

# Trust-Based Public Management

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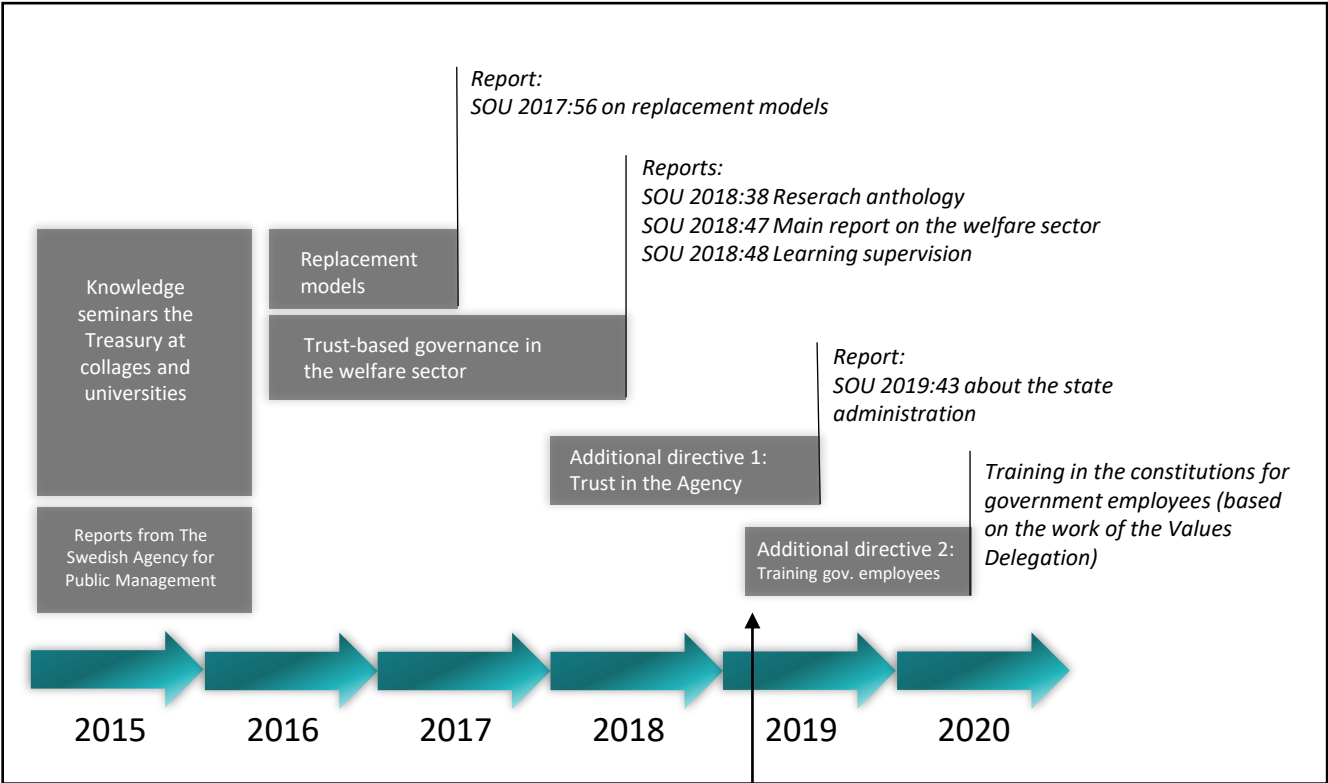
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# The Government Commission for Trust-Based Public Management



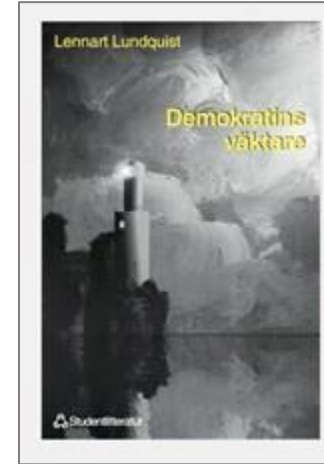
# Background

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# Ämbetsmannen

(Official or the government official)

"Ämbetsmannen is a person with a special judgment, a special integrity and a special ability to see the whole where many others lose themselves in the details. A person whose character is not primarily described as fifty shades of gray, but rather as an unusually wide and rich palette of colors. A person who can not only browse the law book, but also be able to interpret laws and translate them into a working practice in a world full of goal conflicts - and a person who does not hesitate to sound the alarm in case of misconduct." (Louise Bringselius , Axess, 2017)



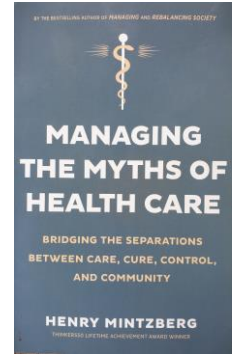


# Micromanagement and Standardization

- Detail control at a long distance with many goals. Too many who want to control.
- Reliance on detailed laws and regulations and organization
- Reliance on standardization, large-scale operation and impersonal systems

“I call it control with remote control, because it is cut off from the business, but still determined to control it. [...] In health care, it means reorganizing tirelessly, measuring like crazy, rewarding a heroic form of leadership, fostering competition where what is needed is cooperation, and pretending that the calling of health care should be managed as a business.”

*(Henry Mintzberg, 2017)*



# Excessive Measuring and growing administration

- More and more people who govern and administer, but fewer in the core assignment.
- Lack of administrative support for employees and first-line managers.
- Reliance on inspection, measurement and evaluation. Troubleshooting with focus on details.

“The knowledge of the measurement is the only knowledge relation the pedant knows. [...] The pedant handles everyone equally and can impossibly make exceptions to the rule. It prioritises the paper world over the living world and thus keeping the bureaucracy correctly over the best interests of the core business. However, the pedant's legal security zeal risks turning into a legal failure at any time. The pedant lives in his columns.”

*(Bornemark 2018 s. 264)*



# Superficiality, culture of silence and "efficiency-persecution"

- Purification and "flower language" where it is most important that it looks good.
- Silence Culture, fear to talk about problems
- Stress and "efficiency-persecution" that affect the work environment and health
- Emphasis on economic values at the expense of quality and democracy



#TYSTNADEN

▶ **Endast varannan offentligt anställd vågar kritisera arbetsgivaren**

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Trots att offentligt anställda har förstärkt skydd i grundlagen är det bara varannan som skulle våga uttala sig kritiskt om sin arbetsgivare offentligt.

Det här visar en enkätundersökning från Ipsos som de stora nyhetsredaktionerna i länet beställt.

Undersökningen är en del av granskningen #tystnaden där P4 Västerbotten tillsammans med länets stora nyhetsredaktioner granskar tystnadskulturen inom offentlig sektor.

Resultaten visar också att var tredje person inte skulle våga vända sig till en journalist och att nästan en av tio varit med om att chefen rekommenderat dem att inte prata med med media.

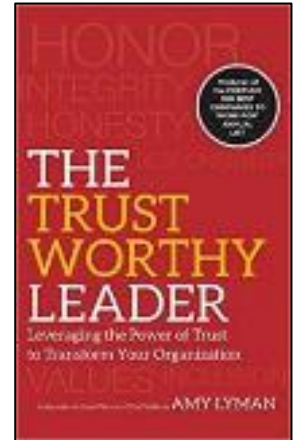
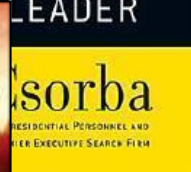
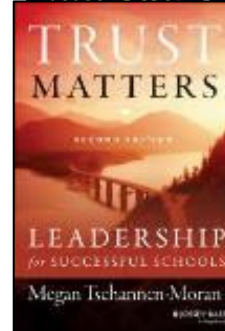
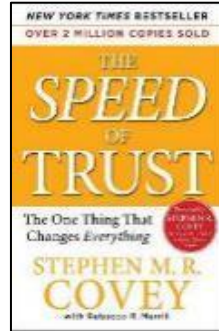
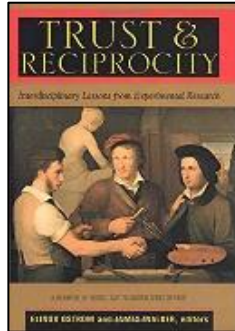
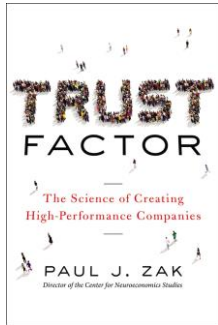
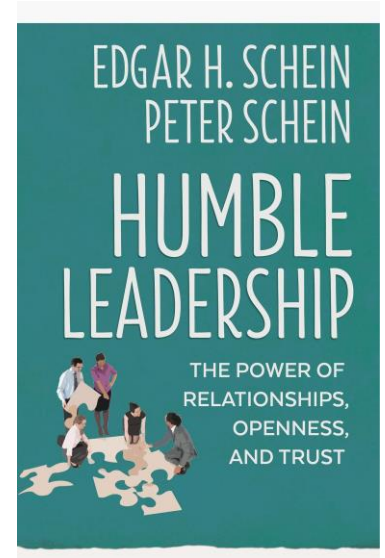
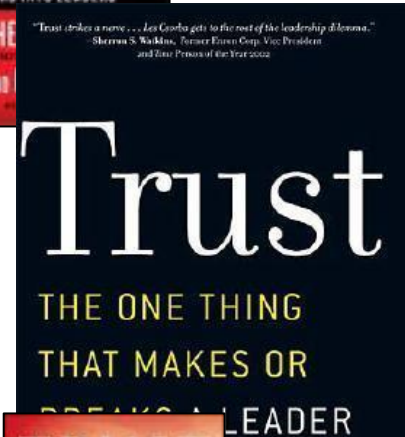
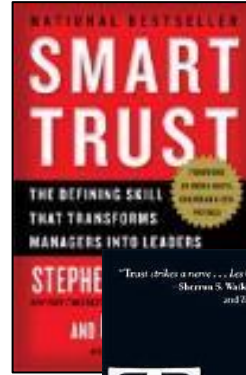
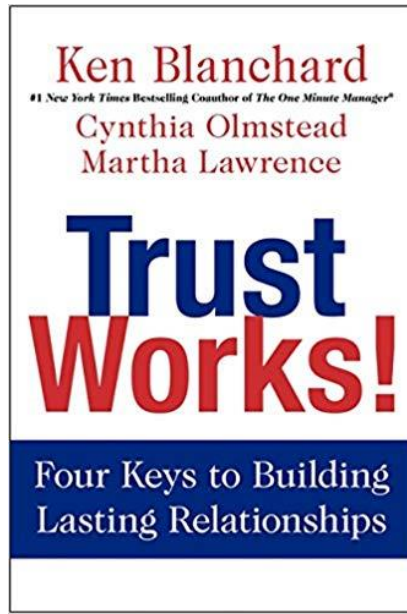
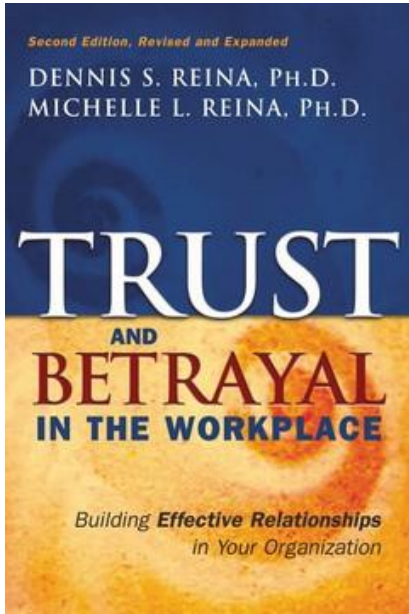
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# Trust Crisis

Trust - an attitude  
and a management  
philosophy





## What do we gain from trust?

1. Better services, increased innovation
2. Increased productivity
3. Better working environment and health, increased tolerance for differences
4. Good public ethics

### Effects of trust

74% lower stress

106% higher energy at work

50% higher productivity

13% fewer sick days

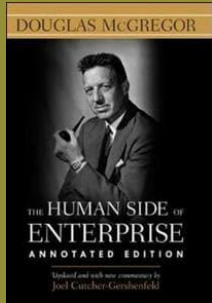
76% higher engagement

29% increased life quality

40% fewer burn outs



*Source:*  
Paul Zak,  
"The Neuroscience of Trust".  
Harvard Business Review,  
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McGregor, Douglas  
(1960) The Human Side  
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## Teori X (cynicism)

Man is assumed by nature to be lazy and selfish

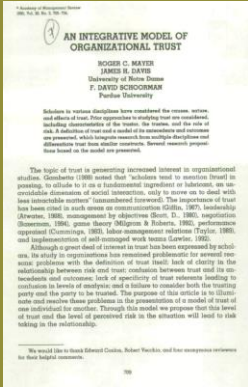


## Teori Y (trust)

Man is assumed by nature to be helpful and altruistic

“We have learned that if we push down decision-making as far down the organization as we reasonably can, we tend to make better decisions, people tend to grow and develop faster and become more motivated.”

(Douglas McGregor, i Heil et al 2000: 63)



## Trust as an approach

Trust is the willingness to expose ourselves to risk in an area that is important to us, without knowing if the one we choose to trust will live up to our expectations.

### Source

Mayer, Davis & Schoorman  
(1995) An Integrated Model  
of Organizational Trust.  
Academy of Management  
Review, 20(3).



Source:

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## Trust as a management philosophy

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“Trust is a management philosophy which means that we choose to trust that people in the core business have the knowledge, judgment and willingness to carry out their work in a good way without detailed control...

... and that the organization's most important task is to create conditions based on the needs of the meeting between employees and citizens.”

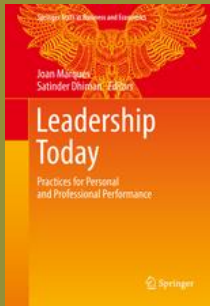
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## Trust starts at the top



Prof. Michelle Bligh

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“Managers who learn to have trust and to act on that trust increase the perceived trustworthiness of themselves. In other words, **gaining the trust of subordinates means first acting as a trusting leader.**”

Employees also tend to show greater trust in colleagues that the team leader trusts, **especially when the group is performing poorly and things are not going well.** ”





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To build trust, we need to consider all  
aspects of operations

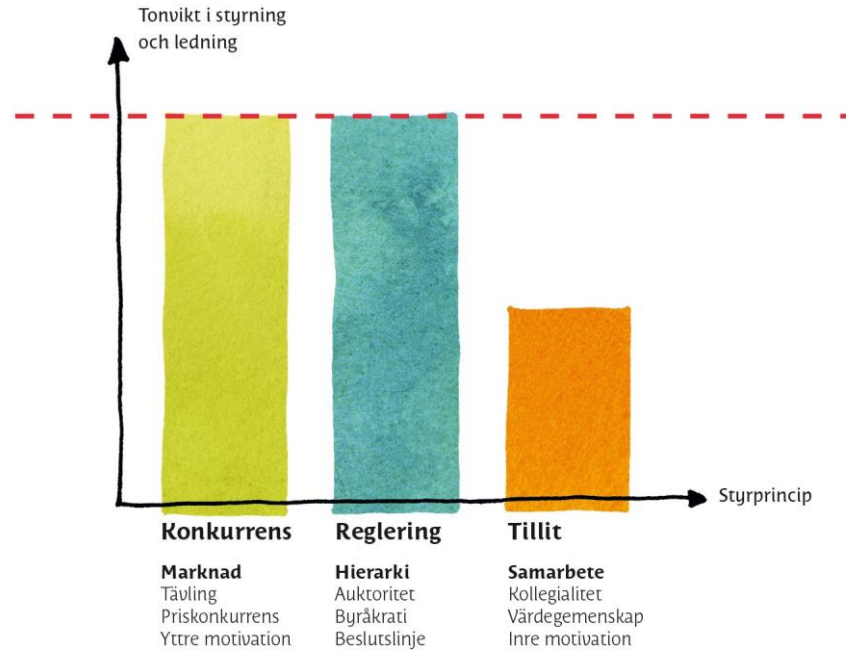






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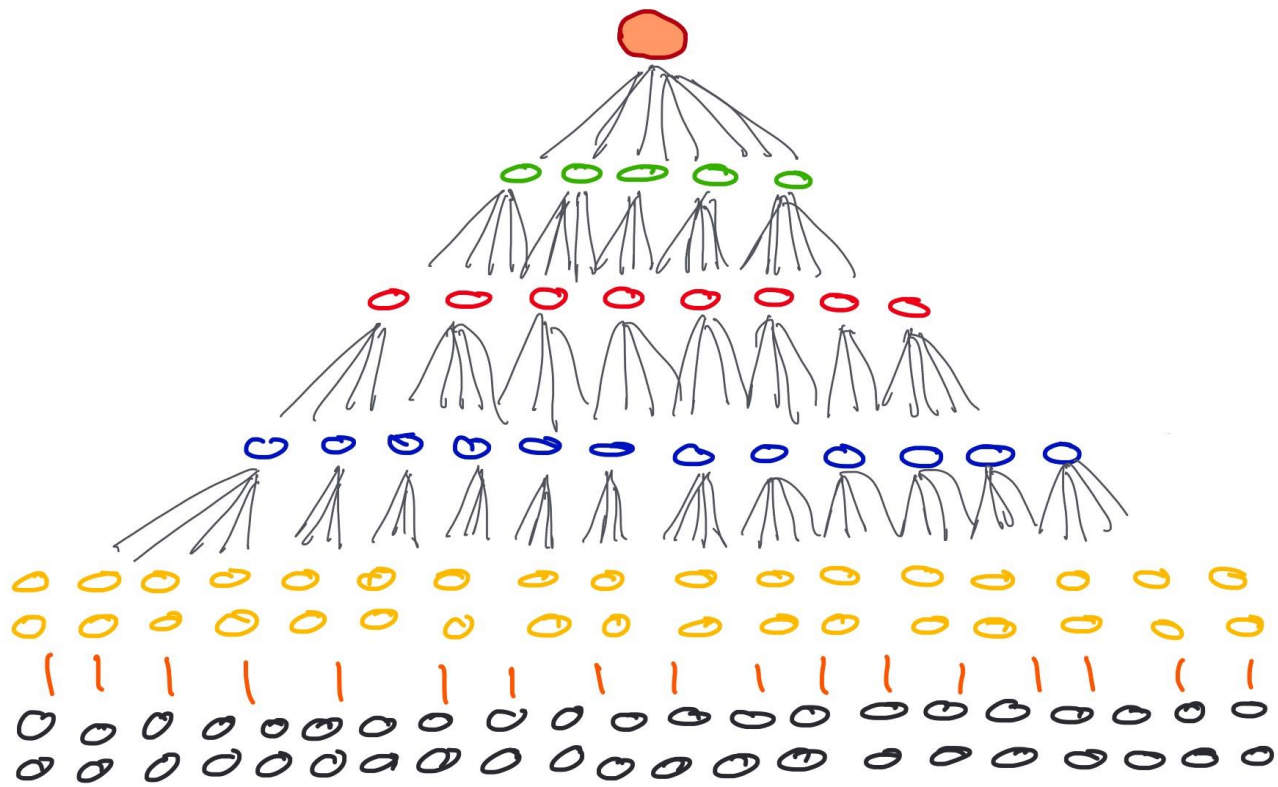
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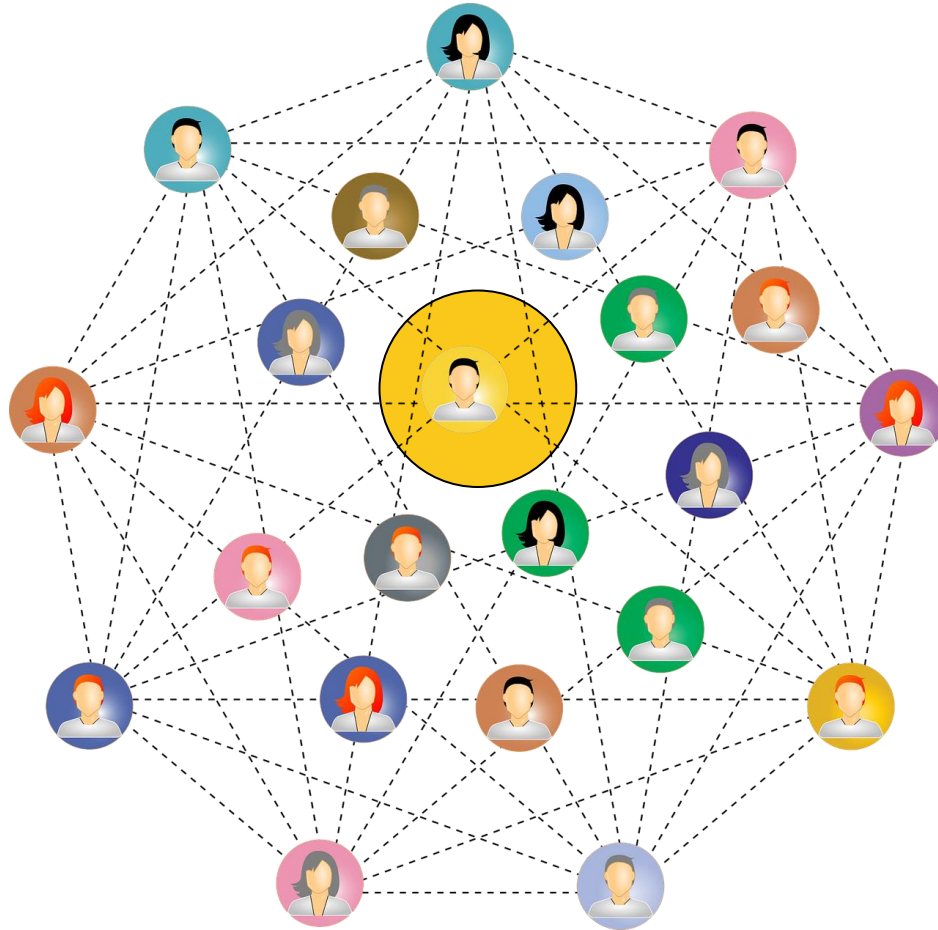


Figur 1. Tre styrprinciper i obalans i organisationer och samhälle (fritt utifrån Adler 2001, tidigare version i SOU 2018:38).

# Organizations as networks

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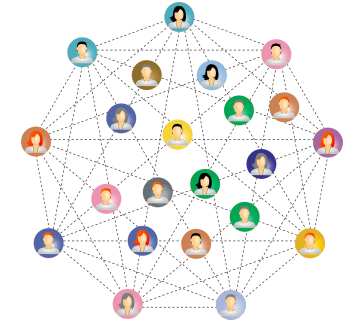
## CO-LEADERSHIP

Co-leadership is when everyone in the organization is prepared to take the initiative for development and responsibility for the assignment as a whole - and when the citizen is also invited to participate.

Trust increases  
organizational  
citizenship

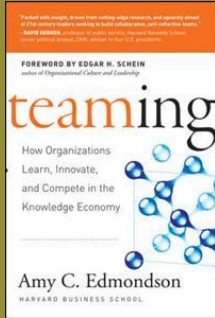
Willingness to take independent initiatives to solve problems beyond narrow role descriptions and manuals

## Leadership is exercised by all



“Leadership can take two forms: the first is formal leadership, which I call leadership with a capital L. Large L leadership usually includes senior managers and it concerns decisions and activities that affect everyone in the organization. [...] But often what is needed is what I call leadership with a small L. This type of leadership is exercised by people around the organization, not just at the central level, and especially by those who work in the core business, where the work may have a crucial outcome for the customer's experience.”

*(Amy Edmondson, förord)*



Source:  
Edmondson, Amy (2012)  
Teaming: How Organizations  
Learn, Innovate and Compete  
in the Knowledge Economy.  
Harvard Business School.

## Elon Musk

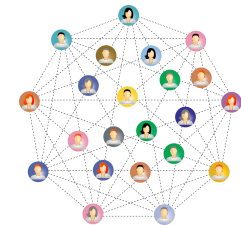
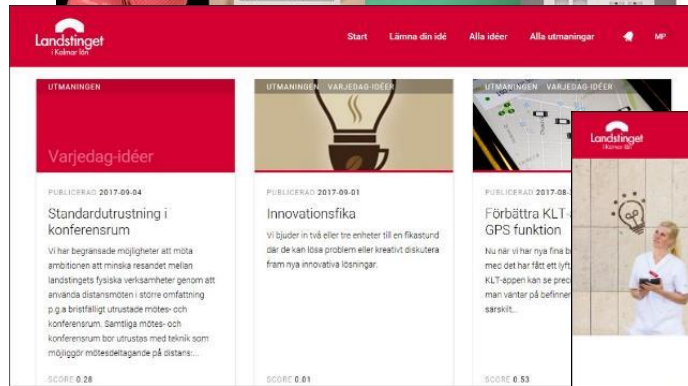
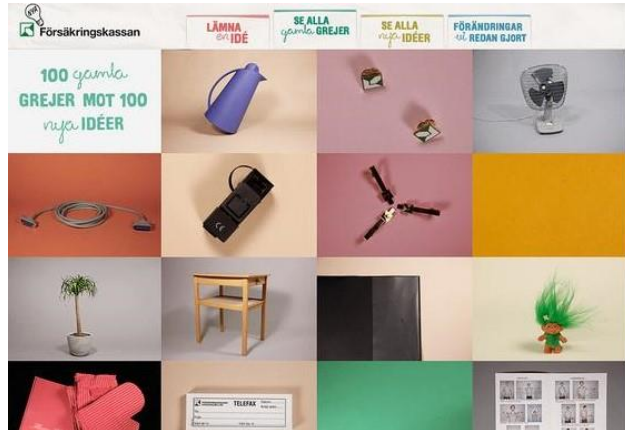
Freedom of communication  
to quickly solve complex  
and urgent problems



"Communication should travel via the shortest path necessary to get the job done, not through the 'chain of command'. Any manager who attempts to enforce chain of command communication will soon find themselves working elsewhere."



# Proposal platforms



# Summary

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# Control-Based Public Management vs Trust-Based Public Management

Tabell 1. Grundläggande skillnader mellan en kontrollkultur och en tillitskultur.

	Kontrollkultur	Tillitskultur
<b>Styrningens huvudsakliga riktning</b>	Uppifrån	Nedifrån
<b>Styrningens huvudsakliga attityd</b>	Kontrollera och bestraffa	Främja och hjälpa
<b>Fokus</b>	Överordnad beslutsfattare (uppåt)	Kärnverksamheten (nedåt)
<b>Viktigaste instrument</b>	Kontroll, avgränsat ansvar, formalisering	Lärande, helhetsansvar, relationsbyggande
<b>Utvärdering av prestationer</b>	Central, distanserad, kvantitativ (siffror)	Kollegial, förståelseinriktad

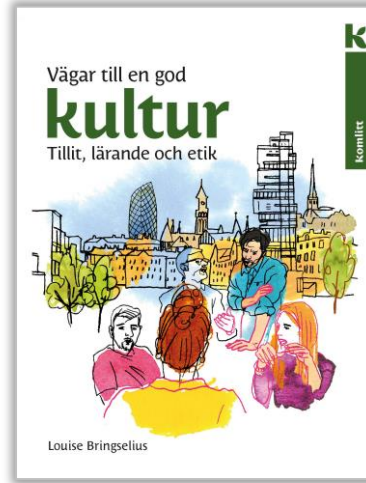


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*Thank you!*

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