## THINKING FOR YOURSELF

## - A Trait of the Best Leaders -

Learn to challenge tradition, authority and the status quo professionally and maturely, and routinely question your own behaviors and actions.

## Do not:

Blindly follow processes and procedures regardless of their effectiveness

Retreat from confronting problems that negatively affect your performance

Consistently allow others to dictate and manage the use of your time

Consciously do things wrong the first time

Accept substandard work from others

Follow "group think" regardless of its effectiveness

Consistently ignore your instincts

Demonstrate little or no initiative in challenging authority on questionable issues and proposing a better way

Trade integrity for popularity

Routinely repeat past mistakes

Think you cannot make a difference

"Ideas to help you become more successful."

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