About Ira Chaleff

Named one of the “100 best minds on leadership” by Leadership Excellence magazine, Ira Chaleff has fully earned his reputation as a ground breaking author and speaker. If you want a memorable, refreshing topic for your conference or program, read on.

Conference programs are awash with talks on leadership, and so they should be. But who will make those leaders successful and keep them from making costly mistakes? It is those who courageously follow, lend their talent and innovation to the leader’s cause and speak truth to power when a blind spot threatens to undermine the leader’s better judgment. Ira has been recognized in the Harvard Business Review as one of the three pioneers in the burgeoning field of followership development. He has watched with pride as the topic finds its place alongside leadership as a key predictor of organization success.

Now Ira has again broken new ground with his book, Intelligent Disobedience: Doing Right When What You’re Told To Do Is Wrong. Chock with fresh insight, it has been named the best leadership book of 2015 by The University of San Diego School of Leadership and Education Sciences based on its “innovation with new perspectives ... and disruptive, emerging scholarship.” Using the metaphor of the guide dog that helps people who are blind get safely to their goal, he demonstrates how Intelligent Disobedience should also be valued as the CEO’s best friend.

Audiences are spell bound by the vivid stories of contemporary examples of Intelligent Disobedience that have saved lives and brand reputations, and of failures of Intelligent Disobedience that led to individual and organization tragedies. No organization can be confident in its risk management strategy without creating a culture where people speak up when they see danger and are listened to by those leading the organization.

Neither can families rest assured they have prepared children to resist rare but devastating abuses by authority figures—day care providers, teachers, coaches, religious figures, camp counselors, even relatives. Ira introduces novel ways to prepare children with the principles and practice of Intelligent Disobedience. Speaking to the whole person, Ira leaves audiences with much to think about and value.

Ira is the founder and president of Executive Coaching & Consulting Associates, a board member of the International Leadership Association, Adjunct Faculty at Georgetown University and Chair Emeritus of the non-partisan Congressional Management Foundation.

Media

Ira’s expertise has been featured in media worldwide including Harvard Business Review, The New York Times, Fox Business, Fortune, Miami Herald, CEO Magazine, European CEO, Chief Executive, Fast Company, and BBC.

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