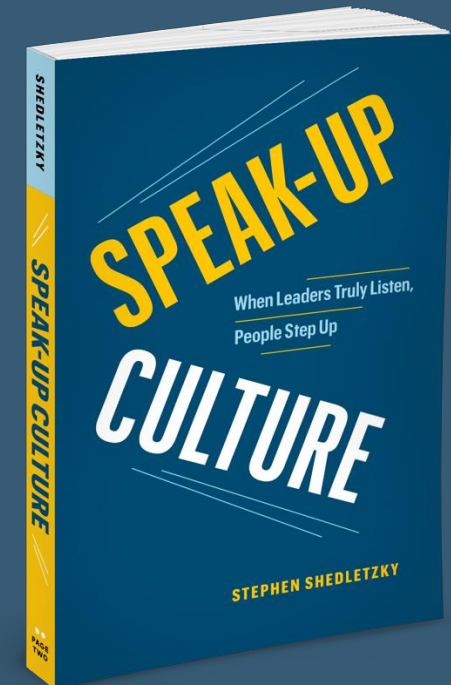


Speak-Up Culture

When Leaders Truly Listen, People Step Up



A photograph of a classroom. In the foreground, several rows of white desks with blue chairs are arranged. Each desk has some school supplies like notebooks and pencils. In the background, there is a wooden teacher's desk with a computer monitor and various items on it. To the right of the teacher's desk is a large whiteboard with the word "Très" written on it. To the left of the whiteboard is a smaller whiteboard with a colorful border. The room has large windows on the left side, letting in natural light. There are some decorations on the walls, including a red paper cutout of a person and a blue paper cutout of a person.

Très

What is a Speak-Up Culture?



An environment in which people feel it is psychologically **safe & worth it** to share:

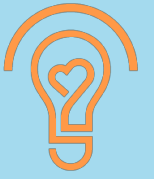
- **Ideas**, even if they're half-baked
- **Feedback**, to help one another grow
- **Concerns**, even if they're unpopular or personal
- **Disagreements**, especially with senior leaders
- **Mistakes**, believing it will lead to improvements

Is It Safe? Is It Worth It?



What a Speak-Up Culture is... and isn't





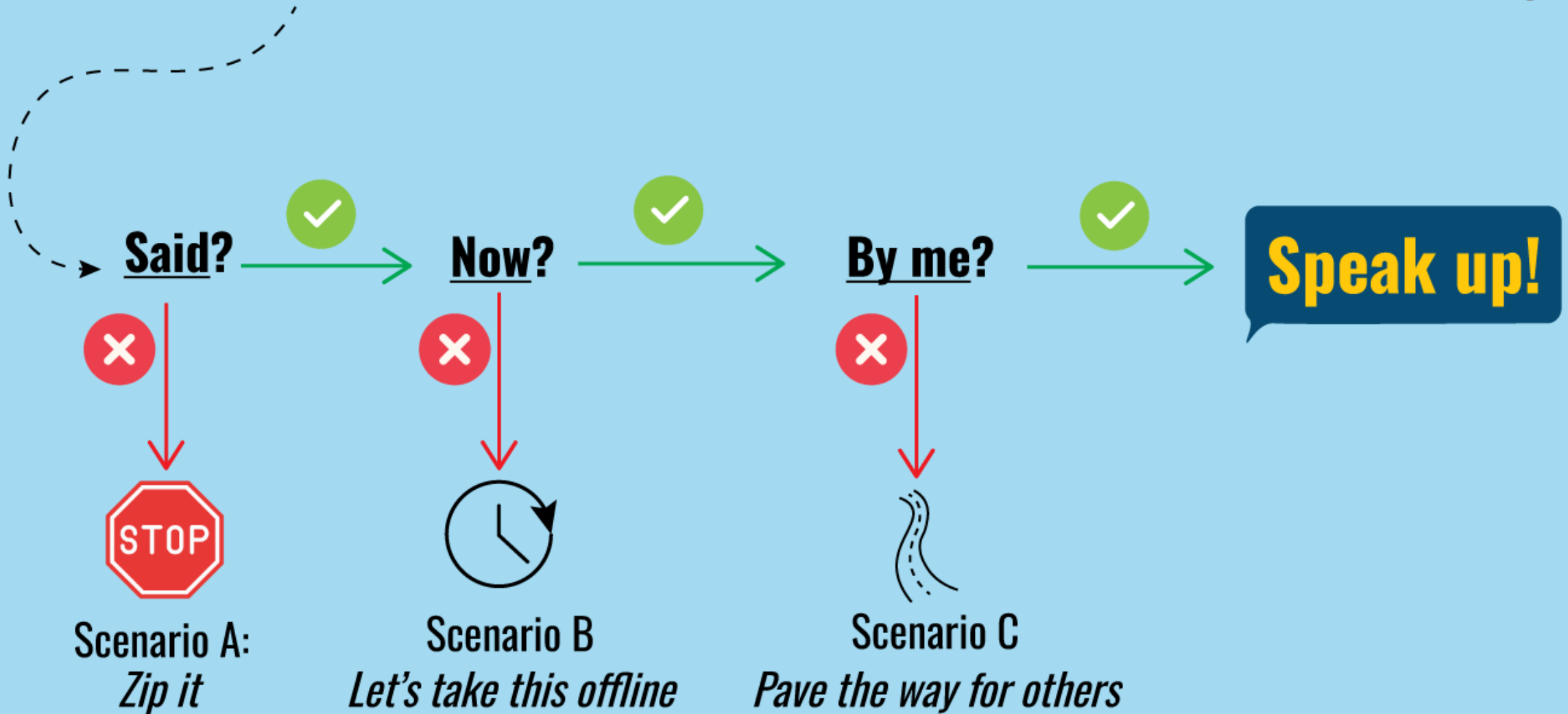
Why Am I Talking?

WAIT





Does this need to be...



How Do We Build a Speak-Up Culture?



Virtuous
(or Vicious)
Cycle

“Leaders aren’t born.
Leaders aren’t made.
Leaders are chosen
based upon the way
they behave.”

- Rich Diviney





Ah, Breakout!

- Identify a leader or person in your life who made it both **safe and worth it** for you to speak up.
- **How did they behave?** What were the specific behaviors they displayed that made it safe and worth it for you, and others around you, to speak up with ideas, feedback, concerns, disagreements and mistakes?
- Capture themes and behaviors in your breakout to bring back to our main discussion.

A Definition of Leadership

The attempt to leave people and the world around us **better** than when we found it.

Attributes of a Leader

- 1. Decisiveness** – Make decisions quickly and effectively, sometimes with limited data.
- 2. Compassion** – The ability to show sympathy and concern for others. *I can understand how you feel.*
- 3. Confidence** – The feeling of self-assurance, a belief in one's own capacity & qualities.





Culture Matters.



Culture = (Values x Behavior) Influence

Feedback Using the FBI



Feeling → This describes the **emotion(s)** generated in you by other's actions.

Behavior → Just the facts! Behavior describes the **specific events** that evoked your feelings.

Impact → This unpacks **the effect the behavior and feeling had on you** in the past, how it influences you in the present moment, and how it may affect you and them going forward.

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Examples



Positive Feedback

I feel so supported by you

when you diligently prepared all of those client materials for our pitch meetings.

I only want to keep working with you. Thank you!

F

B

I

Constructive Feedback

I felt frustrated

when you were late for three meetings last week.

I'm concerned with the amount we currently have on your workload. This isn't usually like you. What's going on?

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Let's Work On It

- Think of someone you owe a **positive** FBI. Perhaps you told them, “Good job” or have yet to acknowledge something worthwhile.
- Write down the **F**eeling, **B**ehavior and **I**mpact.
- Will you commit to sharing the positive FBI with them today or by next week?

While one liners are fine for jokes, feedback using the FBI model can transform feedback from shallow and/or triggering to deep, meaningful and impactful.

How to Bring a Speak-Up Culture to Life

- **Encourage** people to share their ideas, feedback, concerns, disagreements, and mistakes.
- **Reward** them when they do. In doing so, you'll **make it safe** and **worth it** for people to speak up.
- **Enact** your values. Remember the Culture Equation. The purpose of your **values** is to **live them**.
- **Recognize & reward** people when they behave the values. Offer **feedback** and **coaching** to those who don't.
- **Mind your influence**. As a leader, your whisper is a shout and tip toes are stomps.

Thank you!

Keep making it safe & worth it for the people around you to speak up.

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