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“The test of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, for the greatness that is already there.”

-James Buchanan

Introduction

This module serves as an introduction to the academic study of leadership and leadership theory, encouraging students to dissect leadership concepts through both objective and subjective lenses. Though this module is heavily discussion-based, it should never be presented as complete lecture. Discovery should be organic for students, as discussion should focus not on the mechanism, but rather on the viability, applications, and implications of each theory/model.

Objectives

1. Students will be able to identify, differentiate, and analyze various leadership theories.
2. Students will understand the historical and social context of each theory.
3. Students will be prepared to apply their understanding of leadership theory in practical leadership scenarios.
4. Students should develop a better sense of objectivity and critical thinking in the LEAD classroom.

Agenda

1. Trait Approach
2. Skills Approach
3. Behavioral Approach
4. Review