

BEING AN EFFECTIVE LEADER





LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Define leader and leadership.
- 2. Compare and contrast early theories of leadership.
- 3. **Describe** the three major contingency theories of leadership.
 - Develop your skill at choosing an effective leadership style.
- 4. **Describe** contemporary views of leadership.
- 5. **Discuss** contemporary issues affecting leadership.
 - Know how to prepare for an effective transition to a leadership position.



WHO ARE LEADERS AND WHAT IS LEADERSHIP?

- ► Leader someone who can influence others and who has managerial authority.
 - ► Leadership what leaders do; the process of influencing a group to achieve goals.
 - ▶ Ideally, all managers should be leaders.



EARLY LEADERSHIP THEORIES





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- ► Trait Theories (1920s 1930s)
 - ► Research focused on identifying personal characteristics that differentiated leaders from non-leaders was unsuccessful.
 - ▶ It proved impossible to identify a set of traits that would *always* differentiate a leader (the person) from a non-leader.



IN CLASS DISCUSSION

In pair, discuss what characteristics that a leader usually have!



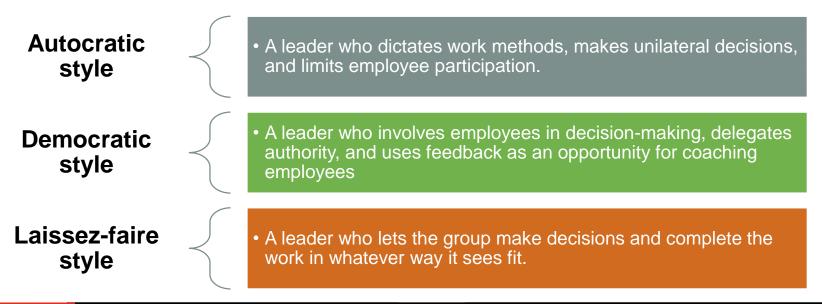
EXHIBIT 17-1 EIGHT TRAITS ASSOCIATED WITH LEADERSHIP

- Drive. Leaders exhibit a high effort level. They have a relatively high desire for achievement, they are ambitious, they have a lot of energy, they are tirelessly persistent in their activities, and they show initiative.
- Desire to lead. Leaders have a strong desire to influence and lead others. They demonstrate the willingness to take responsibility.
- Honesty and integrity. Leaders build trusting relationships with followers by being truthful or nondeceitful and by showing high consistency between word and deed.
- Self-confidence. Followers look to leaders for an absence of self-doubt. Leaders, therefore, need to show self-confidence in order to convince followers of the rightness of their goals and decisions.
- Intelligence. Leaders need to be intelligent enough to gather, synthesize, and interpret large amounts of information, and they need to be able to create visions, solve problems, and make correct decisions.
- Job-relevant knowledge. Effective leaders have a high degree of knowledge about the company, industry, and technical matters. In-depth knowledge allows leaders to make well-informed decisions and to understand the implications of those decisions.
- Extraversion. Leaders are energetic, lively people. They are sociable, assertive, and rarely silent or withdrawn.
- Proneness to guilt. Guilt proneness is positively related to leadership
 effectiveness because it produces a strong sense of responsibility for others.



EARLY LEADERSHIP THEORIES (CONT.)

- ▶ **Behavioral theories** leadership theories that identify behaviors that differentiated effective leaders from ineffective leaders.
 - ► University of Iowa Studies identified three leadership styles





EARLY LEADERSHIP THEORIES (CONT.)

The Ohio State Studies identified two dimensions of leader behavior:

- Initiating structure: the role of the leader in defining his or her role and the roles of group members.
- Consideration: the leader's mutual trust and respect for group members' ideas and feelings.

The results of Ohio State
Studies:

- High consideration/high structure leaders generally, but not always, achieved high scores on group task performance and satisfaction.
- Evidence indicated that situational factors appeared to strongly influence leadership effectiveness.



EARLY LEADERSHIP THEORIES (CONT.)

University of Michigan identified two dimensions of leader behavior:

- Employee oriented: emphasizing personal relationships
- Production oriented: emphasizing task accomplishment

The results of University of Michigan Studies:

 Leaders who are employee oriented are strongly associated with high group productivity and high job satisfaction



THE MANAGERIAL GRID

► Managerial grid — a two-dimensional grid for appraising leadership styles.

Five categories of managerial styles

Impoverished management

Task management Middle-ofthe-road management

Country club management

Team management

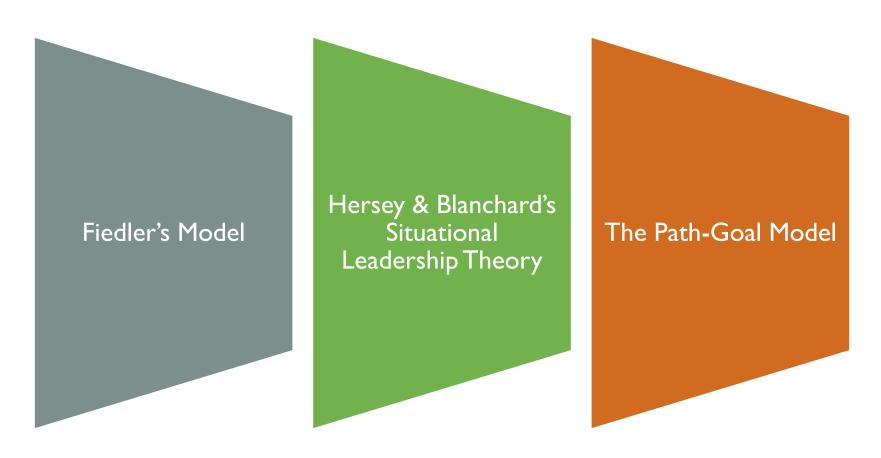


EXHIBIT 17-2 BEHAVIORAL THEORIES OF LEADERSHIP

| | Behavioral Dimension | Conclusion |
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| University of lowa | Democratic style: involving subordinates, delegating authority, and encouraging participation | Democratic style of leadership was most effective, although later studies showed mixed results. |
| | Autocratic style: dictating work methods, centralizing decision making, and limiting participation | |
| | Laissez-faire style: giving group freedom to make decisions and complete work | |
| Ohio State | Consideration: being considerate of followers' ideas and feelings | High-high leader (high in consideration and high in initiating structure) achieved high subordinate performance and satisfaction, but not in all situations |
| | Initiating structure: structuring work and work relationships to meet job goals | |
| University of Michigan | Employee oriented: emphasized interpersonal relationships and taking care of employees' needs | Employee-oriented leaders were associated with high group productivity and higher job satisfaction. |
| | Production oriented: emphasized technical or task aspects of job | |
| Managerial Grid | Concern for people: measured leader's concern for subordinates on a scale of 1 to 9 (low to high) | Leaders performed best with a 9,9 style (high concern for production and high concern for people). |
| | Concern for production: measured leader's concern for getting job done on a scale of 1 to 9 (low to high) | |



CONTINGENCY THEORIES OF LEADERSHIP





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- ► Fieldler contingency model a leadership theory proposing that effective group performance depends on the proper match between a leader's style and the degree to which the situation allows the leader to control and influence.
- ► Least-preferred coworker (LPC) questionnaire — a questionnaire that measures whether a leader is task or relationship oriented.



THE FIEDLER MODEL (CONT.)

Leader-member relations

 The degree of confidence, trust, and respect employees had for their leader; rated as either good or poor.

Task structure

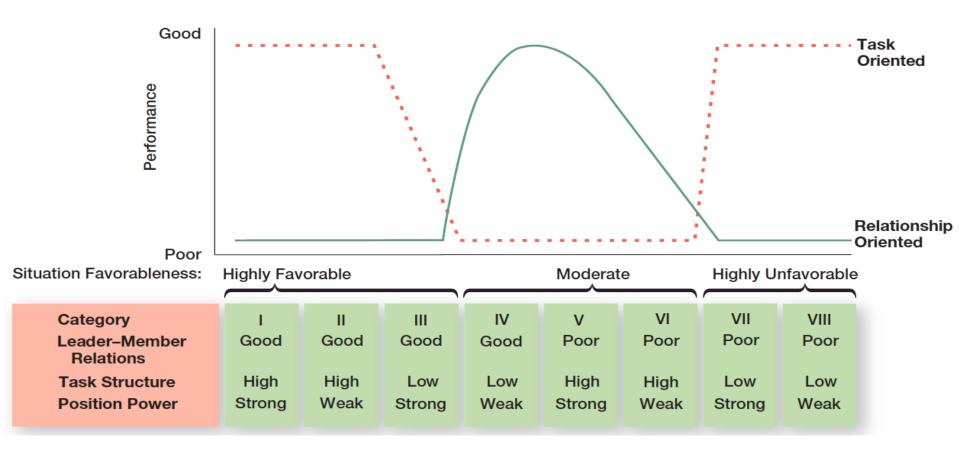
 The degree to which job assignments were formalized and structured; rated as either high or low.

Position power

 The degree of influence a leader had over activities such as hiring, firing, discipline, promotions, and salary increases; rated as either strong or weak.



EXHIBIT 17-3 THE FIEDLER MODEL





HERSEY AND BLANCHARD'S SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP THEORY (SLT)

- Situational Leadership Theory (SLT) a leadership contingency theory that focuses on followers' readiness.
- Readiness the extent to which followers have the ability and willingness to accomplish a specific task.



SLT LEADERSHIP STYLES

Telling

(high task-low relationship):

The leader defines roles and tells people what, how, when, and where to do various tasks.

Selling

(high task-high relationship):

The leader provides both directive and supportive behavior.

Participating

(low task-high relationship):

The leader and followers share in decision-making; the main role of the leader is facilitating and communicating.

Delegating

(low task–low relationship)

The leader provides little direction or support.



FOUR STAGES OF FOLLOWER READINESS

R1:

 People are both unable and unwilling to take responsibility for doing something. Followers aren't competent or confident.

R2:

 People are unable but willing to do the necessary job tasks. Followers are motivated but lack the appropriate skills.

R3:

 People are able but unwilling to do what the leader wants.
 Followers are competent, but don't want to do something.

R4:

 People are both able and willing to do what is asked of them.



PATH-GOAL MODEL

▶ Path-goal theory — a leadership theory that says the leader's job is to assist followers in attaining their goals and to provide direction or support needed to ensure that their goals are compatible with the goals of the group or organization.



PATH-GOAL MODEL (CONT.)

Four leadership behaviors:

Directive leader:

Supportive leader:

Participative leader:

Achievement oriented leader:

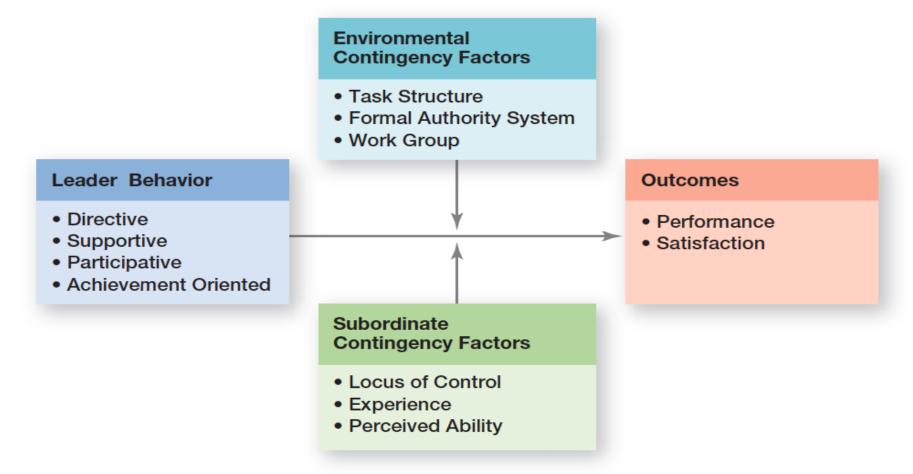
Lets subordinates know what's expected of them, schedules work to be done, and gives specific guidance on how to accomplish tasks.

Shows concern for the needs of followers and is friendly. Consults with group members and uses their suggestions before making a decision.

Sets challenging goals and expects followers to perform at their highest level.



EXHIBIT 17-4 PATH-GOAL MODEL





CONTEMPORARY VIEWS OF LEADERSHIP

Leader-member exchange theory (LMX)

 The leadership theory that says leaders create in-groups and out-groups and those in the in-group will have higher performance ratings, less turnover, and greater job satisfaction.

Transactional leaders

• Leaders who lead primarily by using social exchanges (or transactions).

Transformational leaders

 Leaders who stimulate and inspire (transform) followers to achieve extraordinary outcomes.

Charismatic leader

• The enthusiastic, self-confident leader whose personality and actions influence people to behave in certain ways.

Visionary leadership

• The ability to create and articulate a realistic, credible, and attractive vision of the future that improves upon the present situation.



CONTEMPORARY VIEWS OF LEADERSHIP (CONT.)

- Team Leadership many leaders are not equipped to handle the change to employee teams.
- A team leader's job is to focus on two priorities:
 - Managing the team's external boundary.
 - Facilitating the team process.



EXHIBIT 17-5 TEAM LEADERSHIP ROLES





LEADERSHIP ISSUES IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

Managing Power

Legitimate power

•The power a leader has as a result of his or her position.

Coercive power

•The power a leader has to punish or control.

Reward power

•The power to give positive benefits or rewards.

Expert power

-The influence a leader can exert as a result of his or her expertise, skills, or knowledge.

Referent power

•The power of a leader that arises because of a person's desirable resources or admired personal traits.



LEADERSHIP ISSUES IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY (CONT.)

- ► Developing Trust
 - Credibility the degree to which followers perceive someone as honest, competent, and able to inspire.
 - Trust the belief in the integrity, character, and ability of a leader.



LEADERSHIP ISSUES IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY (CONT.)

Integrity

Honesty and truthfulness

Five Dimensions of The Concept of Trust

Openness

 willingness to share ideas and information freely

Loyalty

 willingness to protect a person, physically and emotionally



 Technical and interpersonal knowledge and skills

Consistency

 Reliability, predictability, and good judgment in handling situations



EXHIBIT 17-6 BUILDING TRUST

Practice openness.

Be fair.

Speak your feelings.

Tell the truth.

Show consistency.

Fulfill your promises.

Maintain confidences.

Demonstrate competence.



LEADERSHIP ISSUES IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY (CONT.)

- Empowering Employees
 - Empowerment increasing the decisionmaking discretion of workers such that teams can make key operating decisions in developing budgets, scheduling workloads, controlling inventories, and solving quality problems.



LEADERSHIP ISSUES IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY (CONT.)

- Leading Across Cultures
 - Effective leaders do not use a single style.
 They adjust their style to the situation.
 - National culture is certainly an important situational variable in determining which leadership style will be most effective.



EXHIBIT 17-7 CROSS-CULTURAL LEADERSHIP

- Korean leaders are expected to be paternalistic toward employees.
- Arab leaders who show kindness or generosity without being asked to do so are seen by other Arabs as weak.
- Japanese leaders are expected to be humble and speak frequently.
- Scandinavian and Dutch leaders who single out individuals with public praise are likely to embarrass, not energize, those individuals.
- Effective leaders in Malaysia are expected to show compassion while using more of an autocratic than a participative style.
- Effective German leaders are characterized by high performance orientation, low compassion, low self-protection, low team orientation, high autonomy, and high participation.



BECOMING AN EFFECTIVE LEADER

- Leader Training
 - Training is more likely to be successful with individuals who are high self-monitors than those who are low self-monitors.
 - Individuals with higher levels of motivation to lead are more receptive to leadership development opportunities.

