

IS A CONSULTANT A LEADER?

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Why Do You Care?







Advantages

- ✓ More impact
- ✓ Higher earnings (billing rate)

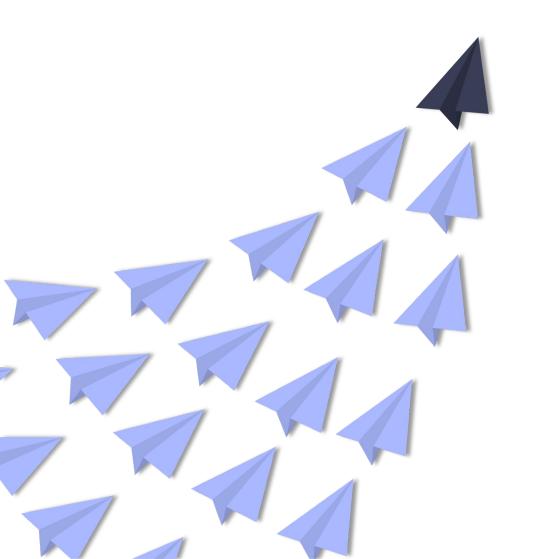
Disadvantages

- ✓ More responsibility/risk
- ✓ Requires longer engagement





Definition of Leadership?



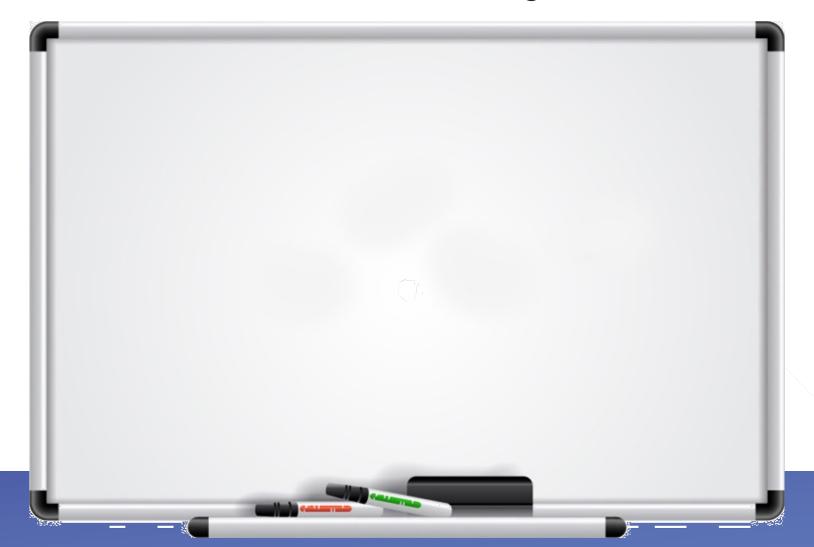
"Leadership is a process that involves setting a purpose and direction which inspires people to combine and work towards willingly; paying attention to the means, pace and quality of progress towards the aim, and upholding group unity and individual effectiveness throughout."

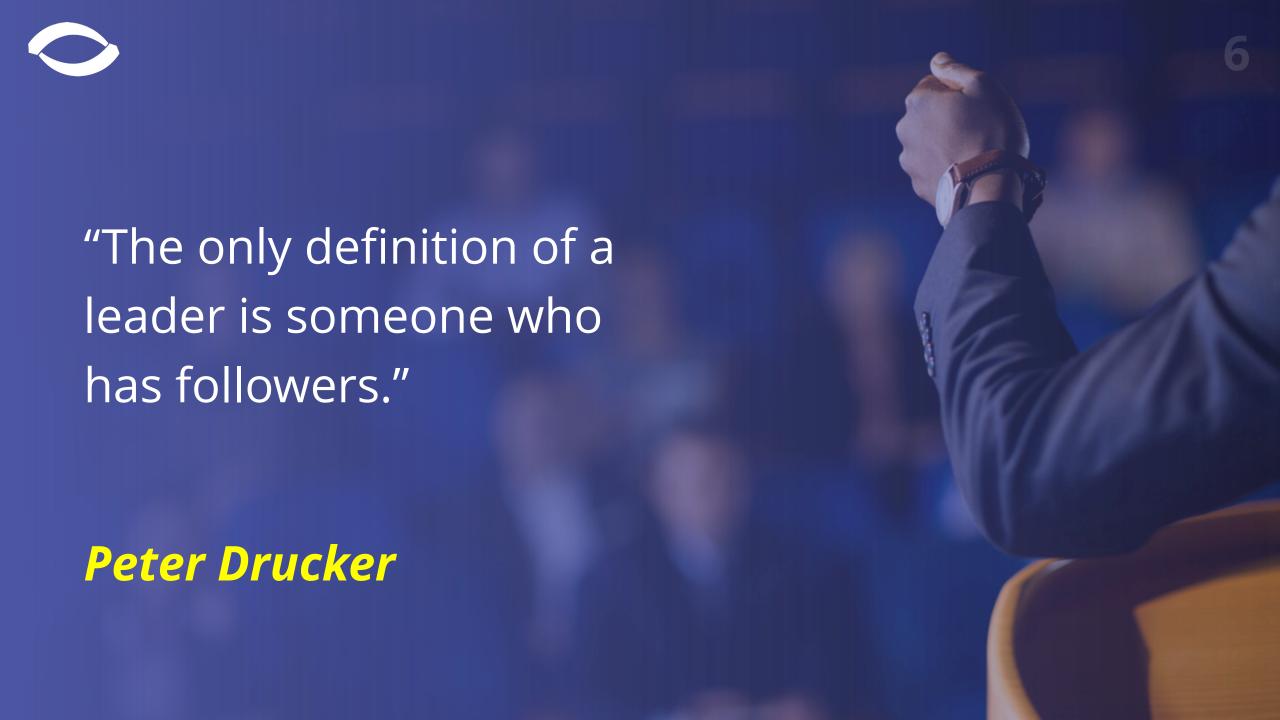
"Four Levels of Leadership',

James Scoulier



How Can You Identify a Leader?





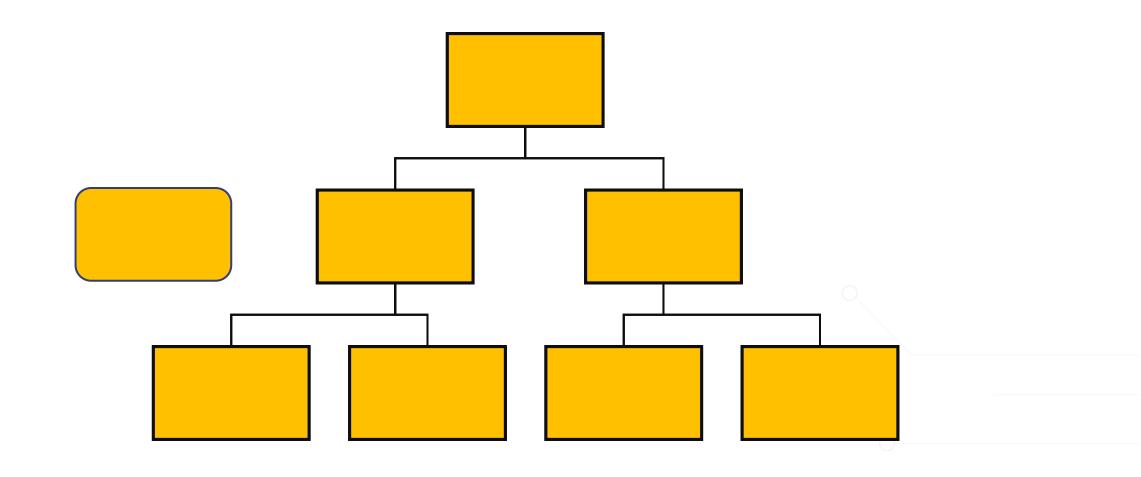








Who Owns the Vision or Purpose





Styles of Leadership







Faciliatory

Manage the process/activity
Servant leader



Motivational

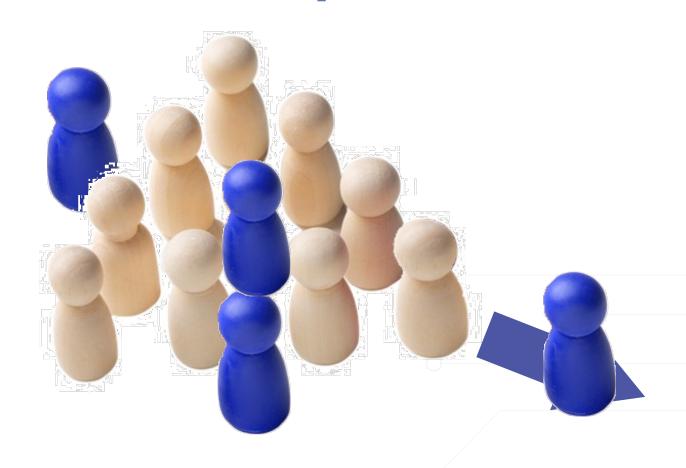
Inspire/excite



Where is a

Leader Positioned in the Group?

- Behind the group (command and control)
- By the side of the group (servant leader)
- Embedded inside the group (colleague)
- Out in front of the group (metaphorically speaking)







- Because they have to
- Because they like you
- You deliver
- You help them grow
- Because of who you are and what you represent

John Maxwell



What do Followers Expect from a

Leader?

- A vision or purpose they will support
- Perceived ability to succeed
- Exercise influence when you don't have formal authority





Motivating Purpose

Upholding Group Unity

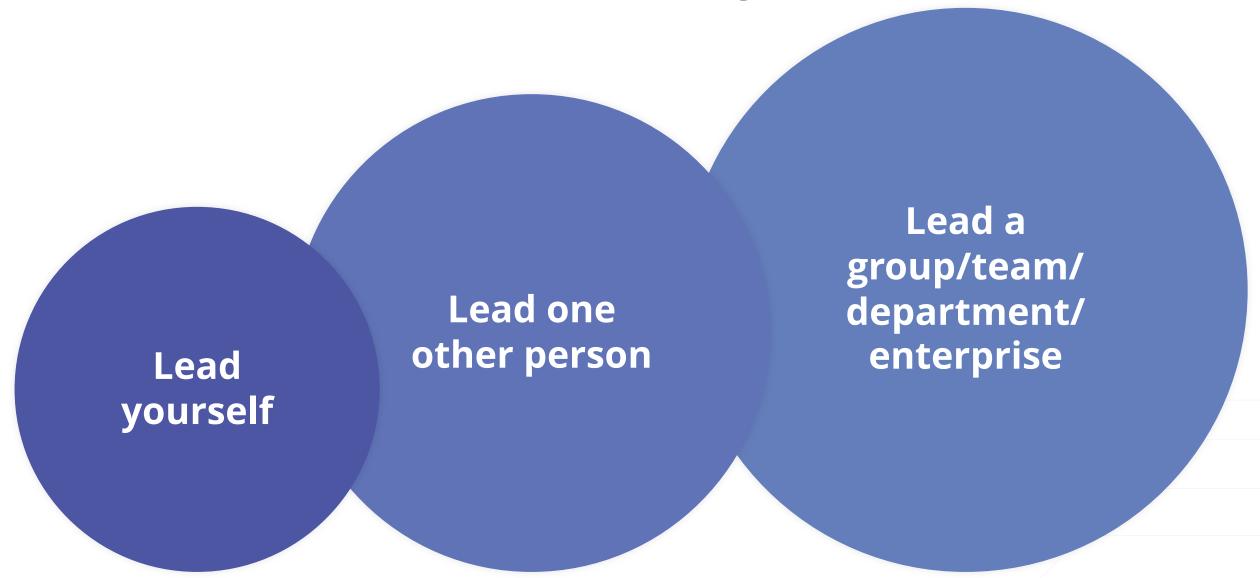
Leadership's Four Dimensions

Task Progress and Results

Attention to Individuals



Leadership Progression





Leading Yourself



Self-awareness

Character traits check



Selfreflection



Self-regulation

Reframing



Some Concepts







It's not about you.

It's about the outcomes and the people you lead.



It's all about you.

Your abilities as a leader to achieve the best outcomes.



Qualities of a Leader

- Analytical thinking
- Appearance
- Approachability
- Assertiveness
- Authenticity
- ✓ Belief in yourself
- ✓ Bias free
- ✓ Boldness
- Charisma
- Commitment
- ✓ Communication skills
 - Listening
 - Simplifying to core message/clarity
 - Use of stories

- ✓ Confidence
- Consistency
- ✓ Constructive depolarization ability to calm tense situations
- ✓ Delegate
- Empathy
- Empower
- Energy; urgency
- ✓ Failure tolerance

- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Learning, thirst for
- Motivating
- Openness to new ideas
- Perfection rejection
- Presence
- ✓ Respect
- Responsibility
- ✓ Self-knowledge
- ✓ Styles of leadership



- The official leader does not have to provide all the leadership personally.
- There are as many as 34 leadership behaviors.
- The purpose of a leader is to make sure there is leadership.



Leaders don't create followers that need them. They create followers that want them. And still, they create followers who themselves are leaders.





Things that Can Defeat a Leader



- Culture
- Character traits
- Inflated ego
- Unrealistic expectations
- Blind faith in knowledge
- Exceed available power



Leadership Tactics

- ✓ Go for the small "yes"
- ✓ Genuine praise
- ✓ Communicate with logic (10%), emotion (40%), and intuition (50%)
- ✓ Choose the right seat at the table
- ✓ Avoid empty calorie time
- ✓ Ask behavioral questions
- ✓ Be scared a little (60% expectation of success)
- ✓ Abandon revenge
- ✓ Body language
- ✓ Communication skills



