

Striking the Balance between Disruption .v. Direction

Using Situational Leadership to Drive Growth

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Disruption v. Direction

DIRECTION

Guiding your team on the path you are on

DISRUPTION

Encouraging the team to forge a new path

Disruptor: One whose influence or action substantially and irrevocably changes the way businesses function.

Disruptors act on:

amazonkindle

Products

coinstar

Problems



Processes



Production

Disruption breaks rules and challenges the very assumptions that provide guidance and direction to ongoing business.

Director: One whose influence or action effectively guides and enhances the way businesses function.

Directors act on:

amazonkindle Products

Coinstar Problems

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How do you balance current and future needs?

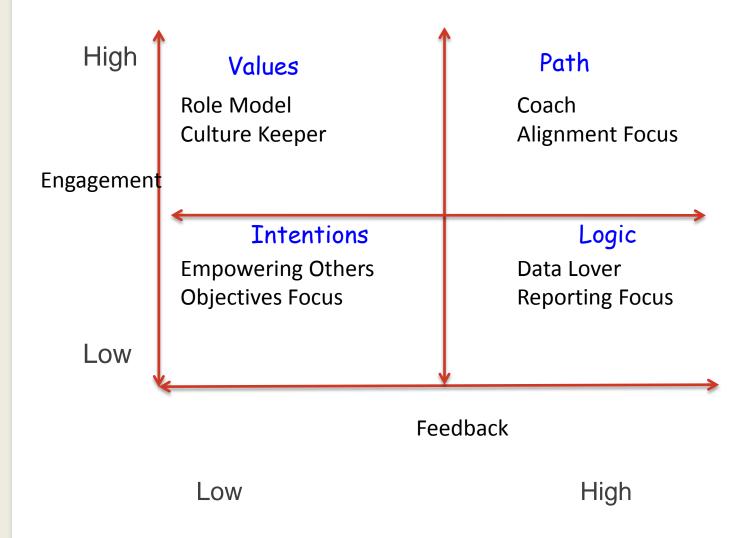
- Meeting the needs of current customers
- Leveraging current technologies
- Besting current competitors
- Providing clear direction, guidance and oversight given the status quo

- Meeting the needs of our future customers
- Anticipating future technologies
- Imagining future competitors
- Encouraging and supporting innovation and disruption of the status quo

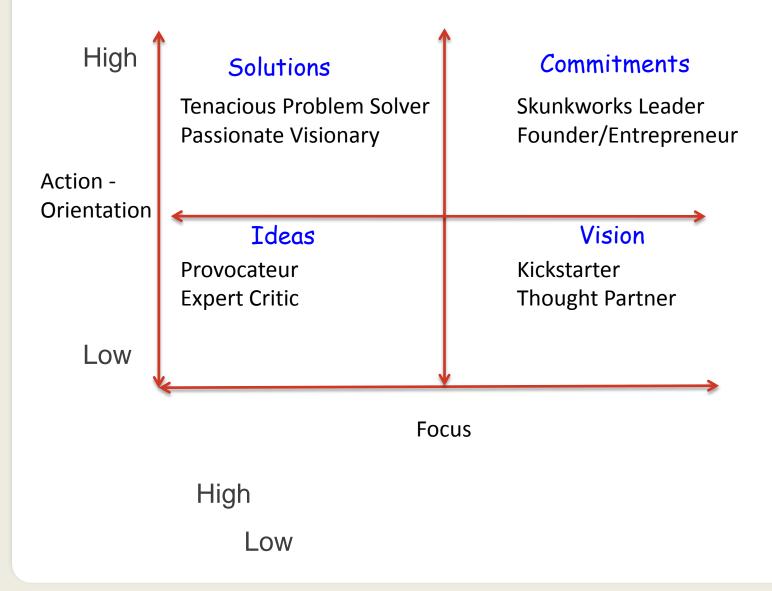
Run the
organization you
are in

Build the organization you want.

Engagement and Feedback Define Director Styles



Focus and Motivation Influence Disruptive Behaviors



Excel in Both Modes

- √ Hone your Leadership Skills
- √ Constantly Evaluate Competitive Threats
- √ Stay Abreast of Technological Change
- ✓ Protect your Key Talent and IP

How do you excel in Direction and Disruption?

Move Seamlessly from Direction to Disruption

- √ Focus on a Clear Goal
- ✓ Shift your Time Frame
- ✓ Make your Assumptions Explicit
- ✓ Create Maps or Frameworks to Support your Thinking

How do you move from one mode to another?

Signal to Others Which Mode You Are In

- ✓ Set Clear Risk Parameters
- √ Adopt Consistent Terminology
- ✓ Use Different Tools for Different Modes
- ✓ Create Different Teams for Each Mode

How do you signal to others?

Measure Success in Each Area

- ✓ Define Success Differently
- ✓ Let Teams Create their own Scorecards
- ✓ Tolerate more Learning in Disruption
- √ Reward the Behaviors you want repeated

How do you
measure success in
each area?

The Value of Disruption Depends on the Situation

Bad Timing:

- ✓ Immediately after Board Level approval of new investment plan
- ✓ During a corporate crisis
- ✓ When number of ideas is 100x level of resources



Better Timing:

- ✓ When decisions are routine relative to competitors
- ✓ When employees are leaving to work for faster growing rivals
- ✓ When customer loyalty is low
- ✓ When technology is changing faster than your firm is...

More Effective Leadership Starts Now



- ✓ Excel in both directing your core activities and disrupting your own business
- ✓ Move seamlessly from giving direction to supporting disruption and back again
- ✓ Signal to others which mode you are in
- ✓ Effectively measure success in each area using different metrics and indicators