

1. Forces for Change

Lab Workbook

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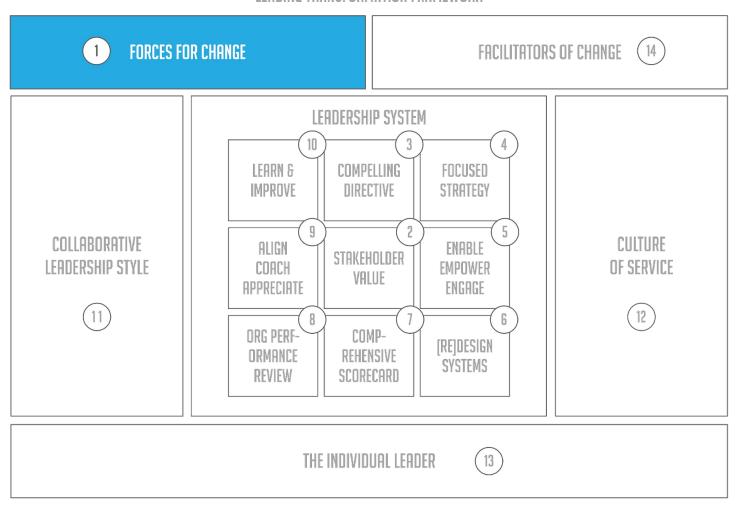
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Objectives

Understand the Forces for Change concepts, components, and relationships and how they contribute to leadership and organization [re]design to achieve sustainable excellence.

Forces for Change - Identify the pushing and pulling forces for change in your organization and the inertia of the status quo that is holding you back.

- Describe the Dissatisfaction with your current organization.
- Describe the Vision or Desired Reality that you want to achieve.
- Identify the things holding you back from moving forward and making progress toward your vision Inertia.

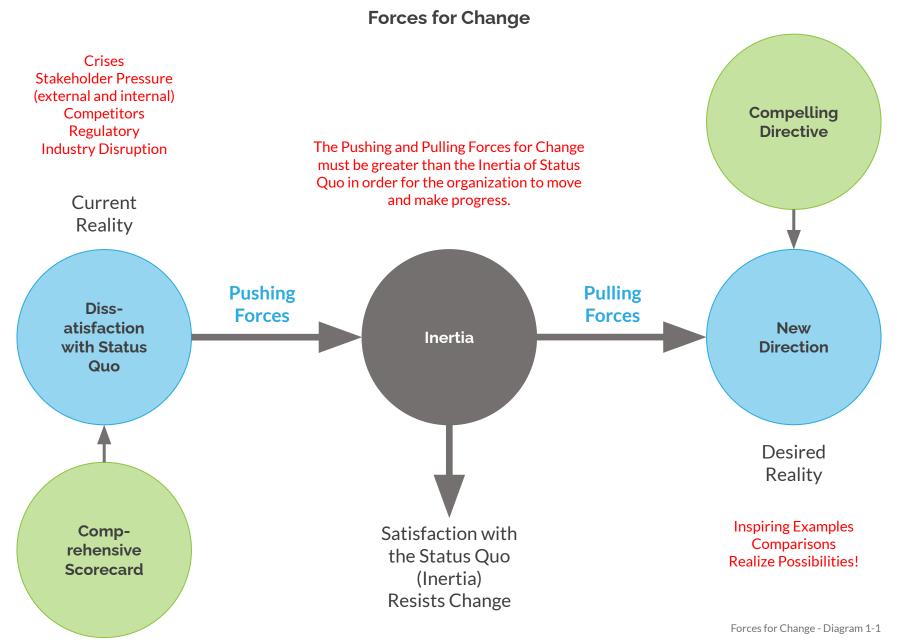




Forces for Change - Notes

Key Concepts	Notes
Summary	







Forces for Change - Instructions

Dissatisfaction with Current Reality	Inertia - Status Quo	Desired Reality
Step 1	Step 3	Step 2
What are the sources of your dissatisfaction?	What habits are keeping you from changing?	What is your compelling vision of the future?
 Crises - financial performance, economic conditions, ethical violations, product failures, etc. External Stakeholder Pressure - investors, customers, parent organization Internal operations and workforce performance issues - comprehensive scorecard Competitors - better, faster, cheaper, etc. Regulatory - pressures and changes Industry Disruption - such as the digital transformation of products and operations 	What are you satisfied with that is allowing you to stay in the same old "rut"? What cultural traditions are preventing change? A predictable cycle of denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross	Including: • The ultimate products, services, and customer experiences • The "ideal" culture - where you would want to work • The ideal place for individuals to reach their full potential - talent, engagement, and satisfaction



Forces for Change - Example

Dissatisfaction with Current Reality	Inertia - Status Quo	Desired Reality
We are losing market share We are struggling to address new regulations. We are experiencing a social media crisis with a new product. Our workforce turnover is high and expensive. And, we can't attract the talent we need to succeed in the competitive environment.	We like our culture as it is - it is comfortable and familiar. We like our pleasant (low stress) working environment. We like our benefits package and bonus system. We are happy with our performance and organization as it is.	Best products and service in our niche. Profitable with profits shared among the workforce. A truly great place to spend your working life. Learning and continuous improvement culture.



Forces for Change - Worksheet

Dissatisfaction with Current Reality	Inertia - Status Quo	Desired Reality



Reflection Questions

- What are the biggest opportunities for improvement in your organization?
- What external trends threaten your organization's ability to succeed (e.g., technology, customers, competition, economy, regulation, supply chain, partners)?
- What internal issues limit your organization's ability to address the external challenges and succeed (e.g., workforce capability and capacity, organizational culture, innovation)?
- How dissatisfied are the people in your organization with the organization's performance?
- How compelling is your organization's vision of what it "can be"?
- How realistic is the plan to achieve the vision?
- Will the people in your organization do what is necessary to achieve the vision? If not, why not?
- Do leaders communicate the WHY of change to all levels of the organization so that everyone understands the need to change?
- How quickly is your organization improving and making progress toward the vision?

