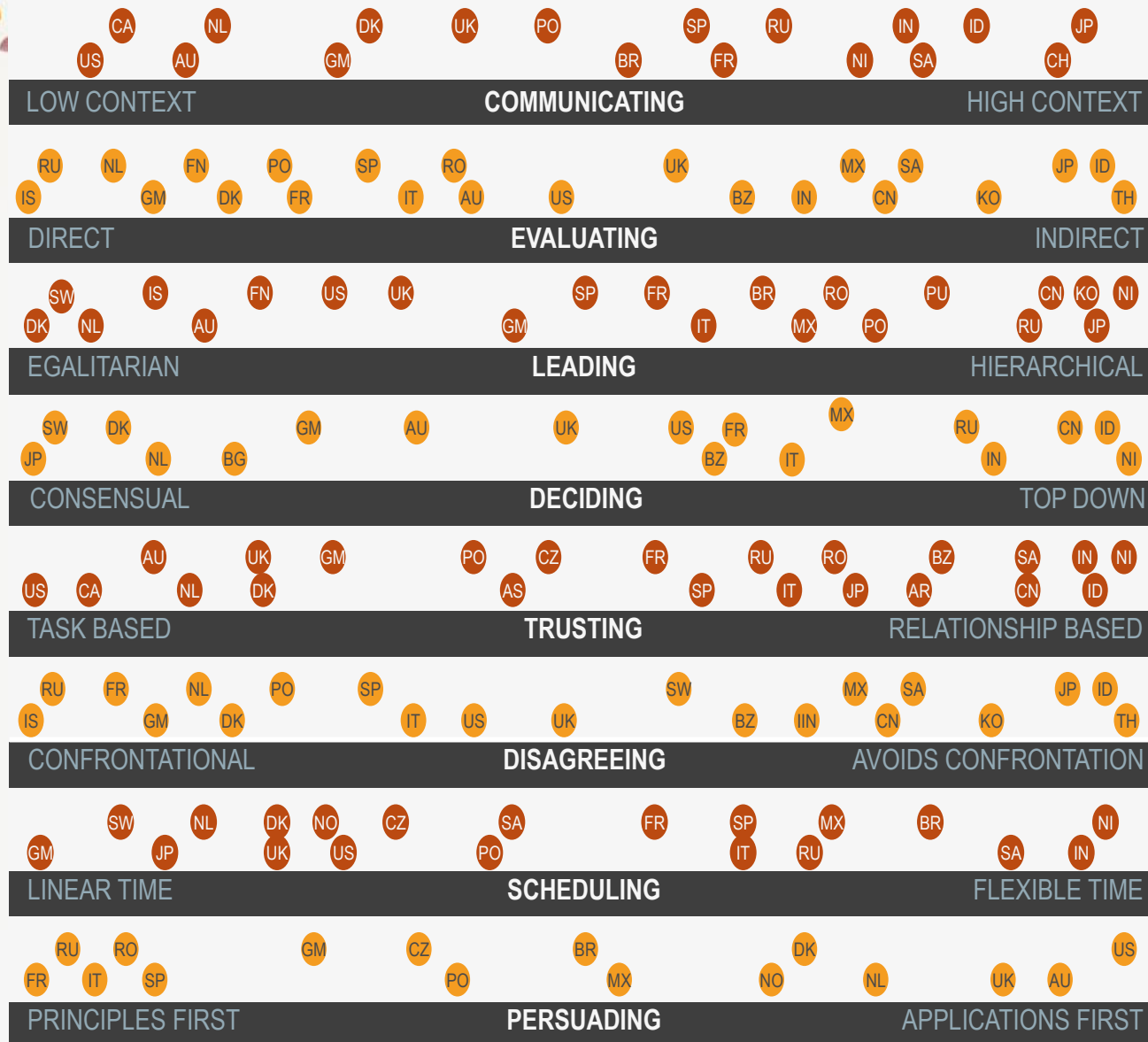




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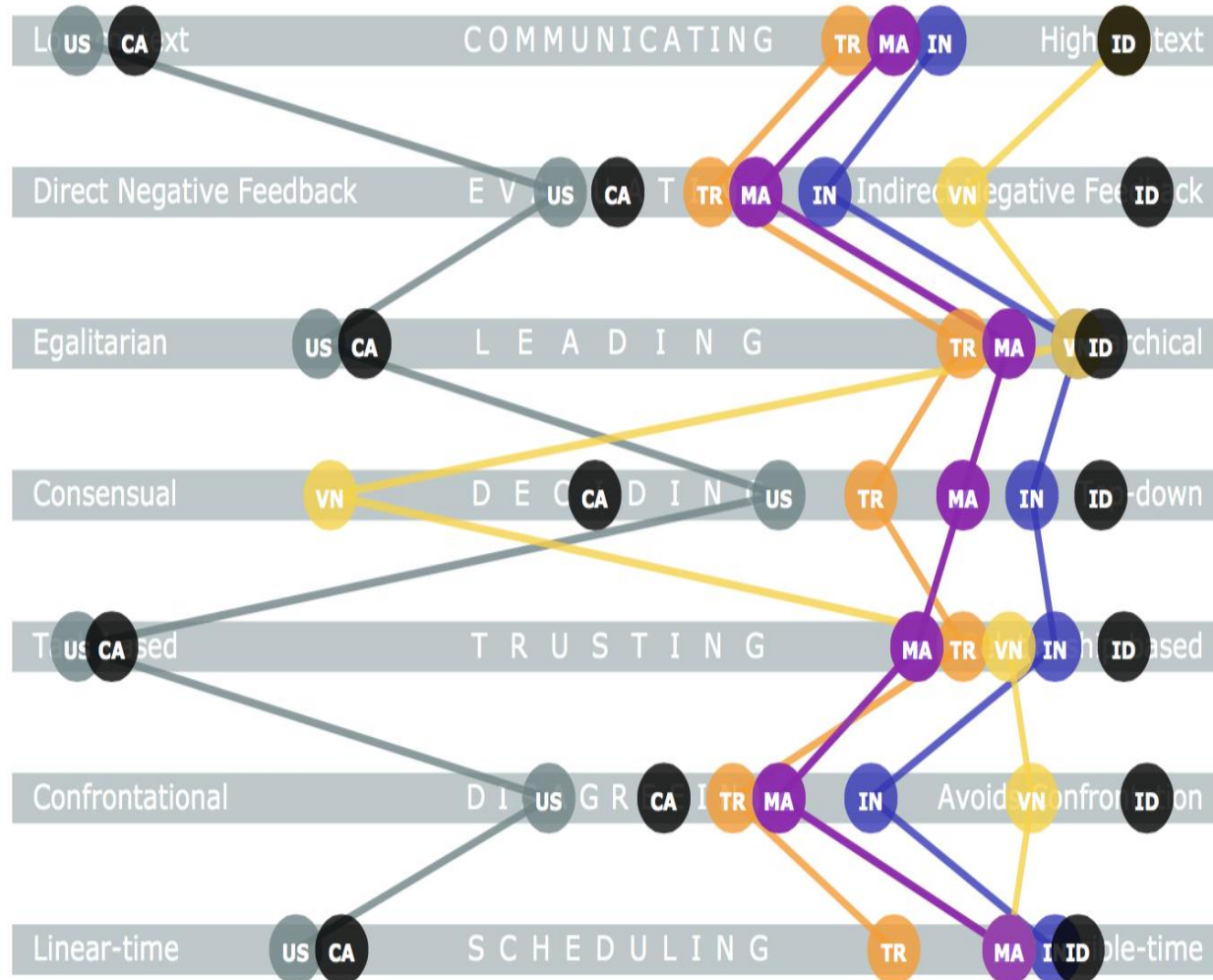
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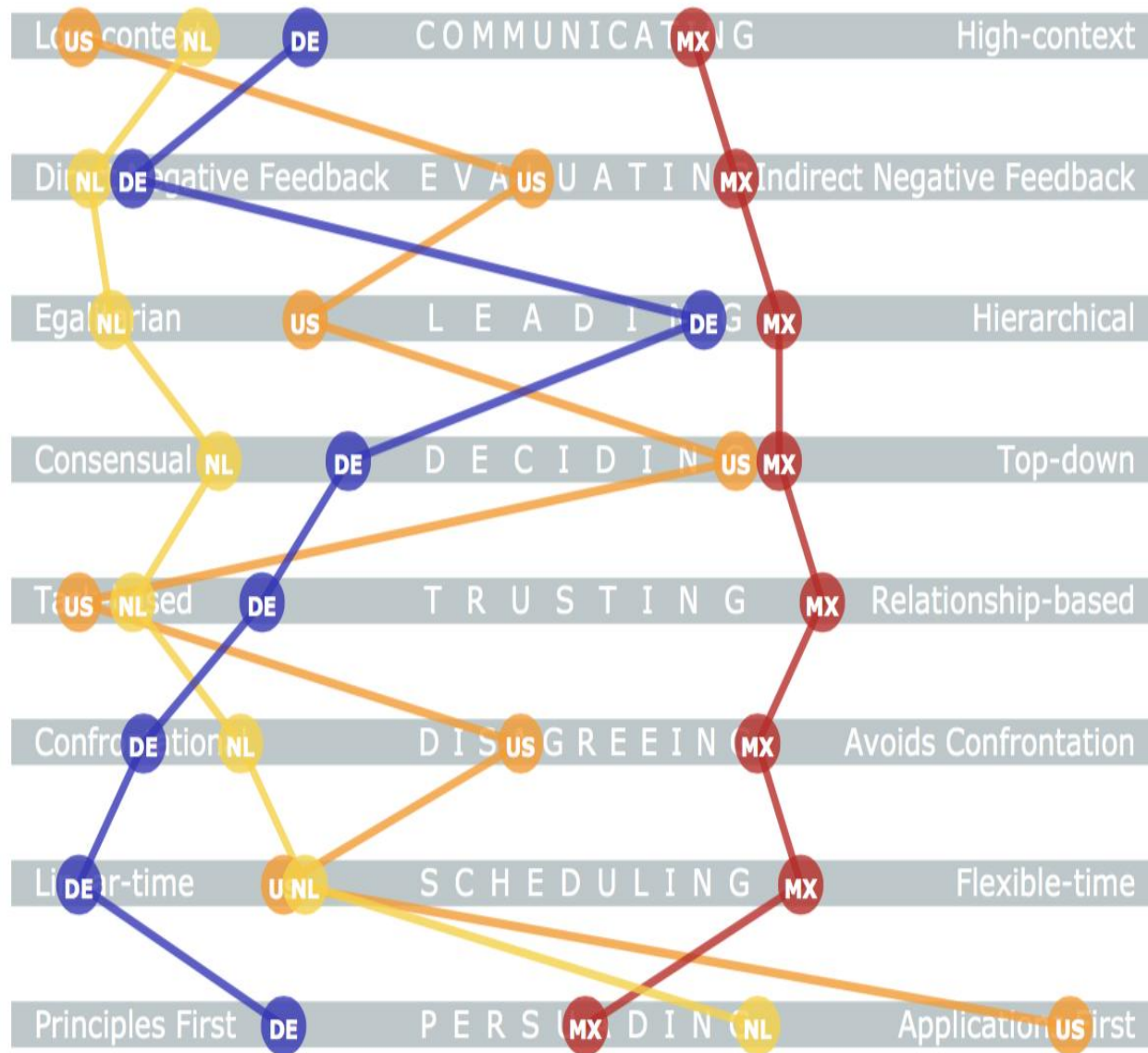
the CULTURE MAP

● India ● United States ● Egypt ● Turkey ● Vietnam ● Morocco
● Indonesia ● Canada





● United States ● Mexico ● Netherlands ● Germany



We are more alike than different.



- We all want:
 - To be understood
 - To be listened to
 - To be respected
- The challenge:
 - The behaviors we look for to feel these things vary across cultures





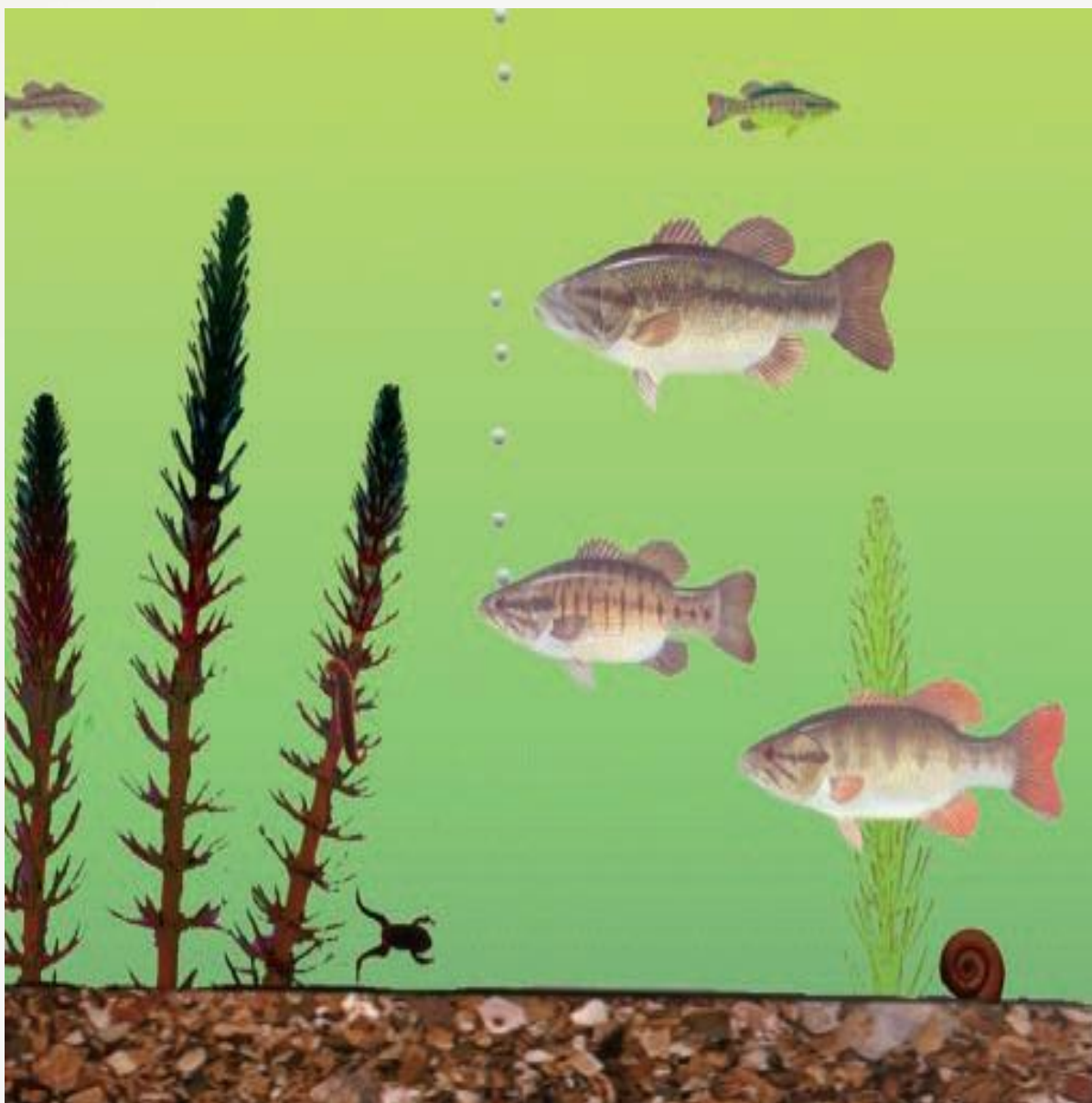
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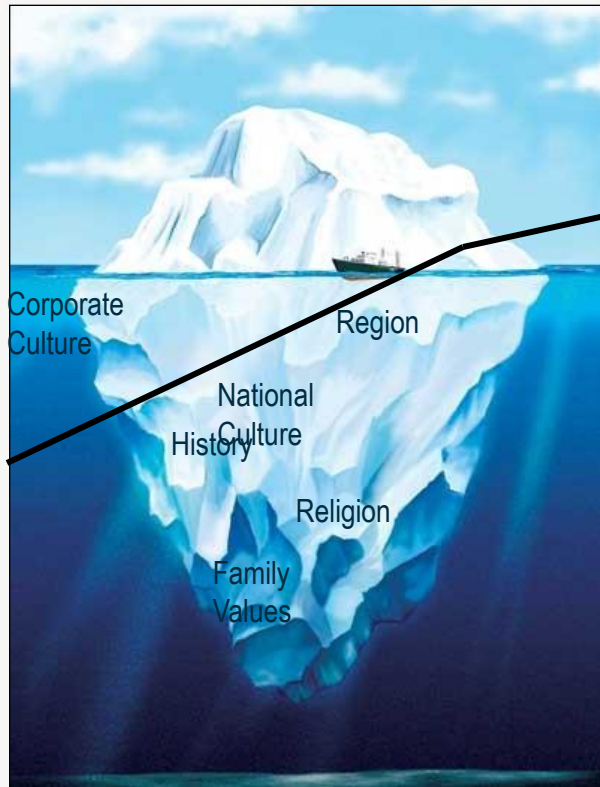
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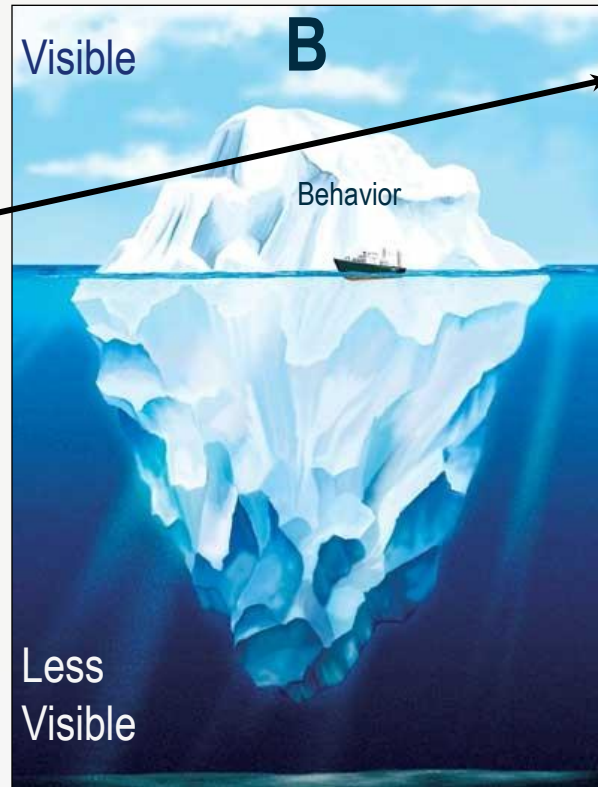


The Lens of Culture

Culture A



Culture B

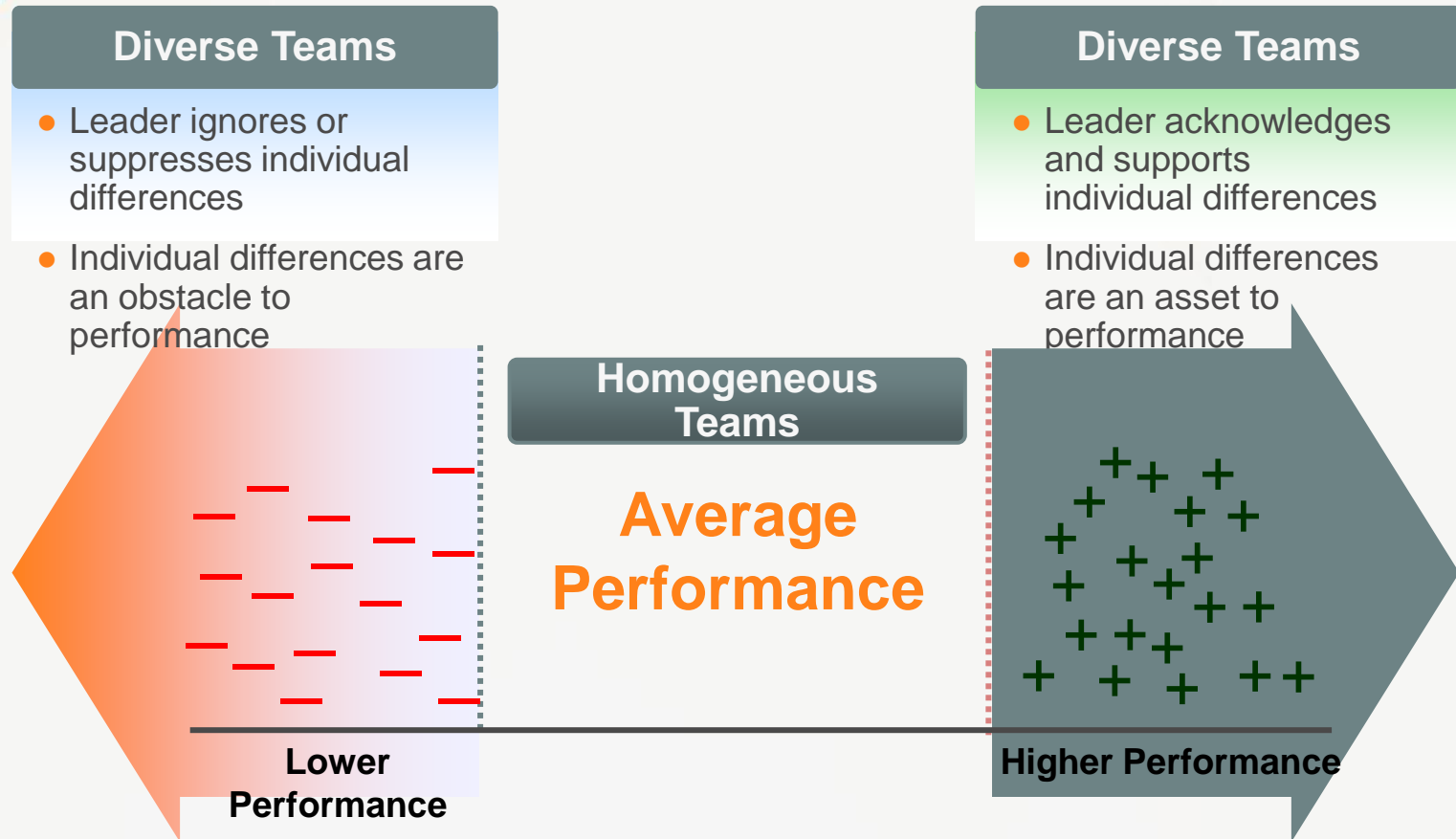


Deeper
Understanding

Awareness

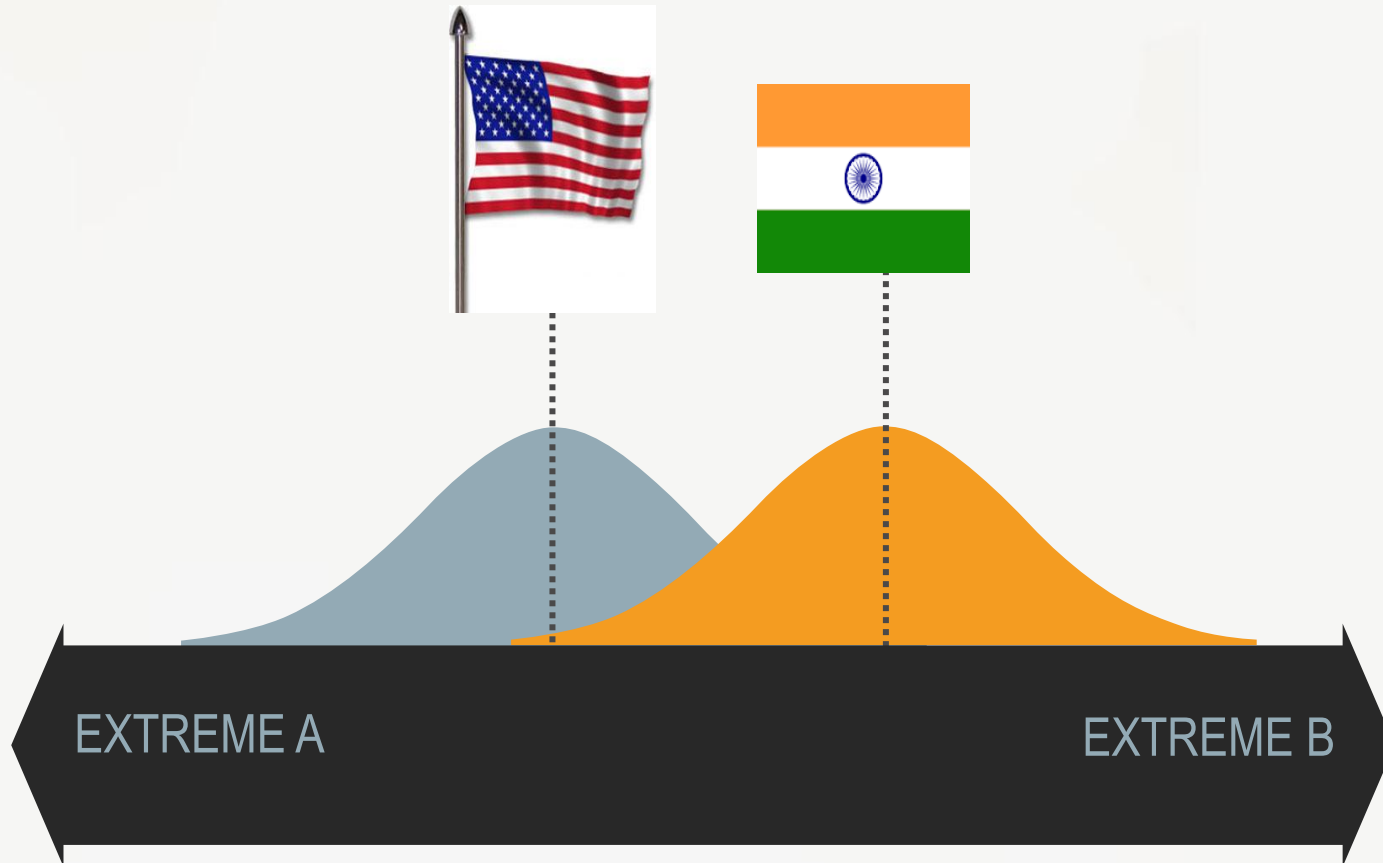


“Stronger as One” – The power of diversity



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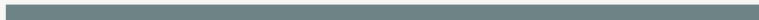


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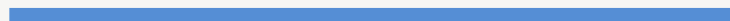




French Range



U.S. Range



Indian Range

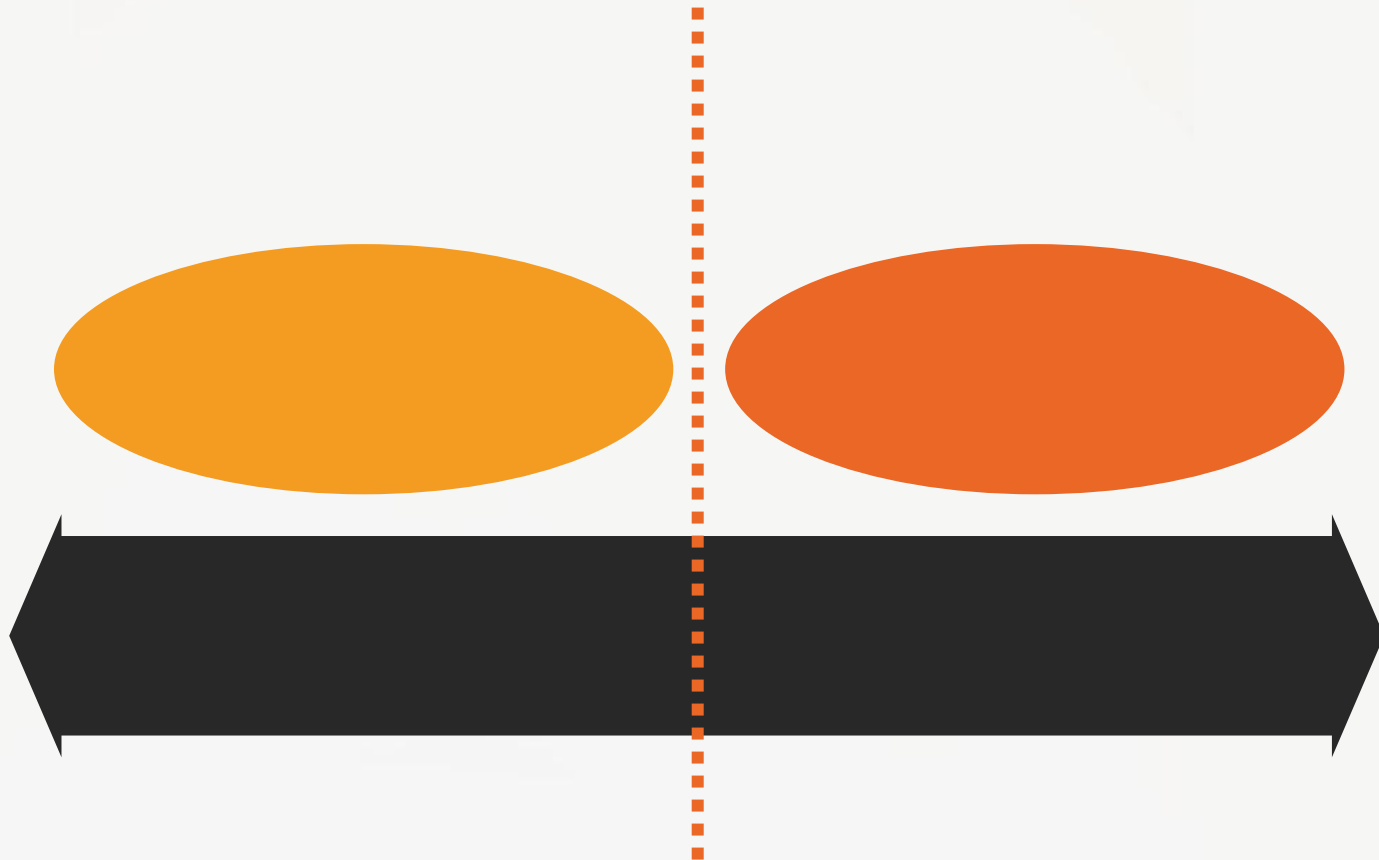


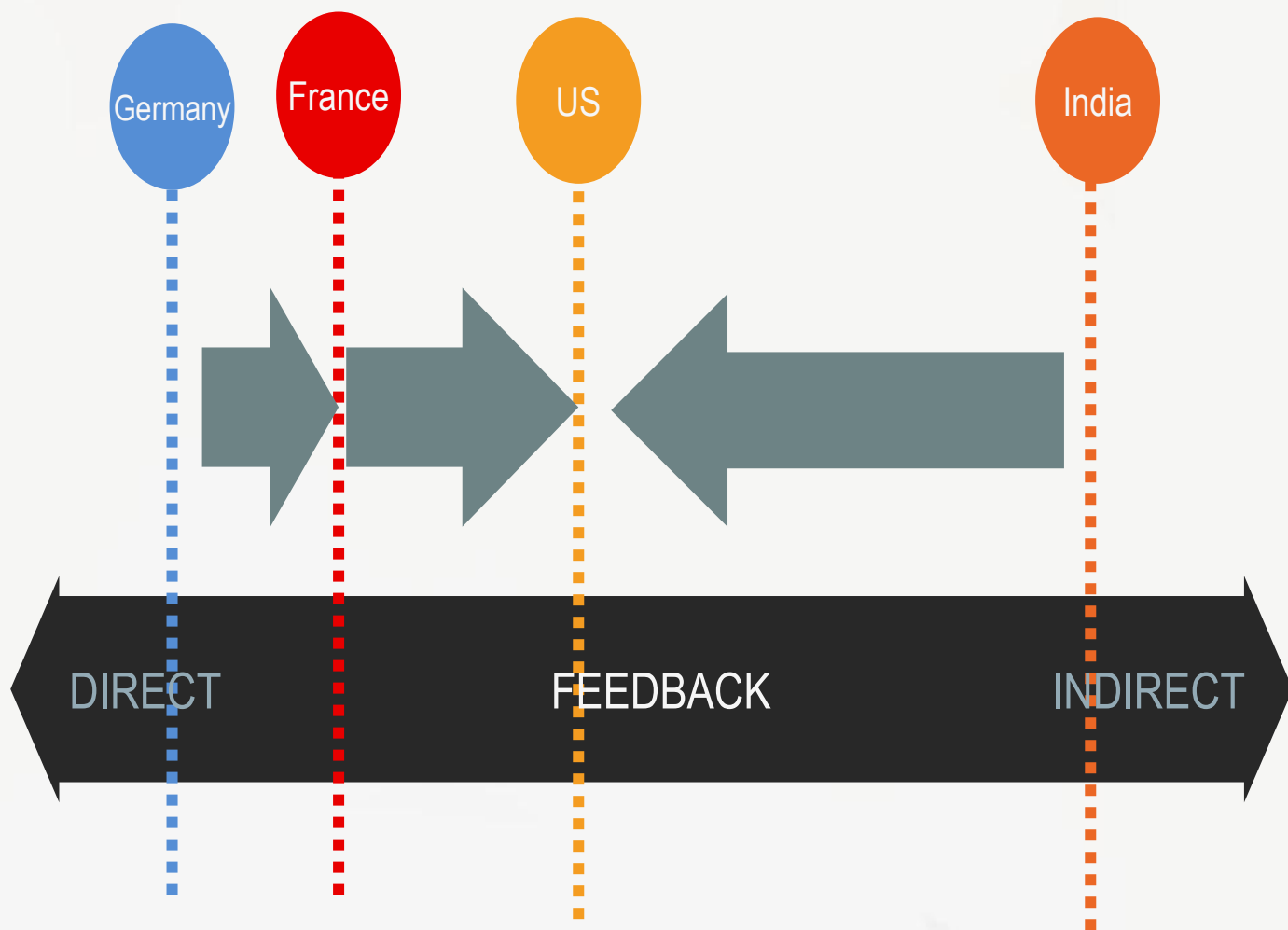
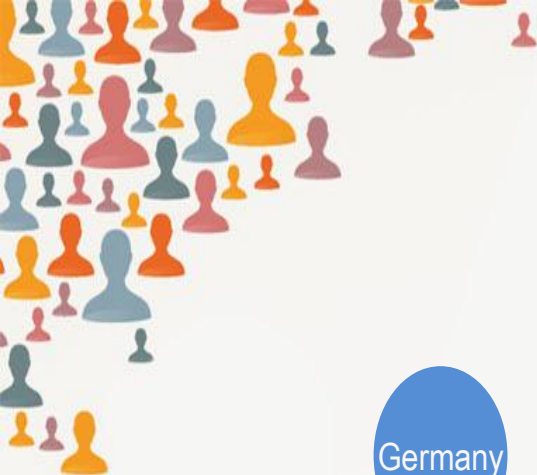
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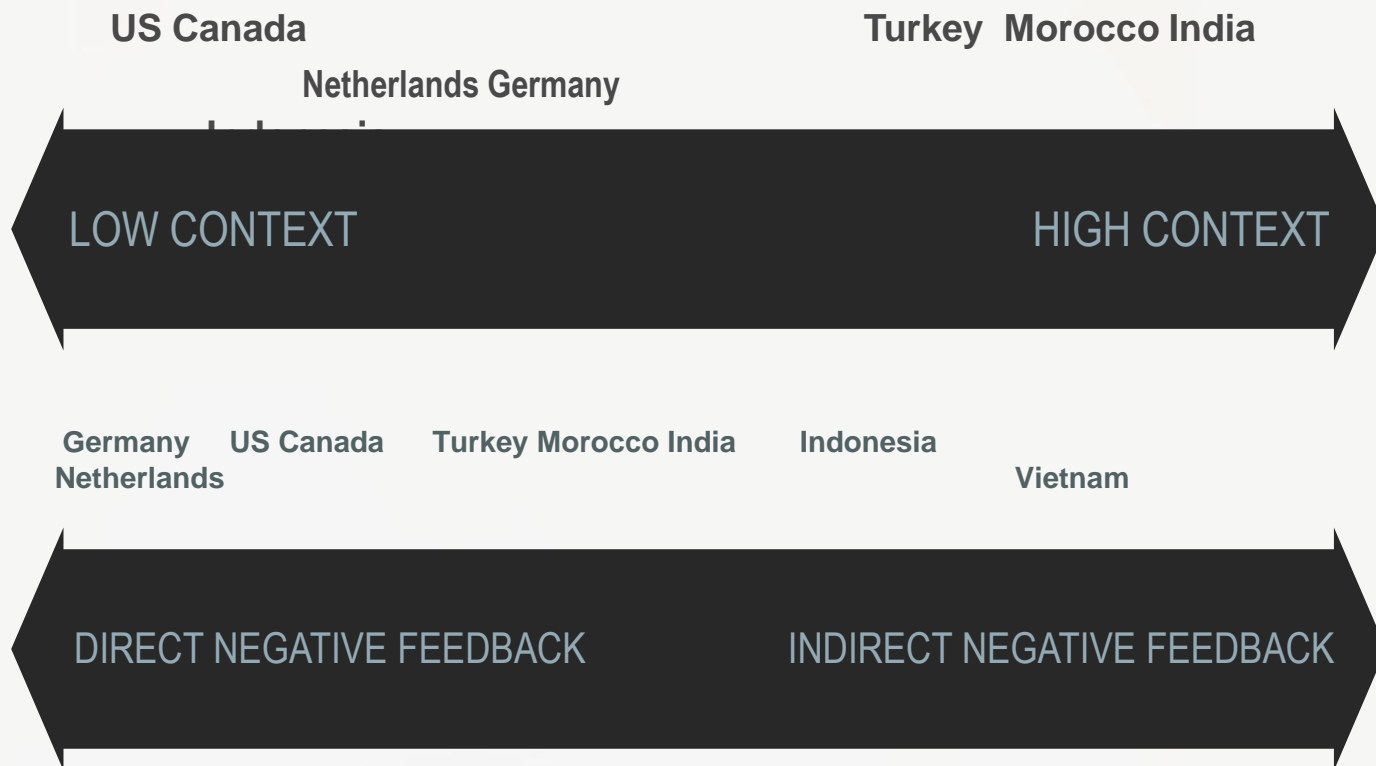
INDIRECT NEGATIVE FEEDBACK



Not This. . . .







Negotiation Video





Up-graders:	Down-graders:
Definitely	Sort of
Very	Kind of
Certainly	Maybe
Clearly	Pretty Much
In Fact	I Guess



High Context, Indirect Communication

It looks like we're going to have to keep working on this project in the office on Saturday

I see.

Can you come on Saturday?

Yes, I think so.

That'll be a great help.

Yes, Saturday is a special day.

How do you mean?

It's my son's birthday.

How nice I hope you all enjoy it.

Thank you. I appreciate your understanding.

Mr. Tan

Mr. Jones



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US Canada

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EGALITARIAN

LEADING

HIERARCHICAL





Egalitarian cultures:

It's ok to disagree with the boss openly even in front of others.

It's ok to e-mail or call people several levels below or above you

People are more likely to move to action without getting the bosses okay

If meeting with client or supplier less focus on matching hierarchical levels

With clients or partners you will be seated & spoken to in no specific order

Hierarchical cultures:

An effort is made to defer to the boss's opinion especially in public

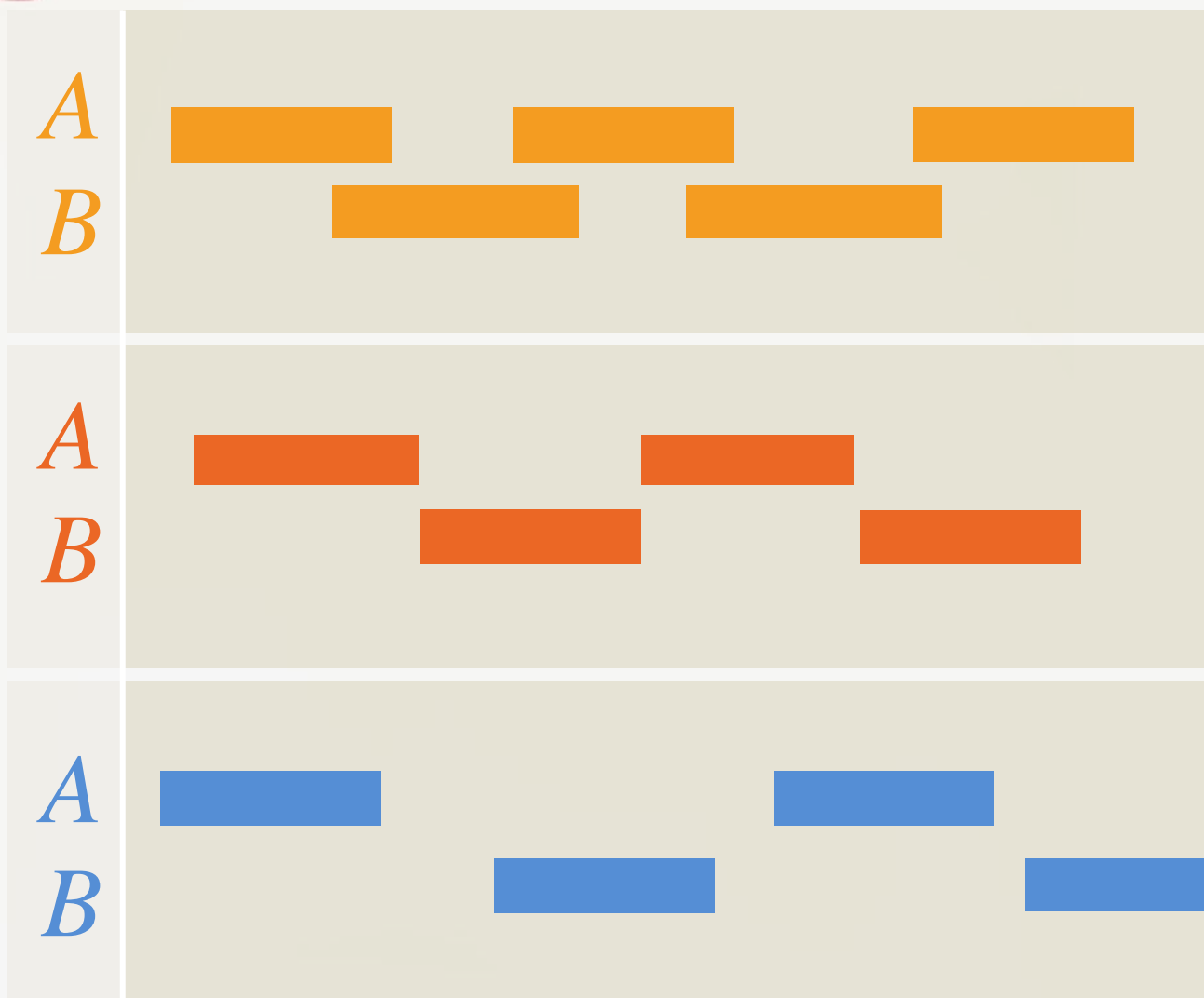
Communication follows the hierarchical chain

People are more likely to get the boss's approval before moving to action

If you send your boss they will send their boss. If your boss cancels their boss also may not come.

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In a good meeting:



US

79% of Americans polled:
“A decision is made”

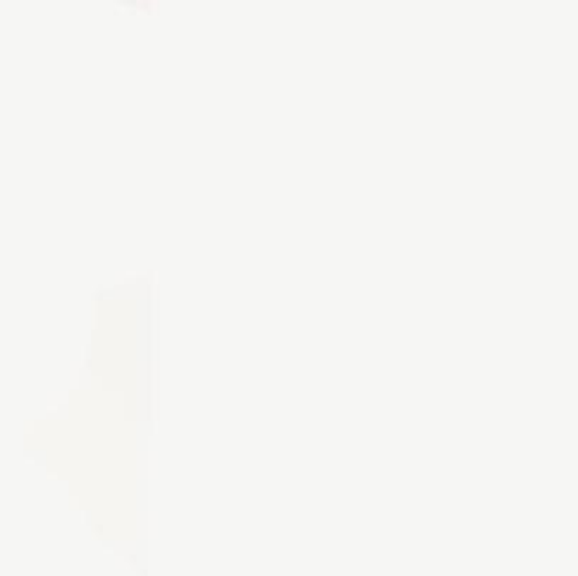
France

54% of French polled :
*“We debate and share various view
points”*

Thai

62% of Thais polled:
*“We put a formal stamp on a decision
that has been made before the meeting
in informal pre-meetings”*





US Canada
Netherlands Germany

Morocco Turkey Vietnam India Indonesia

TASK-BASED

TRUSTING

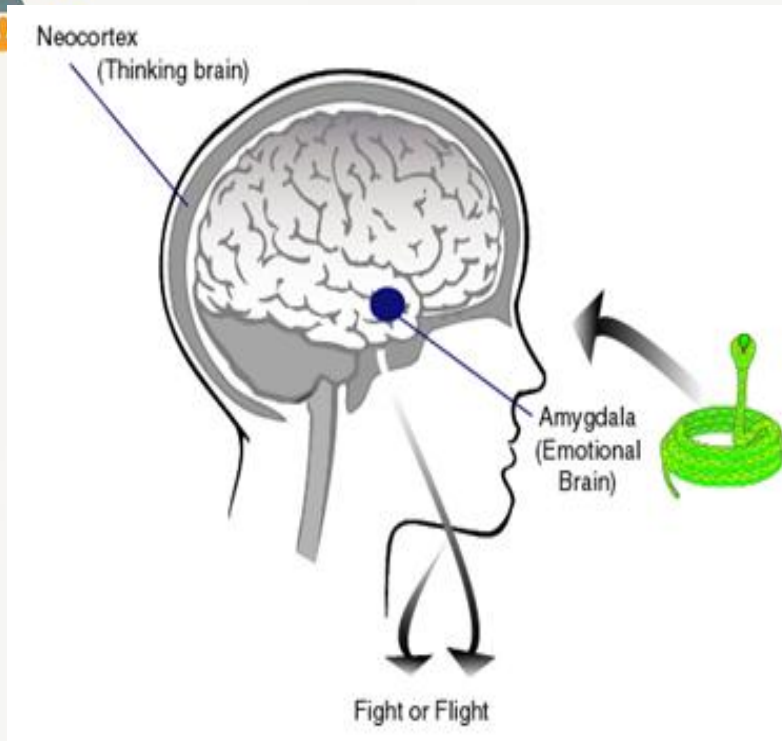
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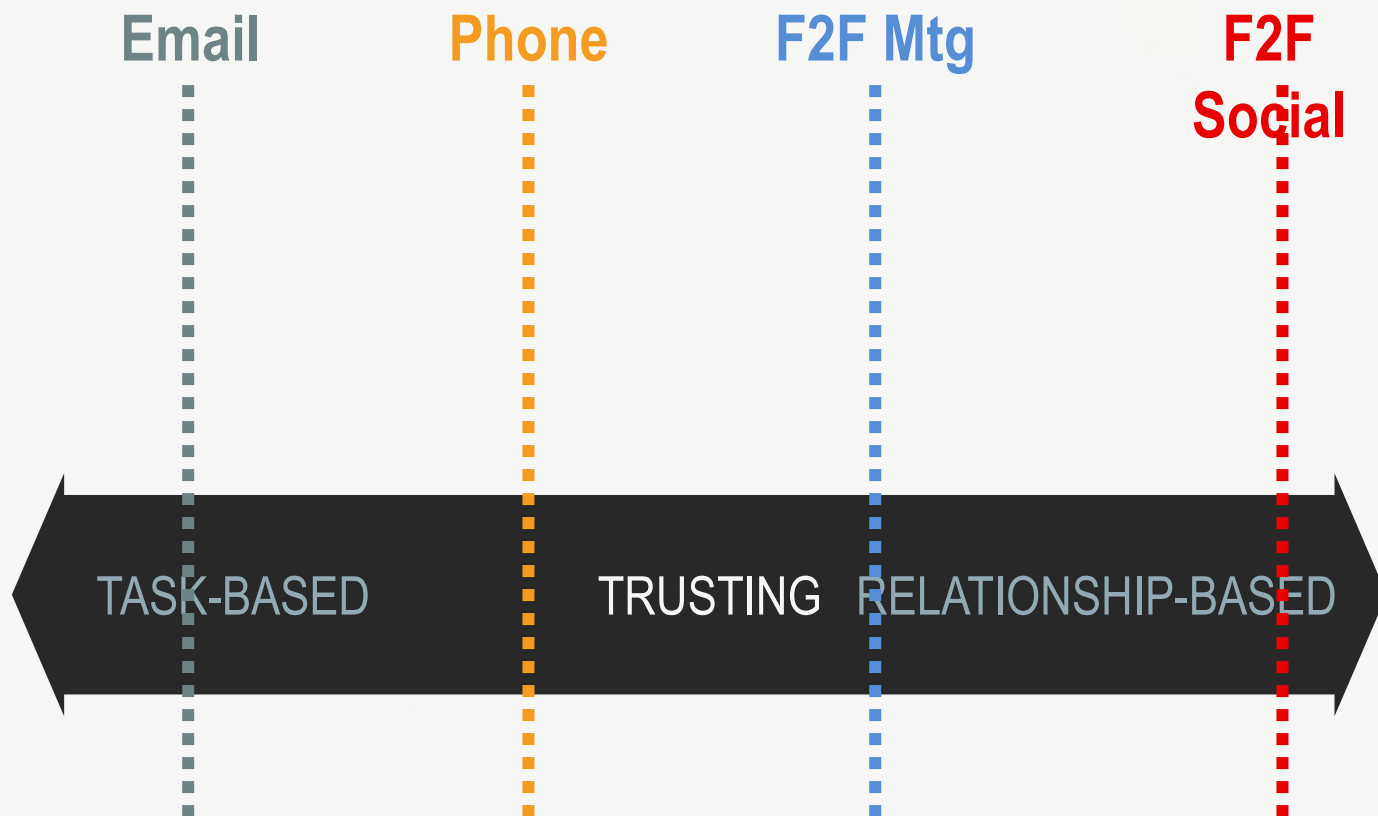
Mirror Exercise



Mirror Exercise: Unconscious Bias and Neuroscience



- No longer do we think bias makes us “bad” – it just makes us human.
- We make decisions every day in favor of one group without even realizing it.
- They commonly surface under stress conditions:
 - Need for quick decisions
 - Time constraints
 - Multi-tasking
- Often results in giving people or groups either:
 - Unearned advantage
 - Unearned disadvantage





Germany

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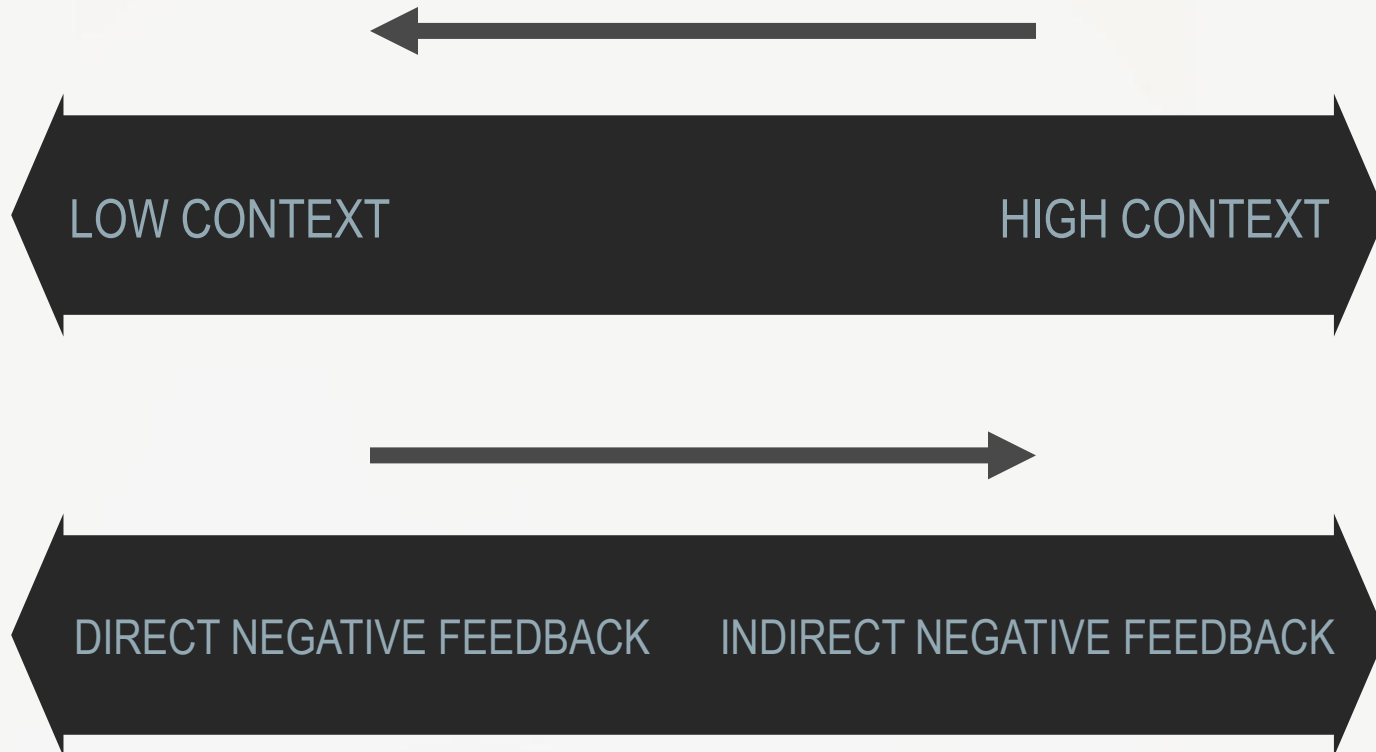
LINEAR-TIME

SCHEDULING

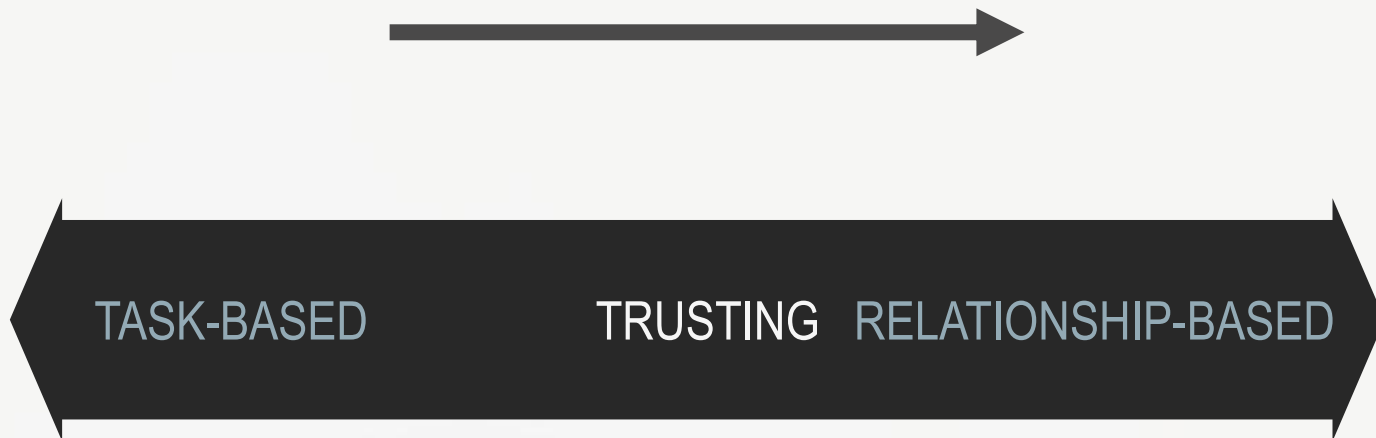
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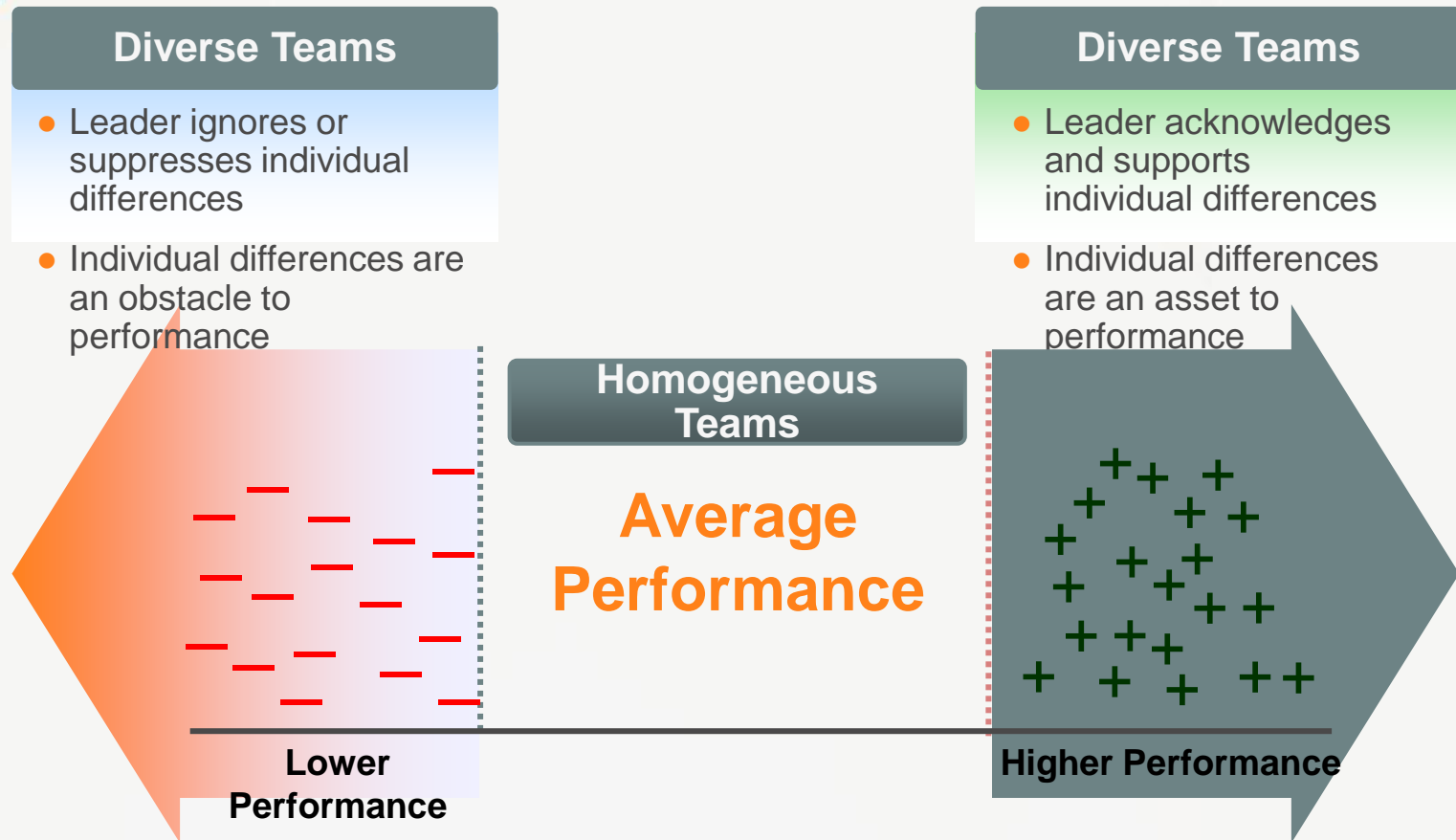
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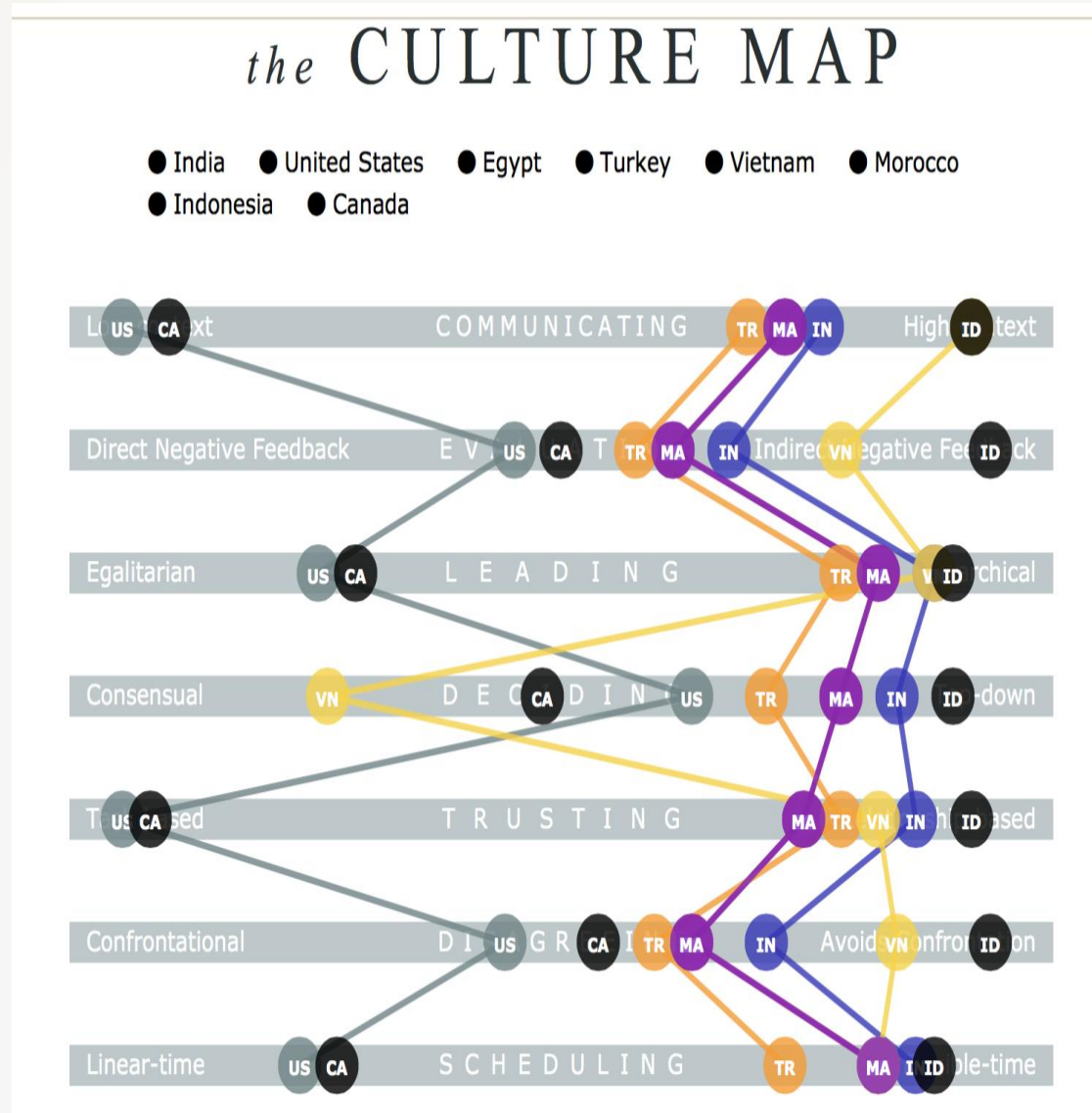


Inclusion and the link to business results

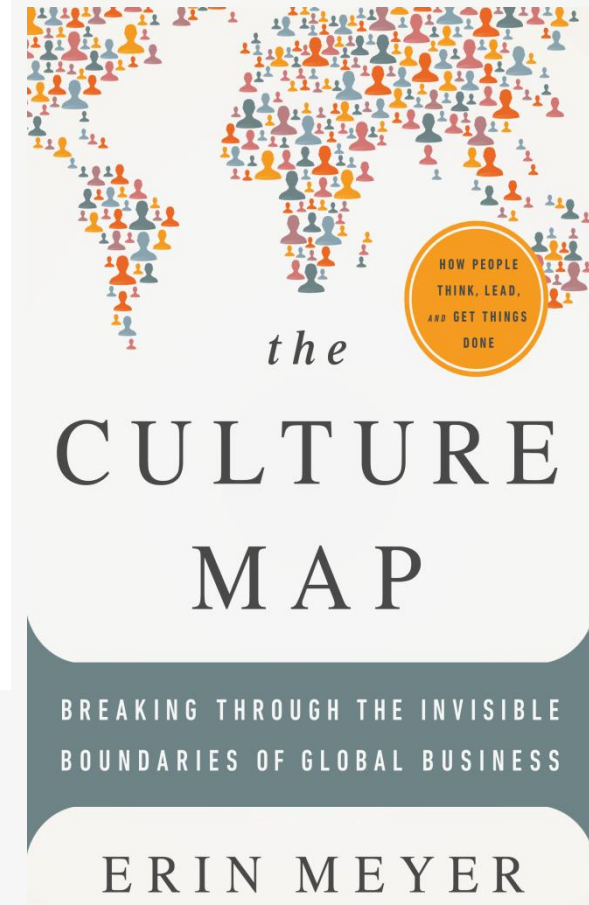
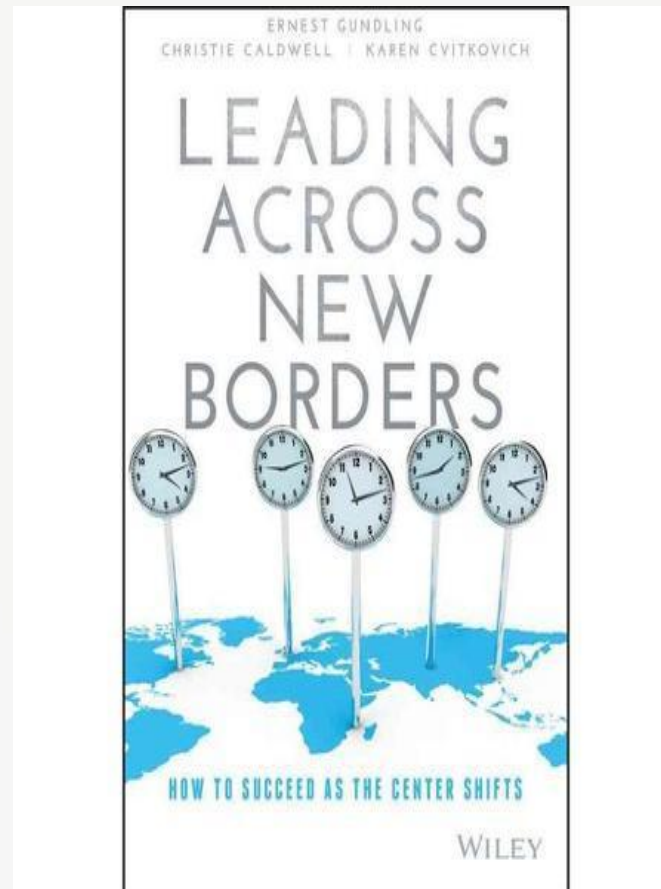
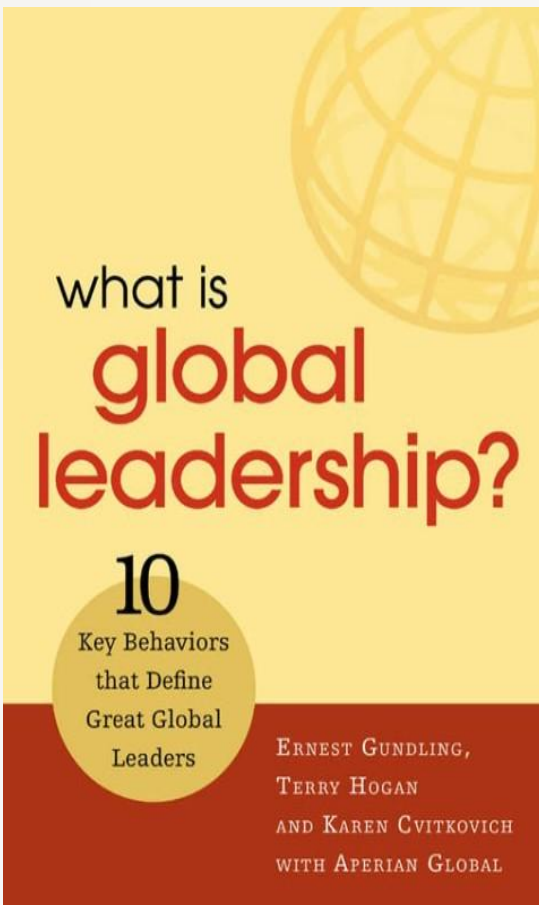


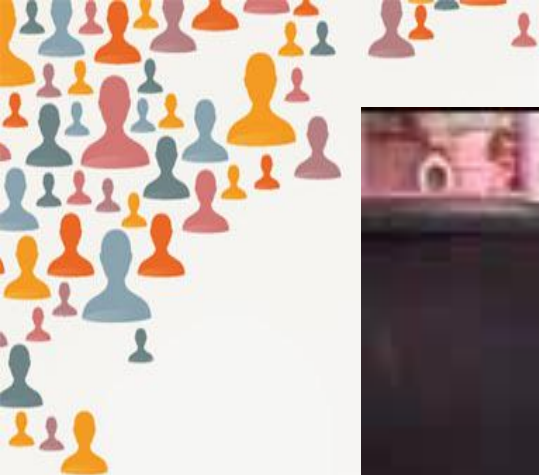
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