

# Leadership strategies for women

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Women lead differently

Skills acquired through this course are:

**Understanding Gender Differences:** Recognize the strengths of both male and female brains and how these differences impact leadership styles.

**Skill Development:** Learn methods to optimize time spent developing your skills and identify strategies to obtain useful feedback.

**Navigating Challenges:** Understand common challenges women in leadership face, such as gender bias, communication barriers, and imposter syndrome, and learn strategies to overcome them.

**Negotiation and Communication:** Discover the strengths women bring to negotiations and effective communication strategies, including body language and assertiveness.

**Inclusive Leadership:** Gain insights into creating an inclusive and collaborative culture, encouraging male allies, and leveraging both masculine and feminine leadership qualities.

## 1.2 What organizations owe women

**Systemic Bias:** The video acknowledges the unfairness and systemic bias that women face in the workplace, which is not their fault.

**Organizational Responsibility:** It emphasizes that organizational leaders and change makers need to address these biases and create inclusive environments.

**Inclusive Culture:** Companies should encourage women to be their true selves and set the stage for their success, rather than expecting them to change to fit a masculine company culture.

**Practical Steps:** Organizations should check their biases, ensure pay equity, and provide resources to support women and minorities, creating a culture that benefits all employees.

## 2 Gender Intelligence

### 2.1 We all have gender bias

**Unconscious Bias:** Both men and women have subconscious attitudes that can disadvantage women in the workplace, often associating men with careers and women with family.

**Confirmation Bias:** This is the tendency to look for evidence that supports existing beliefs, which can reinforce and perpetuate biases.

**Reducing Bias:** Regular self-reflection and adjusting behavior based on initial thoughts can help reduce unconscious bias and lead to fairer treatment of all individuals.

### 2.2 You work like you played

**Early Socialization:** Boys and girls are socialized differently from an early age, which influences their behavior as leaders. Girls often learn cooperation and continuous improvement, while boys focus on competition and winning.

**Leadership Strengths:** These socialization differences give women strengths in leadership, such as striving for continuous improvement, being conscious of the overall process, and taking responsibility for the team's performance.

**Team Dynamics:** Women tend to create a team environment with less conflict and a stronger focus on ethical considerations, valuing cooperation and the process over just the end result.

### 2.3 Same words different definitions

**Miscommunication:** Men and women can use the same words but understand them differently, leading to miscommunication.

**Clarifying Intentions:** It's important to clarify the intention behind questions or statements to avoid misunderstandings. Both senders and receivers should ensure they understand each other's expectations.

**Communication Tendencies:** Women often look for areas of agreement and bond through conversation, while men may focus on gaps and bond through tasks. Recognizing these tendencies can help improve communication.

## 2.4 Listening to diagnose Vs Listening to problem solve

**Listening Styles:** Men tend to be action-oriented listeners, focusing on defining problems and finding solutions, while women are people-oriented listeners, connecting with the emotional undertones of conversations.

**Nonverbal Responses:** Women often provide more verbal and nonverbal responses to show understanding, whereas men may nod to show agreement or interrupt for clarification.

**Improving Communication:** Define the purpose of the conversation and clarify nonverbal cues to ensure mutual understanding and effective communication.

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### 4.1 Key Areas of Study

#### 4.1.1 Overview

## 5 Championing women's leadership

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