

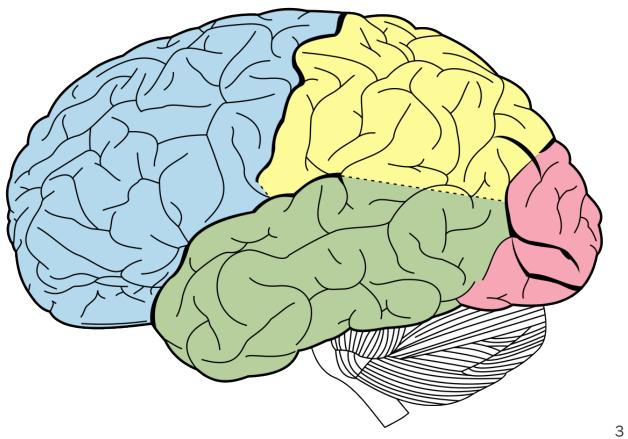
Who We Are

A second decade learning organization. We create relevant, rigorous learning solutions built to instill real change. We are *model agnostic* and believe great learning comes from focusing on the four pillars (our areas of passion) below:

- 1. Context is King
- 2. Design matters
- 3. Embrace integration
- 4. There is Wisdom In and Out of the Room

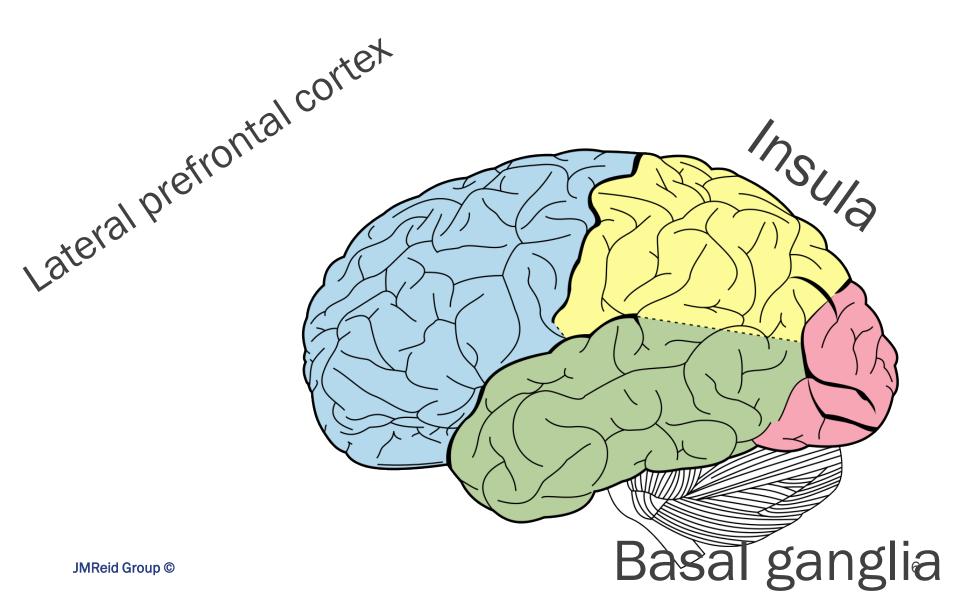
We are focusing on our fourth pillar here. Wisdom out of the room.

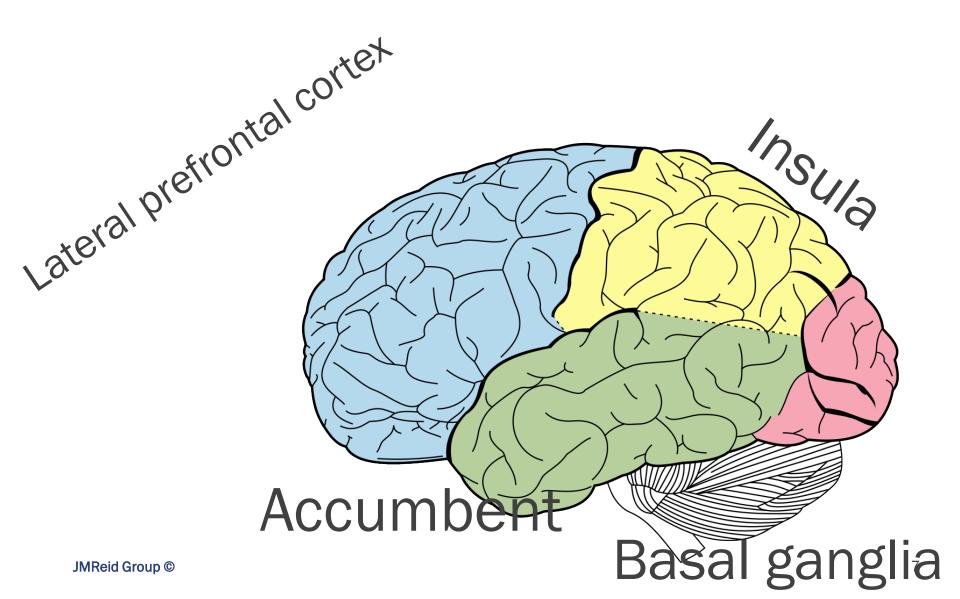


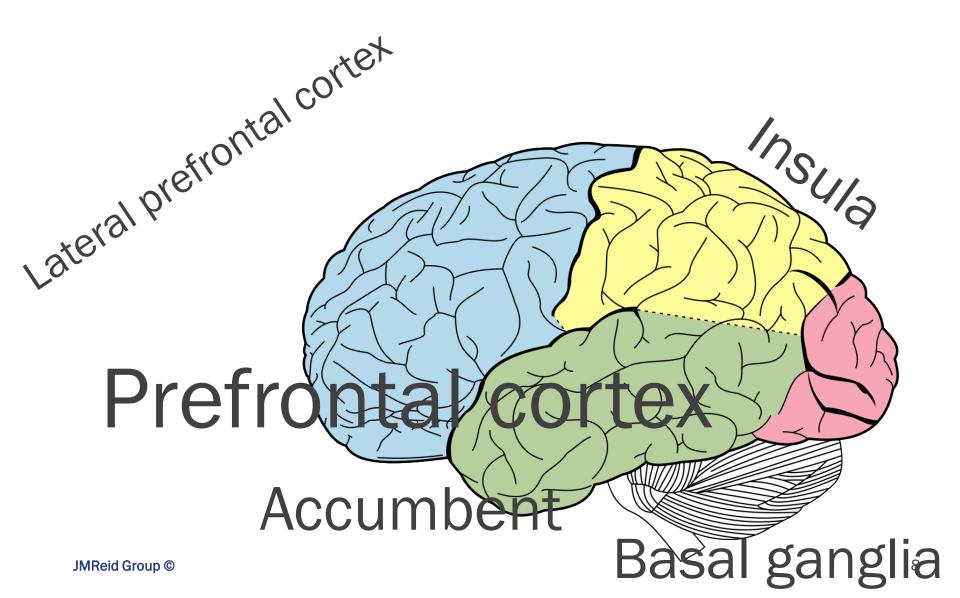


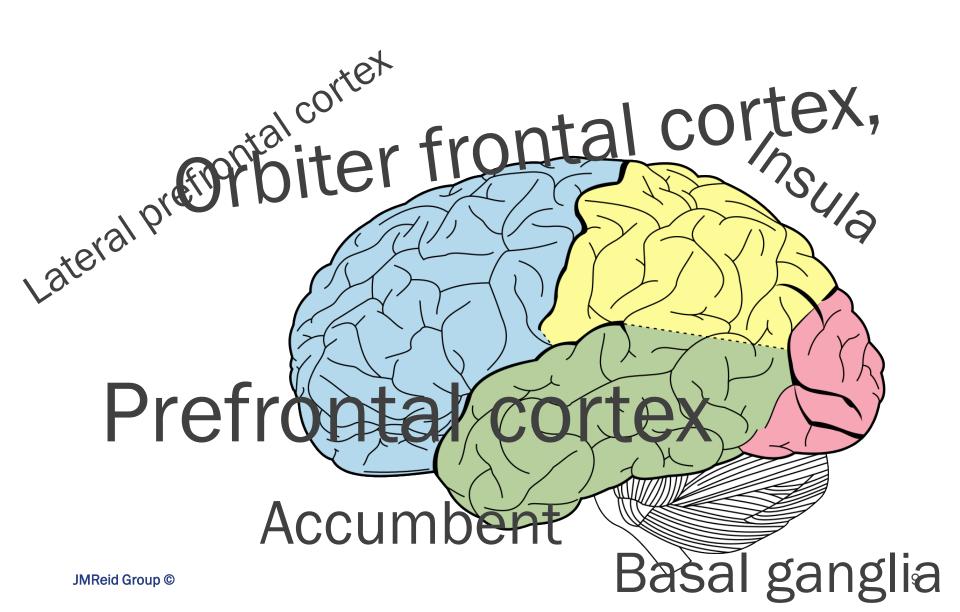
Lateral prefrontal cortex JMReid Group ©

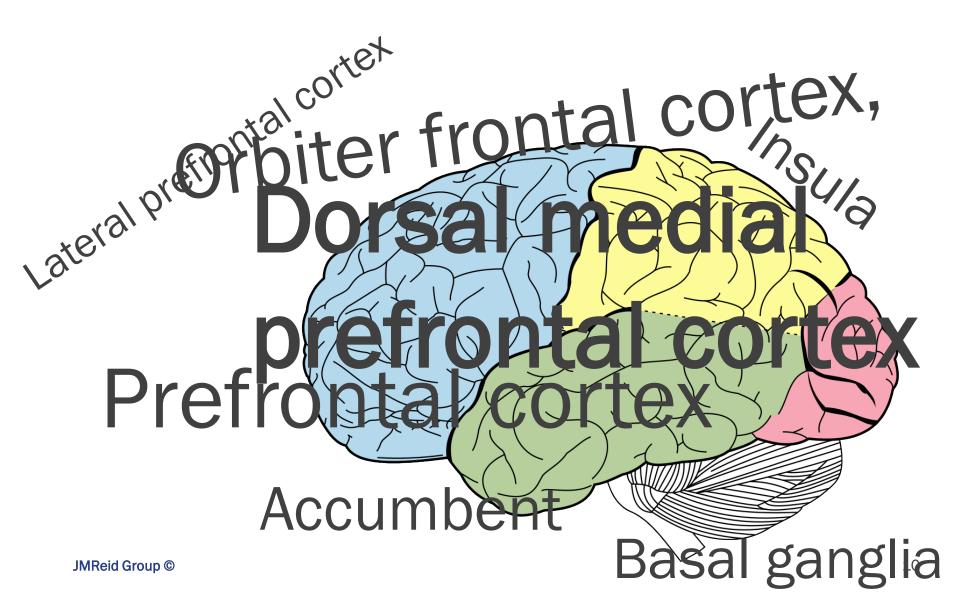
Lateral prefrontal cortex 175412 5 JMReid Group ©











The Problem to Be Solved

- Inference and decision-making machines
- These decisions, over-time, create brain patterns (habits)
- Much of this activity involves making decisions in a manner have the following qualities:
 - Are expedient
 - Meet the decision makers immediate need
 - Reduce tension
 - Solve the presenting problem
- This brain activity is automatic
- The mind is an "unreliable narrator" leading to selflimiting thoughts



How the Problem is Presented to L & D

- "We need strategic thinking."
- "We need to overcome cognitive biases" (System One and Two)
- "Personal vision or leadership legacy work."
- "People need to be more mindful."
- "We need transformational leadership"



About Habitual Decisions

- Leaders make decisions all day long. These decisions are made on a low ground/transactional path.
- Low Ground (Warning Center, Habit Center, Reactive Self Referencing)
- Transactional thinking is not bad per se, since the focus is:
 - Solving problems
 - Making yourself and others happy (win/win)
 - Expedient and identifies simple solutions and obvious rewards
 - Provides a sense of accomplishment/promotion
- The problem? Highly subjective valuations (think biases) that fail to tap into our higher-level brain capability.
- Also many of the messages are self/organizationally defeating.

Self-Defeating Messages



1. All or Nothing Thinking:

Making polarized assessments that things are either perfect or terrible. Taking a black-or-white perspective.

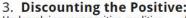
Example: The meeting didn't go as well as it could have—it was a failure.



Catastrophizing:

Taking an event as evidence that disaster is about to strike. Worst-case scenario or "impending doom" thinking.

Example: The customer is going to catch that mistake I made yesterday and fire us—in reality, the customer is happy with your work.



Undervaluing your positive qualities, attributes or contributions. Failing to notice the positive reactions a manager or colleague has given you.

Example: I could have done more to support Arjun in the meeting. He seemed grateful, but I know I didn't do enough.



4. Emotional Reasoning:

Criticizing yourself because you're having uncomfortable responses, emotional or physical, to your self-defeating brain messages.

Example: If I feel like this, I must really be doing something wrong.



5. Mind Reading:

Assuming you know what someone thinks, feels or believes about your actions or words.

Example: When I said it was good to see him again, he looked away.

He must not like seeing me.

6. "Should" Statements:

Indicating your belief that there are particular ways to behave. "Must" or "ought to"

statements set up false
expectations and—whether
you're telling others or they're
telling you—often cause anger,
resentment or frustration.

Example: I should offer to help Tina, or I'm really not a good boss.

7. Faulty Comparisons:

Seeing yourself as inferior to someone else. In making such comparisons, you often disregard the positive and lean on "should" statements.

Example: She has a PhD.; I won't be able to add anything of value to the discussion...



8. False Expectations:

Letting your desire for a certain outcome weaken your ability to see what happened. Often involve "should" statements but come from any of the thinking errors.

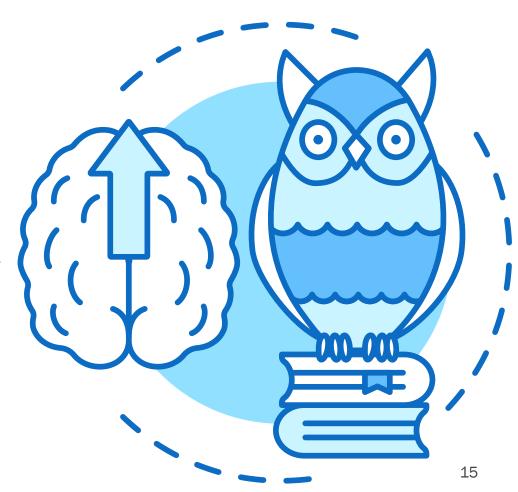
Example: I thought they'd be happy with the result. Why aren't they grateful?



One Answer - Tapping into your Wise Advocate

- The Greeks and Antigone . . .
- Christianity and Conscience
- Judaism "still small voice"
- Buddhists and Mindful Awareness
- Adam Smith and the Impartial Spectator

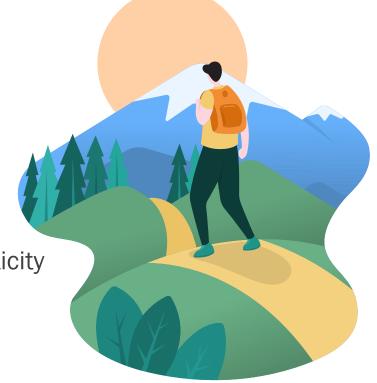
These all speak to an inner voice that when we seek it out – we can be our true best selves – we call this inner voice a Wise Advocate



High Ground Thinking

- Warning Center, Executive Center, Deliberative Self Referencing
- This circuit is invoked by mentalizing, applied mindfulness and metacognition
- The focus here is long-term value and a broad perspective
- Typical questions include:
 - What are all the consequences of this decision?
 - Is this decision consistent with my true self – for example, the leader I aspire to be?

Good News: Self-Directed Neuroplasticity



Knowledge and Skills

- Mindfulness Not the western version but more the traditional approach of seeking Wise Action and compassion for self and others
- Mentalizing The ability to understand the mental state of ourselves and others

Metacognition – Thinking about how we think – asking ourselves high

gain questions



The 4 R's: One Tool

The Four Steps to Overcome Self-Defeating Brain Messages in Relationships

Step 1: Re-label -

Become aware of your self-defeating brain messages. Identify your self-defeating brain messages and the disturbing sensations that come with them; call these what they truly are.

Step 2: Re-frame -

Recognize why self-defeating brain messages bother you so much and lead to thinking errors. Change your ideas about the significance of self-defeating brain messages; identify why these urges and impulses bother you: they are false brain messages. It's not ME, it's just my BRAIN!

Step 3: Re-focus -

Sharply focus your attention. Direct your attention toward an activity or mental process that is beneficial and productive, even while the false and self-defeating brain messages are still hammering at you.

Step 4: Re-value –

Change your perspective of yourself. Perceive the faults, urges, and impulses for what they are, sensations caused by self-defeating brain messages, which are untrue and without value. Don't focus on them; dismiss them.

The Learning Challenge

Most leaders are good and even successful, but they are just being good. They don't know they aren't operating at "great."

You want to really put them in a situation of choice for this learning. You want to get them to practice their high-ground and self-discover.



Design Principles

- Context is king
- Powerful learning encourages risktaking
- Emotion is the seat of attention
- People remember what they say not what you say
- Use movement
- Engage the eye
- Take them on a journey



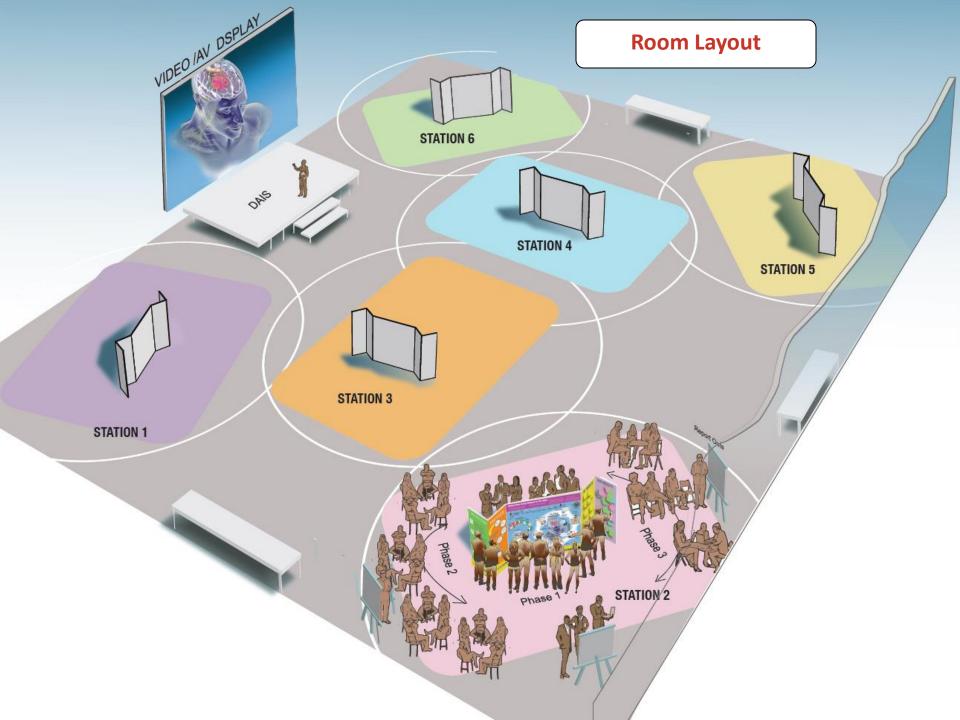
The Edge: Art and Science of Relationship Building

Day one: Building blocks of relationships

- Immersion activity
- Session introduction
- Choose a station I
- Cross-station discussion
- Choose a station II
- Cross-station discussion
- Day one roll-up

Day two: Senior decision-maker relationships

- Apply day one to SDMs
- Day two introduction
- SDM station: Time apart
- Lean on the full firm
- SDM station: Time together
- Time apart strategies
- Session summary



The Edge: Five Stations

	Relationship Context	Headline	Lead Thinker	
1	Being Fully Present in Relationships & Meetings	The precursor and foundation of strong relationships is being fully present. My full presence elicits that in others. Presence communicates confidence.	Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn University of Massachusetts	
2	Allowing Feelings into Relationships & Meetings	We used to believe we were thinking beings who happen to feel. The research clearly shows we are feeling beings who think.	Dr. Antonio Damasio MD, USC	
3	Deepening Relationships through Vulnerability	Vulnerability sounds like truth and feels like courage. Vulnerability is the last thing I want you to see in me, yet the first thing you look for.	Dr. Brene Brown University of Houston	
4	Overcoming Self-Defeating Thoughts in Relationships	Self-Directed Neuro Plasticity. The brain is not "fixed." We can change deep-seated anxieties and fears. The four steps to manage self-defeating thoughts in relationships.	Dr. Jeffrey Schwartz, MD, UCLA Dr. Norman Doidge MD, Cornell	
5	The Upside & Downside of My Expertise	System One (Intuition) and System Two (Thoughtful) are in competition. As experts we unconsciously rely on system one which can negatively impact relationships.	Daniel Kahnemann USA	

Overcoming Self-Defeating Thoughts in Relationships

Making My Brain Work for Me The mind that can manage self-defeating thoughts: understands how you feel physically and emotionallyand is aware of how unhealthy your habitual, automatic Some cell this "meta-ewareness" or "the witness." responses have been for you. The human brain has a strong tendency to take things personally, and to take personal ownership for problems that may in reality be Recent ground-breaking studies in neuroplasticity have shown measurable, permanent change is possible in the human brain at any age. Hebb's Law: Neurons I can make my that fire together, wire together. When groups of nerve cells are often activated simultaneously, they form a circuit and "lock in" segether. Quantam Zeno Effect: Drive Focused attention maintains brain circults so that they can wire together Hebb's law. Once they are locked in toget Center brain work for me the brain will respond to such situati consistently. It's been hardwired. I can change even deep-seated mental tendencies- all without third-party support Self-Directed Neuro-Plasticitv Plasticity: having the ability to be shaped or formed. Neuro-elasticity: any process that results in a change in the heatstructure, circuits, chemical composition, or function. The potents Self-directed neuro-plasticity: using purposeful, focused attention to re-wire my brain Uh Oh The key parts of maintaining Neuro-plasticity is a two-edged sword in creating and brain message When you repeatedly engage in a behavior, you designate that action as preferred. Self-Defeating Thoughts beneficial ways, you actually re-wire your brain to Directly impact the development, quality, depth, and The Proof POST PRE

either took medication or learned the Four

Step approach to deal with distracting,

self-defeating brain messages. The people who used the Four Step method had the

same positive changes in their brains as

those given medications. These measural

changes in the brain occurred because of

the mind's ability to change the brain

Study moults shown at right

Use the Four Steps to Re-wire My Brain and

I must operate outside my area of expertise and so feel out of my depth.

. I feel threatened because a client or colleague has more status, power, or

I must face a client in a difficult client-recovery situation

· I suspect a client or colleague does not like me. · I unintentionally create unnecessary problems with people

Improve Relationships in Any of These Situations:

Adapted from the book You Are Not Your Brein: The 4-Step Solution for Changing Bad Hi Ending Unhaelthy Thinking, and Taking Control of Your Life by Jeffrey M. Schwartz, MD,

2. This US research was later replicated in PRE shows the brain before using the Germany, where the only treatment given to Four Steps and POST shows it 10 weeks participants was an audio CD with an after. There is a noticeable decrease in explanation of the Four Steps. Participant the rCcl, a part of the brain that is able and eignificent change, in other words, the Four Steps are easy to understand and

Am Not My Brain

Assessmen

to you- may prompt ; to take something

Center

feeling down, false thoughts can sneak into our brain

and take up productive time. Stewing over problems or things you can't control

Being immobilized or tentified by unfounded feats

Officizing yourself for what is not your fault

The Mind vs. the Brain

Biology is not destiny; we tend to think, "This is who kern, I will always be this person with this problem. What's the point? I can't beat this thing. I've tried before and nothing has ever worked." Many of us make no distinction between the mind and the brain. The brain is wired to be automatic and energy- efficient; its primary goal is safety in the moment. The mind is able to see pos and to choose. The brain generates desires, impulses, thoughts, and sensations, but the mind o

physical sensations, and so on. It processes that info the bigger picture. The attentive mind can take into account your inherent worth, capabilitie

Cycle of Self-Defeating **Brain Messages** When our thoughts are consistent with our true self, all is fine. But what if we have harmful habits programmed into our automatic neural structurer

and don't know it? Like what if we excessively drink alcohol or shop when stressed because it relaxes us? Whenever a self-defeating measure arises, you experience intense reaction emotional or physical. These feel terrible, and you want them to go away. So, you respond in habitual, self-defeating ways. The automatic parts of the brain are so efficient that these routines become wired into your brain and you don't even know it

You are not in control of your self-defeating brain messages—your brain is! You cannot make these urges disappear through willnesser sions. What you can do ours time is learn to live with the uncertainty feer and enviety that comes with self-defeation brain messages. Do not fight these messages or deny their existence. Stay with the interse teelings, and re-label them, using the first of the Four Steps. Recognize them as self-defeating brain messages.





What's

Tactics

How can I recognize self-defeating brain messages?

One of the best ways to see these is to be attentive to your "negative self-talk" - the insulting things you say to yourself automatically, things that are untrue and that others probably don't suspect you're thinking.

How can I differentiate a selfdefeating brain message from a true message?

Any brain message that is not representative of your Best Self is a self-defeating message. Each of us has a Wee Advocate that can distinguish true from self-defeating messages. The Four Steps are a barricade you can place between your brain's false reality

The Four Steps to Overcome Self-Defeating Brain Messages in Relationships

nsight

Become aware of your self-defeating brain messages, identify your self-defeating brain tions that come with them; call these what they truly

Recognize why self-defeating brain messages bother you so much and lead to thinking errors. Change your ideas about the significance of self-defeating brain messages; identify

Sharply focus your attention. Direct your attention toward an activity or mental process that

Change your perspective of yourself. Perceive the faults, urges, and impulses for what they are, sensations caused by self-defeating brain mess without value. Don't focus on them; dismiss them.

You do not need to do the steps PERFECTLY. All you really need is to put forth a sincere effort to use the steps every day. When dealing with self-defeating brain messages, what matters is not what you think or feel, it's what

Start by simply paying attention. For a week or two, you need only notice self-defeating brain messages, uncomfortable sensations, and the resulting habitual responses.

Getting Started on Step 1

Look for the thinking errors caused by Self-Defeating Brain Messages in the

200	fa a and-earlieding basis sange you'ldow about if or your reliefamility of	What are the amountaristic assertions that accompany this reamage?	What's poor habitual response?	What are your blooking arrant
	in not good snough.	Ownorship to assumed, Sprinners in Jew	Look for resources from someone eige	0.0
Wh	rdidet i Delen to Mee? He was Agits.	Heat treeting strongly, sweeting	Keep spoingably to Met, even shough he says it oldn't mader to him	8,11
ihni	or James; I need to retain	Convinient for eight	Libe abolici or other accepe	8.0
The	g/re-not going to want we in this albation.	Alexicus stormech, scanad	First some reason not to alrew up; so oil the abusins	A.F
	en going to meat up this presentation.	Alaphop in my ears, feel light headed	Find appears to replace the or mediadule	в,н
	t.com important than art; // be-refected.	Glerching in my atomach, diphones in my jay	Resionating make flur of him behind his back	G.F

nsights

. All or Nothing Thinking: making polarized assessments that things are either perfect or terrible. Taking a black-or-white perspective

Example: The meeting didn't go as well as it could have-it was a failure. Catastrophizing: taking an event as evidence that diseater is about to strike.

Worst-case scenario or "impending doorn" thinking. Example: The client is going to catch that mistake I made yesterday and fire us-in reality, the client is happy with your work.

 Discounting the Positive: undervaluing your positive qualities, attributes, or contributions. Falling to notice the positive reactions a client or colleague has Exemple: I could have done more to support Ariun in the meeting. He seemed grateful, but I know I didn't do enough.

I. Emotional Reasoning: criticizing yourself because you're having uncomfortable responses, emotional or physical, to your self-defeating brain messages. Example: If I feel like this, I must really be doing something wrong.

5. Mind Reading: assuming you know what someone thinks, feels, or believes Example: When I said it was good to see him again, he looked away. He must

not like seeing me. 6. "Should" Statements: indicating your belief that there are particular ways to behave. "Must" or "ought to" statements set up false expectations andwhether you're telling others or they're telling you-often cause anger,

Example: I should offer to help Tine, or I'm really not a good bose. Faulty Comparisons: seeing yourself as inferior to someone else. In making such comparisons, you often disregard the positive and lean on

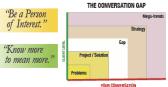
Example: She has a PhD.; I won't be able to add anything of value to the discussion. 8. False Expectations: letting your desire for a certain outcome weeken your ability to see what happened. Often involve "should" statements but come from

any of the thinking errors. Exemple: I thought they'd be happy with the result. Why aren't they grateful?

Station Agenda

Intro; View Video	10 Min	
Study Display	15 Min	
Discuss Insights from Display	15 Min	
Explore Real-Life Application	40 Min	
Discuss Workbook Tactics	10 Min	

Senior Decision Maker Relationships



"Find the Pebble in the Shoe." Don't accept No from someone who can't say Yes."

"Add Value for Time."

Focus: The SDM Conversation

In designing a conversation with a Senior Decision Maker (SDM), partners should leverage Miller Heiman question types. However, great questions are not enough . . . you have to bring great insights. More than a Whitepaper or a timely trade article, these are insights that the client's own resources and network have not uncovered

Armed with these insights, the goal is to challenge the SDM's thinking in a collaborative way. The ultimate objective is to become a trusted thinking partner for the SDM.

Do You Have An Expert Mindset or A Relationship Mindset?



M = Market A = Account = Individual leads to... = Insight I will bring

See Workbook for:

• Expert Mindset/Relationship Mindset Continuum • MAI2

Adding Value for Time
 Gaining Access Checklist 1 & 2
 Relationship Opportunities

• Time Apart Strategy • Relationship Principles

WHAT SDM CONCERNS WILL YOU PURSUE?

Power Questions

A high impact Confirmation, New Information, Attitude, Commitment or Basic Issue

- Require the client to become mentally
- engaged and think before responding Provide information that you might hear if you
- were inside the client's organization Create the potential for larger and more

Power questions provoke a thoughtful response: "Well that's a good question..." "I don't know, I never thought of that..."

. "Hmm, that's interesting; let me think for a minute..."

Power questions:

Display genuine curiosity
 Cause SDM to think, evaluate, or speculate

Confirmation Questions

Questions that validate your data or point out inaccuracies in what you had thought was true.

When we lest spoke you indicated that you needed to have a solution in place by the end of the month. Is that still the case's

During our last meeting you stated that the end of the month was your deadline for a ______solution. Have any compelling events impacted that timeline since then?

New Information Questions

A question that forces you to listen and accept the reality of

What is the one single thing that would have the greatest impact on your business?

If I were in your shoes, I would be torn between expense control and

growth. Which would have the greatest impact on the results share-holders expect right now?

How have the current economic conditions affected your profitability?

Which of the recent perfect storm of economic factors have preyed

Attitude Questions

Questions that identify the SDM's personal needs, values, and attitudes, and thus the urgency that the SDM feels about meeting his or h

In your oninion, what impact has the latest re-

If I overheard the typical front line manager what would they say about the restructuring?

What are your feelings on Mr./Ms. Big's promotion to

I was thinking about Mr./Ms. Big's promotion to SVP?

A question that helps you locate your current level or position and at the same time makes it possible for you to move toward the next higher level.

Are we in agreement that the next logical step is for you to set up a date when we can _

Based on where we are in the process, experience shows that the next logical step is to arrange a date when we can ___

Rasio Issue Questions

A question that will help you to understand your SDM's reasons for feeling that the situation is a Loss and uncover what still needs to be done to turn the situation into a Win.

is there any part of our approach that you think might be

What is the "pebble in your shoe" that is leading to you not

Do you know of any reason our proposal would not be accepted?

What in your view are the strongest points of our proposal and where might we be a little weaker's



The Company

The company has a strong presence across the world with a diversified portfolio and end-user profiles.

. The company principally sells its products through

Armstrong is a leader in the design and manufacture of floors and ceilings; its innovative residential and commercial product designs, solutions and services

enable its customers to deliver the exceptional interi or spaces they envision for themselves and their clients. In 2013, Armstrong's consolidated net sales

from continuing operations totaled approximately

\$2.7 billion. Based in Lancaster, Pa., Armstrong operates 35 plants in 8 countries with approximate 8,700 employees and sells products in more than

History

authorized building distributors, who resell these prod-ucts to installers and retailers.

Armstrong has a substantial amount of debt. The company has the opportunity for expansion across emerging markets, including China.

Involveduciti I metu cuiq N Su 2 Sec.3

EX FINALLY TEN PROPERTY OF FINALLY TOE

one of the reasons we have stood the test of time is our

When it all began in a tiny two-man cont-cutting shop in 1860 in Pittsburgh, our na-tional frontier barely reached beyond the western mountain ranges. Tom Armstrong's first deliveries of hand-carved corks were by wheelbarrow. The son of ordinary Scotch-Irish immi-

grants from Londondery, Torn Armstrong steered his struggling company through the Civil War, financial panics, disastrous factory fires and a cutthroat marketplace. He succeed-

ed because he relied upon a family credo of hard work and faith. He attracted and

in the production and sale of quality products that bore his family

fairness and in the 'balanced best interests of customers,

Pioneering Modern Business

Armstrong was among the first of American entrepre-neurs to discard the old business maxim of caveat

emptor, "Let the buyer beware," and practice a new

principle - "Let the buyer have faith." He was a branding pioneer, too, stamping "Armstrong" on each cork as early as

1864. And soon he was tucking a written guarantee into the burlap sacks of cork shipped from a big new factory on a Pittsburgh riverbank. As buyer confidence in the Armsto. brand of product and service grew, so did national sa In the mid-1890s, Armstrong emerged as the world's largest corri company and was incorporated in 18

held dedicated employees who shared the same values. He took pride

devotion to our operating principles and our com-mitment to acting responsibly and with integrity

mitment to acting responsibly and with integrity everywhere we work. That commitment in-

cludes fundamental ethics about how we

our planet.

treat our people, our partners and

business from domestic and international manufacturers In addition, environmental regulation both here and abroad is a growing concern

Armstrong HANGIALS NYSE optimistic about residentia The recovery is a little shotty.

but there are areas like the The commercial market has gotten tougher for us. How ever, we've been in Asia for 15 or 20 years but what we want to do is take it further. And we're

David S. Schulz Chief Financial Office Chief Executive Officer in China for Asian

Thomas B. Mangas Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, 9/8/12 Matthew Espe Armstrong Floor Products

President, Chief Executive Officer, Director of Arm-Senior Vice Presider strong World Industries Inc., Mr. Espe has been CEO Chief Compliance Officer 2010. Previously, Mr. Espe was Chairman and CEO of Ricch Americas Corporation, a subsidiary of Ricch Thomas M. Kane Company, LTD., a provider of document managemen

Senior Vice President -Human Resources and

The Armstrong

Team

James J. O'Connor

the Board

Senior Vice President

Victor D. Grizzle

Stephen F. McNamara Vice President, Controlle

solutions and services

Early on, the company began to find new uses for cork and let one product lead logically to another. Corkboard led to fiberboard, fiberboard led to ceiling board, cork tile and linoleum insulating corkboard and brick, and then lincleum floors. A new factory rose from a comfield on the edge of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and in 1909, a year after Thomas Arms the company started making and selling linoleum, the first in a robust floo ing product portfolio to come. The Armstrong formula for success became clear - stick to your core busines

and your core values but adapt to changing conditions as the market and your custome

demand – a philosophy that's alive and well in

Station Agenda

Time Apart MAI

70 Min

- Market and Account
- Individual
- Insight
- Gaining Access

Return to Group Discussion

45 Min

60 Min

Lunch

Senior Decision Maker Conversation

Power Ouestions

Preparing for the Conversation

Application

Return to Plenary

Thank you!

We hope this was helpful and sparked your interest in the Wise Advocate and JMReid Group.

For more information please contact us:

John Reid

President and CEO, JMReid Group

John@jmreidgroup.com

Phone: (856) 397-6157

www.jmreidgroup.com