### Leadership and Creativity – the invisible strategies of innovation and imagination

Dean and director, Henley Business School, Africa jon@fosterpedley.com The routes to prosperity are

## Productivity

and

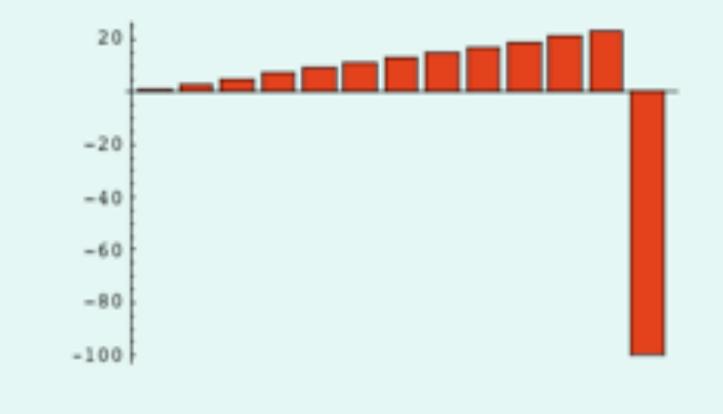
### Innovation

Michael Porter - Harvard

### Predictability and certainty



## Anatomy of a Blowup



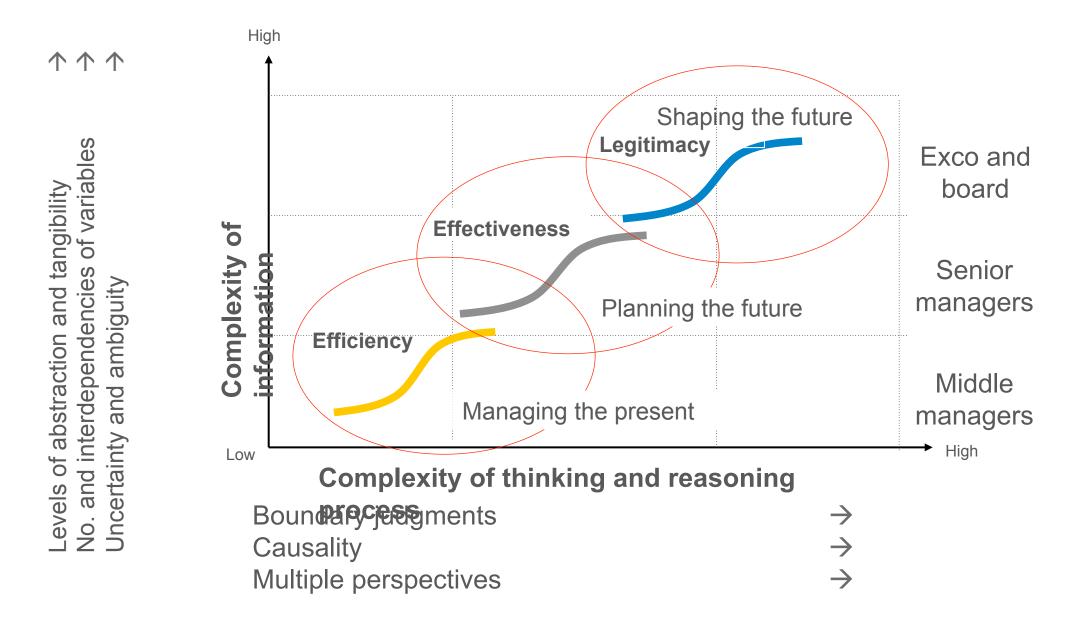
"What drives you in managing your company in today's world?"



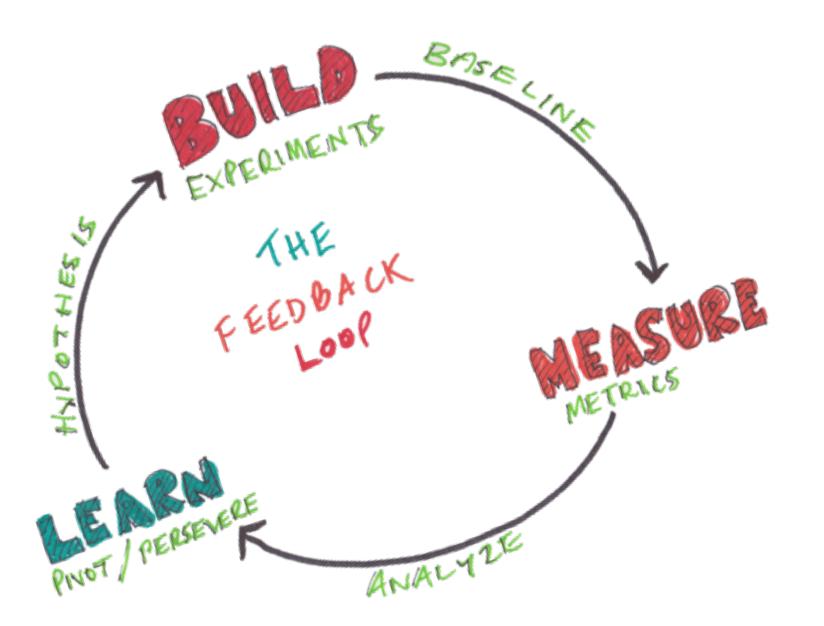
- largest known sample of oneon-one CEO interviews
- over 1,500 corporate heads and public sector leaders
- from 60 nations and 33 industries

IBM Study, 2010

#### Stratified systems = levels of work





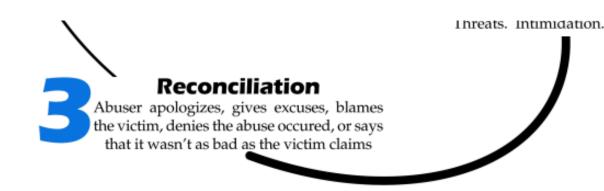


Innovation happens best when there's accurate, fast, undistorted, unmanipulated feedback to make fast improvements and correction

## The problem of **narcissism** – in all walks of life



Narcissistic personality disorder is a mental disorder in which people have an inflated sense of their own importance, a deep need for admiration and a lack of empathy for others. But behind this mask of ultraconfidence lies a fragile self-esteem that's vulnerable to the slightest criticism.



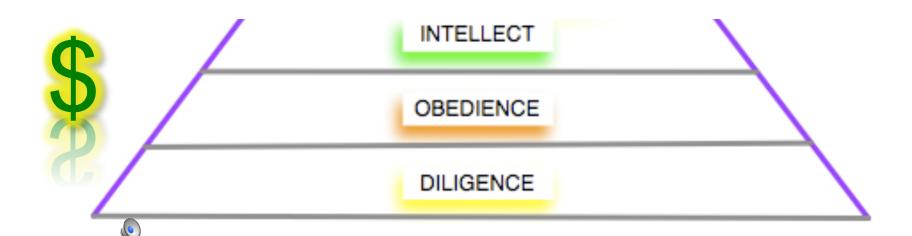
**CANDOUR:** The quality of of being open and honest; frankness - "a person of refreshing candour"

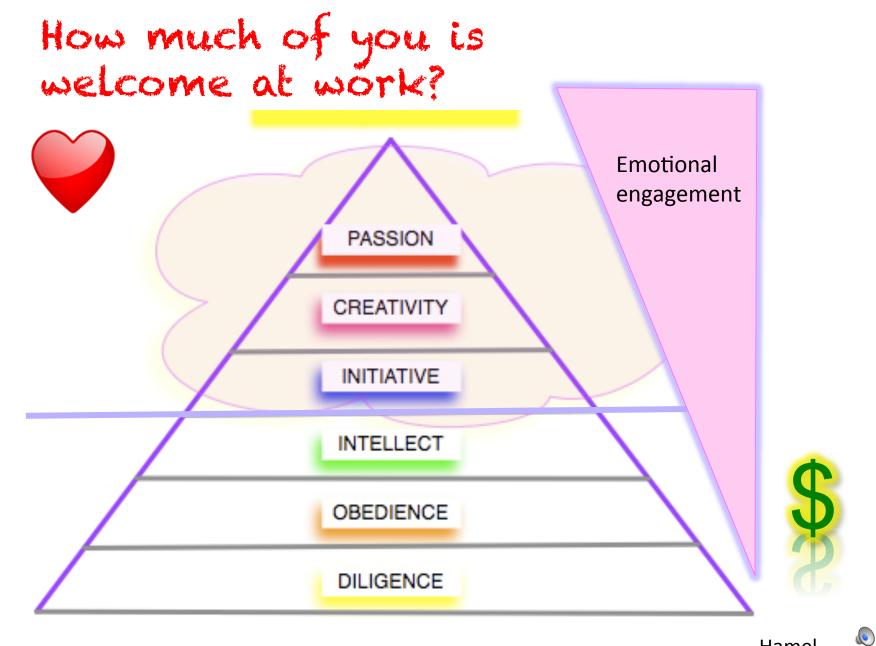
#### Synonyms:

frankness, openness, honesty, candidness, truthfulness, sincerity, forthrightness, directness, lack of restraint, straightforwardness, plainspokenness, plain dealing, plainness, calling a spade a spade, unreservedness, bluffness, bluntness, outspokenness;

*Informal:* telling it like it is "he spoke with a degree of candour unusual in political life"

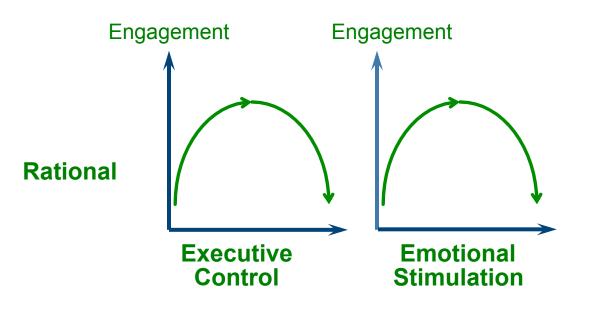
*Antonyms:* guardedness, evasiveness, insincerity



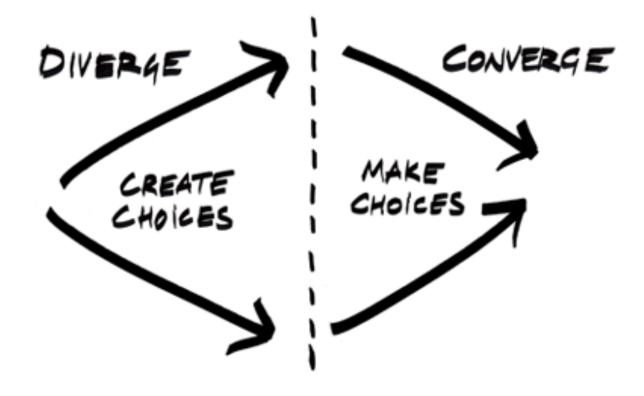


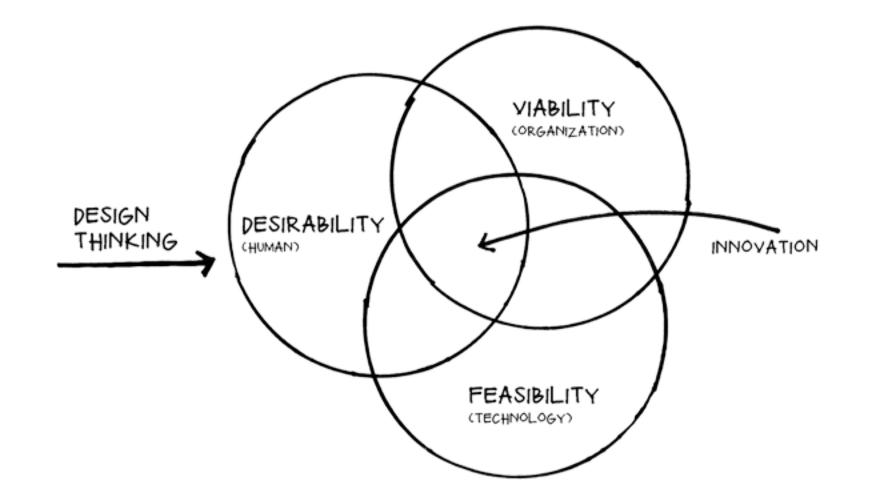
Hamel

# **Creating engagement**



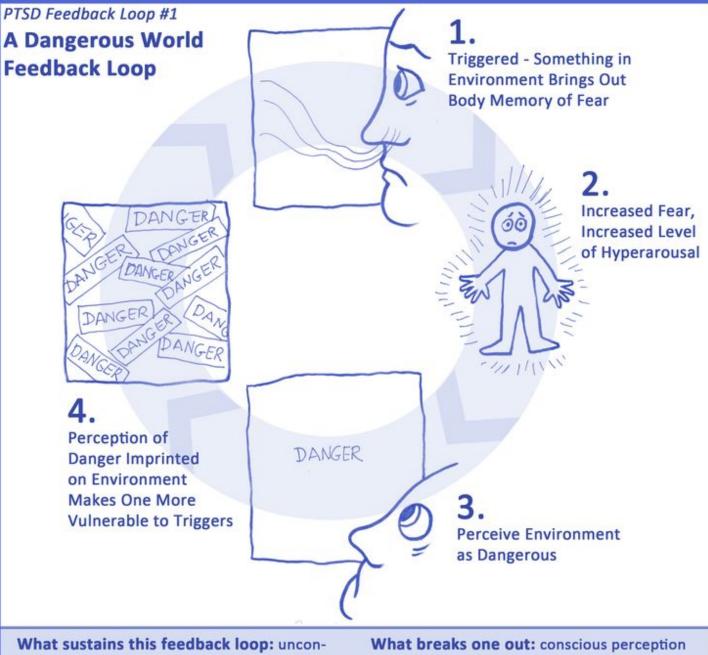
Model from Irvin Yalom, Stanford University



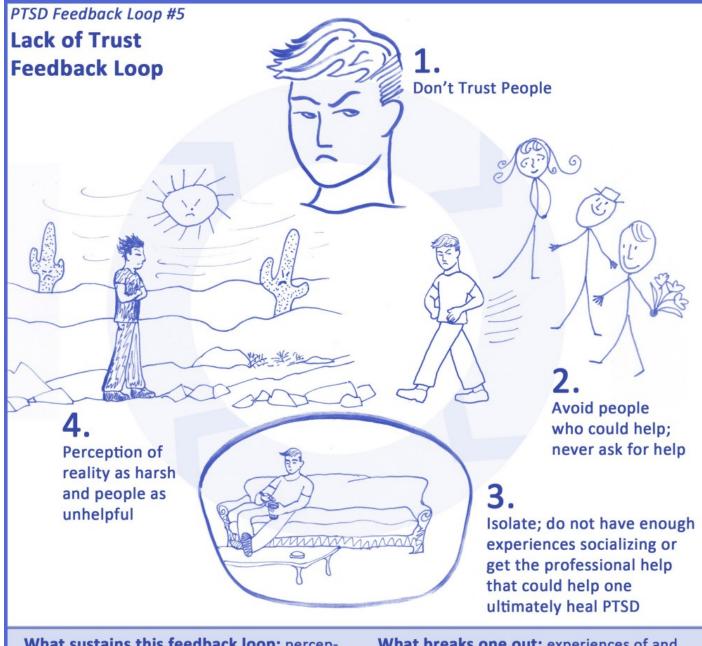




#### Manage: vision and purpose, with integrity - or else it's all junk



What sustains this feedback loop: unconscious perception and bodily experience of danger in the environment, automatic reaction of hyperarousal and immobility when triggered What breaks one out: conscious perception and bodily experience of safety in the environment, rational analysis, interception of trigger response, self-regulation



What sustains this feedback loop: perception of people as dangerous, untrustworthy, hurtful, ineffective, negative or useless for us; automatic rejection and avoidance What breaks one out: experiences of and perception of people as safe, helpful, effective, positive for us; making a rational analysis of their true skills and intentions