

# The Five Behaviors® Model



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### The 5 Behaviors of a Cohesive Team









### BUILDING TRUST



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### **Overview**

#### **2 Essential Components for Establishing Trust**

Willingness to be open with each other. Have the courage to be <u>vulnerable</u>. Confidence exists among team members that their peers' intentions are good, and that there is no reason to be protective or careful around the team.

Teams need a tool that enables them to discuss behaviors...













Lencioni claims teams unable to be "vulnerable" with one another encounter problems, are unwilling to admit mistakes, acknowledge weaknesses, or ask for help.

#### How using Belbin helps:

- Opening up can be tough. Identifying and communicating Belbin Roles encourages sharing of preferences and discussing shortcomings within a protective and positive framework
- With Belbin "weakness" is not a dirty word! It's the flipside of a Team Role strength and can be mitigated by other team members
- Belbin helps clarify why certain individuals respond to failure as they do







#### **PLANT**

A Plant contributor makes a significant investment of time and energy into new ideas. There's reluctance to continue providing input when this is dismissed or devalued.

#### **MONITOR EVALUATOR**

Values good decision making.
They trust people who respect logic and can explain actions clearly. Prove you can be relied on and avoid emotional appeals and behavior that might seem erratic.

#### **SPECIALIST**

It is important they be recognized for their expertise. Challenging their knowledge or discounting it as unimportant is not a good approach. They trust people who value their commitment and depth of knowledge.









### **BELBIN®** Team Roles



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#### **SHAPERS**

Prioritize outcomes/results – intentions mean nothing to them. They respect competency and confidence. Ultimately do what you say you will do!

#### **IMPLEMENTER**

Don't change the goalpost for them. They trust people who are clear, concise and not "flakey."

#### **COMPLETER FINISHER**

An anxious Completer Finisher who has let a mistake slip through the net is likely to be punishing themselves rather than sharing the failure with the team. If doing work for a CF, at the very least, "spellcheck" and proof your work; they MUST trust your effort to get it right, before they delegate to you.









### **BELBIN®** Team Roles



#### COORDINATOR

Make sure they are aware of what's going on in the team. If they feel you've gone "rogue," or behind their back, trust is tough to rebuild.



#### **TEAMWORKER**

Wants harmony. They are reluctant to trust people who don't show empathy and compassion. Be sincere and patient; show you have the team's best interest at heart. Avoid behavior that seems aggressive or critical.



### RESOURCE INVESTIGATOR

Wants to feel heard. If you genuinely listen to them, they will trust you. Make special effort to keep them in the loop and include them and avoid behavior that seems judgmental or dismissive.









### Team Role Spotlight

- For building Trust, the
   <u>Teamworker</u> and <u>Coordinator</u>
   contributions are especially
   helpful by fostering collaboration,
   empathy and communication.
- Their ability to understand and support others helps build trust.















### MASTERING CONFLICT



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#### CONFLICT

### **Overview**

When there is trust, team members are able to engage in unfiltered, constructive debate

Healthy conflict focuses on concepts and ideas to produce the best possible solution







#### CONFLICT

### **Healthy & Unhealthy Conflict\***

|       | HEALTHY   | UNHEALTHY   |
|-------|---|---|
| PL    | <ul> <li>Willing to share ideas<br/>and hear others</li> </ul>                  | <ul><li>Defensive/overly protective of own ideas.</li><li>Dismissive of others</li></ul>              |
| ME    | <ul><li>Focuses on logic</li><li>&amp; objectivity</li></ul>                    | <ul><li>Overpowers with logic &amp; facts</li><li>Avoids emotional situation</li></ul>                |
| SP SP | <ul> <li>Provide expertise<br/>they've learned for the<br/>situation</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Become defensive when challenged.</li> <li>Might remove themselves &amp; avoid it</li> </ul> |





#### CONFLICT

### **Healthy & Unhealthy Conflict\***

|     | HEALTHY  | UNHEALTHY  |
|-----|--|--|
| SH  | <ul> <li>Speaks up about problems head on</li> </ul>   | <ul><li>Looks to even the score</li><li>Overpowers/gets<br/>aggressive</li></ul>                 |
| IMP | <ul> <li>Offer practical ways to address it</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Being rigid not willing to change</li> </ul>  |
| CF  | Point out what is missing or overlooked                | <ul> <li>Excessively in the details and weeds</li> <li>Not allow others to have input</li> </ul> |





#### CONFLICT

### **Healthy & Unhealthy Conflict\***

|    | HEALTHY   | UNHEALTHY  |
|----|---|--|
| co | <ul> <li>Enables all voices to have equal airtime</li> <li>Helps clarifies what the conflicts is about</li> </ul> | <ul><li>Will make decisions on behalf of the team</li><li>Manipulates to get their way</li></ul> |
| TW | <ul> <li>Listens to others'<br/>perspectives</li> </ul>   | <ul><li>Doesn't speak to own needs</li><li>Caves in to avoid tension</li></ul>                   |
| RI | • Expresses<br>Feelings/Issues  | <ul><li>Becomes overly dramatic/gossip</li><li>Dwells on wounded relationships</li></ul>         |



CONFLICT

### Team Role Spotlight

**Shaper** and **Monitor Evaluator** contributors help with constructive conflict within a team.

Shapers challenge ideas and stimulate debate, while Monitor Evaluators provide a critical perspective that can lead to better decision-making through healthy conflict.















# ACHIEVING COMMITMENT



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### **Overview**

When team members are able to offer opinions and debate ideas, they will be more likely to commit to decisions

It's not necessary to achieve consensus, but **clarity** and **buy-in** are key to commitment





### **BELBIN®** Team Roles



#### **PLANT**

May challenge decisions that have not adequately considered all possibilities or are too conventional.



#### MONITOR EVALUATOR

Commit when believe decisions are well-thought out and logical. May question decisions lacking sufficient evidence and evaluation.



#### **SPECIALIST**

Commit when able to leverage their knowledge and skills which are valued and utilized effectively. May question decisions that don't adequately consider specialized insights or requirements.









### BELBIN® Team Roles



### IMPLEMENTER

Commit to decisions/plans feasible and aligned with established processes or that can be implemented efficiently.

May challenge those perceived as impractical or not well-planned.



#### COMPLETER FINISHER

Commit when quality and time to achieve it is considered.

May resist when feel important details are overlooked and could lead to errors.

#### **SHAPERS**

Commit to decisions involving overcoming obstacles or pushing boundaries. May challenge decisions perceived as hesitant or overly cautious.









### **BELBIN®** Team Roles



#### COORDINATOR

Commit to decisions/plans aligned with achieving team objectives and goals efficiently. May be hesitant if not clear on overall vision and strong reluctance of many team members.



#### **TEAMWORKER**

Commit to decisions that promote team cohesion and positive relationships. May resist if it could disrupt team dynamics or cause interpersonal conflict.



### RESOURCE INVESTIGATOR

Commit to decisions/plans that enable their ability to explore opportunities/connections.

May be prone to struggle with commitment if there's a new opportunity.









### Team Role Spotlight

Implementers and Completer Finishers focus on getting work done.

They help teams achieve commitment by ensuring tasks are completed, deadlines are met, and nothing slips through the cracks.















# EMBRACING ACCOUNTABILITY



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### **Overview**

When everyone is committed to a clear plan of action, they are better able to hold one another accountable

Team members must be willing to call one another on a behavior or performance that isn't up to agreed-on standards or that hurts the team





### **BELBIN®** Team Roles



#### **PLANT**

Encourage creativity that is practical and can be integrated into the team's plan. Provide constructive feedback on relevance and feasibility of contributions.

#### **MONITOR EVALUATOR**

Hold them accountable for providing unbiased assessments. Make sure they are providing well-founded advice and insights that are contributing to better decision-making.

#### **SPECIALIST**

Hold them accountable for providing their knowledge and skills, making sure it is continuously updated to meet the team's needs. Evaluate how their expertise contributes to solving team challenges.









### **BELBIN®** Team Roles







#### **SHAPERS**

Hold them accountable for pushing the team toward goals and deadlines. Make sure they are challenging ideas and processes constructively.

Consider the impact of their drive on the team outcomes.

#### **IMPLEMENTER**

Make sure plans are being turned into action and work product.

Ensure they are focused on delivering results on time and within budget. Support them to adjust plans as needed to achieve outcomes without compromising schedule or quality.

#### **COMPLETER FINISHER**

Hold them accountable for ensuring accuracy and perfection in tasks. Make sure they are managing time effectively to meet agreed team deadlines. Monitor completeness and thoroughness of their work.









### **BELBIN®** Team Roles



#### **COORDINATOR**

Ensure they are facilitating team communication and goal alignment. Hold them responsible for making sure decisions are made efficiently. Check if they are managing conflicts and keeping team morale high.



#### **TEAMWORKER**

Ensure they are fostering team cohesion and cooperation.
Hold them responsible for supporting team members and maintaining team harmony.
Evaluate their efforts at making everyone feel valued and included.



### RESOURCE INVESTIGATOR

Monitor their external interactions and networking efforts. Ensure they are bringing valuable external insights and resources to the team. Evaluate how their connections are benefitting the team's objectives.









### Team Role Spotlight

The <u>Coordinator</u> helps with holding team members responsible for specific tasks or goals.

A Specialist may take responsibility of a particular aspect of a project, both promoting individual accountability within the team.













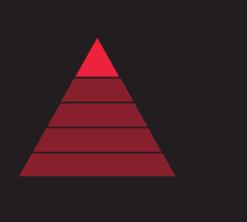


# FOCUSING ON RESULTS



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#### RESULTS

### **Accountability to Results**

What are key differences between teams that avoid or embrace accountability?

How does accountability affect team results?







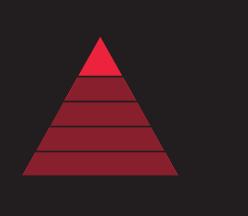






### **Accountability to Results**

| A Team that AVOIDS Accountability   | A Team that EMBRACES Accountability  |
|---|--|
| Creates resentment among team members who have different standards of performance | Ensures that poor performers feel pressure to improve  |
| Encourages mediocrity   | Identifies potential problems quickly by questioning one another's approaches without hesitation |
| Misses deadlines and key deliverables   | Establishes respect among team members who are held to the same high standards                   |
| Places an undue burden on the team leader as the sole source of discipline        | Avoids excessive bureaucracy around performance management and corrective action                 |











### **Ultimate Goal**

The ultimate goal of building greater trust, healthy conflict, commitment and accountability is the achievement of results.

Team members need to make collective results their top priority.





### **The Belbin Connection**

Each Team Role contributes toward achieving results in different ways.

It shows up uniquely for each Team Role.





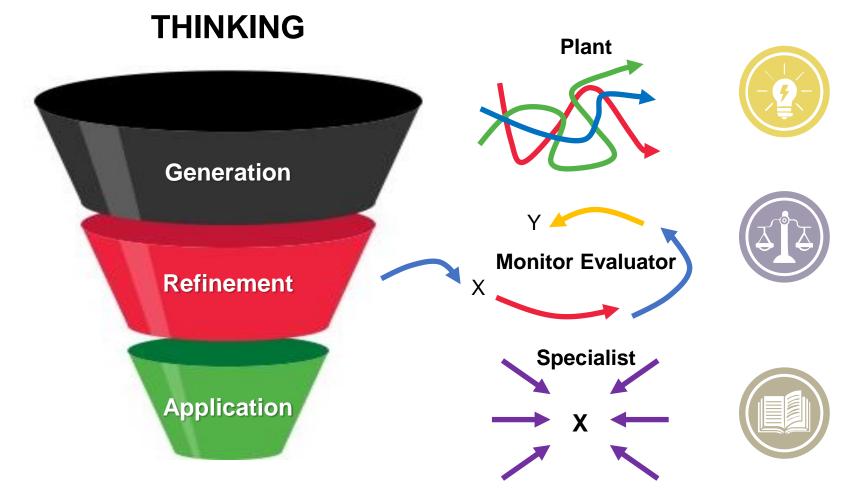






#### **RESULTS**

### Generation, Refinement, Application







#### **RESULTS**

### **Drive, Structure and Polish**

#### **ACTION**









**Implementer** 





**Completer Finisher** 





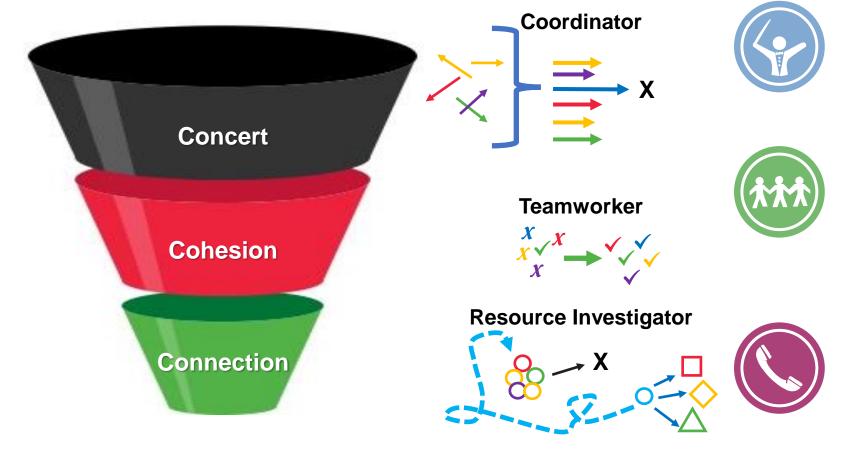




#### **RESULTS**

### Concert, Cohesion, Connection

#### **PEOPLE**





### Team Role Spotlight

The results-oriented Shaper contribution pushes for outcomes and drives the team toward achieving its objectives.





















### **Common Distractions**



Lack of drive and urgency (Lack of SH contribution)



Insufficient/ineffective processes and structure (Lack of IMP contribution)



Vague or shifting goals (Lack of CO contribution)



More emphasis on personal goals than team goals (Lack of balanced team)