



Charismatic Leadership

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Explanation of Charismatic Leadership

A person who has the ability to inspire and motivate social and ideological change in a group of people to change a culture. This can include people who have not had a positive impact in history such as Hitler, who was a charismatic leader to his own cause but acted as a barrier to certain changes and promoted others. Usually throughout history charismatic leaders are defined by the actions they do and are usually only defined by a single dominant action that they have committed, such as Abraham Lincoln for freeing the slaves. When it comes to the leader's power, it only comes from their followers and if they were to leave the leader's ideology then this leader would no longer be a charismatic leader in both the sense of being a leader and charismatic. One of the greatest and most charismatic person of our time was Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

Real World Examples → Positive

Angela Merkel is a real world example of how charismatic leadership has created a positive social change in Germany. She took in roughly 1,000,000 Syrian refugees in order to change the views on Muslim people and also the other religions that could be within the Syrian culture. Since other countries weren't accepting the refugees she persuaded the German government to agree to letting in such a large number of Syrians. This created safe homes for 1 million stranded Syrians which had an overall positive effect. It's also positive because it will help with multiculturalism. It will also promote acceptance and it also gives the power to feel empathetic towards the refugees. She is considered a charismatic leader because she had the power to inspire and persuade a whole government into letting these refugees into Germany.



Real World Barriers

One of the most charismatic but most evil leaders in history was Adolf Hitler who wanted to act as a barrier against the Jewish faith and eventually wanted to destroy it. The way he came to power was with the help of the depression that Germany was in after the first World War in which the citizens would burn money just to keep warm. If Hitler was to use his charisma for more noble deeds and not act as a barrier to social change he might have been one of the greatest people of his time, but because of his personal prejudices he created barriers by trying to suppress and eradicate the Jewish religion and by trying to rule the world and trying to impose his culture on the world. At the time that Hitler was rising to power this was a great thing for the German people but in the midst of his power when he started his extermination of the Jews, for many German soldiers and Jews this was the worst times of their culture. Hitler was forcing his soldiers to gas the Jewish population for reasons unknown to them.



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