Healthy Conflict David Fisher

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Earned Trust

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Low	Knight Shift	High
 We put up a façade of perfection and try to hide our imperfections. 	٢	 We acknowledge our deficiencies and defects and ask for help.
 We don't admit to our own mistakes and failures and blame others or circumstances. 	٢	 We admit to our own individual mistakes and failures and hold ourselves accountable.
 We're suspicious of each other's intentions, worried they might be serving their own interests against ours. 	0	 We assume positive intention with each other when there's ambiguity or conflict.
 Our understanding of each other is just transactional, limited to our assigned roles. 	٢	 We know and care about each other as human beings, not just our positions.



Healthy Conflict

Healthy Conflict

Low	Knight Shift	High	
 We play it safe and withhold what we truly think or believe in order to avoid conflict. 	٢	 We face conflicts openly on the State team. We don't hold back in expressing our disagreements or truths. 	
 We view conflict as a bad thing that erodes trust and cohesion. 	٢	 We embrace conflict as a creative tension that leads to deeper discussions and better decisions. 	
 We worry that challenging other's ideas or positions might result in embitterment, resentment or revenge. 	٦	 We air all conflicts with each other inside the State team or in 1-1 meetings. 	
 In debate or conflict, we attack others, resulting in judgement, defensiveness, or blame. 	٢	 In debate or conflict, we attack the problem. 	

WIN SCRIPT Model

We use the WIN script method to state observable facts or share observations:

- ► W = When you...
- \blacktriangleright I = I feel or I think the impact is...
- \blacktriangleright N = I need you to...



WIN SCRIPT Model Example

W = "When you interrupt me during meetings..."

- "I feel undervalued and think it disrupts the flow of discussion."
- **N** = "I need you to let me finish my points before responding."



WIN SCRIPT Active Practice

Step 1: Pair up as DD partners

• Each DD will think of a recent conflict or challenging situation.

Step 2: Practice the WIN script with your DD partner:

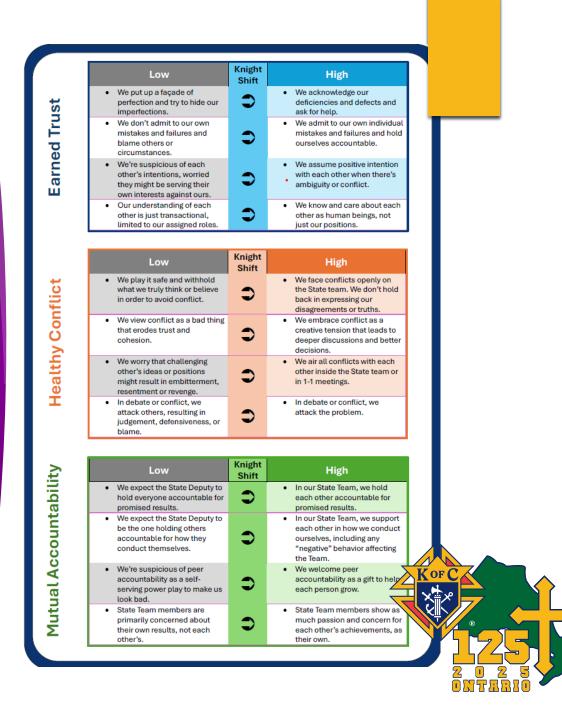
- W: Describe a specific behavior or action. ("When you...")
- I: Express impact or how it made them feel. ("I feel/I think the impact is...")
- N: State what is needed to resolve conflict or improve situation. ("I Need you to...")

Step 3: Partners switch roles and repeat the exercise



DD Skill Development:

- Earned Trust
- Healthy Conflict
- Mutual Accountability



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