

# HOW TO BUILD AN INTENTIONAL CULTURE

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## FIRST THINGS FIRST....

Did you say Organizational Anthropologist???

### **Observable Behaviors**

## **CULTURE**

Values and Beliefs

## INTENTIONAL CULTURE...WHY THIS TOPIC?



Welcome to the Team!

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR CURRENT CULTURE

## TOOLS ANTHROPOLOGISTS USE

## Fieldwork:

- Observations
- Interviews

Ultimately, we seek to understand what the "RULES OF ENGAGEMENT" are—what behaviors are tolerated, expected, rewarded, incentivized, punished...

## WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT CULTURE?

### Areas to Explore:

- 1. Leadership practice
  - Decision making
  - Problem solving
  - Communication/Information flow
- 2. Day to day operations
- 3. Space utilization
- 4. Social norms
- 5. Strategic processes
- 6. Distribution of resources

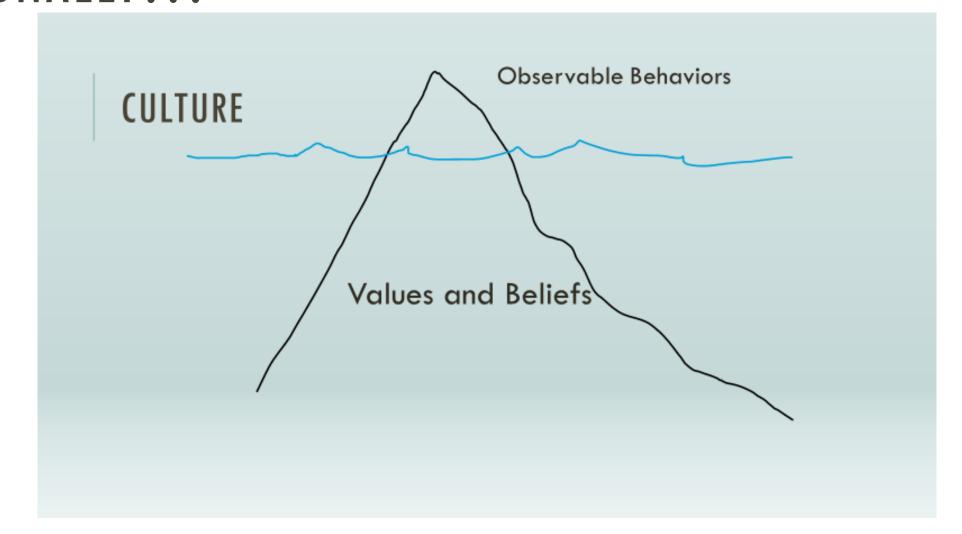
## CULTURE CHANGE- THREE PRINCIPLES

Culture change requires BEHAVIOR change.

Behavior changes must reflect SPECIFIC values and beliefs in order to become habitual.

Behaviors must be incentivized.

# LET'S DISCUSS HOW TO CHANGE CULTURE INTENTIONALLY...



#### **Intentional Culture Worksheet**

What type of culture are you wanting to create:		
What beliefs or values will drive this culture:	What behaviors will support the beliefs or values:	

What will you do differently to start changing culture for your team/organization:

## STEP 1: DEFINE YOUR INTENDED CULTURE

Lean Culture

**Problem Solving Culture** 

Learning Culture

Culture of Continuous Improvement

Culture of Mindfulness

Healthy Culture

Command and Control Culture

Creative culture

Nimble culture

Deeply democratic culture

Etc etc etc....

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## CASE STUDY #1----LEARNING CULTURE

## STEP 2: WHAT VALUES OR BELIEFS MUST BE PRESENT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS CULTURE?

### **Lean Culture**

- Customer focus—we must always be focused on providing value for our customer
- We believe those who DO the work should design the best way to do the work
- Data tells us how our processes are performing

### **Learning Culture**

- Mistakes are a part of the learning process
- Growth and development are important parts of our work
- Performance can always be improved

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# CASE STUDY #2----CULTURE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

# STEP 3: WHAT BEHAVIORS WOULD SUPPORT THESE VALUES AND BELIEFS?

**Lean Culture** 

Value/Belief	Behaviors
Value is determined by the customer	<ul> <li>Follow processes to understand customer requirements</li> <li>Leaders ask what customers want/need from our processes</li> <li>Everyone is focused on reducing waste</li> </ul>
People who do the work are best to design the work	<ul> <li>Decisions about how to do the work happen at the front line</li> </ul>
Data tells us how our processes are performing	<ul> <li>Data tells us how we are performing and drives decisions</li> </ul>

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## LEAN MANAGEMENT

#### FROM....Conventional Management

Voice of manager, or consensus speaks loudest

Disguise problems; only talk about success

Manage based on intuition & experience

Manager as problem solver

Managers in meetings most of the time

Hard on people; if there are problems, blame the person

#### **TO....Lean Management**

Voice of customer speaks loudest

Make problems visible; Be curious- learn from them

Manage based on data

Manager as teacher and coach

Managers on floor, with staff, most of the time

Hard on process; if there are problems, look at the process

## STEP 4: CHANGE BEHAVIORS INTENTIONALLY

#### Leaders:

- Ask more questions—give less answers
- Adopt a "What would our customer want" focus
- Observe more
- Non-leaders
  - What is in my control?
  - How do I show up?
  - What should I focus on in my work that would influence others?

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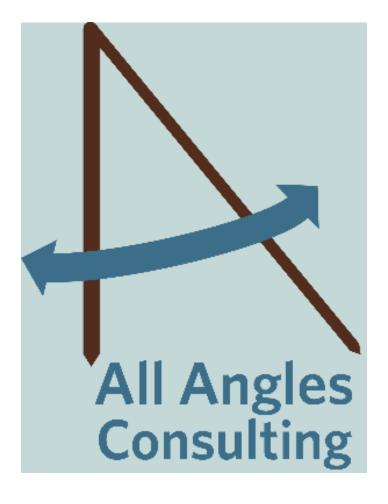




- 1: Observe current behaviors—write them down and look for patterns.
- 2: Based on those behaviors/patterns of behavior, write down what beliefs and values are driving those behaviors.
- 3: Write down your ideas about type of culture would best support the vision in your team/organization.
- 4: Write down what beliefs and values would need to drive that culture.
- 5: Write down the behaviors that would support the beliefs and values for the culture you want to drive.
- 6: Which of those behaviors can YOU change or influence?
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## QUESTIONS/DEBRIEF



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