**Leadership Myths & Facts**

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| MYTHS | FACTS |
| People are born leaders | Everyone has the ability to lead. Leaders have self-confidence. They work hard to overcome obstacles. They constantly work to improve their skills. |
| The only true leaders are the ones  at the top like CEOs. | Life is full of leaders that have never had a top-level position. You can be a leader even in the lowest position of a company. |
| Leaders are highly educated. | Many of the greatest leaders in history had little education. Leadership is more about having the right attitude than education. Skills can be obtained in a number of ways that do not include formal education. |
| Leaders control everything and  rarely delegate the important stuff. | Good leaders know when to give others the lead and when it's time to take control. They share the work load, delegating the right tasks to the right people. |
| Leaders focus on results and don't  care about the people | A good leader knows how to get results while ensuring their team is motivated and happily working in a balanced environment. |
| You need to be charming and  charismatic to be a leader. | Neither are required. You just need to be proactive, have good people skills and integrity, work hard, be committed and be able to communicate well. |
| Leaders work alone. | If you work alone, you lead no one. Leaders need a team to bounce ideas off of, to get different perspectives on ideas, to help complete the work and to speed up process. |