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| Always apologize for mistakes or for not knowing something | Never challenge yourself too much | Eventually people will realize I am underqualified | Always attribute your accomplishments to something other than yourself | Never challenge yourself too much |
| Never make declarative statements like "I know the answer" | Never show up men especially | I should be able to anticipate problems before they occur | Always assume you will fail so you will not be disappointed when you do | I was admitted or hired because of some kind of mistake |
| Always remind others of how much you do not know | I should qualify questions or comments by saying things like, "This may not be right, but..." | Do not let people see you studying or working too hard | Always assume that other people are right | Do not tell anyone you feel like an Impostor |
| I should automatically "get it" | Always assume when people are complimenting you, they are just being nice | I should succeed at everything I do | Never tell someone you meet in a bar you are an engineering, math or science major | Never let on that you do not know how to do something |
| Always keep them laughing so they will not notice that you are inadequate | Always hold back when working in a group or team | I should be able to do everything myself | Do not voice your real opinions | Always share credit with others (even if you did all the work) |