LEADING THROUGH INFLUENCE AND BUY-IN

Ask these questions of yourself when deciding how to best accomplish goals as a leader instead of a boss.

SITUATIONAL	RELATIONAL	DYNAMIC

- What do I seek to accomplish?
- Why is this goal important not just to me but to my company/society?
- Why hasn't it been done before?
- What roadblocks might I encounter?
 Can I go around or overcome them,
 or should I pursue a different goal?
- What sources of personal power do I have? Are there existing power bases—such as shared commitment, existing practices, and core value?
- How do I leverage those sources of power to mobilize others?
- Are there other ways to get the job done?

- Who is necessary to help bring my idea to life? What do they care about?
- What does the larger network of stakeholders care about?
- Who might be unexpected allies?
 Unexpected blockers? Why? How
 might my goals coincide/ conflict?
- What are possible points of resistance? Who might benefit from helping me overcome them?
- Who is dependent on me? How might that prove beneficial? On whom do I depend?
- How and when might I strategically bring people together or keep them apart?

- What is the difference in power?

 How can I help those with different power?
- What is different in my power landscape? Are there new allies, resisters, or key players? Is there new information? How might I adapt my tactics and strategy to reflect those changes?
- Have I paused to reflect and pivot as needed?
- What power bases do I need to develop more fully? How might I do so?
- What small-scale experiments could I use to help overcome resistance?
- How can I use time to my advantage?
- What can I do now to make it easier for others to say yes in the future?



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