

# THE SCIENCE OF Change & Influence

Handouts



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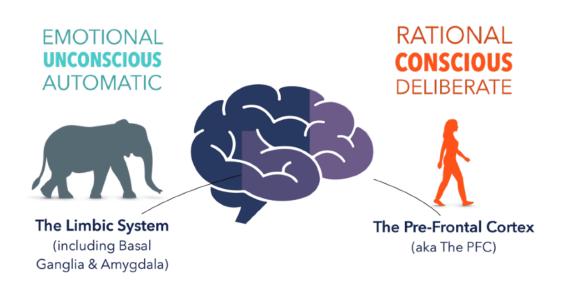


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# Mindset Essentials



#### Cognitive Appraisal:

Your personal interpretation of a situation that ultimately influences the extent to which the situation is perceived as stressful.

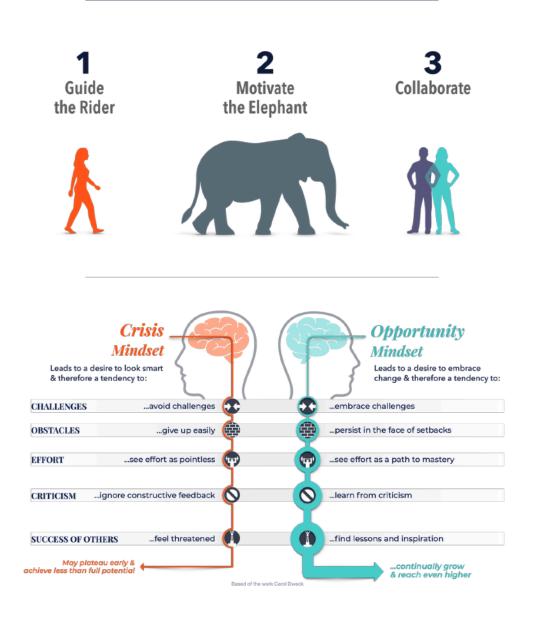
Your cognitive appraisal influences your neurophysiology, which influences how you perform.

#### Crisis vs Opportunity

Crisis / Threat	Opportunity
<ul> <li>Increases self-doubt, degrees energy and inhibits judgement</li> </ul>	Increases adrenaline
• Increase in noradrenaline which results in vasoconstriction of the smooth muscle lining the blood vessels	<ul> <li>Dilation of the lungs and relaxation of smooth muscle lining blood vessels, meaning more oxygenated blood flow reading the areas that need it</li> </ul>
• Results in a decrease in oxygenated blood reaching the muscles and tissues that need it (including the prefrontal cortex)	<ul> <li>Increase in energy, clarity and perspective required for rational decision-making</li> </ul>



### Three-Part Framework for Change



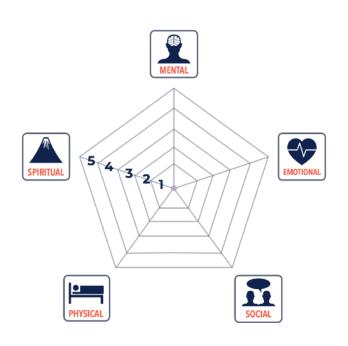
#### Shift from crisis to opportunity mindset via Cognitive Shifting

#### COGNITIVE SHIFTING EXPRESSIONS

- What are my options?
- What can I learn here?
- What's within my control?
- What's the opportunity here?
- What could I do differently next time?
- What action will I take?



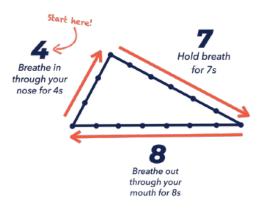
## Changesilience Matrix



#### Breathing Technique - 4-7-8

#### Used by Navy Seals.

- Instantly calms the mind (engaging the conscious mind through counting), better enables you to manage your emotional responses and mental processes and reduces your body's <u>stress</u> <u>response</u> by calming the central nervous system, helping you feel more relaxed.
- Inhaling & Alertness: When you inhale, your diaphragm moves down, allowing more space for your heart. Blood flows more slowly through the heart, which triggers the brain to send a signal to speed up your heart rate. Thus, if you want to be more alert, inhale longer than exhale.



• Exhaling & Relaxation: When you exhale, your diaphragm moves up, resulting in less space for the heart. Blood flows faster through the heard, which triggers the Brian to send a signal to slow down your heart rate. Thus, if you want to be more calm, exhale longer than inhale.



#### **Energy Management:**

The Intelligent use of emotion ('emotional intelligence').

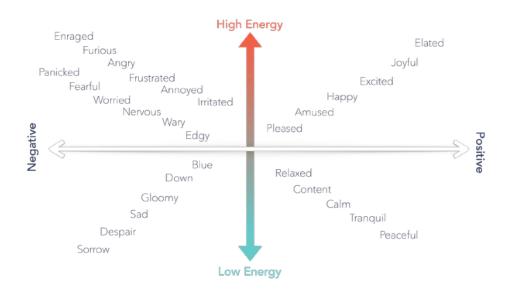
#### *Emotions = Data*

In psychology, emotional state is derived from two factors:

- 1. A Physiological component sensation based on physiological arousal, and
- 2. A Cognitive component your brain 'interprets' this arousal in light of 'context'.

#### Energy Management Tool – Energy Plot

- All emotions have energy behind them, and these energy states manifest across two dimensions: either high energy or low energy, and leading to a 'positive' feeling or a 'negative' feeling.
- Psychologists will use these two dimensions to help individuals identify their emotional state, and this 'data' can be vital if it's 'intelligently' and 'strategically' used.



- Different energy quadrants are conducive to different tasks. For example:
  - A high energy, positive state is vital for cognitive tasks involving creativity, innovation, blue-sky thinking and big-picture problem solving;
  - A slightly low energy, slightly negative state is best suited for cognitive tasks involving detail-oriented problem finding and critiquing.



#### Gratitude causes...



Changes the molecular structure of the brain; reducing stress



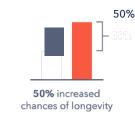
A 25% increase in happiness by boosting serotonin and dopamine



Activates multiple brain 'reward' regions and the hypothalamus

Emmons & McCullough, 2003, Mindfulness Awareness Research Center, UCLA; National Institute of Health, 2009; Fox, Kaplan, Damasio and Damasio, 2015.

#### **Benefits of Social Connection**







Stronger gene expression for **immunity** 



Better emotional regulation skills



Lower rates of **anxiety** and **depression** 



Social connection creates a **positive** feedback loop of social, emotional and physical wellbeing

Based of the work of Emma Seppälä, Science Director, Stanford Center For Compassion And Altruism Research And Education

#### Influencing through Change

# Leading the team:Leading yourself:Image: Delta construction of the team:Image: Delta construction of team of team