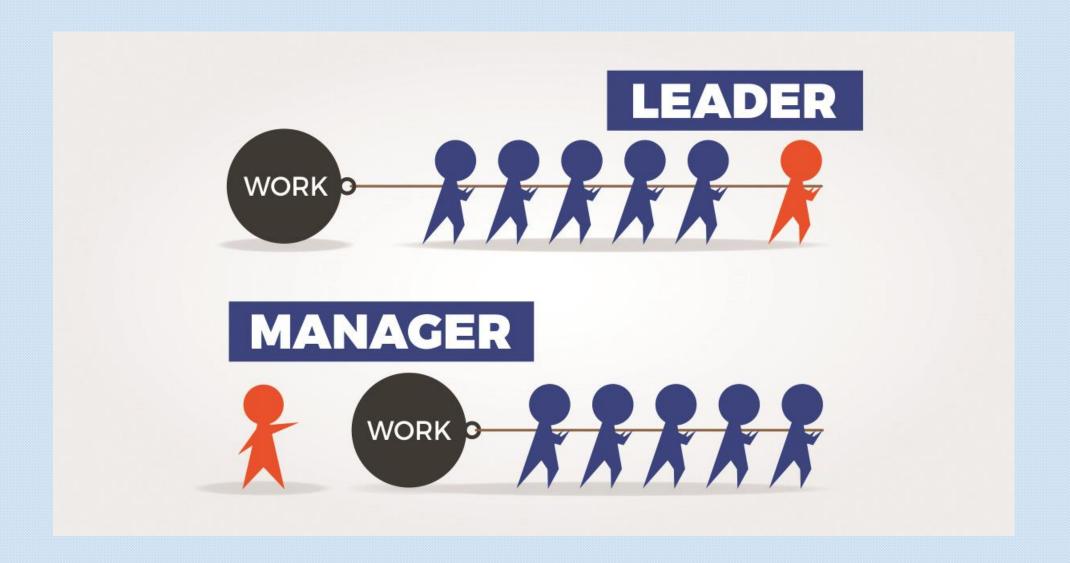


## Business communication. Leadership and communication

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## Definition and history

What is leadership? It's the action of leading a group towards a common goal.

People who lead have three common attributes: share the vision, act on the vision, help to act and reach the vision

The word *leader* comes from the Old English word 'lædan' meaning 'to go before as a guide'. It was first used in English in the 14th century to describe a person in charge, and then various other uses came about later. Use of the word *leader* in reference to an opinion article in a British newspaper is from 1837.

What is management? It's the process of dealing with or controlling things or people. But the emphasis does tend to be on things rather than people.

1560s, "to handle, train, or direct" (a horse), from the now-obsolete noun manage "the handling or training of a horse; horsemanship" (see <a href="manege">manege</a>, which is a modern revival of it), from Old French manège "horsemanship," from Italian maneggio, from maneggiare "to handle, touch," especially "to control a horse," which ultimately from Latin noun manus "hand" (from PIE root <a href="manege">\*manege</a> + "hand").

#### Leaders

convince

inspires

Creates passion

Commitment

Controlling

President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want to be done because he wants to do it

#### **Managers perform**

Planning

Organizing

Work with Employees

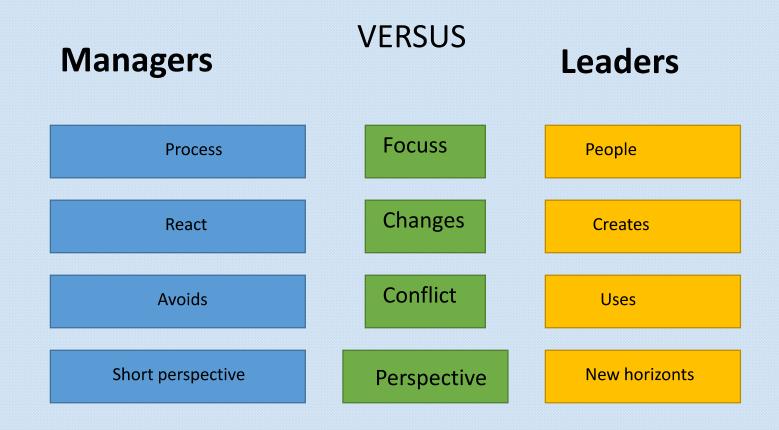
Directing

Controlling

Management consultant, educator and author Peter F. Druker, who said, "What's measured gets improved."

#### Different approaches on the same aspect of work

Managers		Leaders
Someone who manages the whole organization	Meaning	Someone who influences to reach a desired goal
Directing and controlling someone	Aims	Motivating and inspiring people
Employees	People	Followers
Quick decision making	Key skill	Farsightedness
plans details	Approach	Set directions
manager uses transactional leadership style	Leadership style	transformational leadership style



#### Qualities

#### **Qualities of a Leader**

Ability to inspire

Vision

#### Confidence

Positive Attitude

Good communication skills

Open minded

Enthusiastic

#### **Qualities of a Manager**

Discipline

Committed to work

#### Confidence

**Effective Decision-Making** 

Competence

Patience

Etiquette

## Leadership Theories

The Great Man theory

The Trait theory

The Behavioral theory

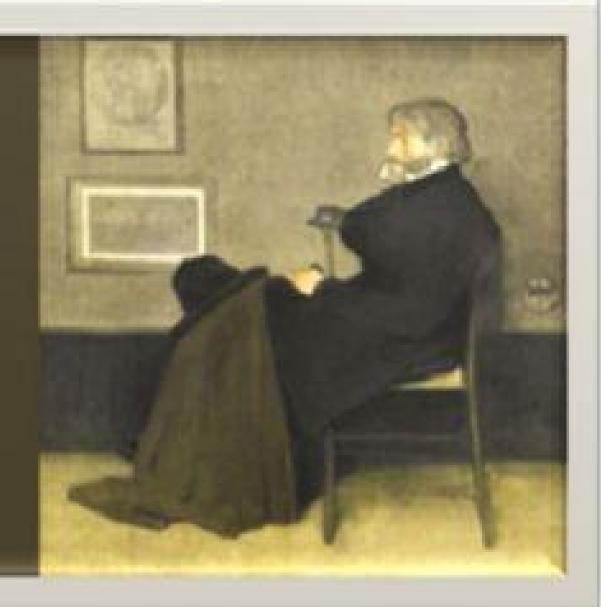
The Transactional theory

The Transformational theory

The Situational theory

"The history of the world is but the biography of great men." Thomas Carlyle

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#### **Traits Associated With Great Leadership**



#### Trait Theories of Leadership

- ☐ Theories that consider personality, social, physical, or intellectual traits to differentiate leaders from non-leaders
  - Not very useful until matched with the Big Five Personality Framework
  - ☐ Traits can predict leadership, but they are better at predicting leader emergence than effectiveness.

#### Leadership Traits

- Extroversion
- Conscientiousness
- Openness
- Emotional Intelligence (Qualified)

## Behavioral theory of leadership

- Focuses on the study of specific behaviors of a leader;
- Behavior theory consists of skills and styles that differ from traits since behaviors can be developed;
- Assumes that anyone can become a leader by developing their skills, instead of being born with the talent to lead.

### Behavioral theory of leadership

#### **Strengths:**

- 1) Supports the idea that leadership traits can be learned through development and experience.
- 2) Allowed more recent leadership theory research that is based on developing the leaders to produce intended results.

### Behavioral theory of leadership

#### Weaknesses:

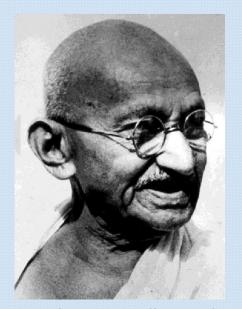
- 1) Knowing when to behave one way or another, and becoming adept in these behaviors is a very challenging task.
- 2) Adaptability a lack of knowledge on how behavior theory can be used in various cultural contexts and situations.

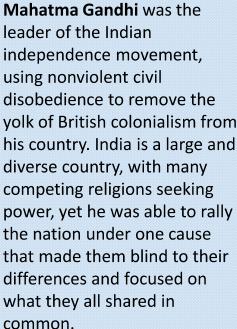
## Types of leadership behaviors

• Task-oriented: Contingent reward, directives, and initiating structure.

 Relational-oriented: Comprised of consideration, empowerment, developing and enabling others.

• Change-oriented: Are transformational and exhibit charisma





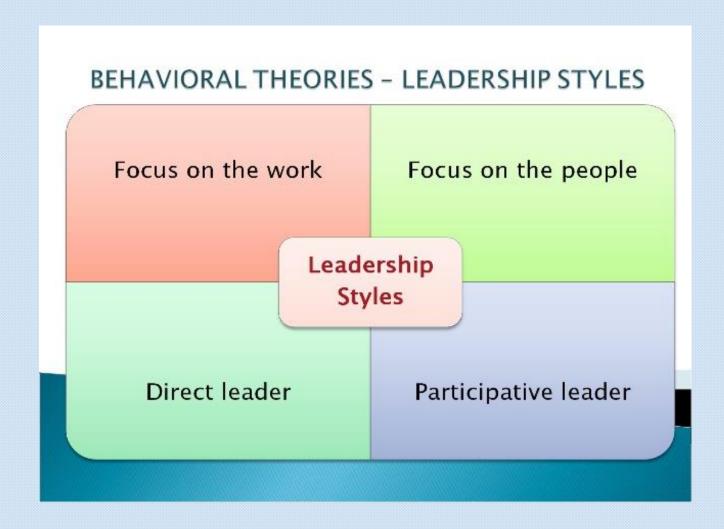


Martin Luther King, Jr. took the lessons of Gandhi and applied them to address the injustice of the black population in the United States. He, like Gandhi, had many challenges, and not all involved in the civil rights movement shared his belief in nonviolence. However, as a Southern minister, he was able to use the social gospel to illustrate the second-class citizenry of black people in the United States in such a way that eventually couldn't be ignored—even in the powerful halls of government.



Maria Theresa She earned her seat when she inherited rule of her country, Austria, in 1740. At that time, Austria was without funds and poorly governed. She gathered a team of skilled advisors and delegated responsibilities, turning around the economy, revitalizing the military and instituting mandatory public education for both boys and girls. Not even two wars could dethrone her, nor giving birth to 16 children!

## Behavioral styles

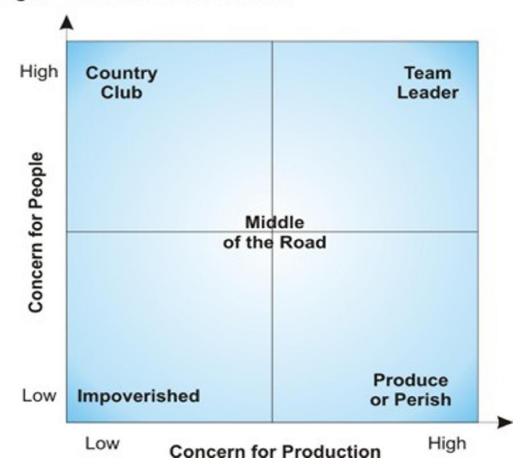


#### Transactional vs. Transformational

 Transactional - punishment and reward motivate people and this underpins transactional leadership theories. There must be a welldefined hierarchy, where everyone knows who the leader is and who is follower.

• **Transformational** - believe that people are motivated by the task that must be performed. The more structured an organization is, the greater the success.

Figure 1: The Blake Mouton Grid



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3zDhuTBEIY

### **CONTINGENCY LEADERSHIP**

- Fiedler's contingency model is based on the relationship between leadership style and situational favourableness
- He created a Least Preferred Co-worker (LPC) scale
- The scale distinguishes two different kinds of leadership styles: task-oriented leaders and relationship-oriented leaders
- There is not a right or unique way to run an organization or company, but there are many different best leadership styles to adopt in many different situations

### SITUATIONAL FAVOURABLENESS

#### **3 FACTORS:**

- Leader-member relation measures the level of trust and confidence that the team has in the figure of the leader.

- **Task structure** analyses the type of task; it can be clear and structured, or vague and unstructured.

- **Positional power** measures how much authority a leader needs to influence his team.

## <u>CRITICISM</u>

The most important criticism to Fiedler's model is that it does not allow flexibility in leaders.

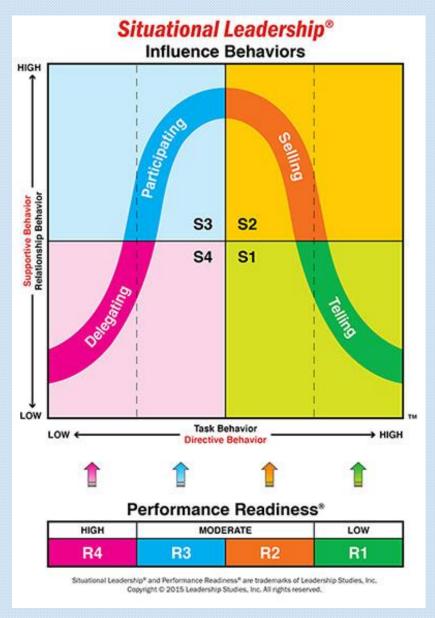
Fiedler believed that leadership style is <u>something fixed</u> that cannot change.

A singular leader cannot handle too many different situations, but he has to be substituted by another one able to handle the new situation.

#### Situational Leadership

The Situational Leadership® methodology is based on the relationship between leaders and followers and provides a framework to analyze each situation based on the Performance Readiness<sup>®</sup> Level that a follower exhibits in performing a specific task, function or objective. Then, based on the leader's diagnosis, the necessary amounts of relationship behavior and task behavior are applied and communicated to the follower in order to support their needs and advance development.

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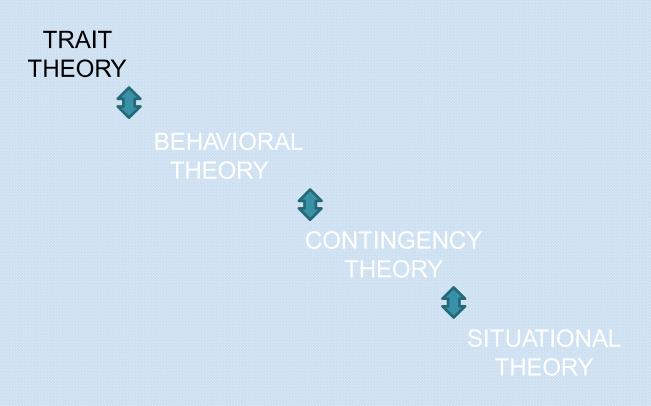


# Styles of Leadership



#### Theories of

# Leadership

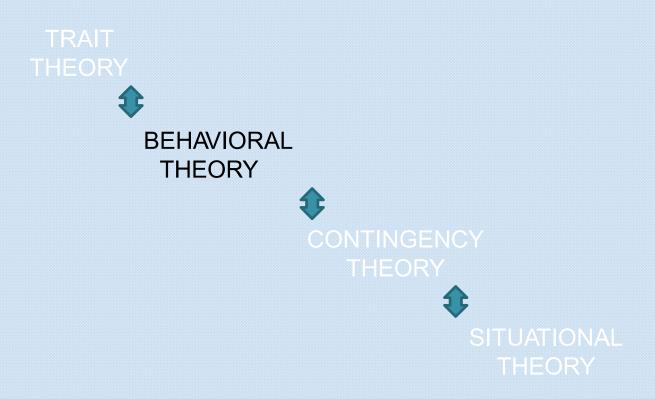


- Achievement drive
- Motivation
- Self-confidence
- Good judgment
- Knowledge
- Emotional

Maturity

## Theories of

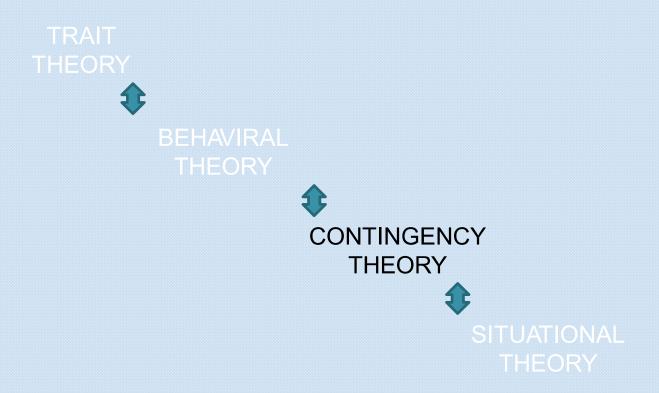
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#### **Skills**

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- Human
- Conceptual

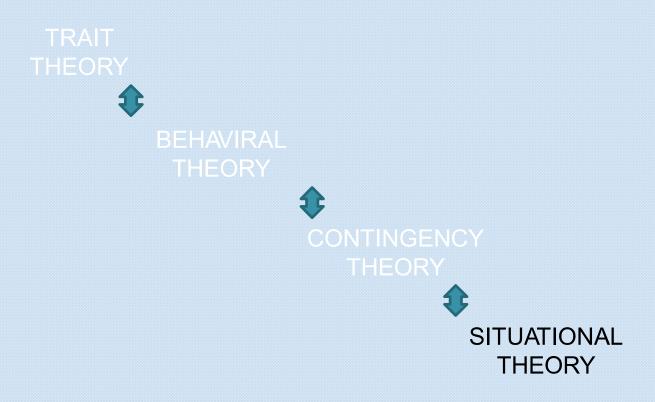
# Theories of Leadership



## FIEDLER'S CONTINGENCY MODEL

- Leader-member relations
- Task structure
- Position power

# Theories of Leadership



Blanchard's situational theory

- Telling
- Selling
- Participating
- Delegating

## Authenthic Leadership

The Rokeach Value Survey (RVS) is a classification system of values. Developed by social psychologist Milton Rokeach, the system consists of two sets of values, 18 individual value items in each. One set is called terminal values the other instrumental values

Instrumental values	Terminal values
Ambitious (hard working, aspiring)	A confortable life (a prosperous life)
Broadminded (open-minded)	An exciting life (a stimulating, active life)
Capable (competent, effective)	A sense of accomplishment (lasting contribution)
Cheerful (light-hearted, joyful)	A world at peace (free of war and conflict)
Clean (neat, tidy)	A world of beauty (beauty of nature and arts)
Courageous (standing up for your beliefs)	Equality (brotherhood, equal opportunity for all)
Forgiving (willing to pardon others)	Family security (taking care of loved ones)
Helpful (working for the welfare of others)	Freedom (independence, free choice)
Honest (sincere, truthful)	Happiness (contentedness)
Imaginative (daring, creative)	Inner harmony (freedom from inner conflict)
Independent (self-reliant, self-sufficient)	Mature love (sexual and spiritual intimacy)
Intellectual (intelligent, reflective)	National security (protection from attack)
Logical (consistent, rational)	Pleasure (an enjoyable, leisurely life)
Loving (affectionate, tender)	Salvation (saved, eternal life)
Obedient (dutiful, respectful)	Self-respect (self-esteem)
Polite (courteous, well-mannered)	Self-recognition (respect, admiration)
Responsible (dependable, reliable)	True friendship (close companionship)
Self-controlled (restrained, self-disciplined)	Wisdom (a mature understanding of life)

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#### Foundations of effective

## Leadership

Commitment to make a positive difference

Strong Foundation of faith and belief

Build leaders, not followers

Repetition, repetition, repetition

Always thankful, but never satisfied

## Qualities that make a great leader

- Confidence
- Passion
- Decisiveness
- Empowerment
- Communication

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Thank you very much!