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*Personal Leadership Philosophy*

At the beginning of the semester we were asked to write a paper about leadership and how we would identify ourselves in it. At that time, I ponder on what to write about, I had no clue on what I was going to do. A while after, during this class I remembered about this papers and with a perfect leader would be to me. It took me some time to realize that there is not a perfect leader, but we can work to be and give the best as we can to our followers. Always keeping in mind to include all aspects of leadership (strength, diversity, service and facilitation). At the same time that we guide and lead people towards a common goal

After a semester taking this class there are many things from all theories that I can identify myself with: influence, process, respect, intuition, legacy, etc. All of these and more have influenced and determined what kind of leader I am. Based on this, I proposed a new leadership theory, where the leader is not only seen as a powerful figure but as a friend and as someone you can relate with at the same time that he/she does what is necessary to ensure a better environment for all his/her followers. Personally, I try to live this idea. I try to embrace my position and meet all the obligations or requirements but at the same time I try to create harmony and a better environment for everyone where they can see me as a friend, someone you can trust.

Something that really touches me is when someone asks me for an advice, or they believe that I could help them solve their problem. This means that this person sees me as someone reliable. At the same time, when I ask them to do their job or do their assignment they do it on time which will make them step up and become successful. I believe that this leadership theory is not based on an individual idea, is more a collectivistic theory where everyone helps each other instead of damaging other people to achieve their goals. Even though sometimes you cannot play “as a fool” it is important to say that through communication, comprehension and respect we can all work together. Also, this type of leader would raise passion within each follower to do what they do and live each day as its last while leaving a legacy for future generations.

Theories and Ideologies good or bad has risen and fallen though out history, leaving empires or wars but we have to also understand that the change comes within each one of us and our determination to do better for our neighbor. Many example we can find of good and bad leaders but I feel that people also play a huge part in determining who can be classified as a leader or not. Sometimes as leaders, we forget where we come from and we are just focused in our personal ideas and goals while we leave behind all [promises that we made to those who are following us. That is why is important to never go too high in power because rights as well as real notion of life would be lost. Also, this would help us to have a current idea of what people want and expect for us at the same time that we empower them to overcome and be better.

Being a leader is not an easy task, be in charge of people and assignments and the huge responsibility of using your intuition and skills to determine how to run things and who to take with you during the way. Many people today criticize how society is, or what kind of people follow them. It is easy to see from inside out, but sometimes we need to step back and see what are we doing, or what is our country doing that our society is so generous or destroyed. All leaders are different, with different personalities and goals which will determine who they are going to rule. I also believe that good leaders have the capacity to adapt to any situation/environment and get the best from them.

The world is in need of leaders, people who care about people and not money. Sadly, it is hard to find people who are truly focused on leaving a legacy for the future generations. Also, no one realized how hard things are for other people until they live it, so no one cares about anyone else. If we want this spectrum to change, we need to start working from ourselves, our community; creating small steps that can lead to a greater change. Because yesterday is past, today is almost gone and we don’t know what is going to happen tomorrow.