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Leadership

Leadership is the ability to convince others to work towards a common goal. Whether it is for nations as a whole or an individual person, the role and power of leadership shapes the future. Leadership can take on both a positive and negative role. The world has experienced some of the greatest leaders create some of the worst events ever seen, but great leaders also have made strides towards a more peaceful world community. A powerful quality of leadership that makes a person's impact endure lies in speech. A powerful, emotionally filled voice used to deliver a speech can convince listeners to follow along with a certain philosophy. Although not everyone may agree with the proclamations of President Obama both during his campaign and still today, he delivers persuasive speeches based upon a slogan of hope trying to motivate anybody who listens to him. The message of an effective leader affects every person who hears it.

Leadership's effects can come from each person met in life, but family often has the greatest impact. Growing up with an older brother provided me an example of what to do. I found myself trying to emulate whatever my brother did. He would tell me what he believed to be popular, what to focus on in school, and how to handle whatever problems I was dealing with. My brother always had a thirst for knowledge and he continues to tell me the most recent research or new topics of math even while being miles away at college. He shares his vigor and joy of these topics with everyone around him, convincing everyone to view math not as a boring subject, but rather an interesting challenge of the mind. He constantly inspires new people to share in his beliefs, an important aspect of leadership.

For leadership to have a true effect, the people it touches must accomplish the goal at hand. As Lao Tzu once said "A leader is best when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves". True leadership must be able to recognize the strength in achieving a goal comes from the people who it is preached to. Success comes from a joint effort of many people working towards a common goal. Leadership plays a crucial part in creating a work ethic in people to achieve all they can. For progress to continue, leadership can not remain the same. Leaders change over time and while the many basic qualities remain the same in each new leader, they innovate their style of leadership to accommodate the people they try to reach. Just as my brother inspired me, I now try to share my love of what I enjoy with my friends and people around me. For me to inspire others, I must innovate how I affect them.

Leadership proves to be a powerful tool in governing people and shaping their opinions. However, it remains important to be aware of wrong kinds of leadership. One must be able to lead himself away from nefarious influences and discern what he believes to be true. The success of a person's leadership is measured by the achievements made by the followers. Leadership, then, is the ability to innovate on the past in order to inspire current and future generations of people to share a belief in a common ideal and work towards achieving it.