. At the metaphysical level, evil gods or devils are the opponents of the divine forces of creation and harmony. At the individual level, temptation and destructive instincts battle against strivings for virtue, altruism, and fulfillment. "Good" and "bad" are among the first words and concepts learned by children (and even by house pets), and most people can readily characterize almost any experience, emotion, or outcome as good or had.

What form does this eternal conflict take in psychology? The purpose of this article is to review evidence pertaining to the general hy-

pothesis that bad is stronger than good (see also Rozin & Royzman, in press). That is, events that are negatively valenced (e.g., losing money, being abandoned by friends, and receiving criticism) will have a greater impact on the individual than positively valenced events of the same type (e.g., winning money, gaining friends, and receiving praise). This is not to say that bad will always triumph over good, spelling doom and misery for the human race. Rather, good may prevail over bad by superior force of numbers: Many good events can overcome the psychological effects of a single bad one. When equal measures of good and bad are present, however, the psychological effects of bad ones outweigh those of the good ones. This may in fact be a general principle or law of psychological phenomena, possibly reflecting the innate predispositions of the psyche or at least reflecting the almost inevitable adaptation of each individual to the exigencies of daily life.

This pattern has already been recognized in certain research domains. This is probably most true in the field of impression formation, in which the positive–negative asymmetry effect has been repeatedly confirmed (e.g., Anderson, 1965; Peeters & Czapinski, 1990; Skowronski & Carlston, 1989). In general, and apart from a few carefully crafted exceptions, negative information receives more processing and contrib-

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## Bad is indeed Stronger than Good



"negative events have a greater impact than positive ones."

- We are much more upset about losing \$50, than we are happy about gaining \$50.
- Losing a friend causes more pain than the joy of finding a new one.
- It takes at least 5-8 positive interactions/comments to make up for one negative one.

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"It is evolutionarily adaptive for bad to be stronger than good."
"Survival requires urgent attention to possible bad outcomes,
but is less urgent with regard to good ones.."

"Organisms that were better attuned to bad things would have been more likely to survive threats and, consequently, have increased probability of passing along their genes."

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But, when it comes to leadership style . . . it all depends . . .



Self-Awareness

Self-Regulation

Situational Awareness

"Who we are"



"How we lead"



"Situational Demands"

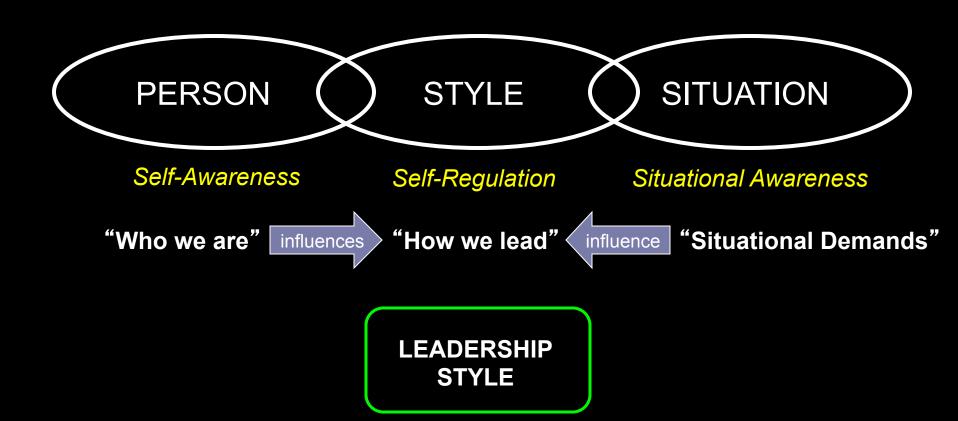
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- societal norms
- organizational culture
- subordinate needs
- task demands
- industry dynamics



This model is based on fit.

Effectiveness is a function of the fit between: the PERSON, the SITUATION, and the STYLE. The better the "fit," the greater the impact.

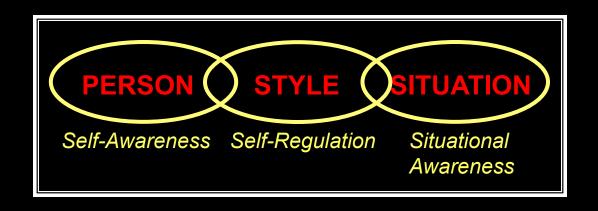
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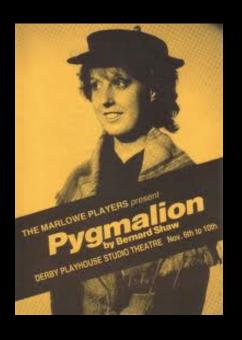
- To the extent that you can increase your
  - self-awareness,
  - situational awareness, and
  - self-regulation,

over time you will increase the range of situations in which you can be effective.

This is a life-long journey.







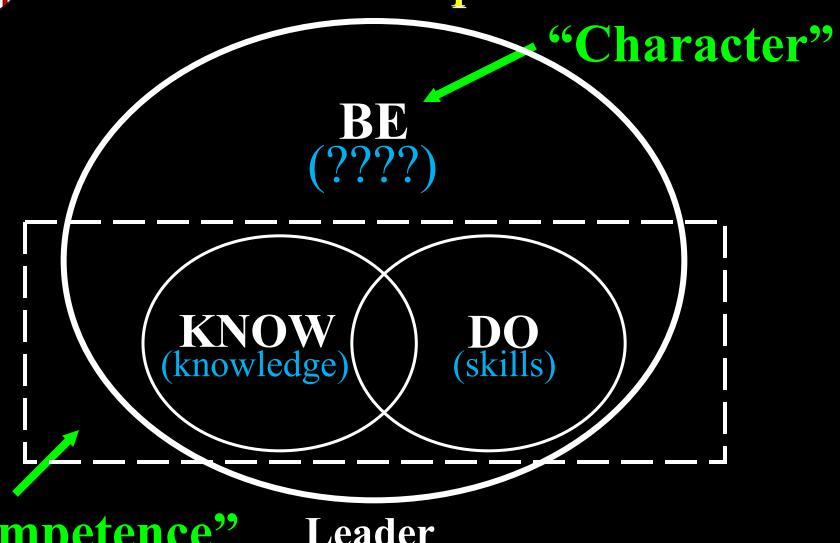




Robert Rosenthal
The Pygmalion Effect
"Self-Fulfilling Prophecies"
Implications for Leading?



## Leader Development



"Competence"

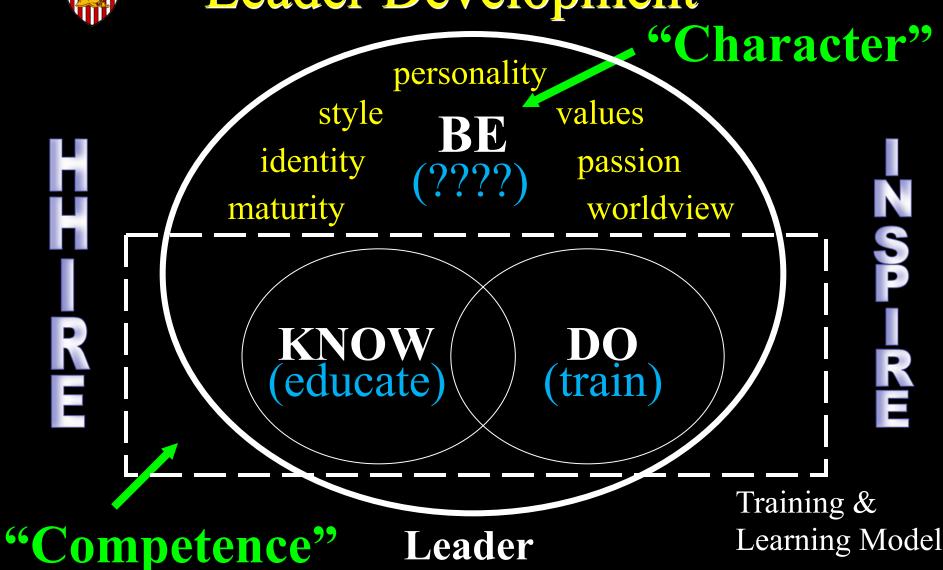
Leader

## The Happy Greeter!





## Leader Development





# Leader Development

#### Two Fundamentally Different Approaches



And one final thought about the role of vulnerability...







- 1. Blind Spots Must know what they are!
- 2. Fatal Flaws Must be just good enough!
- 3. *Perfectionist* No one's perfect!





Coach Maurice Cheeks (April 2003)
Game 3 of first round of 2003 NBA Championships
Portland Trail Blazers v. Dallas Mavericks
20,000 fans Portland's Rose Garden Arena
14 year old Natalie Gilbert

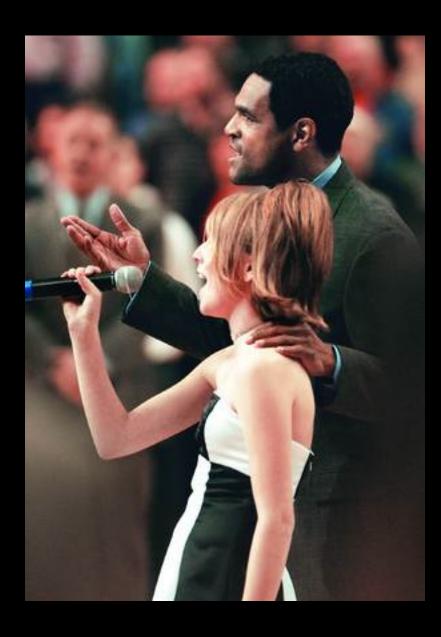
## Lessons?

Pair up and generate at least 3 lessons from this story:

1.

2.

3.

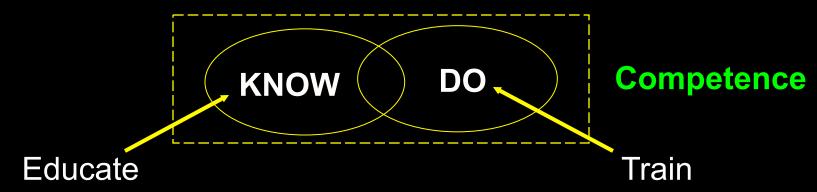




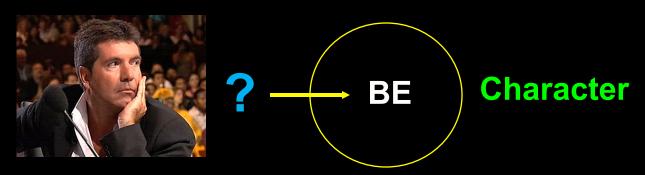
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1. Traditional Competency Models

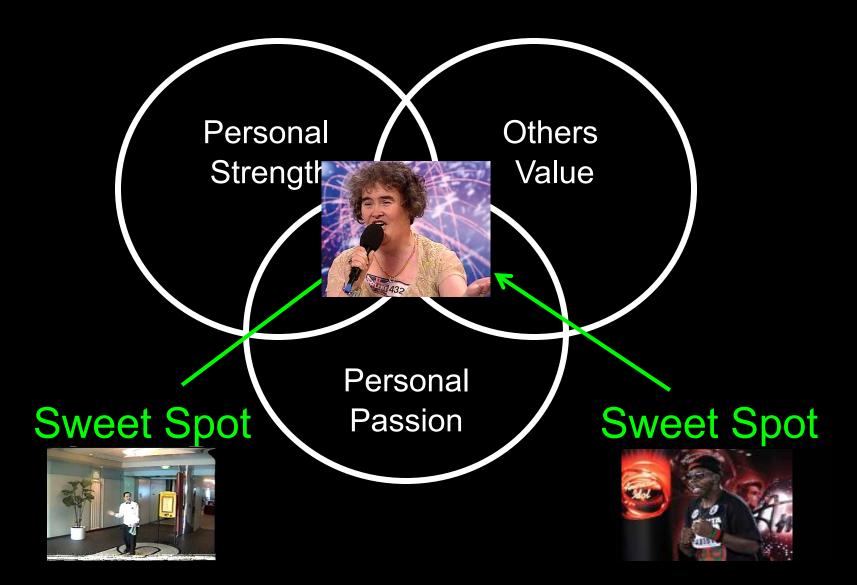


2. Strength-based Models



# Developmental Sweet Spot?

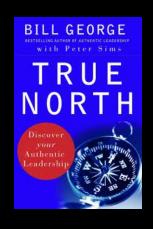
(HIRE & INSPIRE)





## The Course Map





Self-Awareness

Losing Your Way

Values and Principles

Your Story

**Crucibles** 

Motivations

Transformation from Me to We

Support Team

Integrated Life Finding Your
Purpose and
Aligning with it

Empowering Other Leaders

Honing Style and Use of Power

## Personal Exercise (in 3 rounds)

[Round #1 – Self-Disclosure]

- Pick a partner.
- Privately: Write down something fundamental about yourself one thing about yourself, that most people do not know, but if they did, it would help them know you better.
- Pair & Share.

## Personal Exercise (in 3 rounds)

[Round #2 – Inquiry]

- *Privately*: Think about something you would like to know about your partner in this exercise.
- Write down a question that you might ask your partner to understand them better about that one thing you'd like to know.
- Pair & Share.

## Personal Exercise (in 3 rounds)

[Round #3 – Feedback Seeking]

- Ask your partner:
- "How do you experience me?"
  (as a person/as a leader)
  "How do you experience yourself differently while in my presence?"
  - Jot down 2-3 adjectives; one of them has to be "a little hard to say/hear".
- Pair & Share.

# What did you learn?

## Five Skills

- Self-disclosure
- Inquiry
- Feedback Seeking
- How to approach anxiety
- Listening

#### Here's one way to think about what we just did:

Known to others

OPEN

BLIND

Not Known to others

PRIVATE

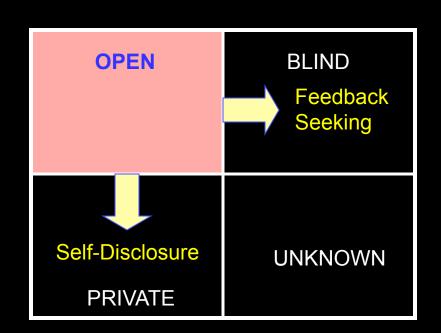
UNKNOWN

Known to Self Not Known to Self

#### Together, we worked to OPEN your windows

Known to others

Not Known to others

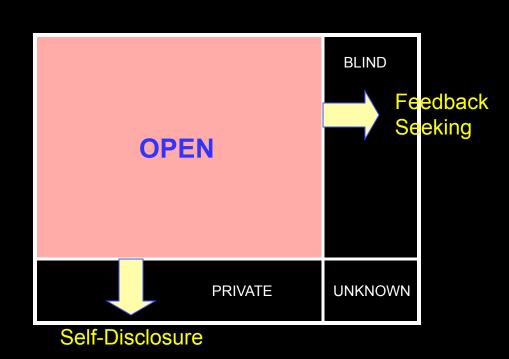


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Known to Self

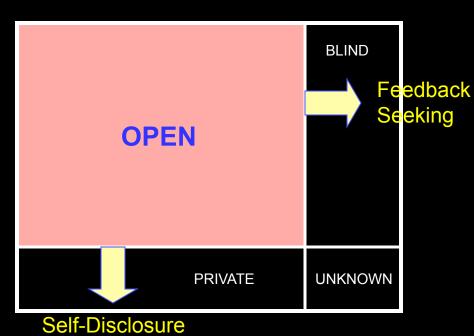
Not Known to Self

transparency + self-awareness = authenticity?

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Known to Self

Not Known to Self