# Governing Excellence

through Civility, Engagement & Influential Leadership

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In 2019, Fann was conferred with the honor of "Fellow in Professional Practice" by the University of Tennessee's Master of Public Policy & Administration (MPPA) Program "to recognize accomplished & experienced professionals whose careers exhibit the highest standards of performance excellence..." by a vote of the MPPA faculty. In 2014, he was presented with the Public Risk Management Association's highest honor as only the 11th recipient of its Distinguished Service Award. He has also received TnPRIMA's Abbie Hudgens Distinguished Service Award (2012), the Southeast Loss Control (SELC) Group's Distinguished Service Award (2016), Public Risk Magazine's Author of the Year Award (2011), and the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service's Project of the Year Award (2004). Fann has also been known to grace the stage with a Blues Brothers routine, entertain with bad karaoke, and once sang an Elvis song at the insistence of Chinese officials.

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Why should you care about civility?





At age 14, George Washington compiled a list of "110 Rules of Civility & Decent Behaviour"...



#### **Rule #6** –

Sleep not when others speak...
Sit not when others stand,
Speak not when you should hold your peace,
Walk not on when others stop.





#### **Civility**

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.

-- Plato





#### What is Civility?

- Definition
  - 1. A polite act or expression
  - 2. Formal or perfunctory politeness
  - 3. The act of showing regard for others
  - 4. A courteous act or acts that contribute to smoothness & ease in dealings, and social relationships
- How you treat people...
- **Life-enhancer** or **Well-poisoner**?



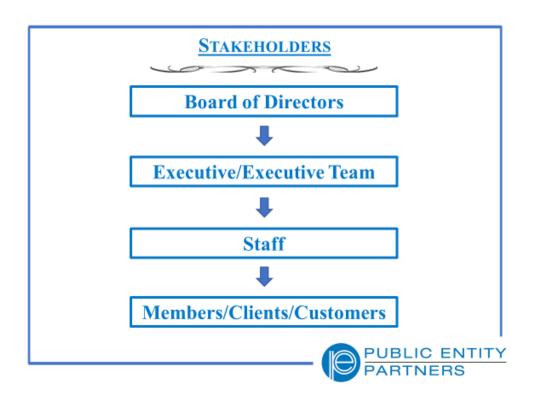
#### **US News: Civility Survey**

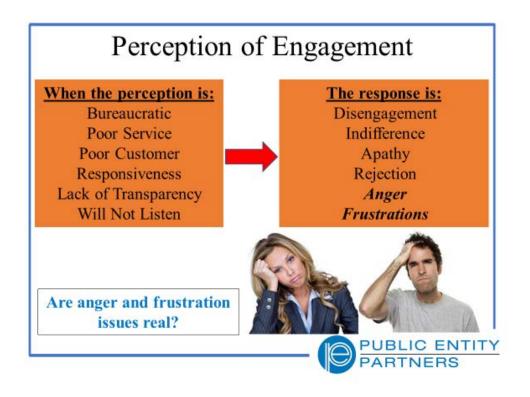
- 89% of people interviewed said that • 78% said civility has it was a serious problem in today's society.
- 90% of these same people said they were not personally rude.
- 50% say it is extremely serious.
- deteriorated considerably over the past ten years.
- 90% of those polled believe it contributes to the increasing violence in this country.
- 85% believe it contributes to eroding crucial values such as respecting others.

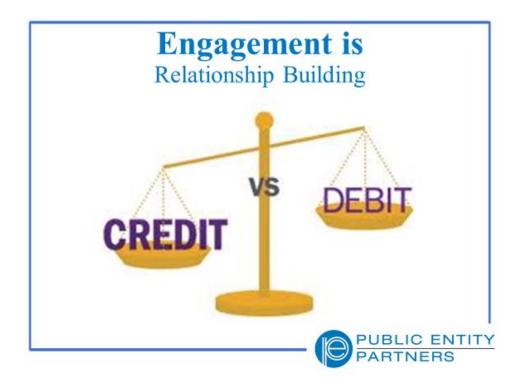














#### **Customer Experience Definition**

Customer "Experience" differs from Customer "Service" in that it is the sum of <u>all experiences & perceptions</u> a customer has with a services provider for the <u>duration</u> of their on-going business relationship. Customer Service is essential because it *is the foundation of* the total customer experience!

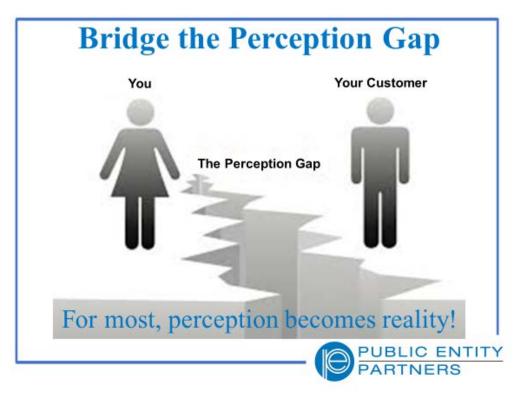


### **Customer Experience**

The more we focus on the *Total Experience*, the more we are doing to pull the "reasonable people" to our side.







# **Engaging Your Customer**

Understand that customers usually have two basic needs:

Rational - The basic assistance needed

Emotional – How the customer "feels" about the service they receive.

Emotions are directly related to the way customers rate your service. For instance, feelings of:

- Delight, relief, and since of belonging Good Service
- Frustration, anger, being unwelcome Poor Service

In many situations, customers want service and assurance



# Influential Leadership as opposed to Positional Leadership







## LEADERSHIP...

"Leadership is the art of leading others to deliberately create a result that wouldn't have happened otherwise."

Peter Drucker



# INFLUENTIAL LEARERSHIP...

Positional or Authentic/Influential Leadership?

Positional "leader" derives authority simply from the position or title they hold

The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority.

- Ken Blanchard -





# INFLUENTIAL LEADERSHIP...

... understands that the mission and organizational goals are accomplished through the efforts of others.

Positional Leader says: "We don't really have a succession plan... there's no one here who can run this organization but me."

- What does this say about the "staff"?
- What does this say about the "leader"?



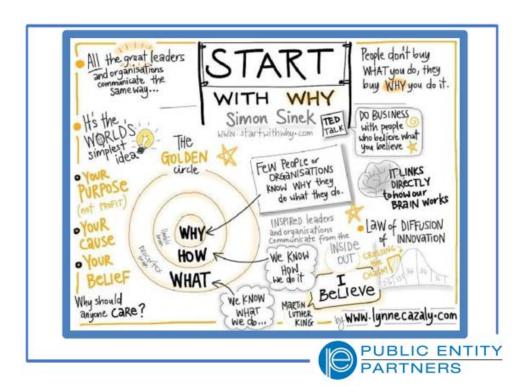
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... understands that the mission and organizational goals are accomplished through the efforts of others.

#### <u>Therefore</u>, <u>authentic leadership</u> takes the time to:

- engage your key directors/managers to clearly define the organizational mission
- develop & cultivate work relationships built on trust and respect
- maximize the investment the organization makes in its staff members
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# INFLUENTIAL LEARERSHIP...

MISSION-DRIVEN, INFLUENTIAL LEADERSHIP understands that it takes motivated and inspired employees to sustain organizational success.

Therefore, leadership ensures that employees are engaged at every level to enable discretionary efforts to be directed towards the mission of the organization.





#### TAKING PEOPLE WITH YOU

#### Conversely, Positional Leaders...

- · Have followers based solely on the position itself\*
- Often have poor interpersonal skills or are socially awkward\*
- Rely on rules, regulations, policies and organizational charts to control people\*
- Have trouble working with educated employees\*



"How Successful People Lead" - John C. Maxwell



#### TAKING PEOPLE WITH YOU

#### What does this all mean?

- Effective Leadership is about relationships
- · People will follow a positional leader only because it is required
- People will passionately follow an effective, authentic leader based on trust & respect
- · All leaders need followers to execute the mission
- Effective leaders understand that passionate followers are needed to <u>execute</u> and <u>sustain</u> the mission







#### **Getting First Things First**

- Get Your Thinking Right
- Then Get Your
   Program/Approach/Strategy
   Right
- Then EXECUTE





#### A leader must lead...

"Only three things happen naturally in organizations: friction, confusion, and underperformance. Everything else requires leadership."

Peter Drucker





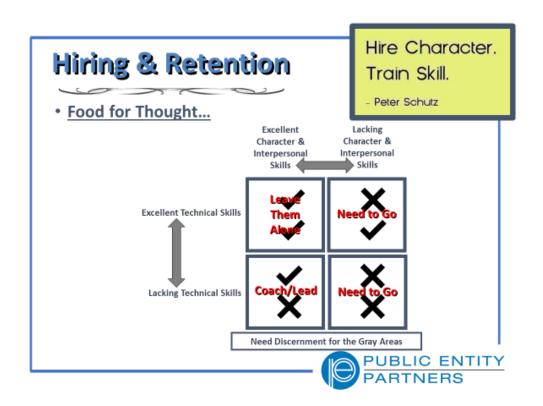
#### **Hiring & Retention**

#### **Hire the Right People**

You're Looking for 3 Things ... in this order...

- 1 Character, Passion and Interpersonal Skills
- 2 Knowledge of Your Organization, Organization Type, &/or Market
- 3 Technical Skills within Your Industry





#### Hiring & Retention

In most cases being a good boss means hiring talented people and then getting out of their way.



#### 12 Habits that Set Ultra Successful People Apart

[Adapted from: Dr. Travis Bradberry, author of "Emotional Intelligence 2.0"]

- 1) They're composed
- 2) They're knowledgeable
- 3) They're deliberate
- 4) They speak with certainty
- 5) They use positive body language
- 6) They leave a strong first impression
- 7) They seek out small victories
- 8) They're fearless
- 9) They're graceful
- 10) They're honest
- 11) They're grateful
- 12) They're appreciative





# MISSION-PRIXED LEARERSHIP...

# Four Roles of Leadership

[Covey, S. (2004), The 8th Habit]

#### Modeling

- ➤ Develop trust
- Inspire trust
- > Creative cooperation
- > Established Core values

#### Aligning

- Creates structure, systems & processes that support
- ➤ Affirms the spirit of trust, vision & empowerment
- Instills accountability

#### **Pathfinding**

- Creates order
- Group involvement in mission & strategic decisions
- Established ownership of modeling
- Emotional connection established

#### **Empowering**

- The fruit of modeling, pathfinding & aligning
- Unleashes human potential without external motivation
- Increases productivity & awareness



#### Seven Judgments All Leaders Face

Adapted from: "The Dynamics of Warmth and Competence Judgments, and their Outcomes in Organizations" by Cuddy, Glick, and Beninger

- 1) KINDNESS Do you care about me?
- 2) Servanthood Do you seek the best interest of others and our organization?
- 3) CHARACTER/HONESTY Can I trust you?
- 4) FRIENDLINESS Do you connect?
- 5) Power Can you deliver what you promise?
- 6) SKILLFULNESS Can you lead?
- 7) INTELLIGENCE Do you comprehend challenges & opportunities?

The seven judgements distill into two essential qualities: warmth and competence.

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"Leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders."

Tom Peters

18. "If you hire people just because they can do a job, they'll work for your money. But if you hire people who believe what you believe, they'll work for you with blood and sweat and tears." -- Simon Sinek



In regard to poor leadership by position rather than influence, John Maxwell states:

They have subordinates, not team members.

They rely on rules, regulations, policies and an organizational chart to control their people.

Their people will only follow them
within the stated boundaries of their authority.
And their people will usually do only what is required of them.
When positional leaders ask for extra effort or time,
they rarely get it.

In other words, you cultivate a workforce of "Compliant Indifference"





#### MISSION-PRIVEN, INFLUENTIAL LEADERSHIP...

TAKE-AWAYS... SEVEN DEGREES OF SEPARATION 7 THINGS THAT WILL SEPARATE YOUR ORGANIZATION FROM THE OTHERS

- Commit yourself to cultivating skills aimed at being an authentic, influential leader
- 2) Engage the senior leaders in your organization to "define" & later "refine" the mission of your organization
- 3) Develop & cultivate work relationships built on trust & respect
- 4) Take responsibility for the spirit of the organization
- 5) Avoid micromanagement like the plague
- 6) Work daily on your "Warmth & Competence" Score
- 7) Relentlessly focus on your mission and continually reaffirm it



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Questions/Comments?

When you were made a leader you weren't given a crown, you were given the responsibility to bring out the best in others.

Jack Welch





