

# Project Leadership: Leading from Behind

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# What is Leadership?

- Leadership is influence. JCM
- The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly. —Jim Rohn

What's behind the door?



# The Approach



I Think I'm IN



# Who's the Boss



# Emma Frost and Ice Man?





# Qualities of PMs who Lead From Behind

- Inspire
- Communicate
- Empathize
  
- Competent
- Organized, Problem solver, creative, innovation
- Level temperament
- Delegate

# The Benefit of Leading From Behind

*It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership. —Nelson Mandela*

# Jackie's Favorite JCM'isms

## Five Things I Know About People

1. Everybody wants to be somebody.
2. No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.
3. Everybody needs somebody.
4. Anybody who helps somebody influences a lot of somebodies.
5. Today, somebody will rise up and become somebody.