Win – Win Solutions Increasing Effectiveness with Emotional Intelligence

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"Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain calm and unruffled under all circumstances."

Thomas Jefferson





Agenda

Enhancing Emotional Intelligence

- I. Principled Negotiations
- II. El Increases Your Effectiveness
- III. Key Components of El
- IV. Enhancing Your El
- V. Getting past "No"





Enhancing Emotional Intelligence

Principled Negotiations

Members of the Harvard Negotiation Project, "Getting to Yes" by Fisher and Ury

- Focused on the psychology of negotiation
- "Principled negotiation"
- Finding acceptable solutions





Principled Negotiations

Enhancing Emotional Intelligence "Separate the people from the problem"

"Focus on interests, not positions"

"Invent options for mutual gain"

"Insist on using objective criteria"

"Know your BATNA (Best Alternative To Negotiated Agreement





Win - Win

Enhancing Emotional Intelligence

- Ask Questions during the negotiation
- Hear the other person listen, focus, ask clarification questions
- Don't rush to judgment collaborate, cooperate
- Be flexible
- The key communication skill is to listen





Enhancing Emotional Intelligence

Collaborative Process

Manage Emotions

- Ask Open Ended Questions
- Summarize, Gain Understanding
- Communicate Non-defensively
- Develop Specific Action Plan
- Follow Up





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During the Collaborative Process

- Demonstrate willingness to listen, share ideas
- Show openness to reason
- Desire to bargain in good faith
- Identify interests and/or positions
- Agreement broad topic areas and specific issues
- Use active listening
- Seek to identify agreement on small items





What is Emotional Intelligence (EI)?

Enhancing Emotional Intelligence El describes an ability, capacity, or skill to perceive, assess, and manage the emotions of one's self, of others, and of groups







Why Learn About Emotional Intelligence (EI)?

Enhancing Emotional Intelligence

- Improves social effectiveness
- Better the social relations
- •Less apt to engage in problem behaviors, and avoids self-destructive, negative behaviors





Increasing Your **Effectiveness**

I. El Increases Your Effectiveness

- Improves interpersonal effectiveness
- Better social relations
- Reduces self-destructive behavior

Mayer, Salovey, & Caruso, 2004, p. 210





External Affiliations

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External

Advertisers/Prospects/Sources/Readers



Internal

Dynamic tension within the workplace





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Exercise

Picture a Difficult Day Emotional impact on co-workers/customers?

Emotional state influence on success?

Aware of your emotions at work?

Are others aware of their emotions at work?

Think about a time when interactions could have been better.

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Exercise: Emotional Triggers

- •Defining effective interactions at your publication. Who are your affiliates?
- Think about your emotional triggers and why they effect you
- Think about signs of emotional behavior in others





II. Components of Emotional Intelligence:

Emotional Intelligence Components



Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence (**EI**) describes an <u>ability</u>, capacity, or <u>skill</u> to perceive, assess, and manage the <u>emotions</u> of one's <u>self</u>, of others, and of <u>groups</u>

El is often measured as an *Emotional* Intelligence Quotient (EQ)







Characteristics of Emotional Intelligence

Personal Skills

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Regulation
- Motivation

Social Awareness

- Empathy
- Social Skills





Emotional Intelligence Components



Levels of Emotional Awareness

- A. Knowing the feeling is present
- B. Acknowledging the feeling
- C. Identifying the feeling
- D. Accepting the feeling
- E. Reflecting on the feeling
- F. Forecasting feelings





Emotional Intelligence Components



Levels of Emotional Awareness

E. Reflecting on the feeling
2 different levels of awareness
Low level - only reflect on our
feelings after the fact
Accurately identify and reflect on it.
High level - take actions about our
annoyance or triggers

F. Forecasting feelings
Predicting how we will feel in the future.

"I know that he'll annoy me just by being in the room"

Choose appropriate course of action





III. Enhancing Emotional Intelligence

Our Part in the Play

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts."

William Shakespeare





Emotions Drive Attitudes

Our Part in the Play



Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference"

Winston Churchill





Perceptions Our Way of Figuring Things Out

Our Part in the Play



Perceptions vary from person to person

Different people perceive different things about the same situation
But more than that, we assign different meanings to what we perceive

We act on these perceptions as though they are correct, often they are not





We Perceive Things Differently

Punctuate the following:

Woman without her man is nothing





We Perceive Things Differently

Our Part in the Play





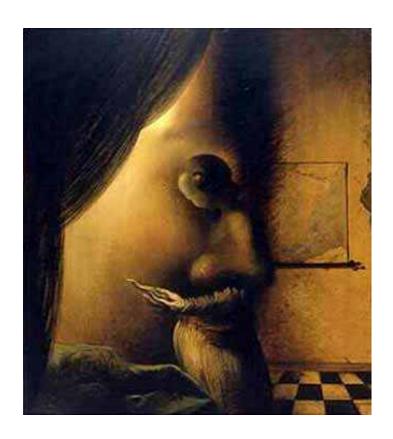




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Our Part in the Play









We Perceive Things Differently

Our Part in the Play











Our Thought Processes

- We make a lot of assumptions and act on them
- Our Thinking is "Hard Wired"
- We lock in thoughts which affect our behavior
- Often our thinking is unconscious







Ways to Improve Your El

Become emotionally literate, label your feelings, rather than people or situations "I feel impatient." vs. "This is ridiculous."

Take more responsibility for your feelings
"I feel jealous." vs. "You are making me
jealous."

Use your feelings to help you make decisions

"How will I feel if I do this?" "How will I feel if I don't"?







10 Ways to Improve Your El

Use your feelings to help you make decisions
"How will I feel if I do this?" "How will I feel
if I don't"?

Show respect for other people's feelings
"How will you feel if I do or if I don't"?

Feel energized, not angry. Use energy to take productive action

Validate other people's feelings. Show empathy, understanding, and acceptance







10 Ways to Improve Your El

Practice getting a positive value from emotions.

"How do I feel?" and "What would help me feel better?"

Ask others "How do you feel?" "What would help you feel better?"

Don't advise, command, control, criticize, judge or lecture to others. Instead, try to just listen with empathy and non-judgment

Avoid people who invalidate you.

Try to spend less time with them, or not to let them have psychological power over you

Stephen Covey, John Mayer





Getting in Touch with Your Thinking

Our Part in the Play



Take more responsibility for your feelings. "I hate to negotiating with these

VS.

"Their demands are ridiculous!"





IV. Emotionally Aware Interactions

Emotionally Aware Interactions



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do"

Mark Twain





First Check Our Thinking

Emotionally Aware Interactions

There are Five Levels of Thinking

Vision:

Strategy, direction

Planning:

How to get there

Detail:

Action steps

Problems:

We see no options

Drama:

Emotional mud







Avoid Drama and Trauma

Emotionally Aware Interactions

Learn to avoid drama and trauma by looking forward



Spend time in vision and planning

Spend less time on details

Avoid the mud of problems & drama





Emotionally Aware Interactions



Exercise:

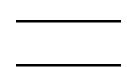
Let's go back to the time when a negotiation could have been better

How many of our examples involved:

Perceptions?

Vision, Planning or Detail?

Problems and Drama?







Emotionally Aware Interactions

Create Useful Interactions

- 1. Concentrate on process not on content
- 2. Focus on facts and solutions, not on emotions
- 3. Accentuate the positive





Enhance Communication Skills

Emotionally Aware Interactions







Enhance Communication Skills

Emotionally Aware Interactions

- **1. Facts** what someone sees, hears, touches, & perceives the facts to be
- **2. Thoughts** what their thoughts about the facts are
- **3. Emotions** how they feel because of their thoughts about the facts
- **4. Meaning/Importance** why it's important to them/me
- 5. Actions/Expectations what they want





How to Improve Your El

Summary



- Observe how you react to people
- Look at your work environment
- Do a self-evaluation
- Examine how you react to stressful situations
- Take responsibility for your actions
- •Examine how your actions will affect others before you take those actions





Summary

Getting Past 'No"

Don't react: Go to the balcony

"Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret"

Going to the balcony is a metaphor used to describe the emotional disconnect one should have instead of reacting to the conflict that arises in your negotiation





Summary

Getting Past 'No"

Don't argue: Step to their side

Give the other side a hearing: paraphrase and ask for correction

Acknowledge their points, their feelings
Agree whenever you can without conceding, accumulate
"yeses" for yourself and the other party

Express your views without provoking Don't use "but" statements, use "yes...and" statements







Getting Past 'No"

Summary

Don't reject: Reframe

Don't push: Build them a golden bridge

Don't escalate: Use power to educate

"The best general is the one who never fights" (Sun Tzu)







I. El Increases Your Effectiveness

Increasing Your Effectiveness At the end of the day, your success depends on people



Success also depends on how you interact with people





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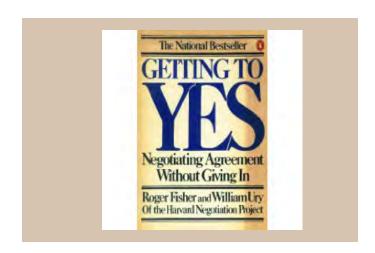




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