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LCOR:

Leading Change and Organizational Renewal

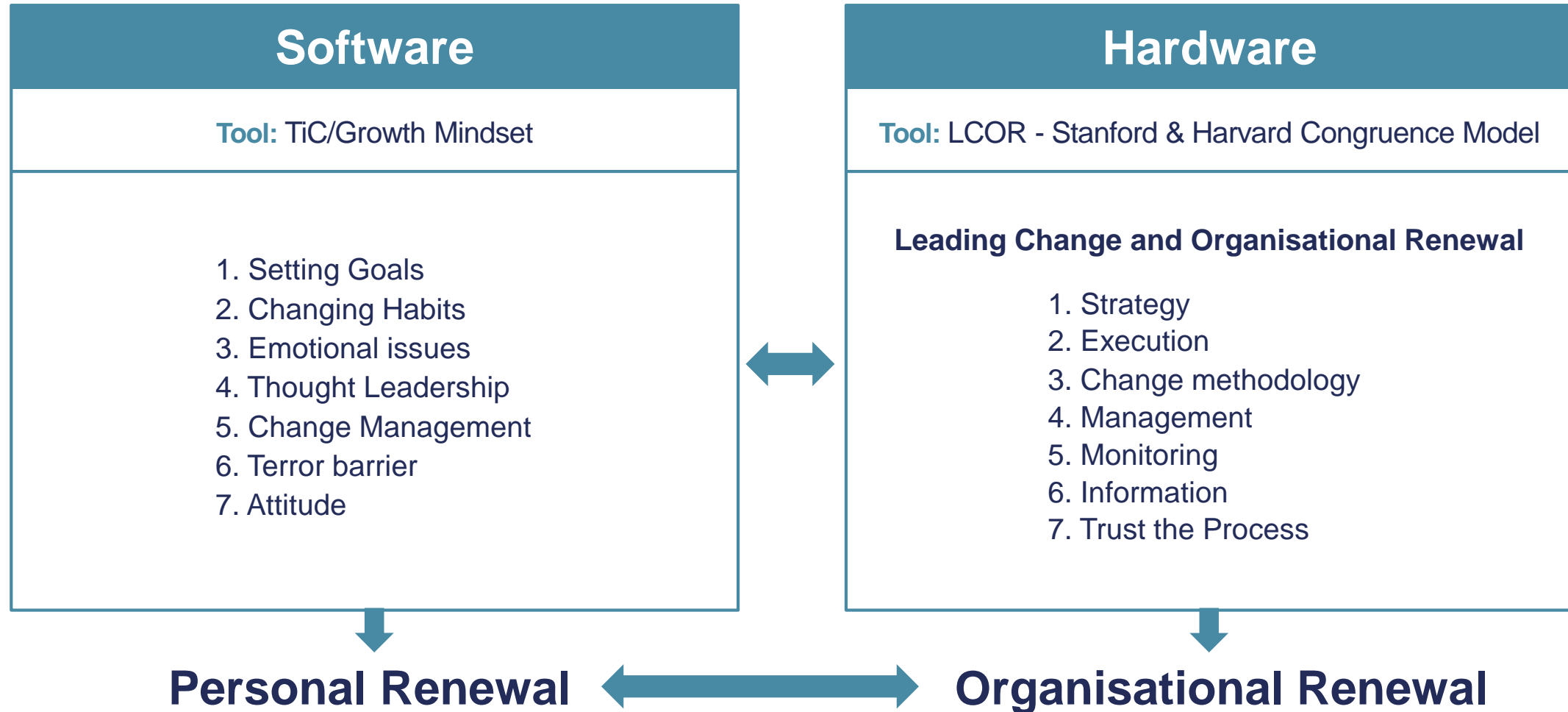
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OHP Organisational/Human Personal Renewal



Fixed Mindset

Abilities are **INNATE**

I **CAN'T** do this

AVOID challenge

PROVE

HIDE mistakes

EXCUSES

Feedback is **CRITICISM**

Growth Mindset

Abilities are **INCREMENTAL**

I can't do this **YET**

SEEK challenge

IMPROVE

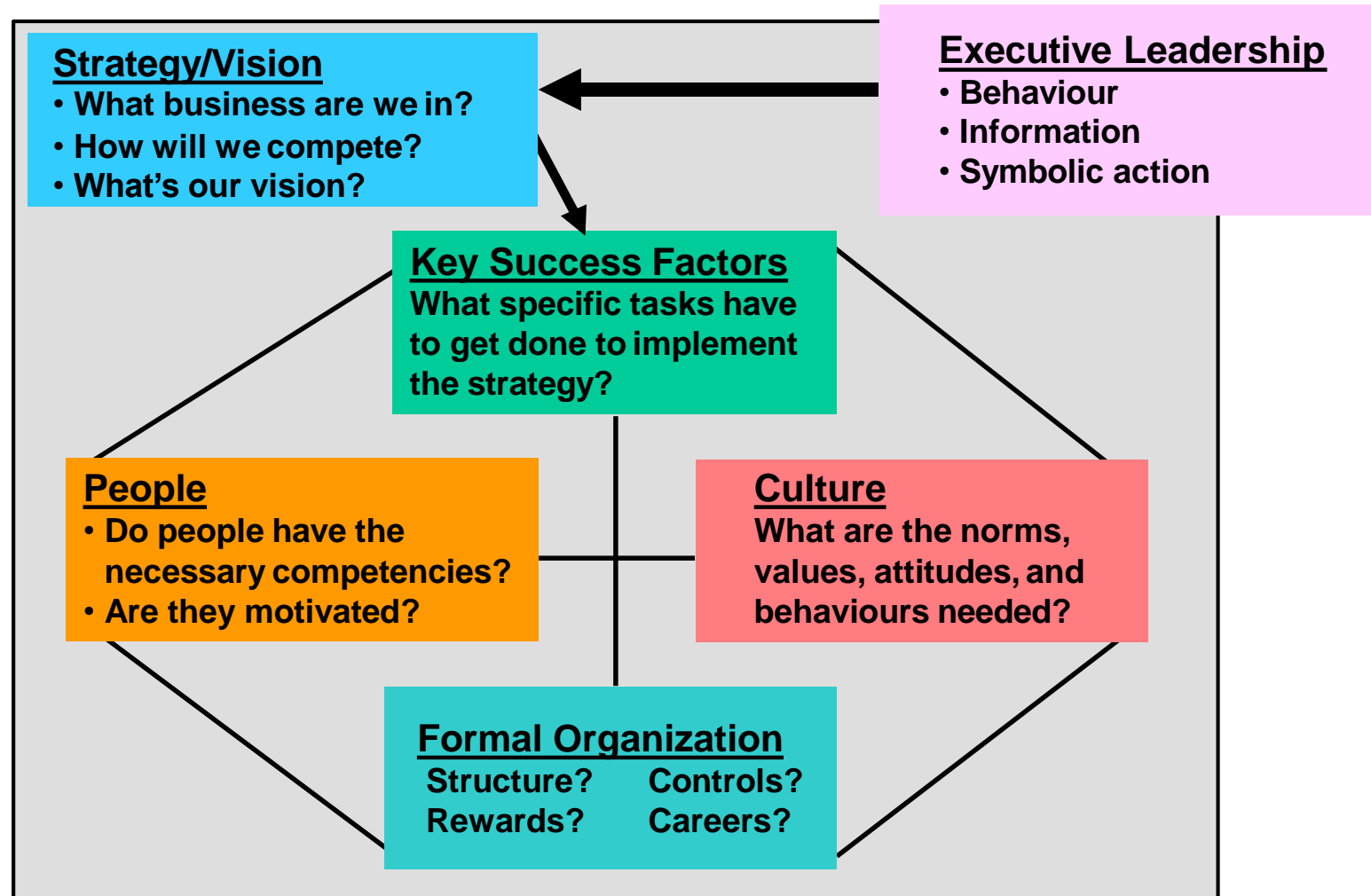
EXAMINE mistakes

OPPORTUNITIES

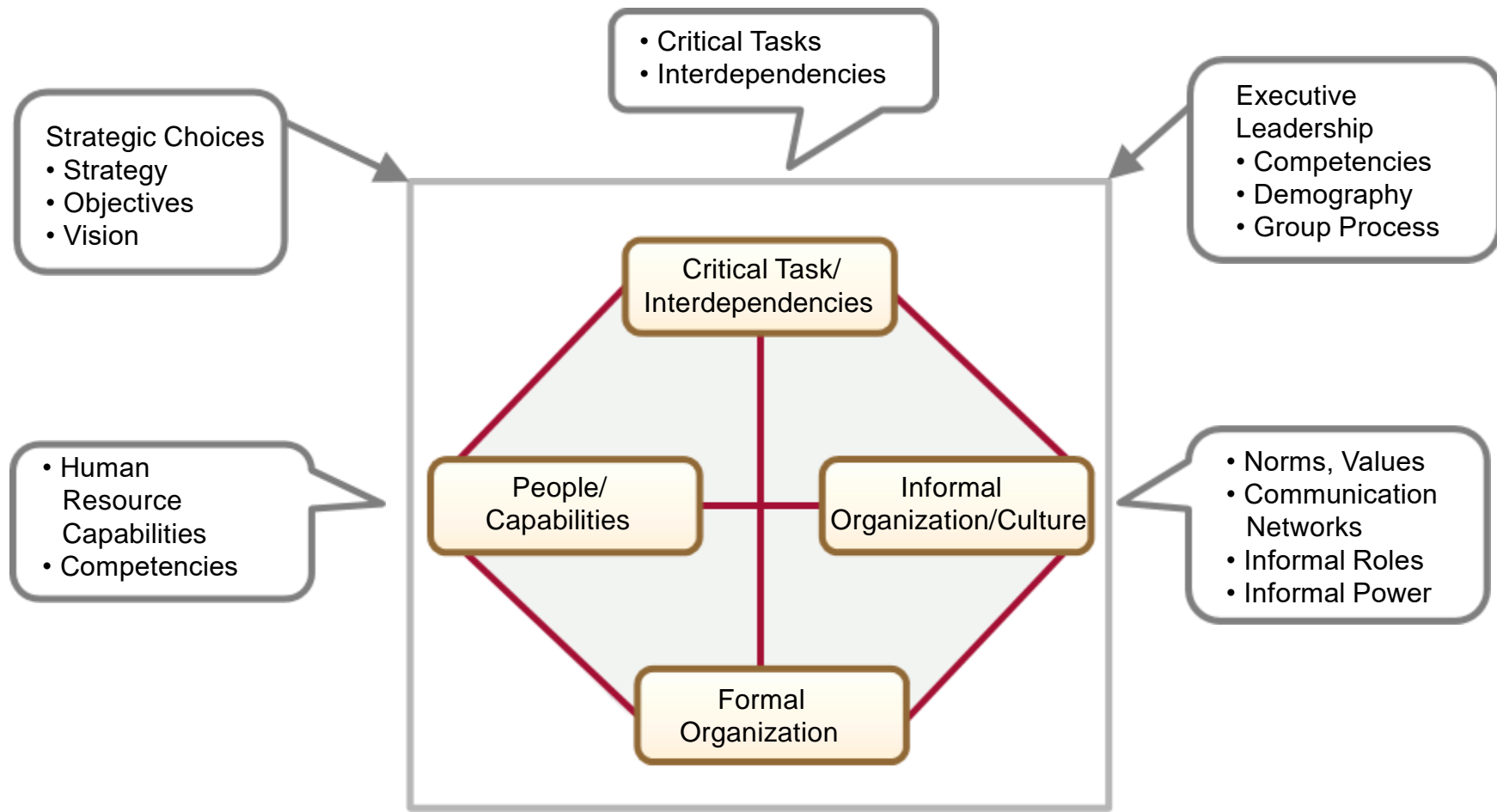
Feedback is **ADVICE**



Success comes from alignment



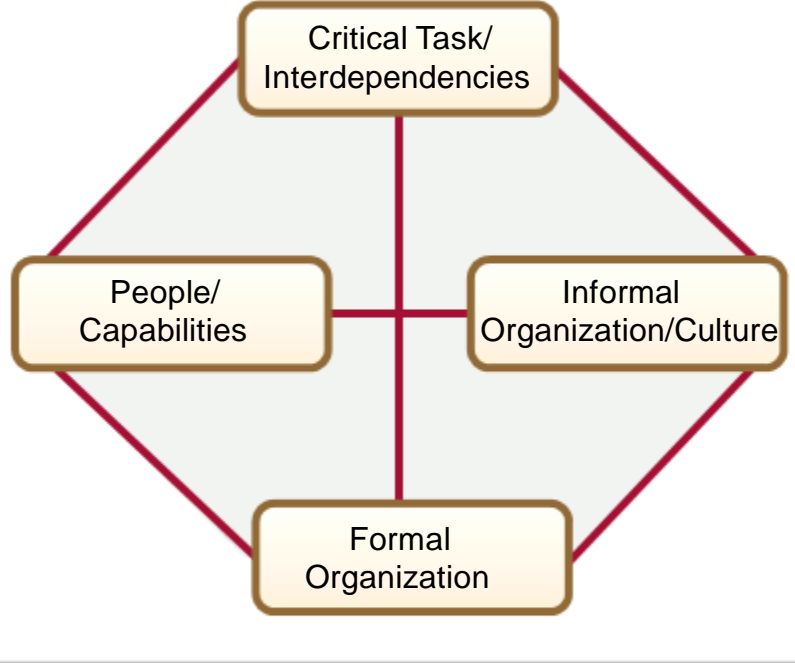
Fit → Performance



- Critical Tasks
- Interdependencies

- Strategic Choices
- Strategy
- Objectives
- Vision

- Executive Leadership
- Competencies
- Demography
- Group Process



- Norms, Values
- Communication Networks
- Informal Roles
- Informal Power

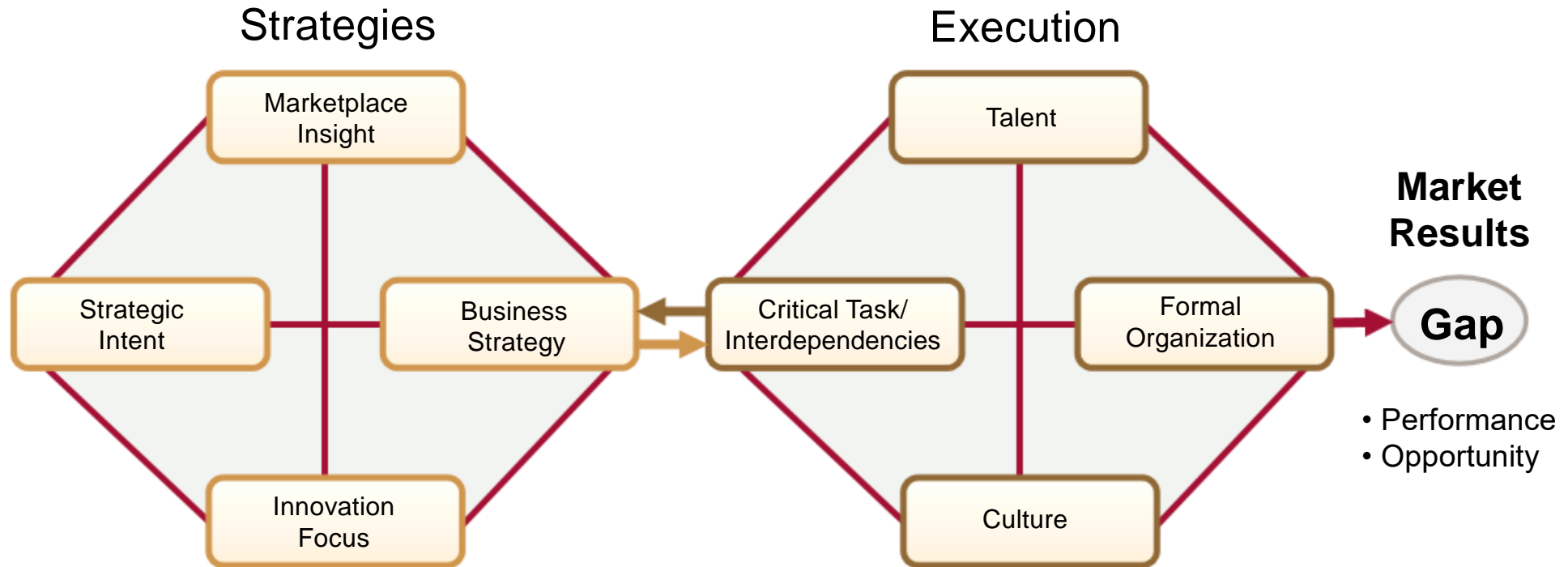
- Human Resource Capabilities
- Competencies

- Strategic Grouping
- Formal Linking
- Rewards
- Information Systems
- Human Resource Management Systems
- Career Systems

Congruence Model

Leadership, Innovation, and Change: Learning Model

LEADERSHIP

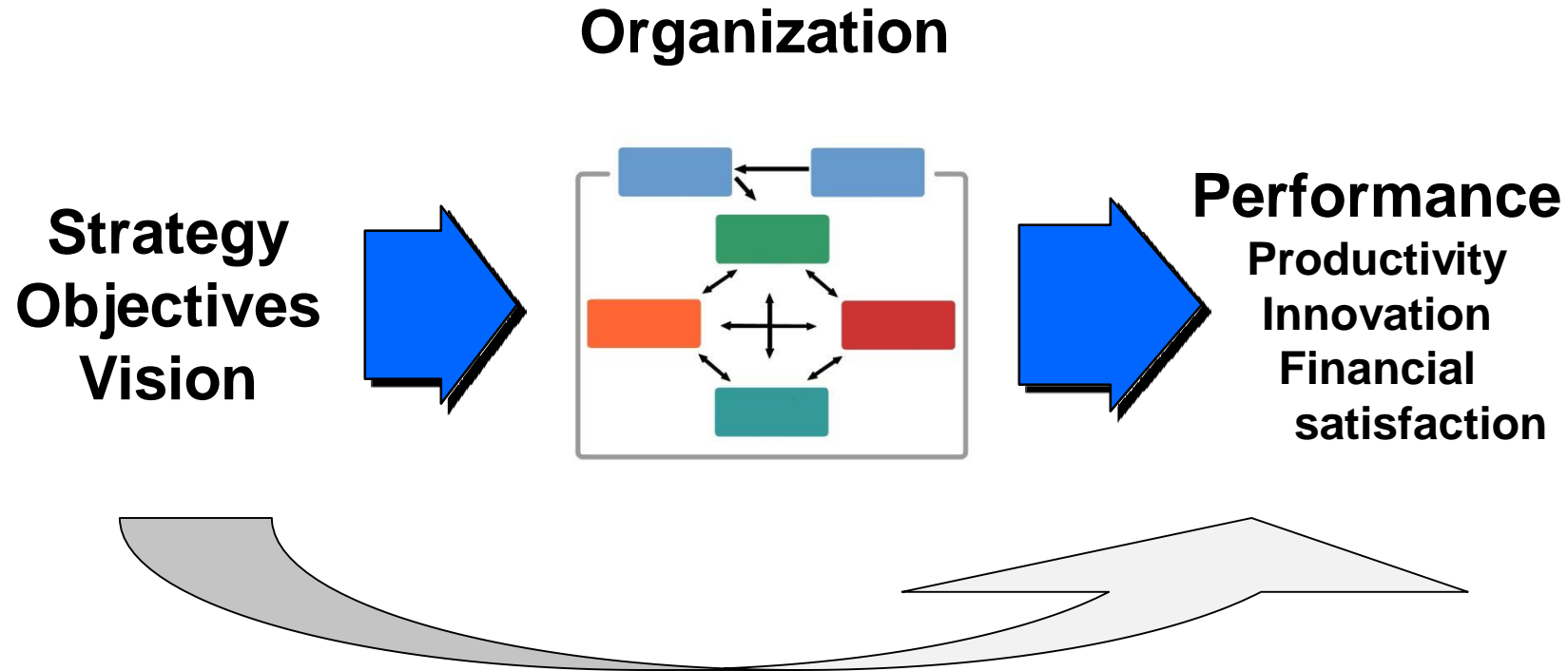


VALUES

Strategic Insight

Strategic Execution

Performance/Opportunity Gaps



Performance and Opportunity Gaps

- Multiple gaps
- Prioritize

Performance/Opportunity Gaps

**Gap = misalignment
of outputs and
objectives**

- **Performance gap is occurring now**
- **Opportunity gap may happen in the future**



Steps

- 1. Identify gaps**
 - Clearly defined
 - Quantifiable
- 2. Prioritize key gaps**
 - Cost, strategic impact
- 3. Determine business owner**

Performance and Opportunity Gaps

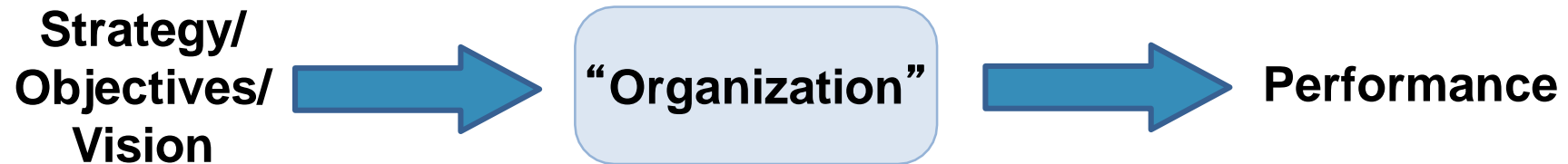
- **Performance gap:** Our revenue growth over the past 10 years has lagged the market (4% vs. 8%). Our goal is to break out of this pattern of low growth and achieve 10% profitable revenue growth in the next 24 months. Achieving this will result in an estimated \$5 billion in top line growth.
- **Business owner: vice president of line of business**
- **Performance gap:** The firm has grown dramatically over the past five years. During this period the quality of our products has declined. Our attempts at introducing six sigma have failed and we have lost five points in market share in the past 12 months. Each point lost represents roughly \$500 million in revenue.
- **Business owner: vice president, quality**

Performance and Opportunity Gaps (cont.)

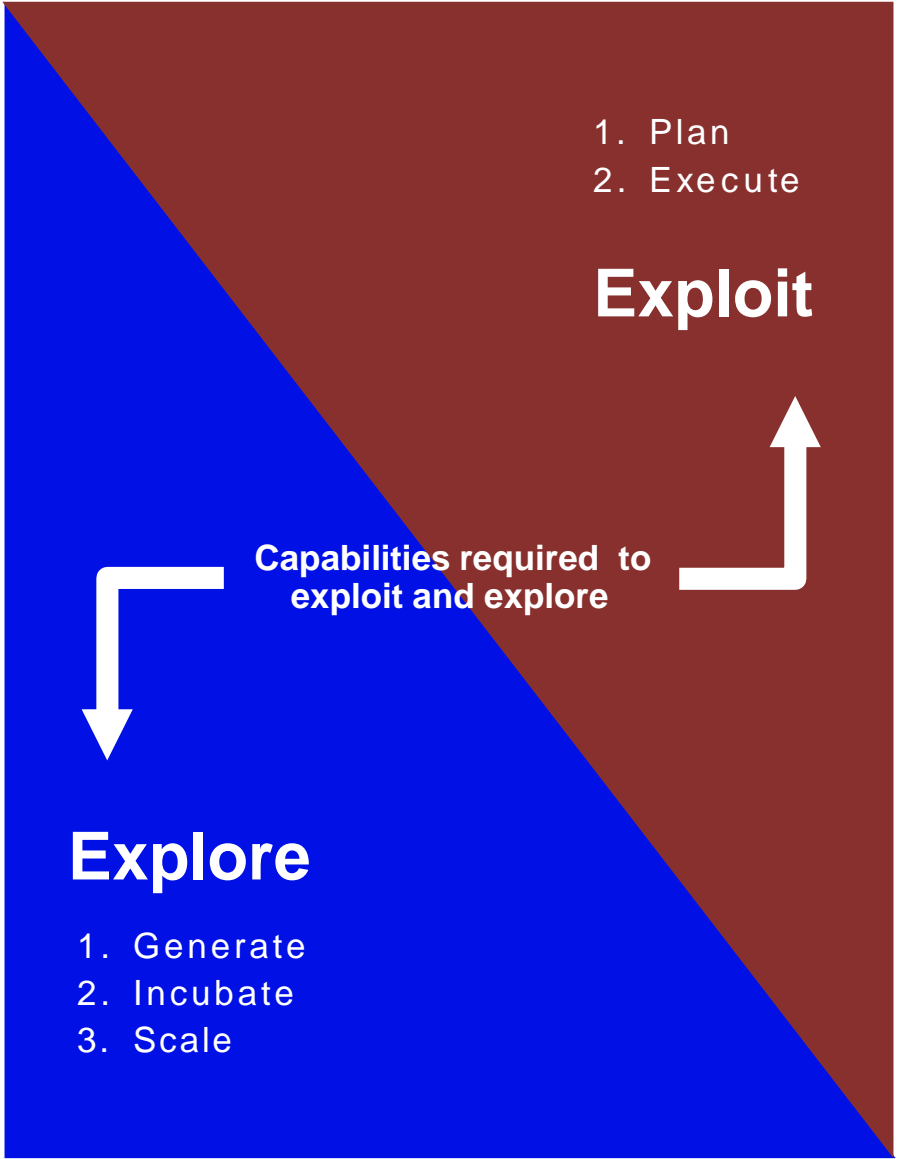
- **Opportunity gap:** Current revenue growth per customer in our existing markets is growing only slowly (5% per annum) and customer expectations are increasing. If we are able to move up the stack and provide solutions rather than point products, we should be able to increase revenues and profits by 20% over the next three years.
- **Business owner: division general manager**

Performance Gap

- Difference between objective and outputs
- Multiple gaps
- Prioritize performance gaps



- Reactive problems vs. opportunity gap



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**Actual
resources
dedicated to
exploring:**

3.2%

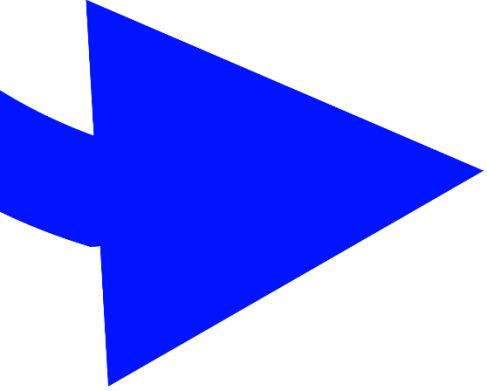
Explore



Exploit

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e

Generate

Incubate

Scale

EX

Two MBA courses in 10 minutes

“Sustainable competitive advantage”
is achieved when a firm or business unit is able to do things that add value for the customer but that are difficult for their competitors to either imitate or replicate.

- ✓ **What business are we in?**
- ✓ **How will we compete?**

The strategy course in 1 slide

Customer Selection

What customer segments do we choose to serve (and not to serve)?

Value Proposition

What will we offer our customers and how will we be differentiated from our competitors?

Value Capture

How will we make money?

Scope of Activities

What activities will we perform, and what activities will we rely on partners?

Strategic Control

How will we defend our profitability?

Items for Consideration/Discussion



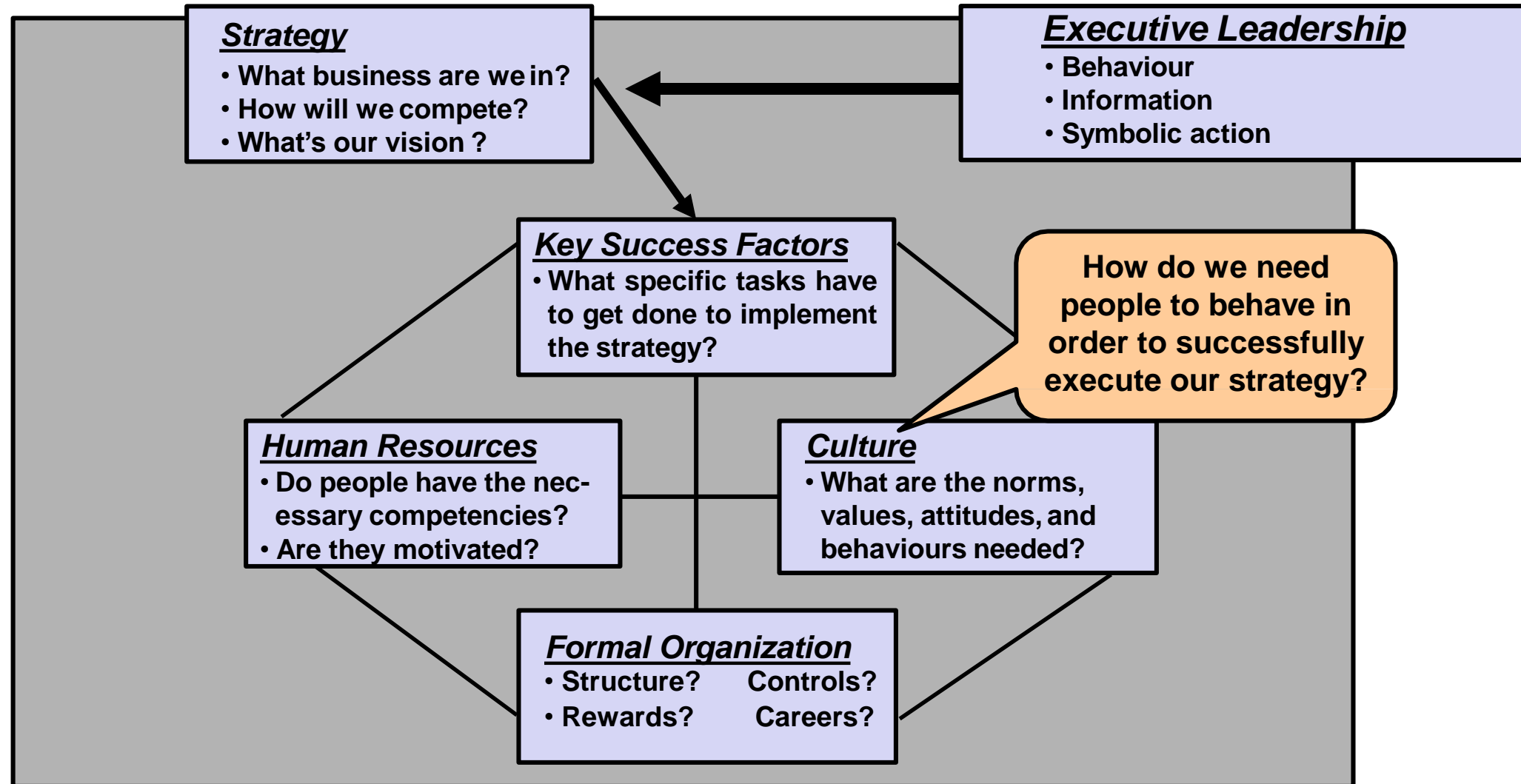
What does this mean for your customers?

What other startups might want to offer these services to your customers?

What products and services do you need to deliver that you do not currently?

How can your company's core technology and relationships provide unfair advantage

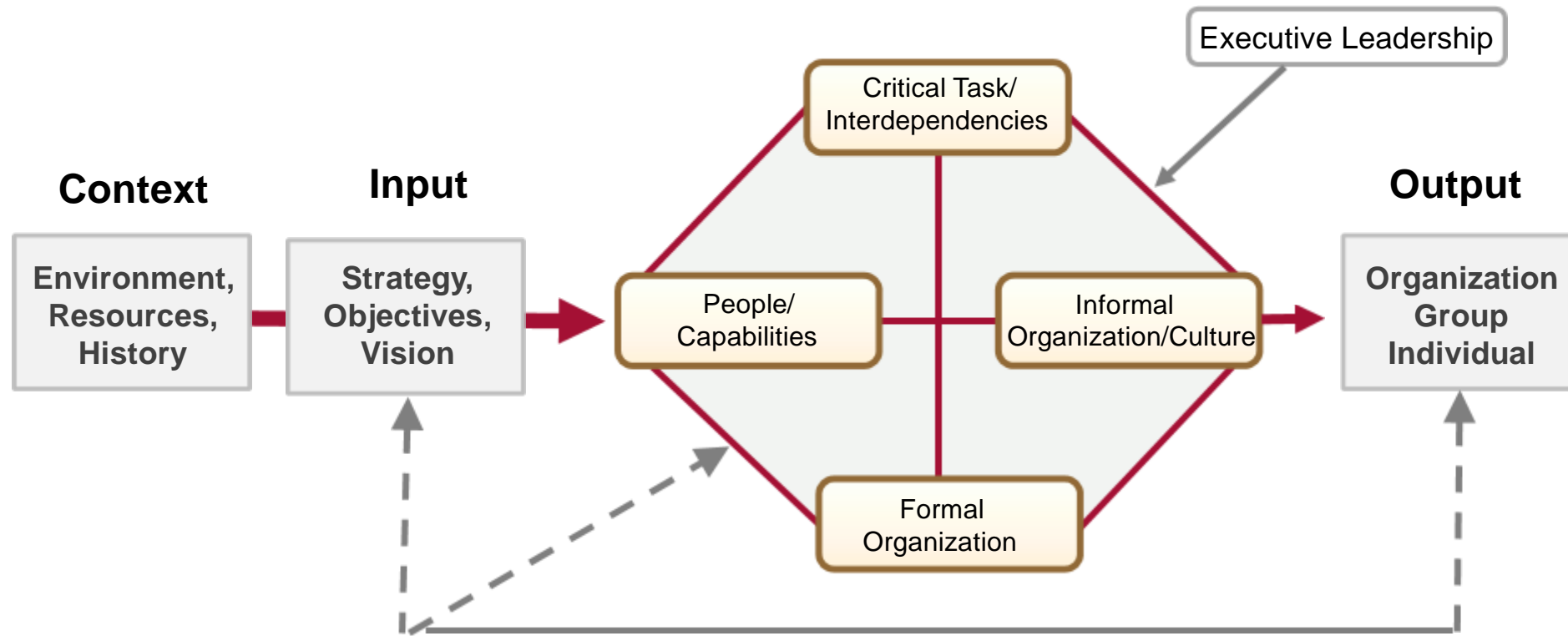
The management course in 1 slide



Fit → **Performance**

Inputs, Throughputs, Outputs

TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

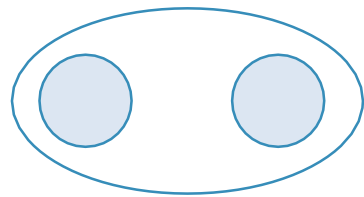


FEEDBACK

Critical Tasks: Work to Be Done

- Characteristics of component tasks
 - Task uncertainty/complexity
 - Knowledge and skill requirements, e.g.,
 - Research vs. technical services
 - Job shop vs. assembly line
- Interdependencies: how pieces of work flow together

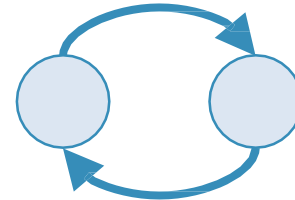
Four Types of Interdependence



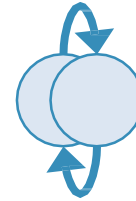
Pooled/Modular



Sequential



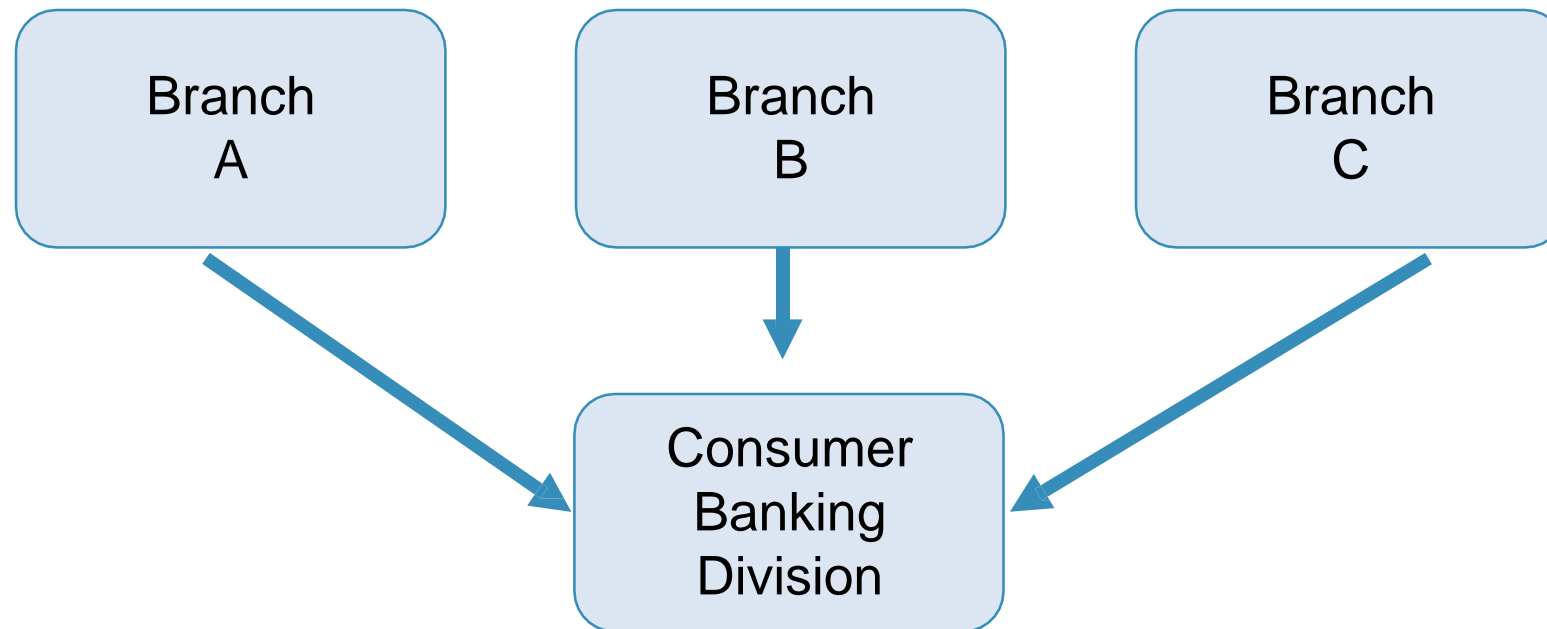
Reciprocal



Collaborative

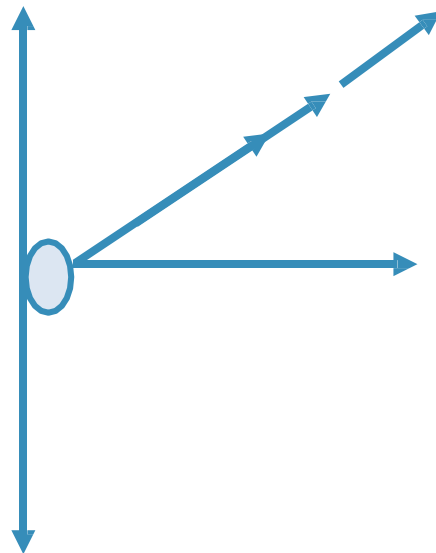
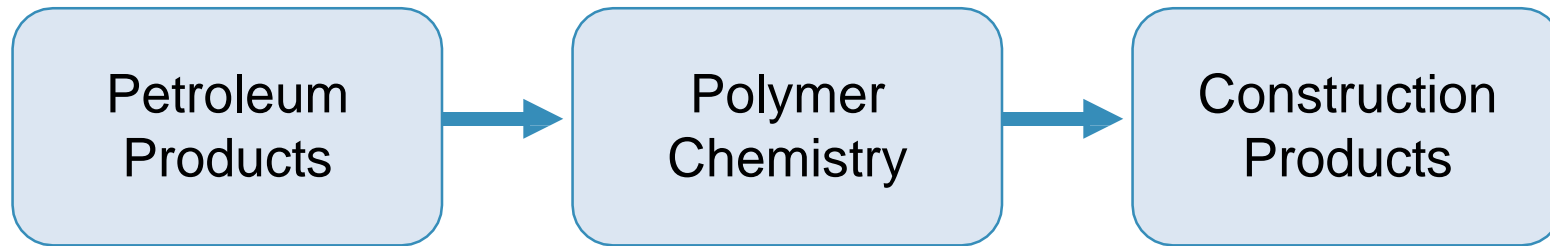
Interdependence: Pooled

Simplest: work done independently by different entities



Interdependence: Sequential

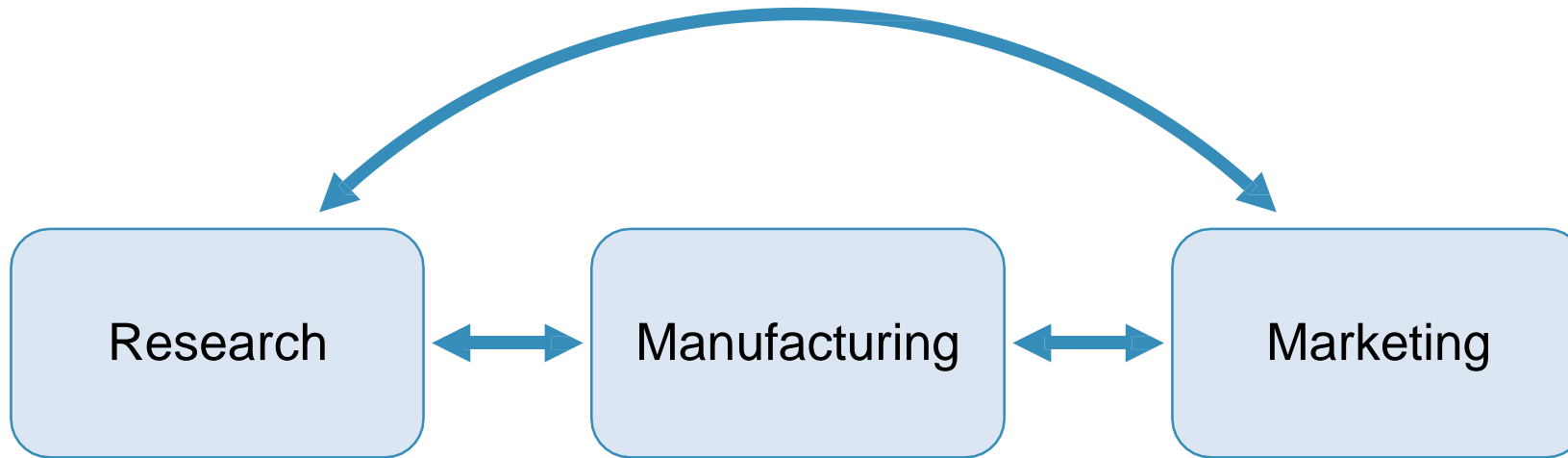
Linear work flows



**Diagnose
interdependencies
down, across, up,
and down**

Interdependence: Reciprocal

Complex, interlinked feedback loops



Diagnose interdependencies down, across, up, and out



LCOR Project Groups

1. Problem Identification

- A short, 2-3 sentence description of the problem--performance gap or opportunity gap (**Monday**)

2. Root Cause Analysis

- A congruence analysis of all the likely causes of the problem (**Tuesday-Wednesday**)

3. Solution Identification

- A ranking of the actions needed to address the root causes and solve the problem (**Thursday**)

4. Implementation (Action Planning)

- A plan describing how to implement the actions identified in Phase 3 (**Friday**)

theme one

strategy + execution

“ A well-conceived strategy is important, but I could give our strategic plan to our competitors and not worry about it— because it’s all about execution. A second rate strategy perfectly executed will beat a first-rate strategy poorly executed.

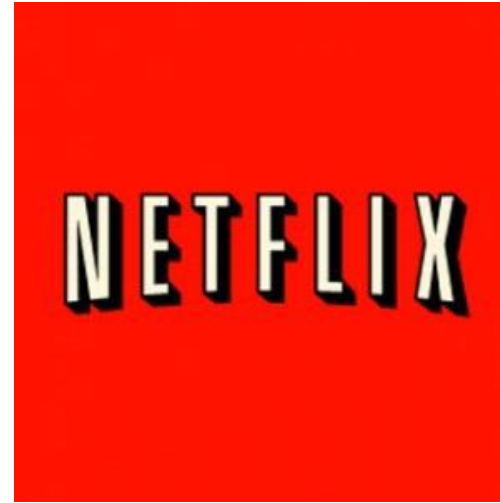
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Dick Kovacevich
Former CEO, Wells Fargo





VS



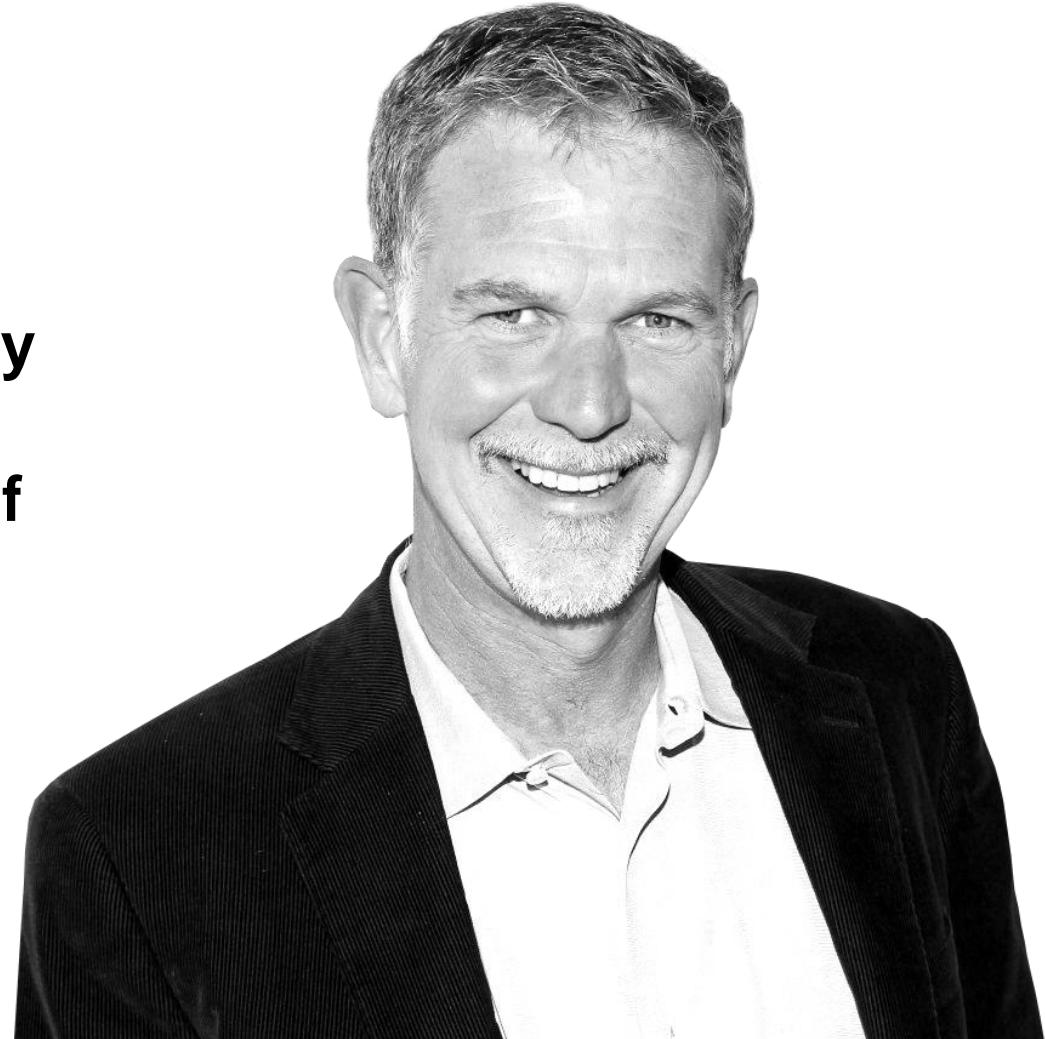
- **In 2002, Blockbuster was a \$5B firm with more than 8000 stores. Netflix went public with \$78M in revenue.**
- **Blockbuster executives watched Netflix revenues grow for 58 straight months before responding.**
- **In 2010, Blockbuster filed for bankruptcy and has been liquidated.**
- **Netflix is closing distribution centers and today more than 98% of their revenue comes from video streaming.**

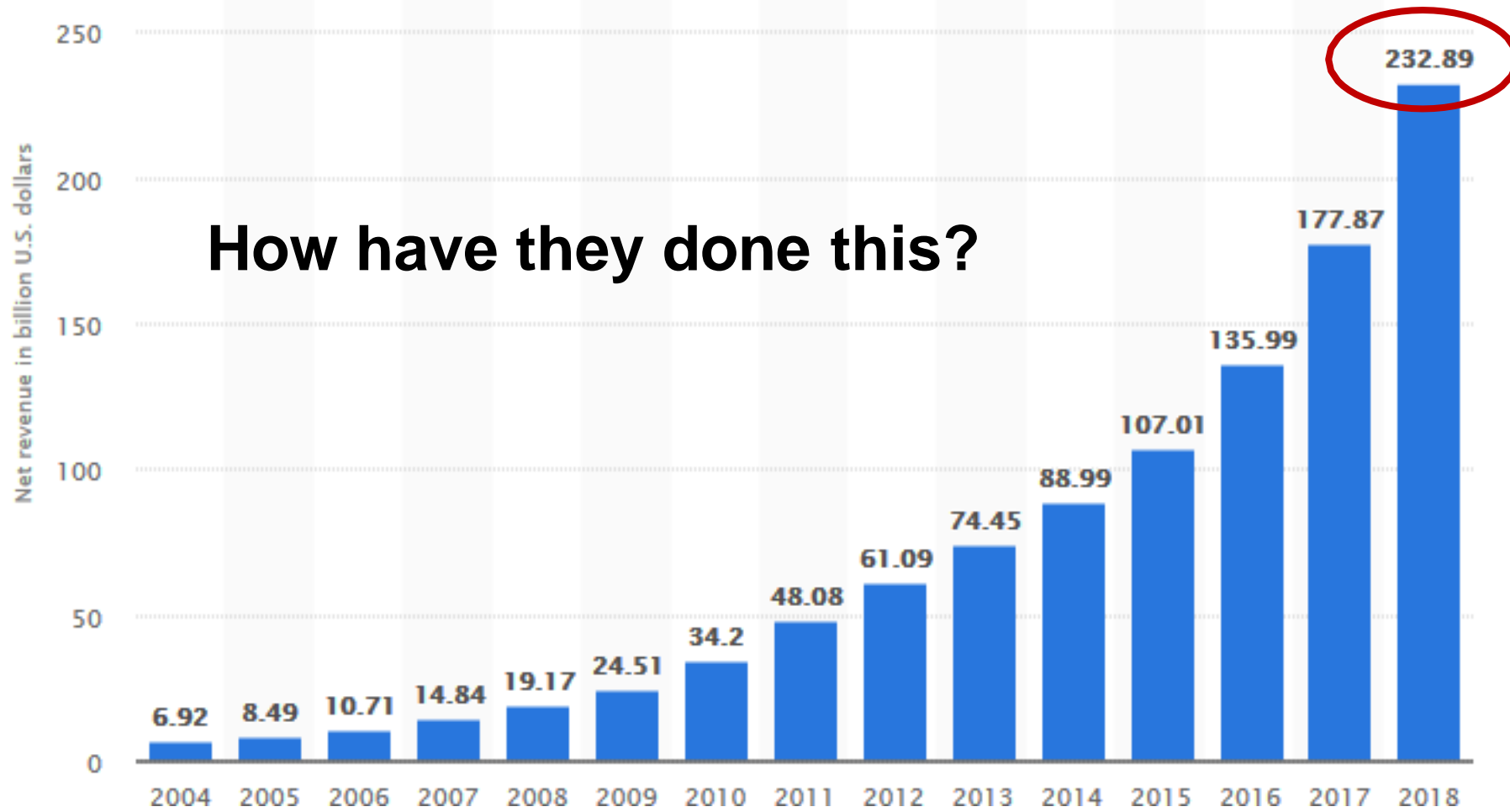
The Netflix logo, consisting of the word "NETFLIX" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters with a slight shadow effect, set against a solid red rectangular background.

Netflix's Content Budget for 2018 Balloons to \$13 Billion – Report

“ I was obsessed with not getting trapped by DVDs the way AOL got trapped, the way Kodak did, the way Blockbuster did...Every business we could think of died because they got too cautious. ”

Reed Hastings
Founder & CEO Netflix





How have they done this?

647,000 employees



1994 – Founded as an on-line bookstore

1996 – Develops content recommendation technology

1997 – Expands product offerings to include DVDs, etc.

1998 – Begins selling and running websites

2001 – Decides to invest in cloud computing; investment.

2002 – Begins identifying and investing in cloud computing (cloud computing)

2003 – Opens laboratories for research and development (R&D)

2005 – Amazon launches Amazon Web Services (AWS)

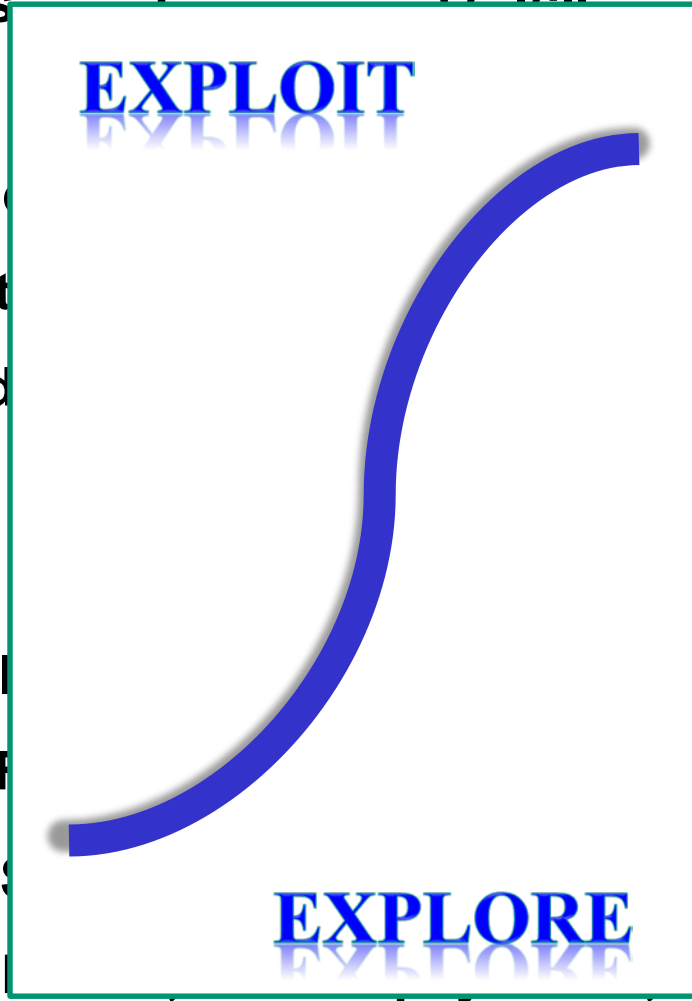
2006 – Amazon launches Kindle (e-reader); Kindle

2007 – Amazon launches Amazon Prime

2010 – Amazon launches Amazon Fire

2015 – Amazon launches Amazon Echo Prime Air

2017 – Amazon Go; Whole Foods; Finance; Health (pharma)



amazon

**“ Big winners pay
for many failed
experiments ”**

Jeff Bezos
Founder & CEO Amazon



The Management Challenge

“ The problem is never how to get new innovative thoughts into your mind, but how to get the old ones out. ”

Dee Hock
Founder and Former CEO, Visa



Contrasting Heroes



Culture is a social construction

- Much of what we accept as “true” or “important” in organizations comes only from a consensus of others.
- To “know” what is important we often rely upon information from:
 - our own past behaviour (what we are vested in)
 - our peers and other group members (their approval and disapproval)
 - signals from those of higher rank or status (e.g. what’s rewarded or punished)

Information is the key!

Culture as Social Control

Agreement:

Talk the talk

High

Low

High

**Strong
Culture**

**Conflict
(M&A)**

Intensity:

Walk the talk

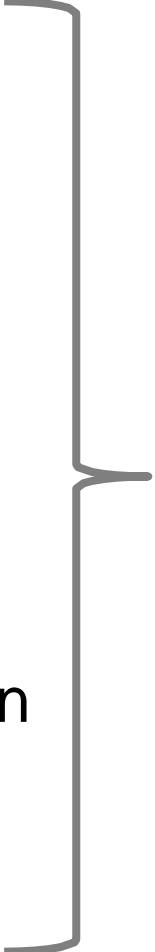
Low

**Vacuous
Beliefs
(Cynicism)**

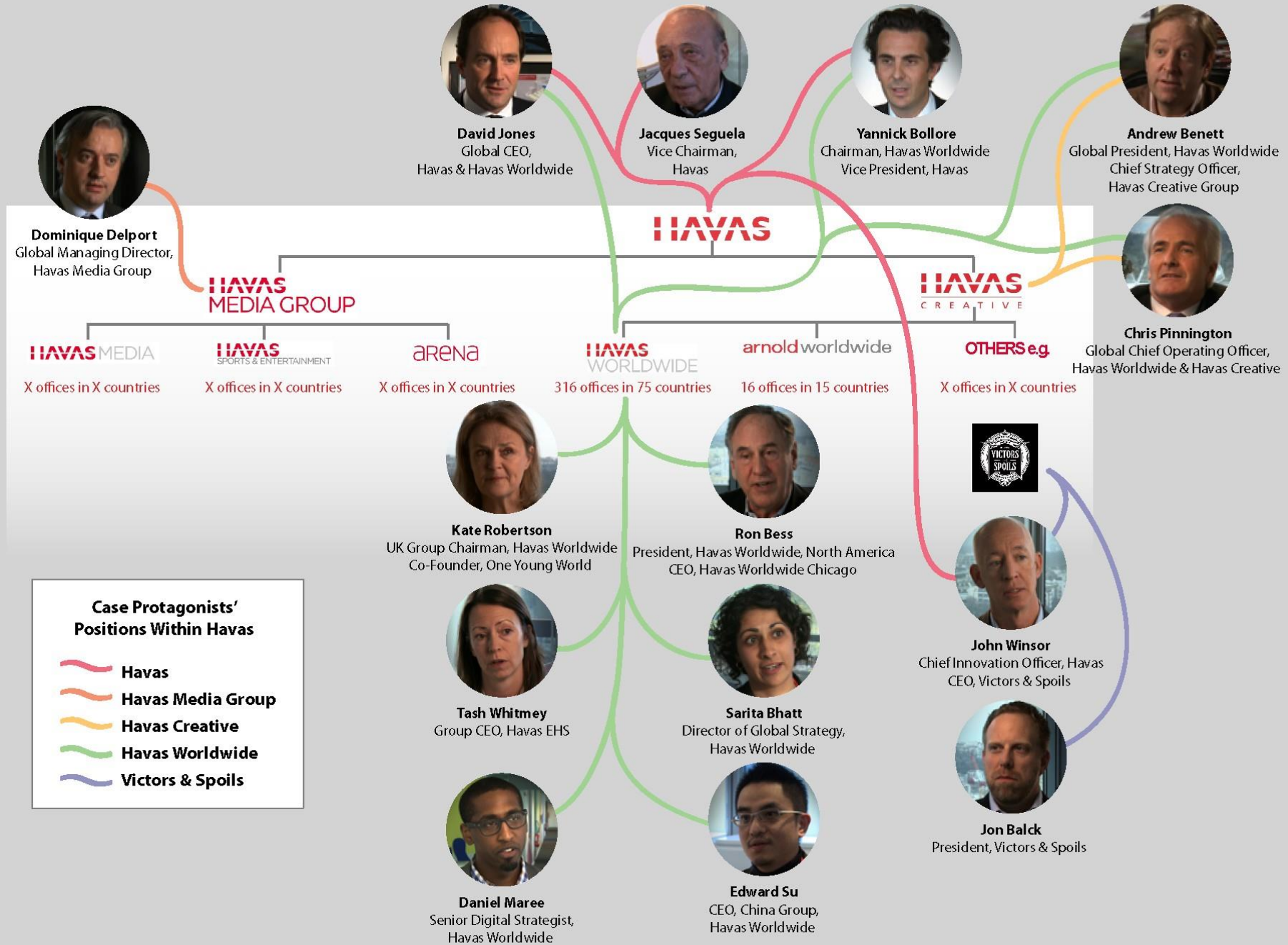
**Weak
Culture
(Formal Control)**

Informal Organization (Culture)

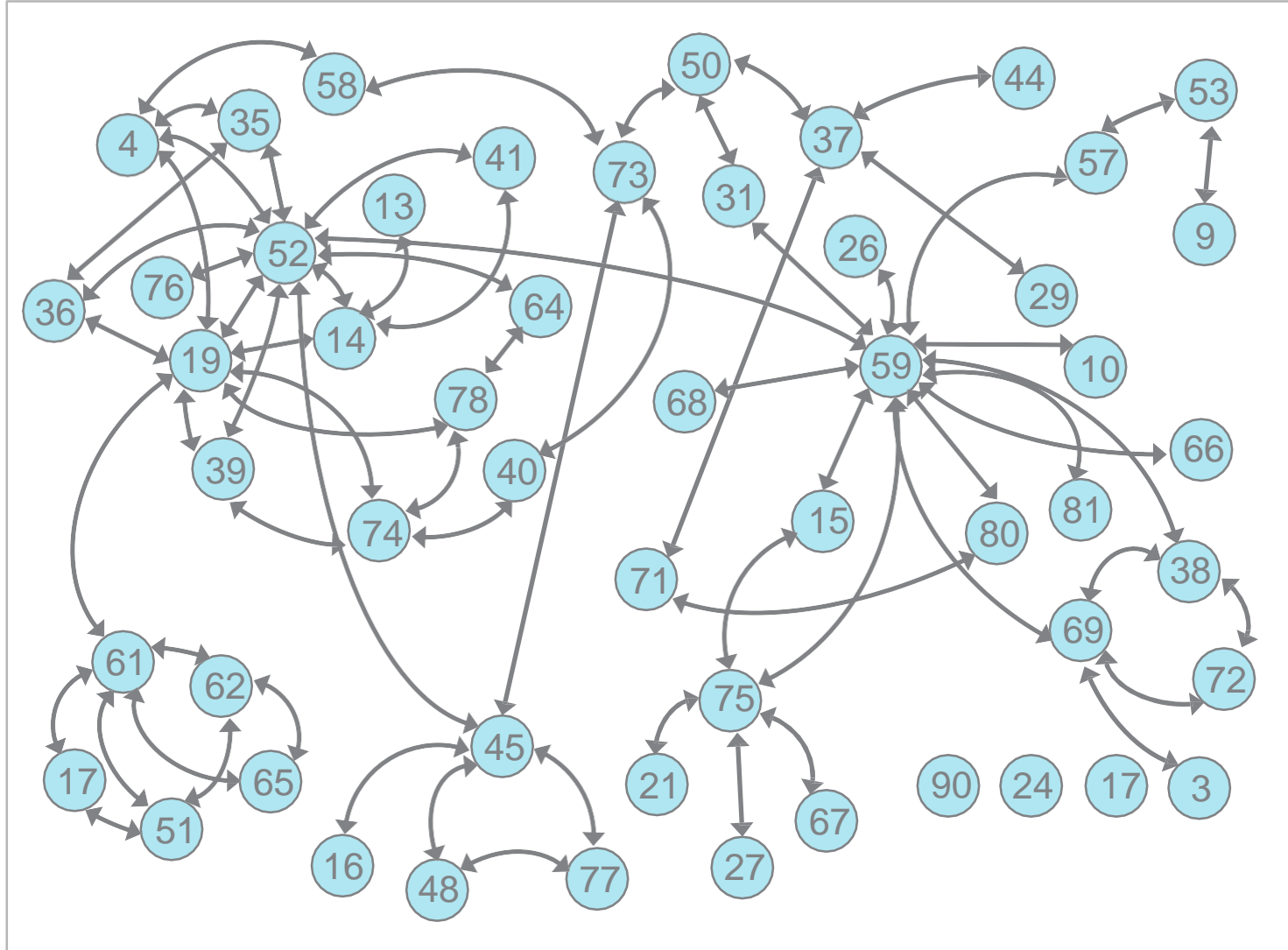
- Norms... dress, working late, conflict resolution
- Values
- Communication and influence patterns
- Climate... collaborative, teamwork, standards
- Core beliefs... what we believe in
- Power/politics
- Key roles



Conduct multiple levels of analysis, e.g., unit, inter-unit, organization



Informal Communication Networks



Lessons Learned

Culture can be changed—even in a large organization.

But it requires:

- **Clarity** on the part of senior management about what the new cultural norms are—and why they are important
- Clear, consistent, **relentless communication** from the **entire** senior team
- A **few simple metrics** against which progress toward the new culture is assessed
- **Involvement** of people throughout the firm, typically cascading into the organization
- **Vivid examples** of how the new culture is rewarded and the old is not

Leadership Teams: Four Ironies

(from Wageman and Hackman, 2010)

Irony I: Leadership teams are composed of powerful people—yet they tend to be under-designed, under-led, and under-resourced.

Irony II: Membership is important and coveted—but members often don't know who is on the team, and they do not really want to come to team meetings.

Irony III: Members are overloaded—but they tend to waste enormous amounts of time in team meetings

Irony IV: Authority dynamics pervade leadership teams and complicate team processes—but members won't talk about them.

Irony V: These dynamics are accentuated the more senior the team....

Talent: Characteristics of Human Resources

- Demography (age, education, years in service)
- Level of knowledge and skills
- Differences in needs or wants... preferences, e.g.,
 - Achievement
 - Power
 - Affiliation
- Perceptions



**Most detailed
at team level**

Aligning the HR Levers

- **Hiring** – What kinds of people do you look for? Are you looking for “fit”?
- **Socialization and Development** – Do you signal early to new recruits what behaviours you need from them? Does your training emphasize the values and behaviours required by the culture?
- **Incentives** – Do your incentive systems reinforce the values and behaviours that characterize the culture? Are there informal rewards for those who live the culture?
- **Promotions** – Are the people who are promoted seen as exemplars of the culture?

Align the Reward Systems

1. What do people in your organization really want as rewards for their efforts?
2. Who controls these?
3. What do people have to do to:
 - Get senior management's attention?
 - Get approval from their colleagues ?
 - Get promoted?
4. Are these consistent with the critical tasks and the norms needed for execution?

[What is *really* rewarded within your organization?]

Amazon's Three Disciplines

Amazon begins with three major principles:

1. Start with the customer and work backwards. Listen and invent on their behalf.
2. Focus on the long term (not profits or competitors) and think big.
3. Encourage a passion for invention (failure and invention are inseparable twins).

“The Institutional yes” (Why not?)

- Differentiated customer experience?
- Can it grow into a large business?
- Can it provide great returns on invested capital?

Headline 2: Leading Change is not just an air war, but also a ground war

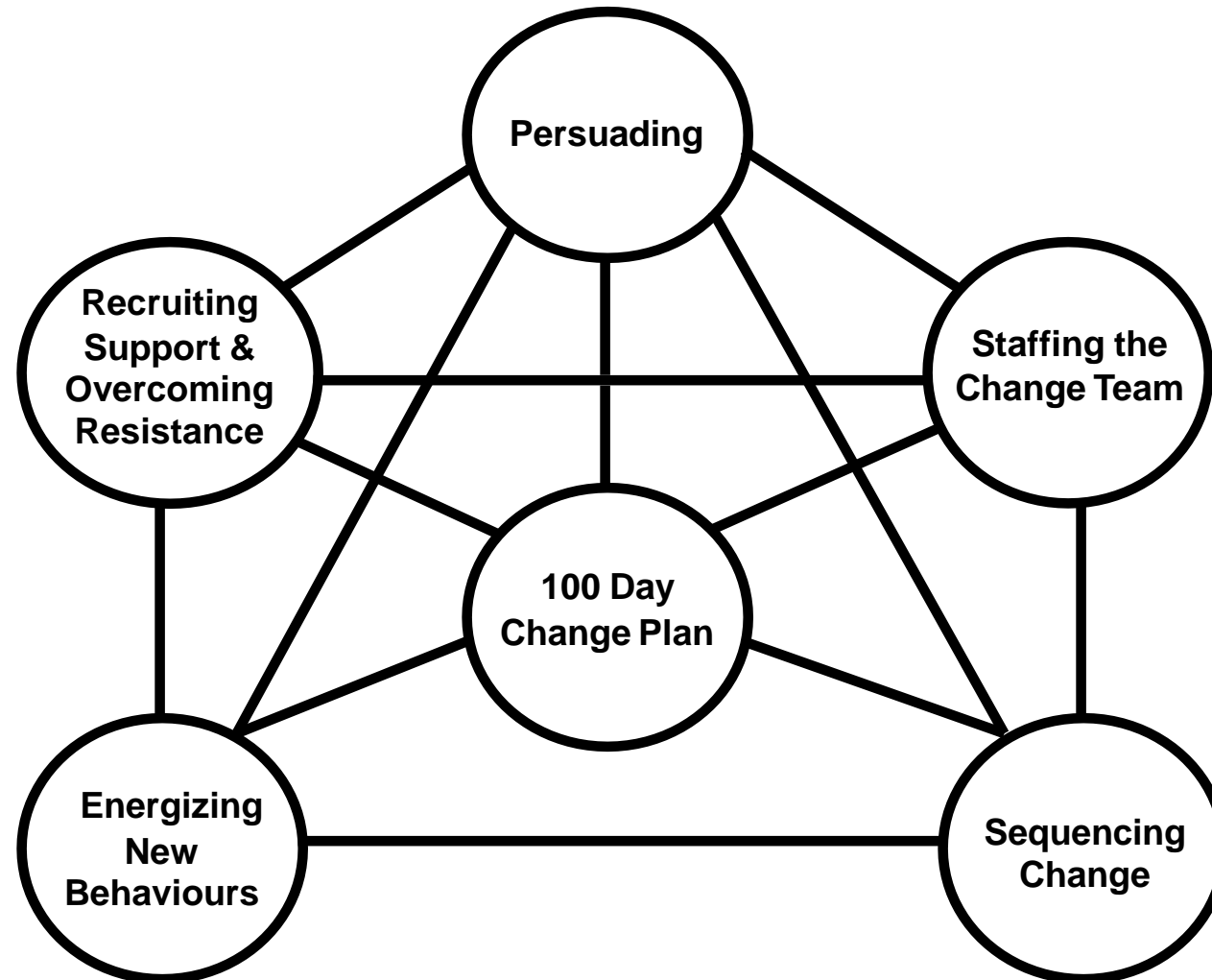
Leading change is not just changing the beliefs of people but also their behaviour.

Leading change is not just a matter of planting a flag but also building the road. So a mix of persuasion and energizing. Energizing is about scaling people first !!

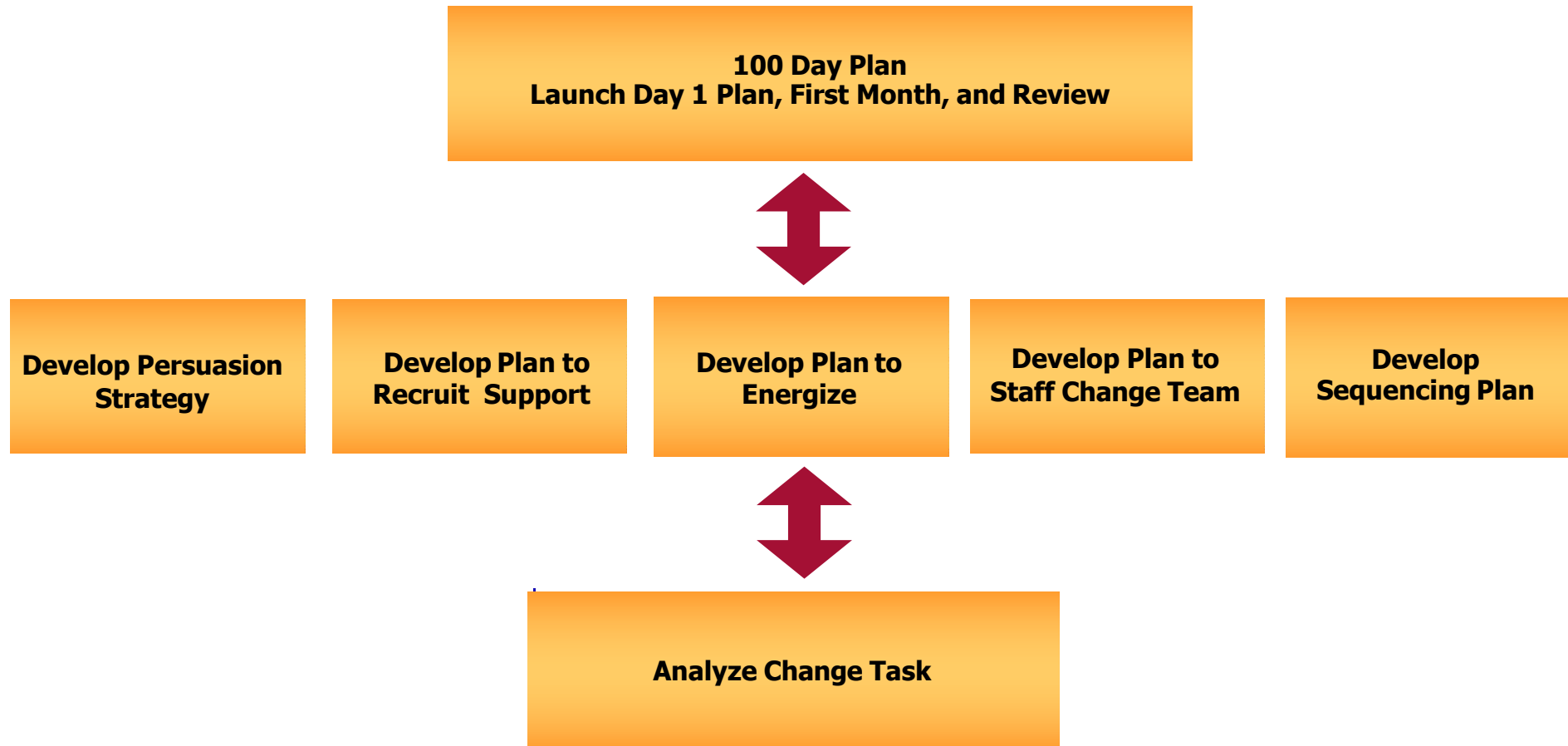
It is important not to just plan the wedding (Day 1) but also plan the marriage !!

Who does what when is key. Hence, our PRESS framework that results in a 100 day project plan

Campaigning for Change: PRESS



Leading the Change Process



Leaders Need Support From...

- Their subordinates/employees
- Customers
- Investors
- Most importantly, their bosses (e.g., supervisor or board of directors)
- With support, leaders stay; without it, they are replaced
- In many instances those around leaders believe that they are more qualified for the leader's position; sometimes they will wait, sometimes they won't
- Therefore, it is fundamentally important for leaders to master power dynamics

Kathleen Hogan Microsoft: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kf7mhkG6cM



“ We need a culture that allows you to constantly renew yourself...the key is to keep learning and improving ”

Satya Nadella
CEO Microsoft

