

# Dawning of the Egoless Leader?

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I noted with interest the headline in the Morgen newspaper the day after Herman Van Rompuy was elected the first European President. 'Top Politician without an Ego' was mentioned in the headline. Could it be that finally, after centuries of choosing 'biggest is best and loudest is proudest' we are now ready to consciously choose egoless leaders?

Let's look at the qualities of an egoless leader and see if these same qualities might have been the ones the European board consciously looked for in President Herman Van Rompuy.

An egoless leader should be inclusive and approachable. He or she should be detached enough to listen to all sides of an argument and have the strength to then stand by whatever decision is made. An egoless leader commands respect via his or her genuine and demonstrated commitment in transparent action and not simply the use of power and authority as a means of exerting influence. An egoless leader is not seen as a threat, having no agenda other than the best outcome for the team in mind. An egoless leader can laugh...at himself or herself without any embarrassment, thus demonstrating an inner strength for all to see. A self effacing demeanour is often the protection of an egoless leader. It is hard to attack someone who has nothing to defend and doesn't take it all personally! An ego less leader gets the job done without the needing to be the focus of attention, often working behind the scenes via his or her team to get the job done and ensuring that any praise goes to the team. An egoless leader has a fierce commitment to fairness and the drive to see projects through to conclusion despite setbacks and criticism. Internal strength that some would say is drawn from a spiritual base is another hall mark of great leaders. As opposed to populist and ego based leaders who can only shine and perform when the world is with them.

At Another Way Of productions, we are here to train managers and leaders to undo their ego. We believe the business environment today is far to complex for the former simple leadership model of power and authority. We are here to show leaders there is another way of managing without time or worries and ego.

It's too early to tell but the election of Herman Van Rompuy as EU's first President and Barak Obama as USA President may well hail a new dawning of the egoless leader.

Another Way of Productions has just introduced 'Personal and In Company Guidance' for managers to assist them to change their personal paradigm of operation from ego based to egoless.

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