



Dear Readers,

In today's rapidly evolving world of work, organizations are facing a paradox. While Technology, Strategy, and Transformation agendas continue to accelerate at unprecedented speed, the true differentiator increasingly lies elsewhere – in the quality of Human Leadership, the Health of Workplace Culture, and the Emotional Maturity with which organizations navigate complexity.

This edition of **On-Point** explores the deeper human realities shaping organizations today, from the **need for inner Centredness in times of uncertainty**, to **Leadership models rooted in Humility, Accountability, Inclusion, and Courage**.

We begin with an increasingly vital Leadership capability: **Centredness**. In environments marked by constant flux and pressure, Leaders who create a balanced inner space within themselves are better able to respond thoughtfully rather than react impulsively. **Leadership Effectiveness** today is not simply about Decisiveness; it is about Emotional

The importance of **Humility for Impact** further reinforces this idea. In Psychologically Safe Cultures, Respect is earned through Behaviour, not position. Humility enables Leaders to listen deeply, invite diverse perspectives, and build Trust – the true currency of High-Performing Teams.

At **Capstone People Consulting**, these conversations remain central to our work across **Leadership Development, Culture Transformation, and Executive Coaching** engagements. Across industries and geographies, we continue to see that Sustainable High Performance cannot be separated from the quality of Leadership ecosystems organizations consciously choose to build.

As you explore this edition, we invite you to reflect:

Are our organizations truly enabling people to Think Independently, Contribute

Steadiness, Clarity of Thought, and the ability to remain grounded amidst disruption. The capacity to Pause, Reflect, and Lead with Awareness has become foundational to Sustainable Performance and Wellbeing alike.

This naturally connects to another key theme explored in this issue, the shift from Authority-driven Leadership to **Servant Leadership**. Organizations are increasingly recognizing that long-term institutional strength cannot be built on hierarchy and bureaucracy alone. Leadership today demands Humility, Stewardship, and a willingness to create environments where others can Grow and Thrive.

Authentically, and Lead Meaningfully, or are we unintentionally reinforcing Cultures of Compliance and Silence?

Because ultimately, the future of organizations will not be shaped only by Strategy or Technology, but by the **Courage, Humanity, and Consciousness** with which we choose to Lead.

Warm regards,
Dr Sujaya Banerjee

CENTREDNESS: ANCHORED FROM WITHIN



The last two months have been an invaluable time Learning/ Teaching and Learning again across many geographies. My **Duke Corporate Education** work combined with Capstone's global Leadership partners is opening up many avenues to ponder..

In a vibrant session discussing 12 Abiding Principles for Leading in the new Economy the Team and their Leader came up with a thought-provoking 13th abiding principle called... **Centredness** from the world of Formula 1 Racing...

BEYOND BUREAUCRACY, TOWARDS LEADERSHIP

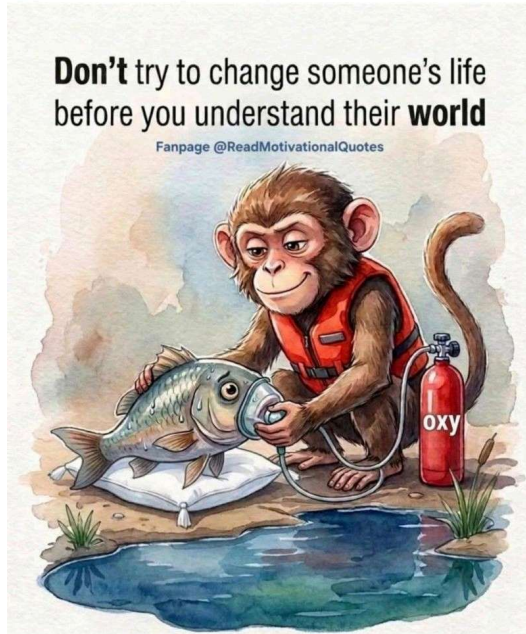


This is a relevant discussion to be had within organizations to reconsider suitable **extensions of the Retirement Age** given improved health, life expectancy and suitability of valuable and experienced Talent. Consider this...

1. Mitigating the "Demographic Dividend" Paradox
2. Combating the Attrition of Intangible Capital
3. The "Sandwich Generation" Financial Strain
4. Leveraging the Longevity Economy
5. Sector-Specific Talent Shortages

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BUILDING CULTURES OF HUMILITY



These past few years have been a grounding experience as Capstone began working with leading Social Development Projects/ Foundations and their Teams both globally and in India...

Helping teams Build Cultures of Humility for Contribution have involved deep introspection of revisiting my own values, beliefs and assumptions while exploring the gratifying world of what it means to be Humble...

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CHALLENGING THE STATUS QUO



In the work we do at Capstone with Leaders across industries and geographies, and the Duke CE Leadership Learning work we do globally, it's not difficult to spot organizations and teams caught in a time-warp they are quite unaware of...

Challenging the status quo can become even more difficult when there are several home-grown Leaders, especially in legacy organizations. So difficult to dismantle what you built yourself... how do you spot Brick and Mortar thinking still persisting in 2026...?

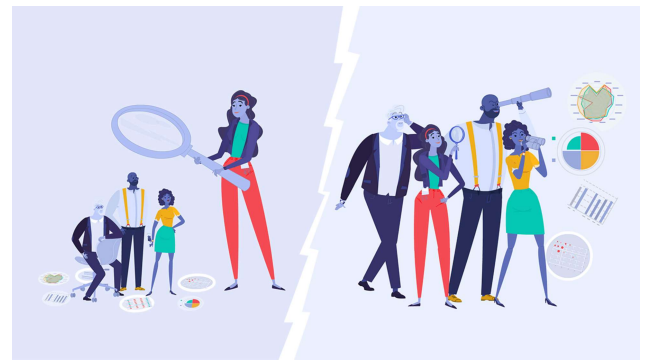
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MICRO-MANAGING TO MENTORING



When I exchange notes with other Leadership Educators around the world, it's not unusual to recognize a common phenomenon emerging as organizations deal with constant change and complexities— to rely on a small set of “indispensable” Leaders—those who generate Revenue yet embody Indiscipline, and are often found missing in Action by their Teams!!!

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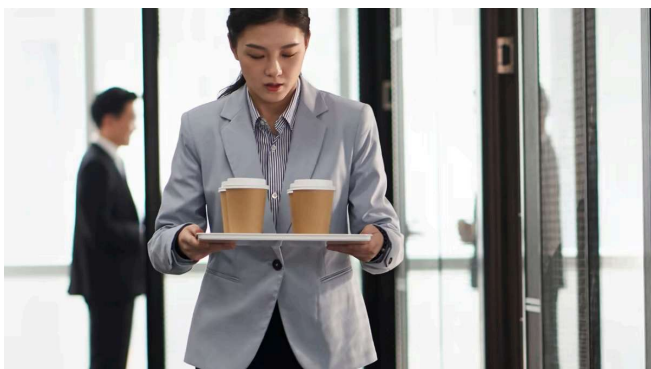


Recent research studies confirm that “overparenting” often backfires. It turns out well-intentioned, excessive involvement limits autonomy and is linked to higher anxiety, lower self-determination, and reduced life satisfaction in young adults.

Here is a breakdown of the specific negative outcomes identified in 2025–2026 studies...

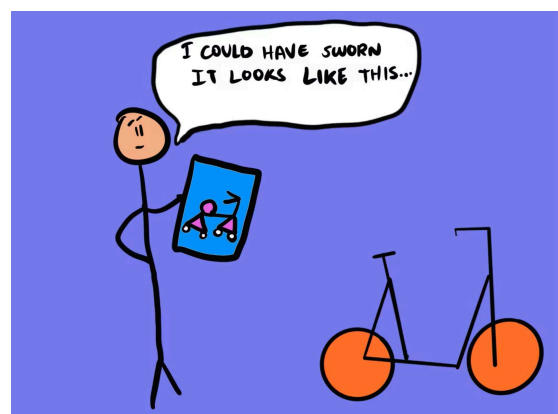
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THE OFFICE HOUSEWORK TRAP



We often talk about the glass ceiling, but less about the “office housework” trap that cements it. For many women executives and senior leaders, inclusion in key meetings comes with an unspoken price-taking notes, organizing coffee, cleaning up slides. It starts as a survival

THE ILLUSION OF EXPLANATORY DEPTH



The illusion of explanatory depth or IOED is a cognitive bias where people believe they understand complex systems (e.g., how a toilet works, a car engine, or economic policy) far more deeply than they actually do. When asked to

mechanism, a way to prove you're helpful and easy to work with....

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provide a detailed step-by-step explanation, they quickly realize their knowledge is shallow.

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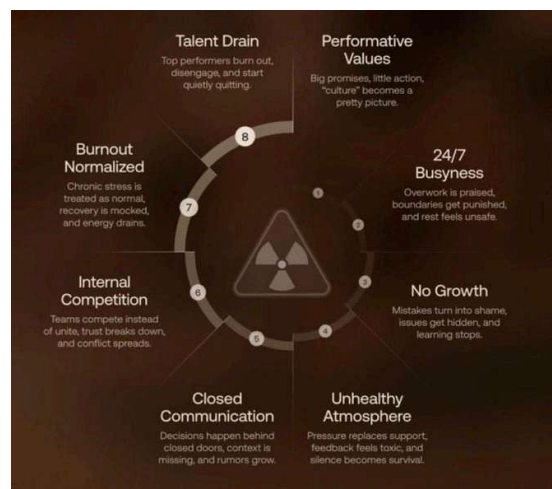


It's a strange, hollow feeling when the work you poured yourself into is presented as someone else's victory lap. It stings even more when that person is a boss you genuinely respect and admire.

If this is a consistent pattern, Silence isn't Humility—it's career erosion. Here's how to protect your work without burning a bridge you value.

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8 STAGES OF TOXIC CULTURE



Everyone is constantly too busy to have the right conversations, as if to say more Action would mean more Solutions... this tendency to DO more mindlessly rather than Pause, Think, Cope –to throw more Action at a Problem so we appear to be doing something... also Lazy Busy as we don't manage time for what is truly important..

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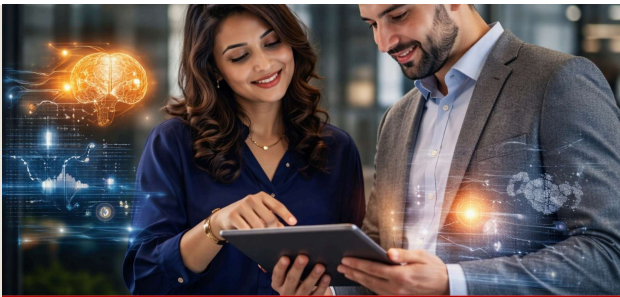
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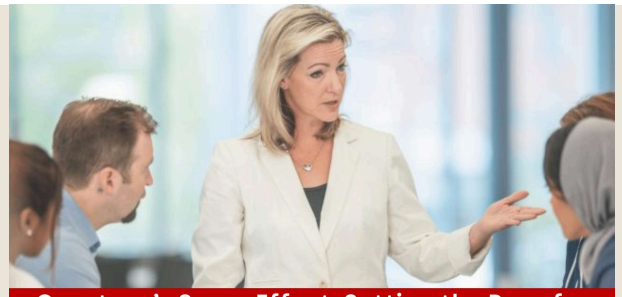


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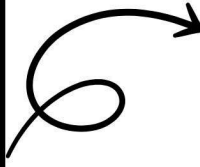
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