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*Constructing a Good Leader*

What makes a good leader successful is not solely dependent on their ability to motivate others, but also by possessing qualities such as being clement, assertive, and resilient that affect the way they lead. Clement means having the desire or disposition to please. Meaning, someone who is amiable has qualities that make one easily liked and easy to have a good relationship with. In a leader, having this quality would be extremely beneficial to rule or lead. The importance of this quality can be seen through an excerpt from *The Prince* by Niccoló Machiavelli. It states how being clement is necessary to convince people you can be a likeable and good leader. However, it also expresses how if this trait is not restricted, it can lead to multiple problems to arise, since being too clement can result in people not believing in you and them taking advantage of your kindness. Although it is important for a leader to show mercy and kindness, it is important for them to have balance and still also be assertive. One might think of the word assertive, has a negative connotation, however being assertive simply means conveying to others in a direct but honest manner, without deliberately hurting another’s feelings. Being an assertive leader is demonstrated through Abraham Lincoln. He showed this quality throughout his career, but specifically when he received extensive resentment for issuing the Emancipation Proclamation, which ended slavery. Many were opposed to this idea and despised him for his actions, however he stayed true to his moral beliefs and did not back away or change his mind when he received this hate. Lincoln continued to be open about how he felt on the situation and got his opinion to others directly and honestly. When there is a problem that sets you back, it is important to know how to resolve it and move on from it. Resilience is a quality that is needed for a leader to be successful. If a leader were to come to a situation they were not expecting, or a problem arises, they should know how to deal with the problem and understand how to overcome and learn from it. A leader that demonstrates this trait would be, Mahatma Ghandi. He once said, “It is easy to stand in the crowd, but it takes courage to stand alone” (Twinkle, 2023). Ghandi was fighting for independence from the British for India, this led him to be imprisoned multiple times. However, this did not stop him from continuing his protest. Many people were curious about his way of thinking, and the way he was protesting started to spread. Although he was imprisoned, he was able to come back and improve his situation, therefore he was resilient. Ultimately, someone that can inspire and motivate others will make a good leader, although to become a successful one requires the balance of all three of the qualities, clemency, assertiveness, and resilience. That is how a leader can become successful.