The Advantage & The Five Dysfunctions of a Team & The Ideal Team Player
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The Advantage: Why Organizational Heath Trumps Everything Else in Business

- **Smart**
  - Strategy
  - Marketing
  - Finance
  - Technology

- **Healthy**
  - Minimal Politics
  - Minimal Confusion
  - High Morale
  - High Productivity
  - Low Turnover

The 4 Disciplines of a Healthy Organization

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<td>3) Over-Communicate Clarity</td>
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*It takes 7x before they believe it

The Five Dysfunctions of a Team:

- **Results**
  - The team is #1: The team you're on, not the team you lead
  - Peer Accountability
  - Behavioral Accountability Precedes Results*

- **Accountability**
  - Weigh in, but once the team comes to a decision all must buy-in
  - No saying “well I didn’t want to do it this way, but the others out voted me…”**

- **Commitment**
  - If it’s not ideological then it devolves to people conflict; this is predicated on Trust

- **Upfront Ideological Conflict**

- **Vulnerability-based Trust**

*Behavioral accountability: behaviors precede results; leaders hold one another accountable for behaviors not just results.

**Disagree and commit: consensus is usually never the correct strategy for a complex world. Debate and fully vet ideas through constructive conflict. When all sides have been heard, the decision maker acts and the rest commit to it. Teams should not allow splinters because one person did not get her/his way.
The Ideal Team Player is:

- They want to get the job done
- They’re good with people
- They care about the organization

Hiring the ideal team members:
- Stop focusing on technical skills & measurable
- Improve interviewing
  - Avoid silo’ed interviews
  - Conduct non-traditional interviews

Sample interview questions:
“What would your spouse/significant other say if we asked them if you hold grudges?”
  - Ask questions more than once

- Scare people with sincerity:
  “If [this] sounds like you and you can handle this, you’re going to enjoy working here, and we’ll enjoy working with you. If not, you’re going to have a hard time, and you should probably just opt out now.”

Humble

“Not being selfless, but rather thinking of yourself less”

Hungry

Work hard to get things done

Loveable Slacker

Accidental Mess-Maker

The Ideal Team Player

The Pawn

The Bulldozer

Skillful Politician

The Charmer

(Interpersonally)

Smart