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State

Leading people by

Shock

- Giving comprehensive information and presenting the background; demonstrating the need for change (sense of urgency)
- Showing empathy
- Confronting reality and not concealing bitter truths
- Speaking plainly and providing clarity also on what is and what is not negotiable
- Allowing time to process the information
- Repeating information and discussions

Anger

- Listening and showing empathy, compassion and understanding but do not discuss feelings ad infinitum or talking for too long
- Allowing emotional space for anger, grief, fears and disappointment
- Creating outlets and enabling open communication; dialogue, but do not debating and putting forward counterarguments
- Always being clear and unambiguous but never making threats

Resistance

- Understanding the resistance (very possible that the core is of interest)
- Involving those who are concerned: not setting out every detail, defining room for involvement
- Giving comprehensive information: not only providing information that is necessary for specific tasks
- Being realistic, no sweet talking but avoiding killer phrases: e.g. "you have no choice, take it or leave it, etc."
- As a last resort: announce the consequences and make them happen if people do not cooperate in the interest of the company/team

Acceptance

- Substantiating vision/image of the future on an ongoing basis and defining and prioritizing measures and projects
- Demonstrating prospects and opportunities and establishing short-term objectives and successes
- Clarifying roles/agreeing rules of the game; engaging and involving employees and offering support
- Noticing and praising initial indications of success (allowing failures but addressing these)

Help

- Enabling performance and obtaining and strengthening commitment
- Empowering people and giving freedom and competencies; encouraging own initiative
- Removing obstacles and keeping out of the way, in a positive sense
- Coaching, training, supporting
- Giving feedback and praising; watering the flowers, not the weeds
- Teambuilding and fine tuning; coordination
- Anchoring what you have achieved