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Leading from the front

There are many different power bases that a leader can develop and use.

These include problematic ones such as the power of position, the power to give rewards, the power to punish and the power to control information. While these types of power do have some strength, they put the person being led in an unhealthy position of weakness, and can leave leaders using these power bases looking autocratic and out of touch.

More than this, society has changed hugely over the last 50 years. Citizens are individually more powerful, and employees are more able to shift jobs. Few of us enjoy having power exerted over us, and many will do what they can to undermine people who use these sorts of power.

However there are three types of positive power that effective leaders use: charismatic power, expert power and referent power.

This article teaches you how to build expert power. Expert power is essential because as a leader, your team looks to you for direction and guidance. Team members need to believe in your ability to set a worthwhile direction, give sound guidance and coordinate a good result.

If your team perceives you as a true expert, they will be much more receptive when you try to exercise

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will be much more receptive when you try to exercise influence tactics such as rational persuasion and inspirational appeal.

What's more, if members of your team see you as an expert, you will find it much easier to guide them in such a way as to create high motivation:

If team members respect your expertise, they'll know that you can show them how to work effectively;

If members of your team trust your judgment, they'll trust you to guide their good efforts in such a way that you'll make the most of their hard work: and

If they can see your expertise, team members are more likely to believe that you have the wisdom to direct their efforts towards a goal that is genuinely worthwhile.

Taken together, if your team sees you as an expert, you will find it much easier to motivate team members to perform at their best.

So how do you build expert power?

But just being an expert isn't enough, it is also necessary for your team members to recognize your expertise and see you to be a credible source of information and advice. Gary A. Yukl, in his book "Leadership in Organizations," details some steps to build expert power. A summary of these steps follows:

Promote an image of expertise: Since perceived expertise in many occupations is associated with a person's education and experience, a leader should in a low key way - make sure that subordinates, peers, and superiors are aware of his or her formal education, relevant work experience, and significant accomplishments.

One common tactic to make this information known is to display diplomas, licenses, awards, and other evidence of expertise in a prominent location in one's office - after all, if you've worked hard to gain knowledge, it's fair that you get credit for it. Another tactic is to make subtle references to prior education or experience (for example, "When I was chief engineer at GE, we had a problem similar to this one"). Beware, however, this tactic can easily be overdone.

Keep informed: Expert power is exercised through rational persuasion and demonstration of expertise. Rational persuasion depends on a firm grasp of up-tois therefore essential for a leader to keep wellinformed of developments within the team, within the organization, and in the outside world.

Recognize subordinate concerns: Use of rational persuasion should not be seen as a form of one-way communication from the leader to subordinates. Effective leaders listen carefully to the concerns and uncertainties of their team members, and make sure that they address these in making a persuasive appeal. Avoid threatening the self-esteem of subordinates: Expert power is based on a knowledge differential between leader and team members. Unfortunately, the very existence of such a differential can cause problems if the leader is not careful about the way he exercises expert power.

Team members can dislike unfavorable status comparisons where the gap is very large and obvious. They are likely to be upset by a leader who acts in a superior way, and arrogantly flaunts his greater expertise.

In the process of presenting rational arguments, some leaders lecture their team members in a condescending manner and convey the impression that the other team members are "ignorant."

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DAI is currently implementing USAID's Reintegration and Stabilization in the East (RISE) project, which is committed to supporting economic and social stability in the East by providing support to vulnerable communities, reintegrating at-risk youth, and improving public confidence that core issues are being addressed. In anticipation of an upcoming project expansion, DAI is seeking candidates to serve a number of roles.

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- Project Accountant
- Procurement/Logistics Specialist
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- Program Development Officers
- Grants Managers
- Procurement/Logistics Specialists
- Project Accountant
- Executive Program Assistant
- Drivers

Minimum Qualifications - For All Positions

- Regional experience required, as well as experience working with international • firms
- Fluency in spoken English is required ٠
- English writing skills preferred
- Minimum of three years previous work experience in related field
- Experience working on international development assistance projects (USAIDfunded project experience a plus)
- Excellent communication skills, enthusiasm for learning, and eagerness to make ٠ a difference and work as part of a team

Qualifications - Program Development Officers, Grants Managers, and Information Officer

- Advanced degree preferable
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- Minimum of five years previous experience on international development assistance projects
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- Ability to build and maintain strong relationships with senior government officials, donor representatives, and community leaders
- Excellent communication skills and ability to facilitate dialogue across multiple sectors

Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter, and 3-5 references to srilanka@dai.com. Please include in the subject line the position for which you are applying and the location preferred. No phone inquiries will be accepted. Only short-listed, qualified candidates will be contacted.

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