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DISC: Unraveling the BIG Misconceptions

*Surprising facts that you didn't know about DISC...
but should!*

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Introduction – Dr. Russ Watson

Internationally known keynote speaker & author

- Might recognize him from the 8 years he anchored the NBC-TV show “EVERYMAN” program in Chicago
- His research has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and on many national radio and television programs.
- Author of **Workplace Motivators™**, and **DISC -Relationship Insights™**.
- Wrote the first computerized Values/Motivators assessment, the “**Business Values Inventory**,” published in 1987 with another assessment company.
- Co-authored the first job analysis DISC instrument called the “**Work Environment**” assessment, in 1988.
- Little known fact: Russ was a semi-finalist for the NASA ‘Teacher-in-Space’ (Challenger) Mission, selected as one of the top 150 from over 10,000 applicants.



Dr. Tony's contributions to DISC

- **People Smart** – Book w/ Michael O'Connor for Performax (late 80s)
- **Relationship Strategies** – Audio program w/ Jim Cathcart (Nightingale)
- **Platinum Rule DISC**
- **Online DISC in 2000** w/ Ken Blanchard, M. O'Connor, D. Zigarmi
- **People Smart** – Business book
- **DISC Virtual Training and DISC Communication Coach**

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43 years of active learning on DISC:

- 1979 – W/ Dr. John Geier
 - Conversations & debates
- Making some contributions
- Continuing the jog...
 - Watching for caution-signs and speed-bumps



- Continued debates w/ Geier (& Cleaver)
- Making more contributions
- Continuing the jog...
- Looking at the horizon

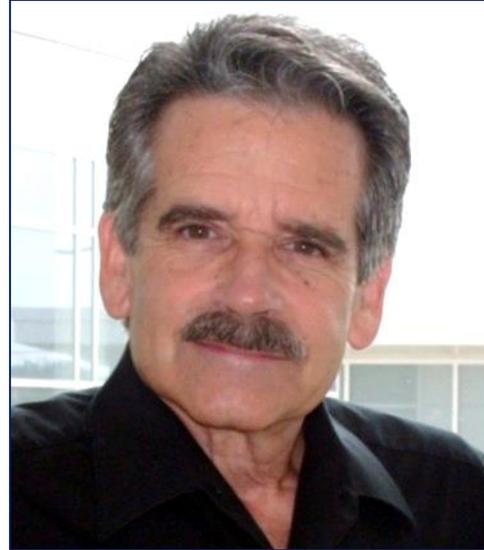


Session agenda -

1. **Some assumptions...**
2. **DISC – A rich History** (and some firsts from Watson, and writing from Tony Alessandra)
3. **What's on the horizon with new competition**
4. **Some cautions to be aware of (based on assumptions)**
 - a. **A statistical experiment w/ aggregate scores**
 - b. **On 'faking it'**
5. **The importance of validation, and a possible train-wreck...**



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Assumptions -

1. May lead us to false conclusions
2. Two example-sets...





Dictionary

Search for a word



pro·voc·a·tive

/prə'vəkədɪv/

adjective

deliberately causing a strong reaction...

a controversial idea... provokes thought

Remember Chemistry class?



Periodic Table of the Elements

1 H Hydrogen 1.008																	2 He Helium 4.003
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012											5 B Boron 10.811	6 C Carbon 12.011	7 N Nitrogen 14.007	8 O Oxygen 15.999	9 F Fluorine 18.998	10 Ne Neon 20.180
11 Na Sodium 22.990	12 Mg Magnesium 24.305											13 Al Aluminum 26.982	14 Si Silicon 28.086	15 P Phosphorus 30.974	16 S Sulfur 32.066	17 Cl Chlorine 35.453	18 Ar Argon 39.948
19 K Potassium 39.098	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	21 Sc Scandium 44.956	22 Ti Titanium 47.867	23 V Vanadium 50.942	24 Cr Chromium 51.996	25 Mn Manganese 54.938	26 Fe Iron 55.845	27 Co Cobalt 58.933	28 Ni Nickel 58.693	29 Cu Copper 63.546	30 Zn Zinc 65.38	31 Ga Gallium 69.723	32 Ge Germanium 72.631	33 As Arsenic 74.922	34 Se Selenium 78.971	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 84.798
37 Rb Rubidium 84.468	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.906	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.906	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.95	43 Tc Technetium 98.907	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.905	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.868	48 Cd Cadmium 112.414	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.711	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.6	53 I Iodine 126.904	54 Xe Xenon 131.294
55 Cs Cesium 132.905	56 Ba Barium 137.328	57-71 Lanthanides	72 Hf Hafnium 178.49	73 Ta Tantalum 180.948	74 W Tungsten 183.84	75 Re Rhenium 186.207	76 Os Osmium 190.23	77 Ir Iridium 192.217	78 Pt Platinum 195.085	79 Au Gold 196.967	80 Hg Mercury 200.592	81 Tl Thallium 204.383	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.980	84 Po Polonium [209]	85 At Astatine [209]	86 Rn Radon 222.018
87 Fr Francium 223.029	88 Ra Radium 226.025	89-103 Actinides	104 Rf Rutherfordium [261]	105 Db Dubnium [262]	106 Sg Seaborgium [266]	107 Bh Bohrium [264]	108 Hs Hassium [269]	109 Mt Meitnerium [268]	110 Ds Darmstadtium [269]	111 Rg Roentgenium [272]	112 Cn Copernicium [277]	113 Uut Ununtrium unknown	114 Fl Flerovium [289]	115 Uup Ununpentium unknown	116 Lv Livermorium [293]	117 Uus Ununseptium unknown	118 Uuo Ununoctium unknown

57 La Lanthanum 138.905	58 Ce Cerium 140.116	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.908	60 Nd Neodymium 144.242	61 Pm Promethium 144.913	62 Sm Samarium 150.36	63 Eu Europium 151.964	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.925	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.500	67 Ho Holmium 164.930	68 Er Erbium 167.259	69 Tm Thulium 168.934	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.055	71 Lu Lutetium 174.967
89 Ac Actinium 227.028	90 Th Thorium 232.038	91 Pa Protactinium 231.036	92 U Uranium 238.029	93 Np Neptunium 237.048	94 Pu Plutonium 244.064	95 Am Americium 243.061	96 Cm Curium 247.070	97 Bk Berkelium 247.070	98 Cf Californium 251.083	99 Es Einsteinium [254]	100 Fm Fermium 257.065	101 Md Mendelevium 268.1	102 No Nobelium 269.101	103 Lr Lawrencium [262]

Alkali Metal	Alkaline Earth	Transition Metal	Basic Metal	Semimetal	Nonmetal	Halogen	Noble Gas	Lanthanide	Actinide
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The Elements in 444BC w/ Empedocles:



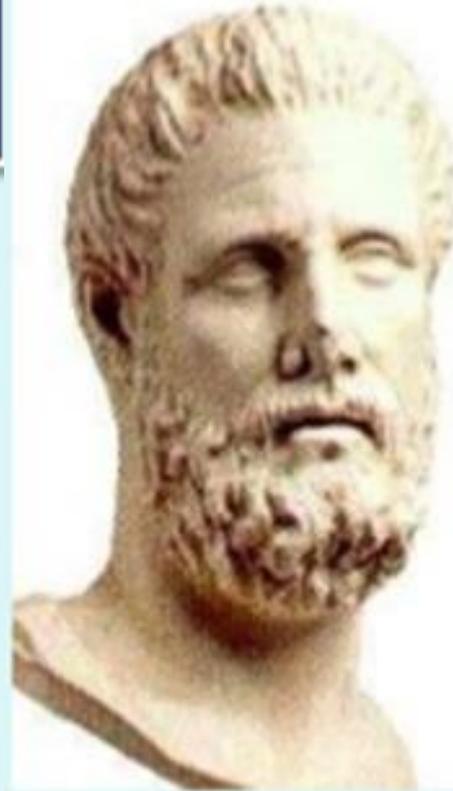


The 4 Humors in 400BC w/ Hippocrates:

HIPPOCRATES

BODY HAD FOUR HUMOURS- PHLEGM,
YELLOW BILE, BLACK BILE AND BLOOD;
BRAIN FUNCTIONING DEPENDED UPON
EQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN THESE .

EXCESS BLACK BILE-----MELANCHOLIA
EXCESS YELLOW BILE-----MANIC RAGE
EXCESS PHLEGM-----DEMENTIA



"Men think epilepsy divine,
merely because they do not
understand it... We will one
day understand what causes it,
and then cease to call it divine.
And so it is with everything in
the universe."

Hippocrates

The 4 Temperaments in 130BC w/ Galen

THE FOUR TEMPERAMENTS

The Four Humours Theory (Hippocrates & Galen)

Humour	Temperament	Element	Qualities	Characteristic / Personality
Blood	Sanguine	Air	Hot, moist	Courageous, hopeful, amorous
Yellow bile	Choleric	Fire	Hot, dry	Short tempered, ambitious
Black bile	Melancholy	Earth	Cold, dry	Introspective, sentimental
Phlegm	Phlegmatic	Water	Cold, moist	Calm, unemotional

The human anatomy in 130BC w/ Galen

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Evolution of the 4 Temperaments

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Hippocrates' Four Humours		Blood	Yellow Bile	Black Bile	Mucuous
	Season: Element: Organ:	Spring Air Liver	Summer Fire Gallbladder	Autumn Earth Spleen	Winter Water Brain/lungs
c. 400 BC	Characteristics:	Courageous, amorous	Easily angered	Despondent, sleepless	Calm, unemotional
c. 325 BC	Aristotle's four sources of happiness	Hedone (sensuous pleasure)	Ethikos (moral virtue)	Propraitari (acquiring assets)	Dialogike (logical investigation)
c. 190 AD	Galen's four temperaments	Sanguine (liver)	Choleric (gallbladder)	Melancholic (spleen)	Phlegmatic (lungs)
c. 1550	Paracelsus' four totem spirits	Curious sylphs	Changeable salamander	Industrious gnomes	Inspired undines
c. 1905	Adicke's four world views	Industrious	Doctrinaire	Traditional	Sceptical
c. 1912	Adler's four personality types	Social Useful	Ruling Dominant	Avoiding	Getting or Learning
c. 1914	Spranger's four value attitudes	Artistic	Religious	Economic	Theoretic
c. 1920	Kretchmer's four character styles	Hypomanic	Hyperaesthetic	Deperessive	Anesthetic
c. 1947	Eric Fromm's four orientations	Exploitative	Receptive	Hoarding	Marketing
c. 1958	MBTI Function Types	SP – sensory perception	NT – intuitive thinking	SI – sensory judgement	NF – intuitive feeling
c. 1978	Keirsey Bates four temperaments (old)	Dionysian	Apollonian	Epimethain	Promotian
c. 1998	Keirsey Bates four temperaments (new)	Artisan	Idealist	Guardian	Rational

**WHY
always
FOUR?**



WHY always FOUR?

Human fascination with four:

4 seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter

4 directions: North, South, East, West

4 directions: Up, down, left, right

Native Americans planting **4 grains of corn** in each hole: “One for the blackbird, one for the crow, one for the cutworm, and one to grow.”

Other models: ‘Big Five,’ 16-PF, MMPI (10 scales + 31 subscales), and others...



Carl Jung, M.D. – Analytical Psychiatrist

(1875 – 1961)

Individuation – differentiating the self, and a *unification of the opposites in our personality*

- **Introversion / Extraversion**
- **Sensing / Intuiting**
- **Thinking / Feeling**
- **Judging / Perceiving**

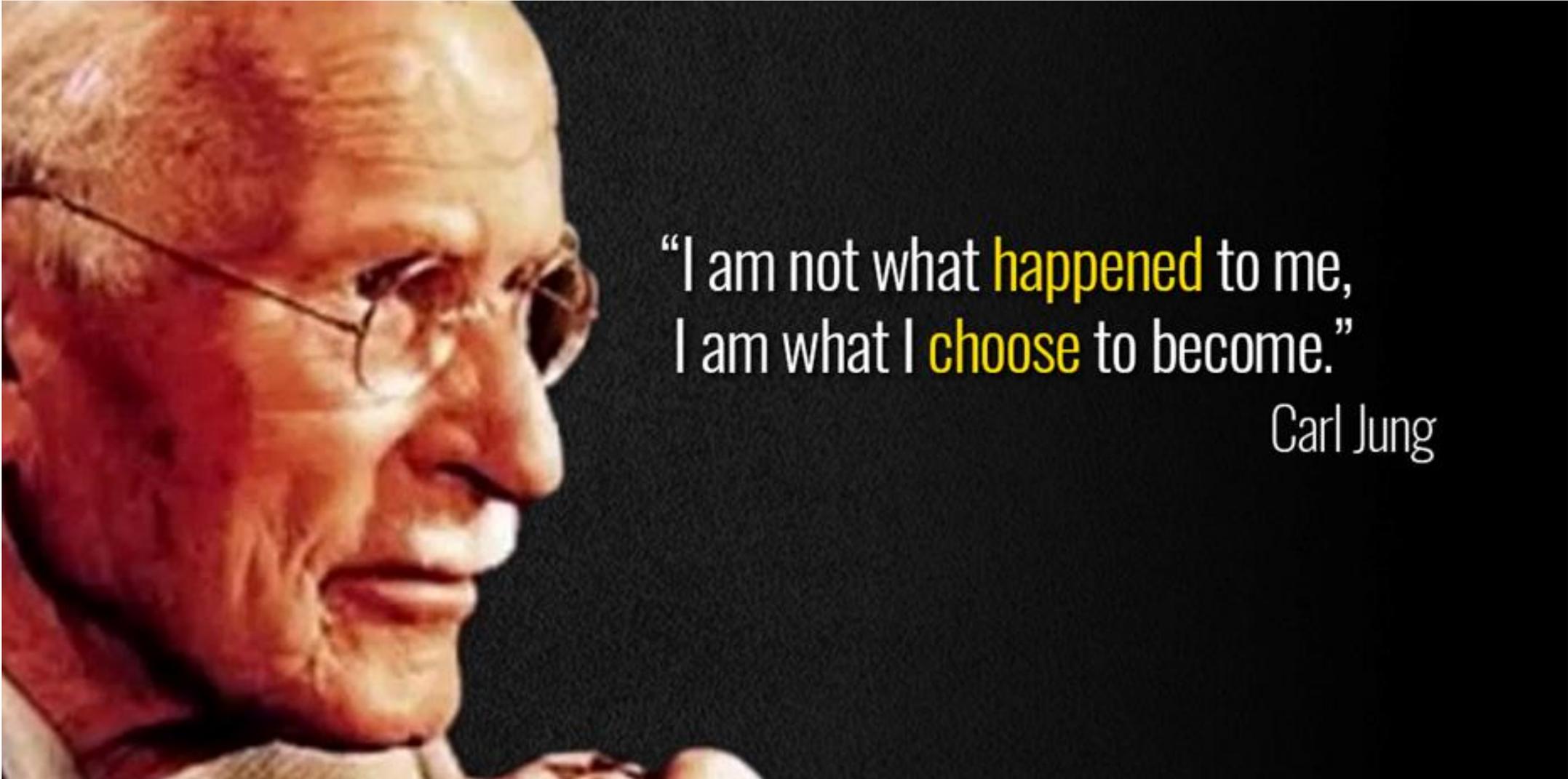
Above, used in MBTI instrument

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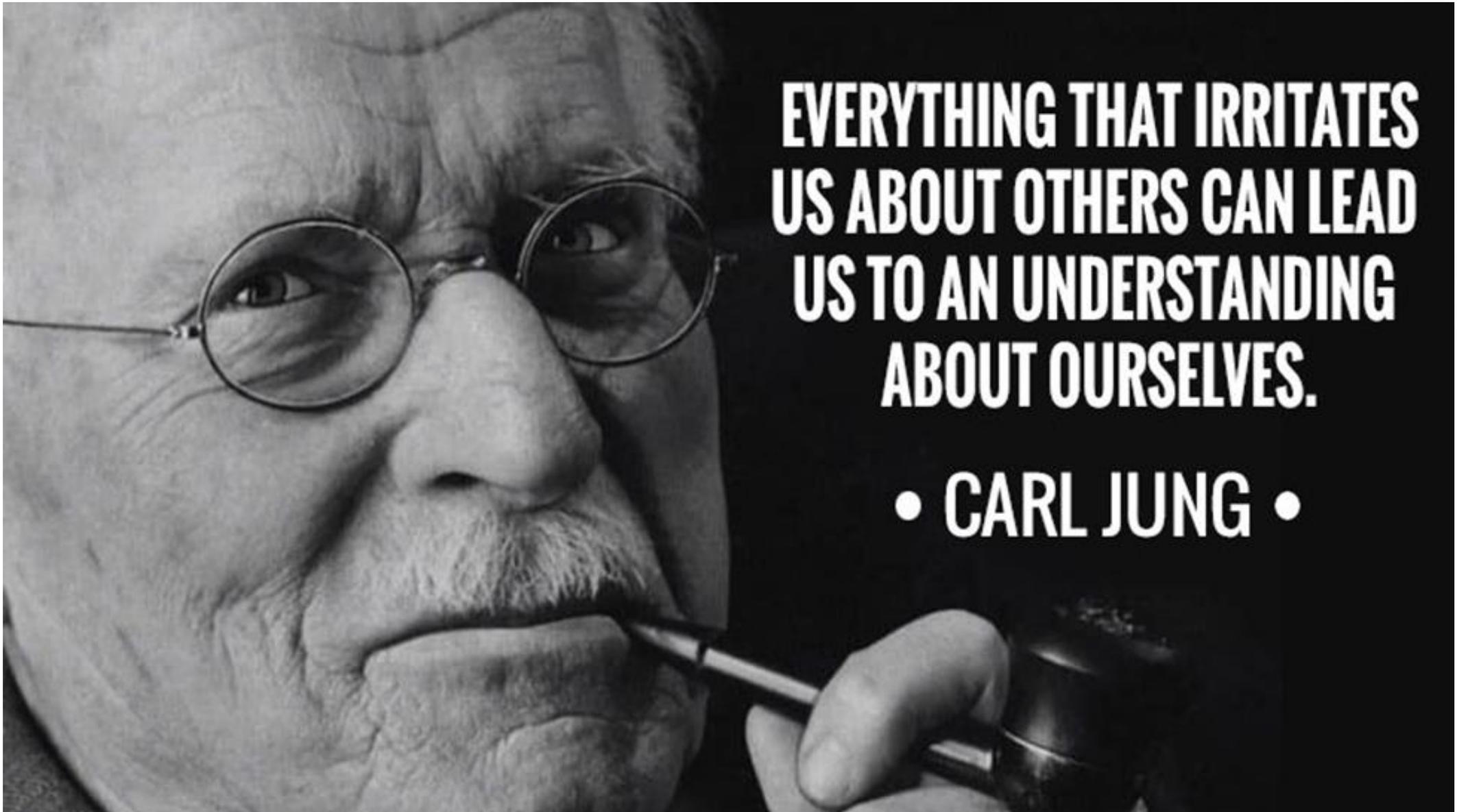


“I am not what **happened** to me,
I am what I **choose** to become.”

Carl Jung



Carl Jung, M.D. – Analytical Psychiatrist



**EVERYTHING THAT IRRITATES
US ABOUT OTHERS CAN LEAD
US TO AN UNDERSTANDING
ABOUT OURSELVES.**

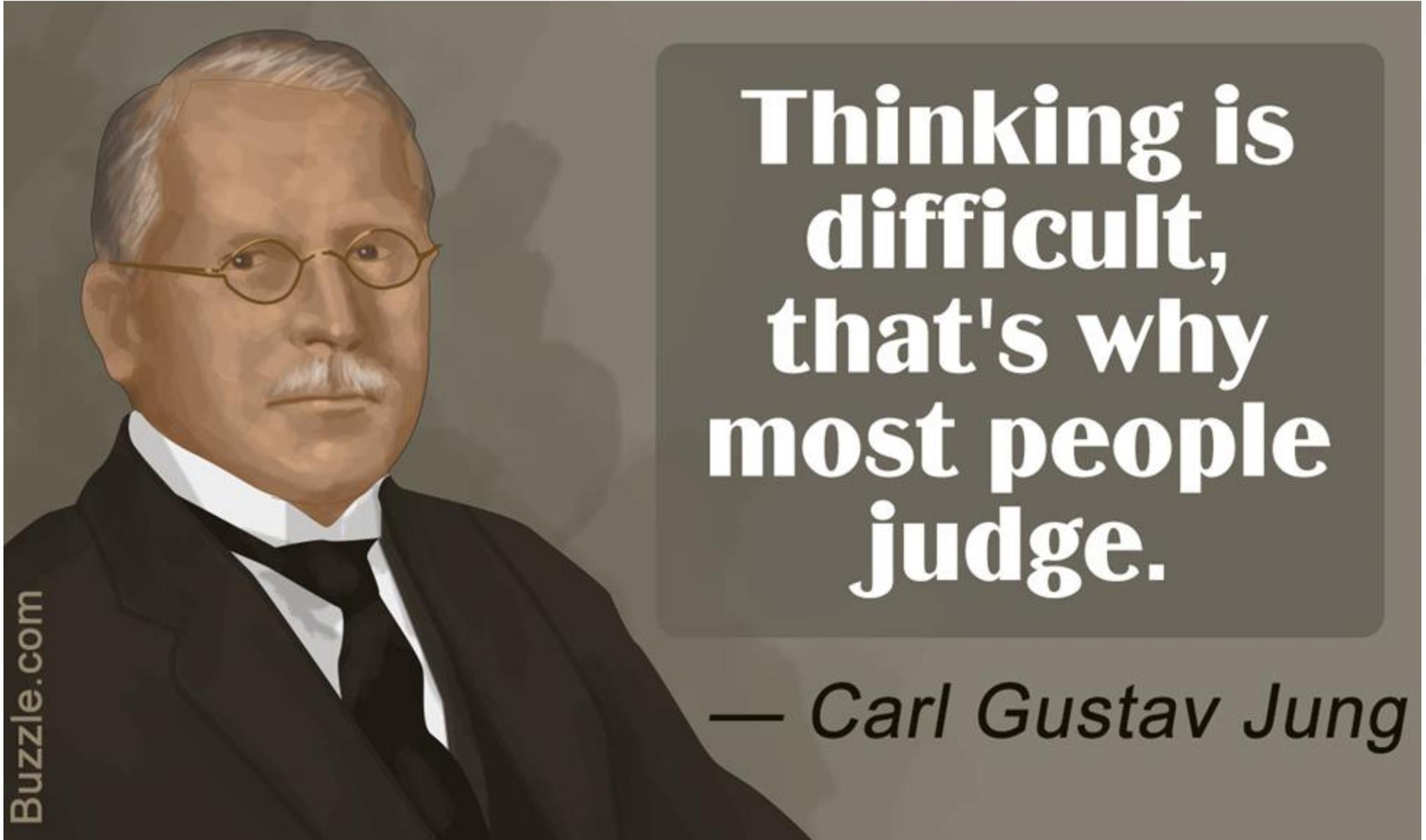
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**Thinking is
difficult,
that's why
most people
judge.**

— Carl Gustav Jung

Buzzle.com



Wm. M. Marston, PhD – Harvard

(1893 – 1947)



Emotions of Normal People, 1928
Introduced the D-I-S-C model

Dominance

Inducement

Submission

Compliance

EMOTIONS
OF
NORMAL
PEOPLE

WILLIAM MOULTON
MARSTON



Words and meanings change...

Marston D-I-S-C

Dominance

Inducement

Submission

Compliance

“A person is most happy when they are submissive to a loving authority.”

William Moulton Marston

Action item: Check out feature-length film – “Professor Marston and the Wonder Women”

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William Marston



Elizabeth Holloway



Olive Byrne



Words and meanings change...

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Marston D-I-S-C

Dominance

Inducement

Submission

Compliance

C>G>W DiSC™

Dominance

Influence

Steadiness

Conscientiousness

A24x7 DISCstyles

Dominant

Influencing

Steady

Conscientious

1950s word choices included:
Sweet, Gay, et.al.

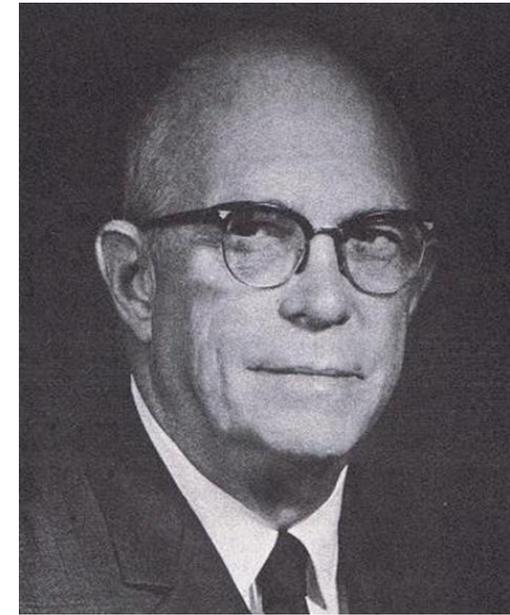


Walter Clarke – 1905-1978

1st DISC-like instrument

Used Marston descriptors for an adjective checklist in 1948,

published 1956 as the Activity Vector Analysis.



4 dimensions: **Aggressive, Sociable, Stable, Avoidant**

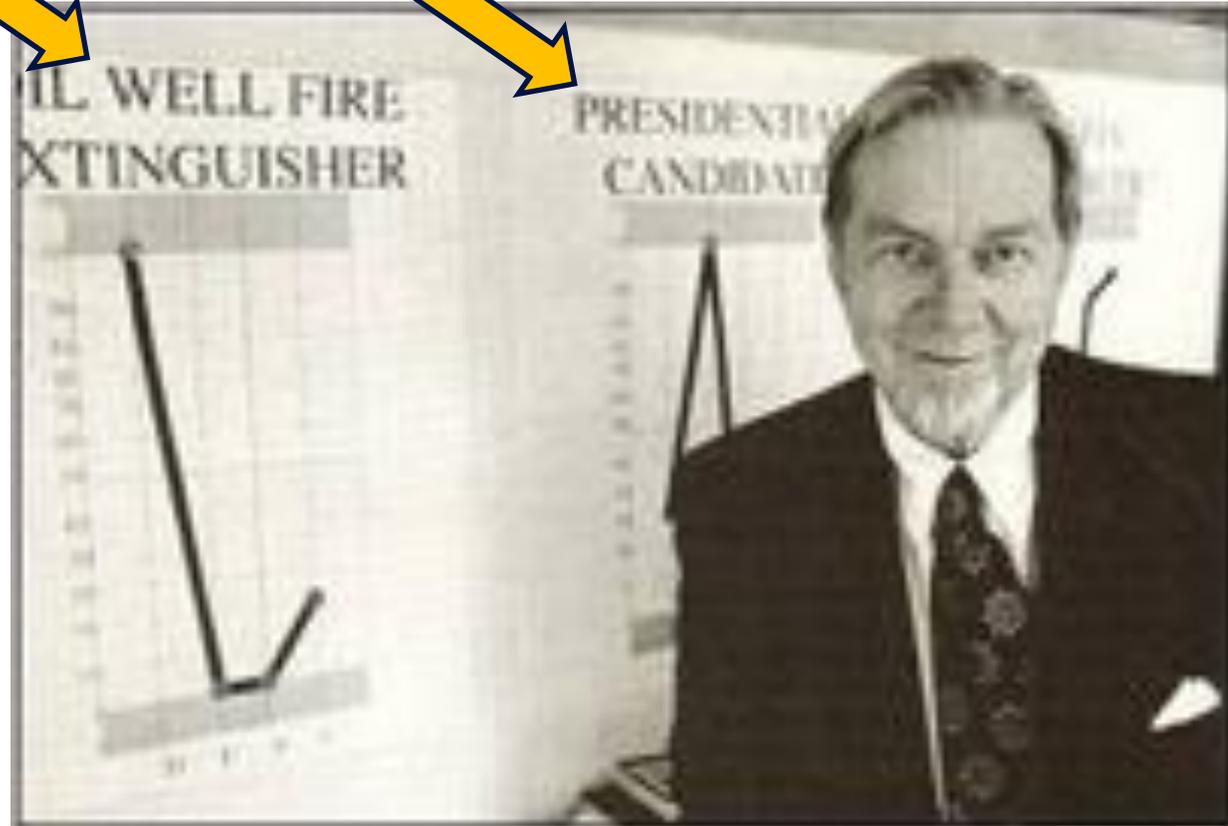
An employee, James P. Cleaver (Princeton class of 1941) worked for Clarke in 1951...



John P. Cleaver– 1919-1998

1st forced-choice DISC instrument

Formed his own company in 1956... and the story continues...





John G. Geier, PhD – Personal Profile Sys.



(1934-2009)

2nd DISC assessment ~ he used J.P. Cleaver's instrument

Most /Least selection: 24 boxes x 4 words.

- Collaboration w/ J.P. Cleaver (Cleaver Company), and T.M. Hendrickson (1927-2016, TIMS Mgt. Systems, now Thomas International in UK)
- 3-way collaboration... then a split... NDAs!



John G. Geier, PhD

Geier and formed a multi-level marketing Company. Bob Picha designed the multi-level, Sam Gardiner handled details:



Performax Systems, Int'l.

(Key people: Sandy Karn, the 1st Field Mgr., Bob Picha and Betty Bowman trained & 'certified' consultants nationwide.)

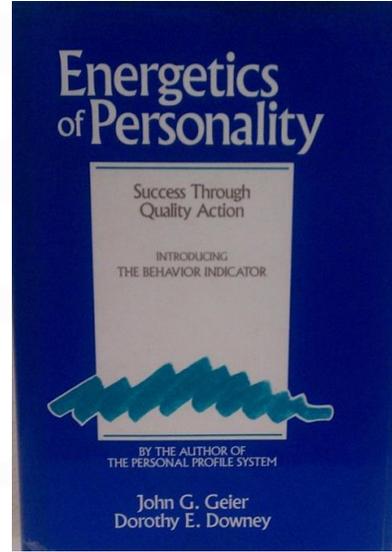
- Sold to Carlson Learning Company in 1984, changed name to Inscape Publishing in 1990s
- Sold to John Wiley Publishing in 2012 for \$85Million
- **DiSC™** doesn't mean Wiley 'discovered' DISC



John G. Geier, PhD

What I learned from conversations and debates with John:

- Why 'Compliance?'
- Both debaters & coaches...
- Pressures of multi-level & product creation (some are poorer quality)
- Failed products before and after Performax sale
- Books: Energetics of Personality... (w/ D. Downey)
- From his son Dan, at John's funeral... (letter to Dad)





Dr. Erich Fromm

In “Man for Himself”

(1900 – 1980)

The ‘Non-Productive Side’ of DISC



Productive DISC

Dominance

Influence

Steadiness

Conscientious

Non-Productive DISC

T - Takers

A - Attractors

R - Receivers

P - Preservers



My contributions to DISC

- Telephone Profile – 1980
- Keys to Communicating – DOs and DON'Ts – 1983-84
- Teaching (Training) & Learning Styles -- 1984-1985
- Sourcing Keys to Managing / Keys to Motivating – 1985

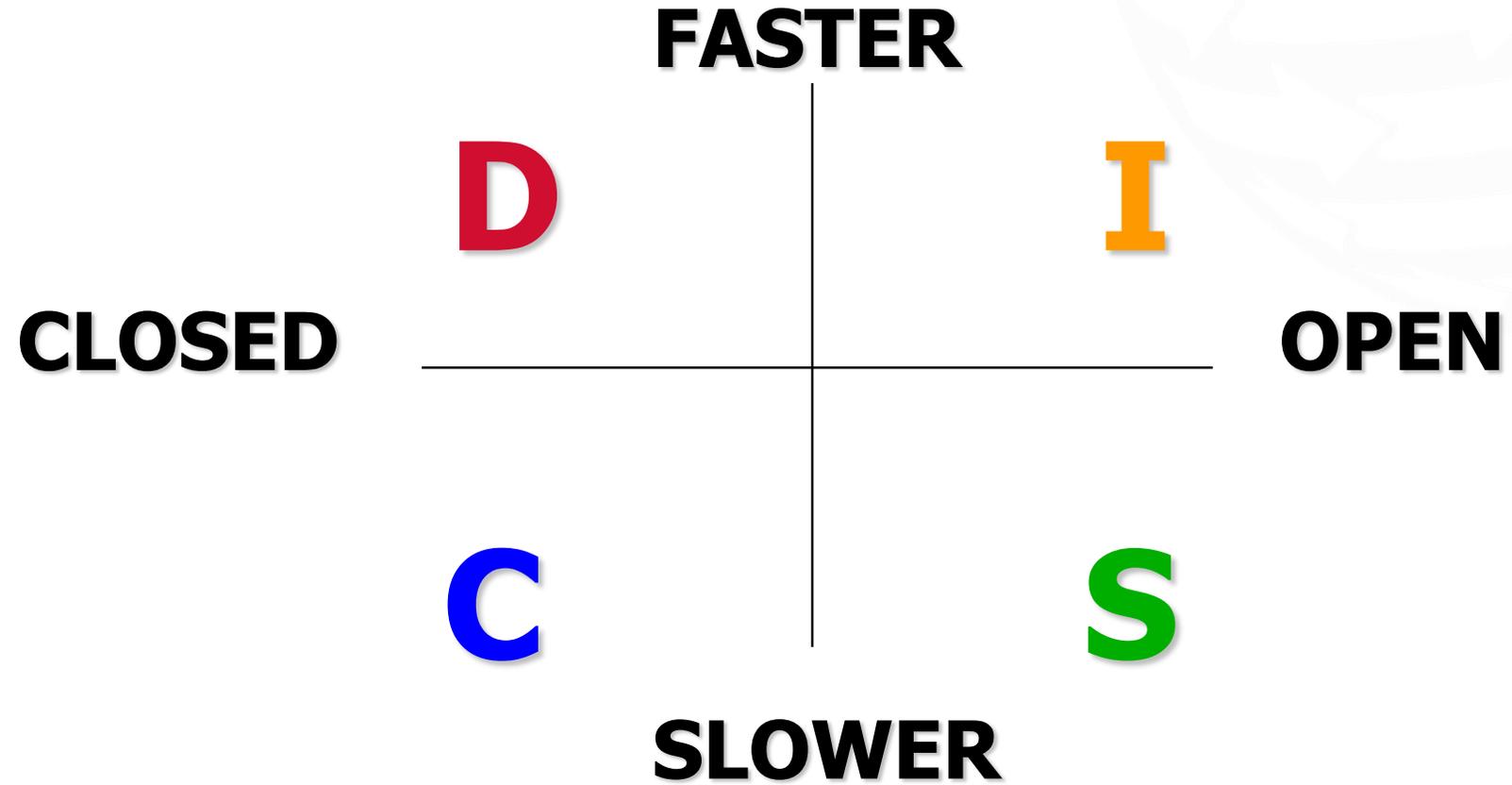


Telephone Profile – 1981

1. **LISTEN** for rate of speaking: **Faster vs Slower.**
2. **NOTICE** how they **ANSWER** your **QUESTIONS**:
Open vs Closed.



Telephone Profile – 1979-81





Training & Learning Styles (1)

RO

Cognitive tempo = Degree to which one is cognitively **impulsive** versus **reflective** in decision-making among alternatives.

- **IMPULSIVE**: Responds very quickly both verbally and on tests. May make more errors in the process.
- **REFLECTIVE**: Responds more slowly; finishes a test later than the mean. Answers tend to be more accurate.



Training & Learning Styles (2)

Field dependent: People oriented. Social information, conversation, interpersonal interactions. Global, sensitive in group work. (History, drama, social sciences.)

- As trainers: More interpersonal style of training, with input from participants. Less critical of wrong answers.

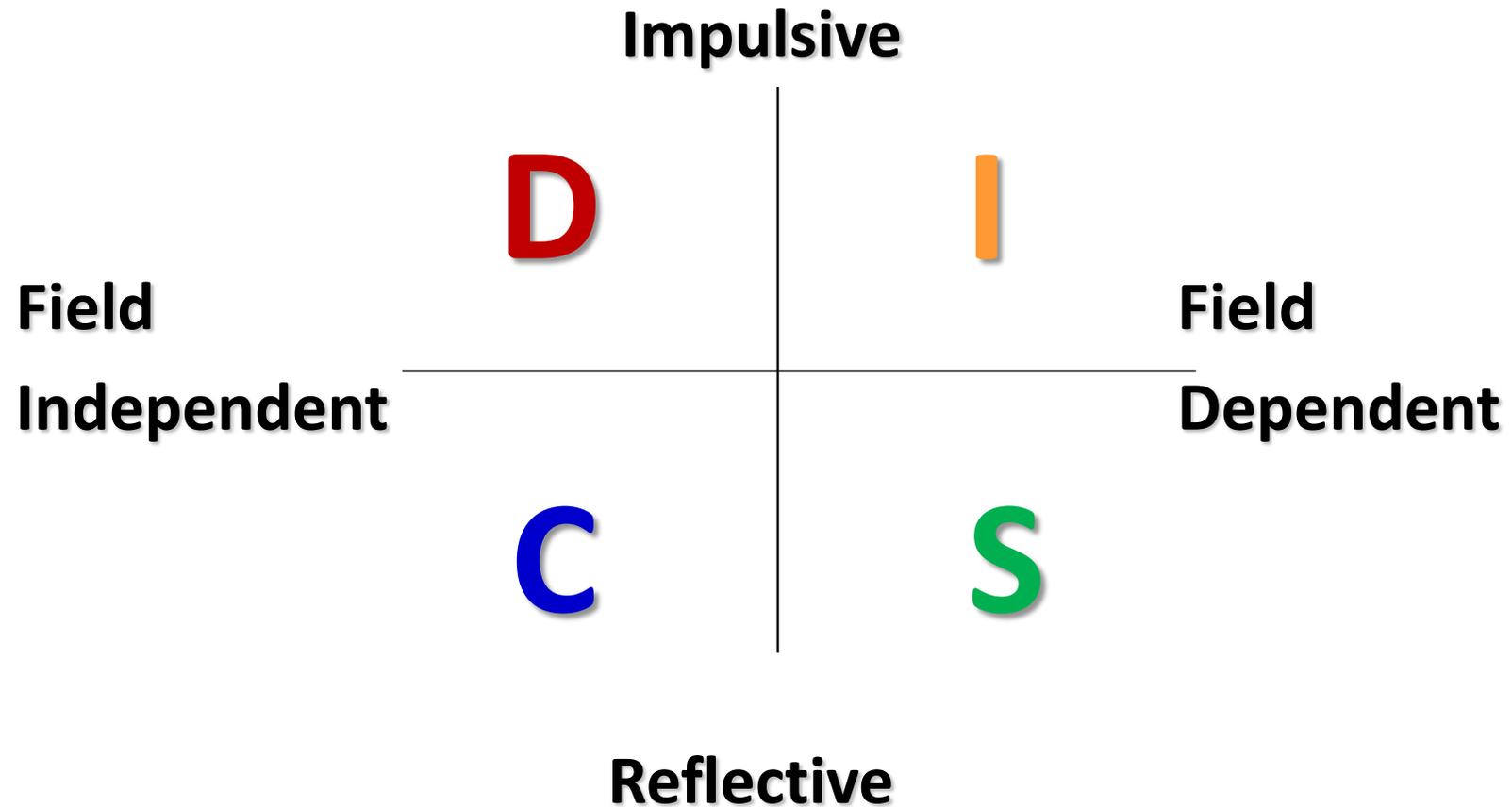


Training & Learning Styles (3)

Field independent: Task oriented. Relationships aimed at project. Analytical. Good at analyzing complex, unstructured material to solve problems. Work well on their own. (Math, physical sciences, computers)

- **As trainers**: Prefer to organize session & materials themselves, with less input from participants. More focused on wrong answers.

Training & Learning Styles





- Sourcing Keys to Managing / Keys to Motivating – 1983-85
- We **Manage** someone from what they **NEED** to grow and increase effectiveness (This comes from Natural Style.)
- We **Motivate** someone from what they **WANT** back from the organization (This comes from their Adapted Style.)



DISC is a self-perception assessment, dependent upon one's level of:

- Personal insight
- Willingness to self-disclose
- Ability to situationally focus
- Honesty
- Objectivity
- Ability to prioritize & compartmentalize
- Avoidance of malingering (B-S-ing / faking)
- Mood at the time of responding
- Other...
- Other...

DISC Providers –

Activity Vector Analysis – Walter Clarke adjective checklist

Assessments 24x7™ (based on Geier/Cleaver)

Birkman™ - Colors (DISC-based)

Caliper™ (not DISC, by Herbert Greenberg, PhD)

Cleaver Company™ – JP Cleaver (original F/C)

EDNA™ – Extended DISC North Am.

Hogan™ - (new = Hogan ‘Dark Side’ assmt)

Innermetrix (based on Geier/Cleaver)

Maximum Potential™ – Proception DISC (Geier)

People Keys – (Geier/Cleaver)

Persolog™ - Geier’s work in Germany

Predictive Index™ - Based on A.V.A.

Thomas International™ – TM Hendrickson

TTI/Success Insights™ - (Licensed from Hendrickson)

Wiley™ – (formerly Inscape) – Based on Geier/Cleaver

Willis Towers Watson™ – WAVE



DISC Providers – New ones every year!

Crystal Knows™ - Pure DISC (with 'Personas')

Good & Co™ - Uses 'Personas'

Koru™ - "Grit" (perseverance, et.al.)

Pymetrics™ – Online 'neuroscience' video games

Traitify™ - Seven 'traits'





Each DISC vendor brings their own ideas to the street... Nobody is wrong, they're simply different.

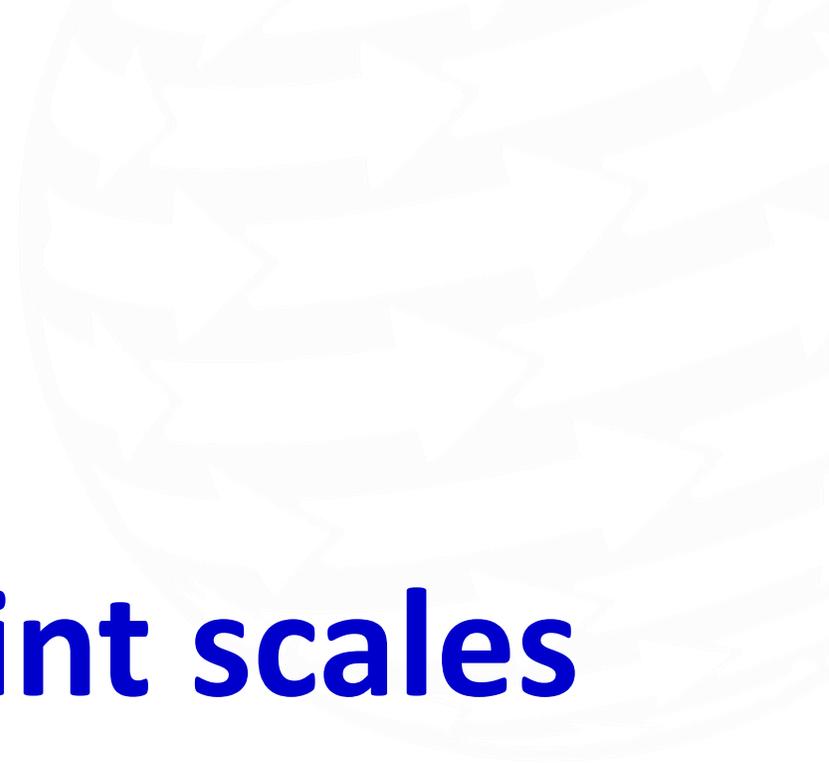
- DISC terminology varies
- Length of lists vary – brief lists vs. long lists (pros / cons)
- Report length varies (pros / cons)
- Simple vs complex (pros / cons)
- Two graphs? Three graphs? One graph? (A24x7 = choices)

Nobody is wrong... until they are!

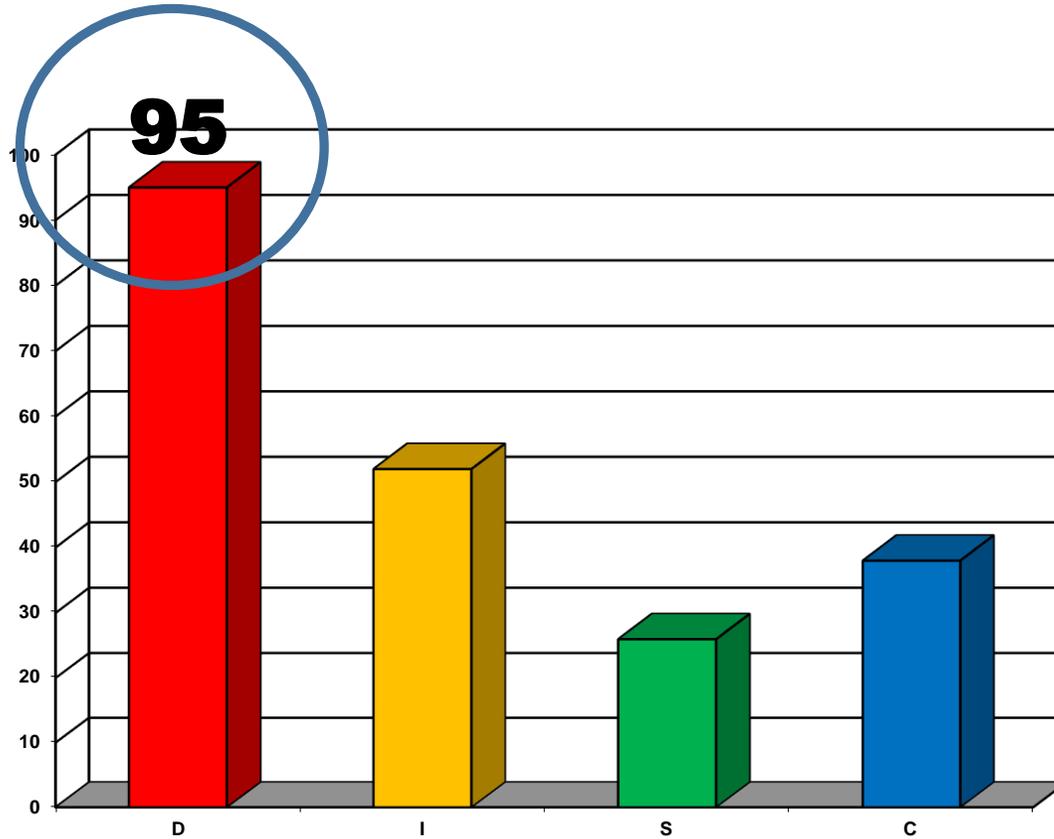
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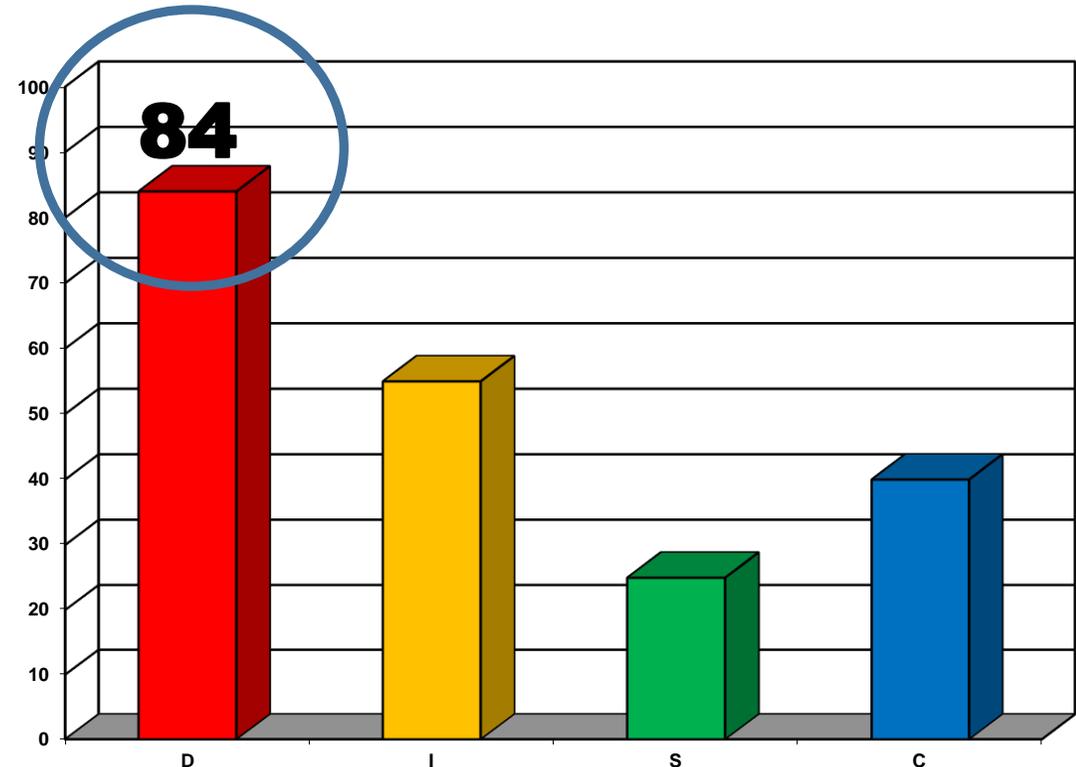
Beware of 100-point scales



Beware of making assumptions...



Person A



Person B



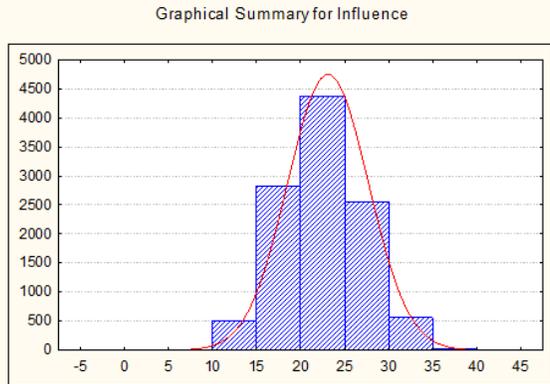
Beware!

The difference between a score of 95 ... and 84 ... on ANY DISC scale may be as small as:

One item choice (i.e. ONE question!)

A statistical experiment...

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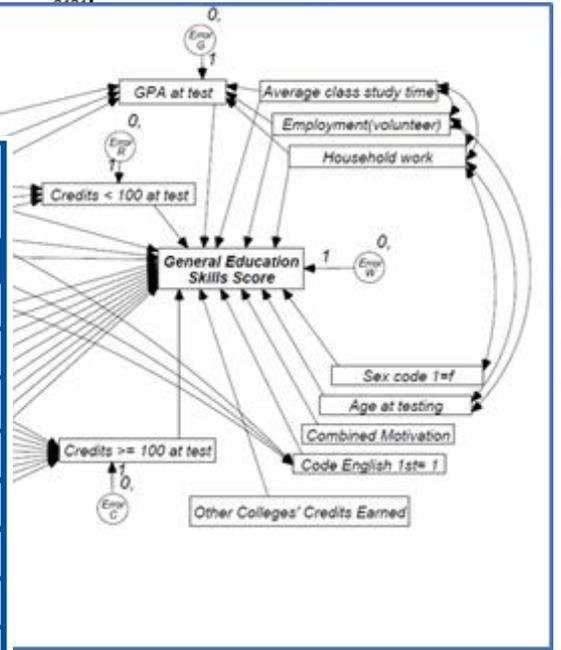
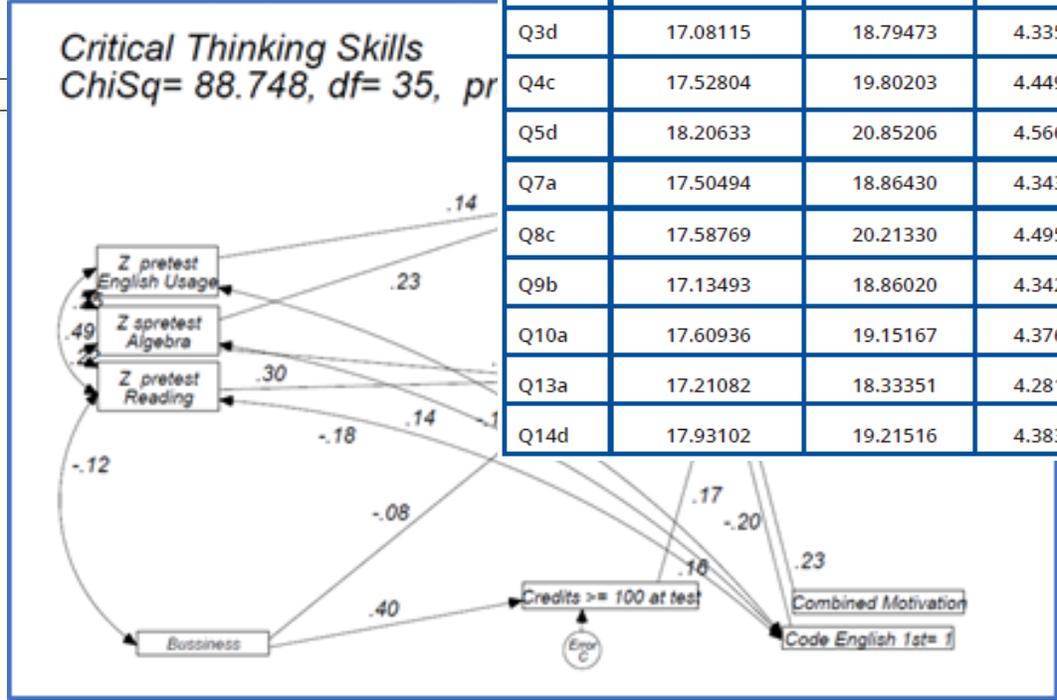
Shapiro-Wilk p: n/a
 Mean: 22.96
 Std.Dev.: 4.563
 Variance: 20.82
 Std.Err.Mean: 0.0438
 Skewness: 0.0853
 Valid N: 10864
 Minimum: 1.000

Correlations (20100216assessmentsessionromania)
 Marked correlations are significant at $p < .05000$
 N=1209 (Case-wise deletion of missing data)

	Helping	Influence	Knowledge	Money	Structure	Uniqueness	O - Problems	O - People	O - Patience	O - Procedures
Helping	1.0000	-.3045	-.1403	-.0878	-.2207	-.1129	-.0810	-.2206	.1825	.1666
Influence	p=---	1.0000	p=.000	p=.002	p=.000	p=.000	p=.005	p=.000	p=.000	p=.000
Knowledge	-.3045	1.0000	1.0000	-.2656	-.4350	.1209	-.2442	-.0817	-.1825	-.1666
Money	p=0.00	p=---	p=0.00	1.0000	p=.000	p=.000	p=.000	p=.000	p=.000	p=.000
Structure	-.1403	-.2656	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	-.1148	-.1468	-.3797	-.0791	-.0791
Uniqueness	p=.000	p=0.00	p=---	p=.000	p=.000	1.0000	-.4348	-.0791	-.0791	-.0791
O - Problems	-.0878	-.4350	-.1148	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	-.4348	-.0791	-.0791
O - People	p=.002	p=0.00	p=.000	p=---	p=.000	p=.000	p=---	1.0000	p=.000	p=.000
O - Patience	-.2207	.1209	-.1468	-.4348	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
O - Procedures										

Summary for scale: Mean=19.4608 Std. Dv.=4.82066 Valid N:23167
 Cronbach alpha: .732375 Standardized alpha: .736333
 Average inter-item corr.: .219673

Variable	Mean if deleted	Var. if deleted	StDv. if deleted	Item Totl Correl.	Alpha if deleted
Q1a	17.35317	19.73636	4.442563	0.367567	0.714739
Q3d	17.08115	18.79473	4.335289	0.398739	0.710423
Q4c	17.52804	19.80203	4.449947	0.400305	0.710403
Q5d	18.20633	20.85206	4.566406	0.348408	0.718828
Q7a	17.50494	18.86430	4.343305	0.490774	0.696179
Q8c	17.58769	20.21330	4.495921	0.278804	0.728265
Q9b	17.13493	18.86020	4.342833	0.432379	0.704512
Q10a	17.60936	19.15167	4.376262	0.365282	0.715963
Q13a	17.21082	18.33351	4.281765	0.413462	0.708532
Q14d	17.93102	19.21516	4.383511	0.452541	0.702291





An interesting result: (from other consultants...)
Please give a 'Yes (check)' OR 'No (X)' response to this result:

- Group aggregate scores say that you may consider yourself to be among the top safe and defensive drivers.

Yes or No

(Note: Session responses were 66% 'yes.')



MORE interesting results: (from other consultants...)

Please give a 'Yes' response to this result IF two or more of these results apply to you. A 'No' if one or none apply to you.

1. You have an amount of unused capacity that you realize you have not turned into your advantage.
2. You have a rare and positive duality of being which is expressed in your public self, and is quite different from your private self.
3. You have some personality weaknesses of which you are fully aware, and you are able to compensate for them such that very few people ever notice.
4. You tend to be critical of yourself internally, something you rarely, if ever share with others.

Yes or No

(Note: Session responses were 77% 'yes.')



On 'faking it'... Can we fake our responses to a DISC or Motivators assessment? (malingering)

- If Tony was hiring an accountant could we modify our responses to approximate an accountant?
- If Tony was hiring a salesperson could we modify our responses accordingly?
- Can other people do the same?



On faking it... Can we 'fake it' with our *interpretations* of one's DISC or Motivators reports?

To be clear:

- Can we provide additional information that is NOT in any way related to one's DISC scores?
- Yes, we can and I strongly urge NOT to do that. Ever.
- And...
- **I did that just a few moments ago!** ... Observe:



I 'fooled' you a few moments ago, with my '**statistical experiment**'

Item: Safe, defensive driving habits of DISC consultants...

Reality: 90% of U.S. drivers place themselves in the top 10-15% of safe & defensive drivers. (*Source: Survey by NHTSA*)

My technique: I linked the statistic to your 'group' aggregate DISC results.

Item: The other four items listed.

Reality: 84 – 93% will rate at least two of those items as true for them.

My technique: I linked the list to your 'group' aggregate DISC results.

These techniques are called '**cold reading**' techniques and used by charlatans, fakers, mind-readers, and entertainers... and *some* DISC consultants.



Dictionary

Search for a word



pro·voc·a·tive

/prə'vəkədɪv/

adjective

deliberately causing a strong reaction...

a controversial idea... provokes thought



Assumptions -

1. May lead us to false conclusions
2. Some charlatans are now mixing 'Cold Reading' techniques into their coaching, by combining Cold Reading techniques with the client's report results. This 'hooks' unsuspecting clients into thinking that their coach has 'special powers' of discernment.



'Cold Reading' Techniques – (common among fakers, charlatans, and fortune-tellers)

1. **Hot button topics** (common among most people): Relationships, money, loss, honesty; and the **four elements** – Fire, water, wind, or physical object (usu round = ring, key-ring, etc.).
2. Uses the **phallacy of personal validation**; tell the subject that **because of** specific 'patterns' these (cold reading) themes emerge.
3. Many specific hooks (themes) for men, women, young, and older. These are readily available from **Cold Reading sources** (sometimes free, usually paid).



'Cold Reading' Techniques –

4. Human tendency to remember the 'hits,' and quickly forget the 'misses.'
5. Use stats, polls, survey info to build semi-educated guesses. (National stats can be helpful.)
7. LINK their schpiel to something specific about the subject:
Such as:
 - lines on their palm,
 - arrangement of cards,
 - tea leaf design,
 - or **DISC / Motivators scores!**



'Cold Readers' – Two Types:

1. **"Eyes-Open"** types are charlatans or fakers who know *exactly* what they're doing and do this to **entertain**, **OR** unethically trick and con unsuspecting people. (probably 97% of 'psychics')
2. **"Eyes-Closed"** types are *naive* people who believe they actually have some 'powers.' They've learned cold reading by trial and error without realizing it, and may be *ignorant* about formal cold reading techniques. (probably 3% of people)

**** I'm not encouraging anyone to begin using these *unethical techniques*. (Sharing this so that you can recognize it when you see it, and call it out...)**



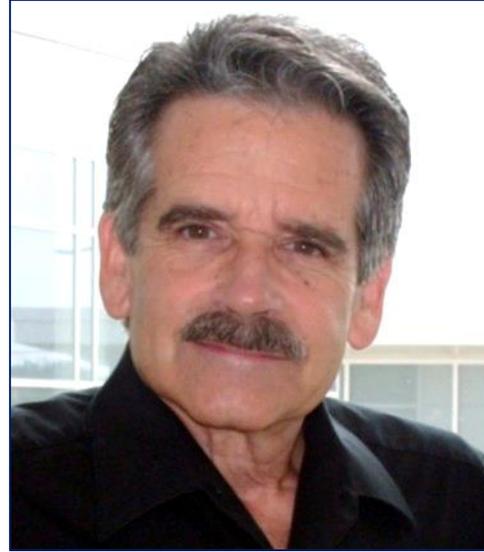
'Cold Reading' Resources –

1. Google™: “Cold Reading Techniques” (192,000,000 hits!)
2. Online: “Red Hot Cold Readings”
3. Book: “Full Facts book of Cold Reading” by Ian Rowland
4. Book: “Tricks of the Mind” by Derren Brown
5. James Randi – On YouTube exposes many psychics
6. Many other classics. Above, listed here just as FYI resources.

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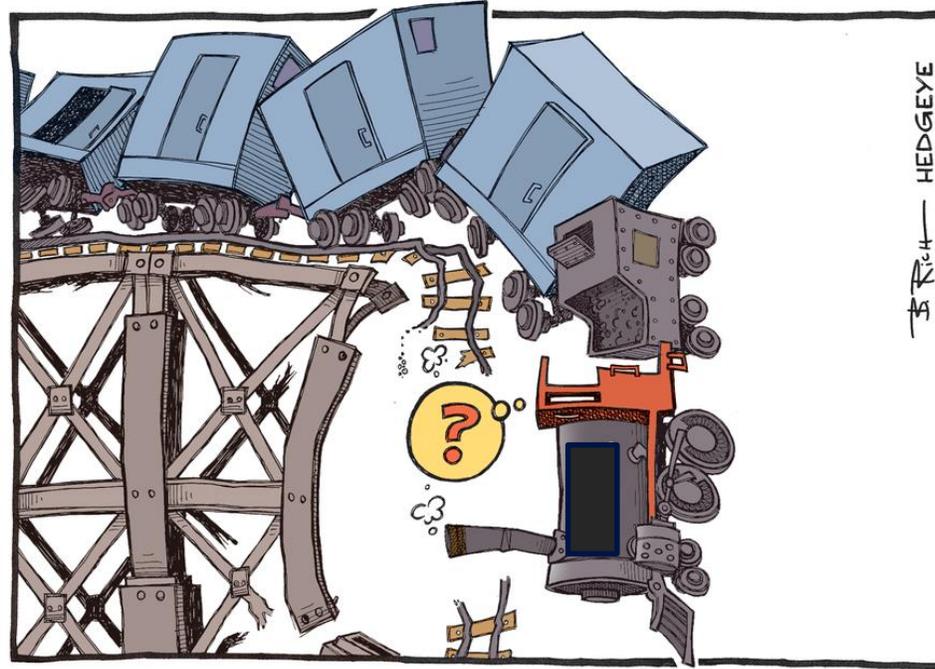
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There may be a train wreck waiting to happen!



The name of the potential train wreck?

Disparate impact / adverse impact



Disparate Impact – A formal study from Univ. of Memphis (Drs. Kenneth Passiah, Dennis Koerner, Russ Watson) *Figure 1*

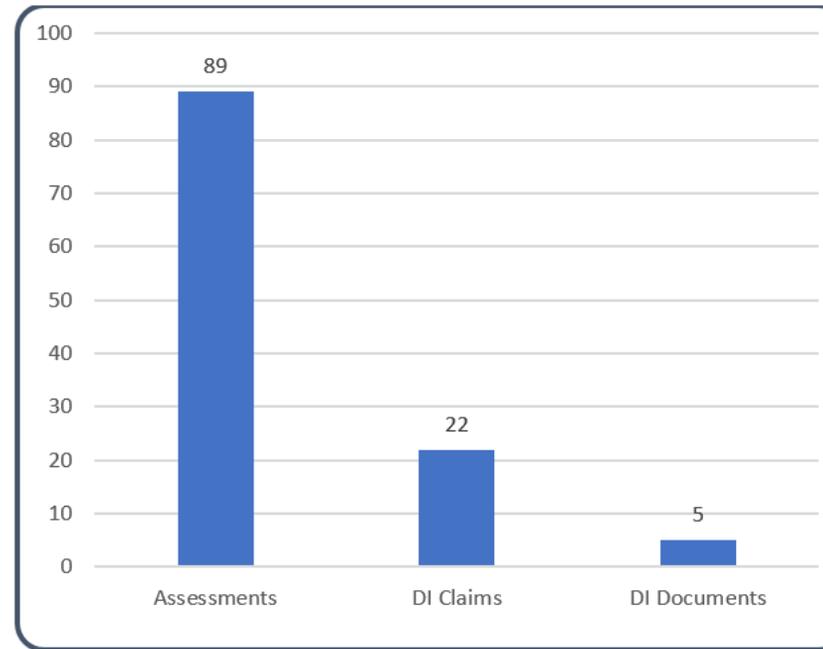


Figure 1 - Percentage of companies documenting Disparate Impact data

89 Assessments reviewed from many assessment providers.
22 made Disparate Impact claims (~25% of assessments)
5 provided Disparate Impact documents (~6% of assessments)

* A24x7 was a participant, and one of the 5 companies providing appropriate documentation.



WHY is it a train wreck waiting to happen?

WHEN:

- A candidate doesn't get the job (or promotion, or transfer they requested) >> and they believe that the results from an assessment influenced the decision >> and the assessment company doesn't have any validation (or Disparate Impact documentation)...
- The candidate finds an aggressive plaintiff's attorney >> who files a Disparate Impact lawsuit in district court against the assessment company...
- The result will encumber the assessment company in ways not yet fully tested by the courts...

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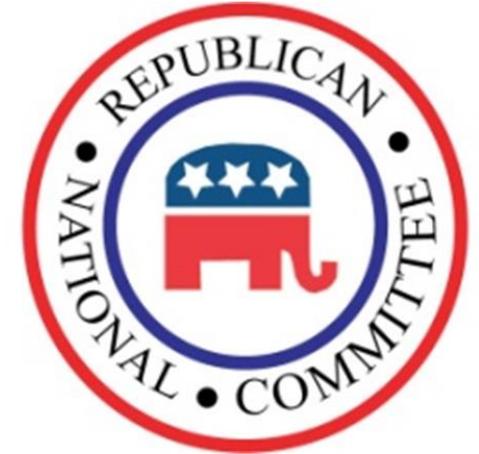


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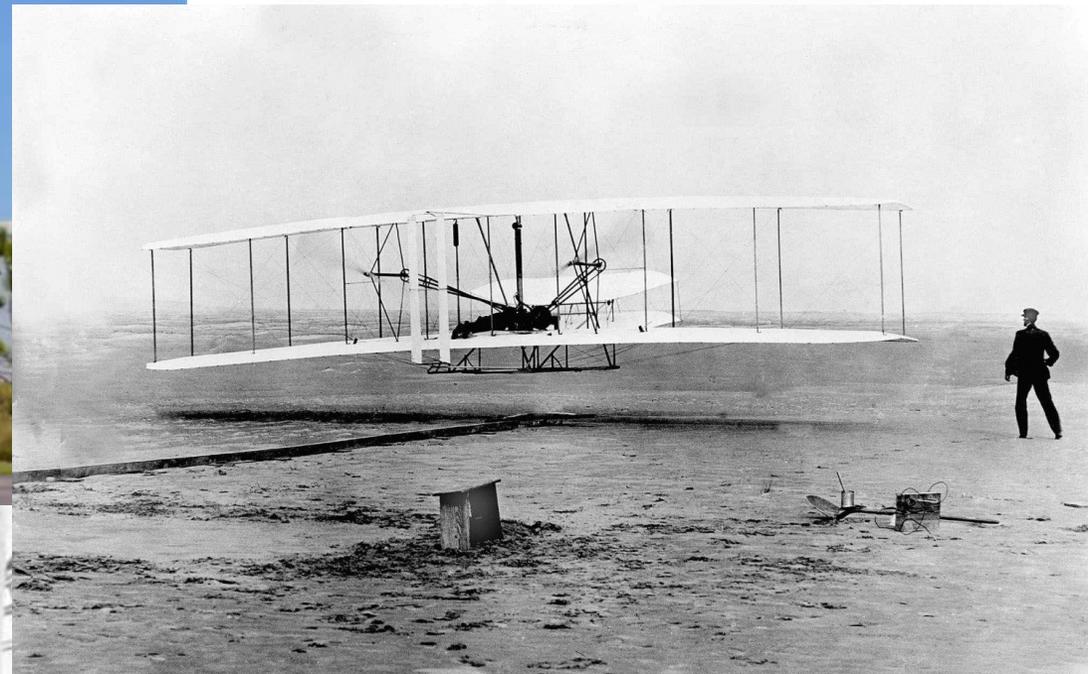
And the requests continued...



... and since the early 1980's I've not stopped researching on **Values / Motivators** and workforce science.



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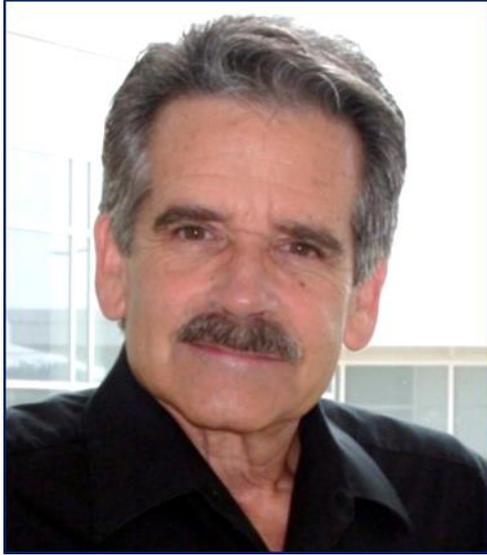
1. **Some assumptions...**
2. **DISC – A rich History** (and some firsts from Watson, and writing from Tony Alessandra)
3. **What's on the horizon with new competition**
4. **Some cautions to be aware of (based on assumptions)**
 - a. **A statistical experiment w/ aggregate scores**
 - b. **On 'faking it'**
5. **The importance of validation, and a possible train-wreck...**



Feedback / Assessment:

Please choose ONE item to post in Chat.
Use prompts as a sentence-starter.

- **I learned ...**
- **I re-learned ...**
- **I realized ...**
- **I discovered ...**
- **I am surprised ...**
- **I am pleased ...**
- **I am concerned ...**
- **I have a question about...**



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Thank You for the privilege of your time.

**I wish you the best in
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