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Improving Leadership: Analyzing and Managing Organizational Phenomena by Reframing; human resource frame

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The four frames according to Boleman and Dealin

	Structural	Human resource	Political	Symbolic/ cultural
Organizational metaphor	Machine, factory	Family	Jungle	Theatre, carnival
Central constructs	Rules, roles, goals, technology	Needs, skills, human relations	Power, conflicts, competition	Culture, meanings, stories, heroes
Manifestation of leadership	Social architecture	Empowerment	Seek for support	Inspiration
Challenge of leadership	Form structure in line with the environment	Align the organizations' and peoples'	Agenda and sources of power	Emphasizing trust, loyalty, and meanings

Reframing Leadership - human resource frame

- Historical developments
- Motivation theories
- HR efforts and leadership in the human resource frame



Human resource frame as part of organizational behaviour (OB) - 1

- Why do people behave the way they do?
- Under what circumstances will people's behaviour change in organizations?
- What impacts do organizations have on the behaviour of individuals?
- Why do different groups in the same organization develop different behavioural patterns and norms?



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Human resource frame as part of organizational behaviour (OB) - 2

- Human behaviour has always been in the interest of organizational players and scientists (also in the mechanistic approaches of organizations)
- OB is the application of theories, methods, and research findings of behavioural sciences psychology, social psychology, sociology, anthropology, and education.

Hugo Munsterberg (1913, 1921).

- "Father" of industrial psychology
- Tried to match the abilities of new hires with the company's needs
- Tried to develop the workers' attitudes to become positive towards the company
- Studied the psychological aspects of workers to productivity



Hugo Munsterberg

- Munsterberg, however, could not have used the HRD techniques of the 1990s, because in his time people did not see that the co-dependence of workers and the company was the "right" model to develop work
- After the WWII the military sponsored a research on how to best find and shape people to fit its needs
- => industrial psychology or industrial/organizational psychology

