

Stand Your Ground



Dave Hart, College Athletic Director, gives us a good example of why we should never allow doubt and peer pressure to sway our belief in what we know is right.

When Hart was in elementary school, he was called on to give an answer in class. Afterward, the teacher turned to the other students and asked them whether Hart's answer was correct. Some of Hart's classmates agreed with his answer, while others did not.

A discussion followed. The teacher made arguments against Hart's answer. To the students who supported him, the teacher suggested that they take more time to think the answer through. After awhile, one by one, all the students who had initially agreed with Hart changed their answer.

The teacher then asked Hart if he wanted to change his answer. Hart declined.

The teacher prodded him further. "Everyone in the class says you must be wrong," the teacher argued.

Hart would not relent.

The teacher shocked the students when he next told them that Hart was in fact correct.

The lesson was clear: It's better to stand your ground when you know you're right and not be intimidated by popular opinion.

It's a lesson that Hart has not forgotten, and one he enthusiastically passes along to the many students and athletes he works with. He says, "I think one of the most important things we can do in training young leaders is to praise them and encourage them when they make tough decisions and demonstrate the courage to not follow the crowd."

Will you allow the majority to change your mind or will you stick to your guns even if you're out numbered? This question tests your resolve to be a leader or a follower.

Leaders don't need the numbers in their favor.

Boudreaux's Wisdom



Boudreaux & Marie moved to New York. One night in da dark of winter, dere was an alert on da TV.

Major snowstorm moving in. It was advised that everyone park on da right side of da road cause da snow machines was going to be blowing da snow to the lef. So... Boudreaux went out an moved his car to da right side of da road. A few days later, anudder alert saying dat anudder major snowstorm was coming. Everybody was advised to move deir cars to da lef side of da road because da snow machines was going to blow da snow to da right. Boudreaux went out and moved his car to da lef side of da road. Marie axe him, "Mais Boudreaux....why don't you jus' leave dat car in da garage."

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Gary Rivet 31 yrs. 2/1 RPS
Paul Bergeron 6 yrs. 2/1 LRI
Tim Zeno 19 yrs. 2/1 RPS
James Granier 10 yrs. 2/10 RAC
Shane LeBlue 1 yr. 2/17 RPS
Jane Stelly 4 yrs. 2/20 RPS



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Think About It

Being busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment and to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence, and honest purpose, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing.

February Birthdays

Gary Rivet 2/1 RPS
Randall Young 2/6 LRI
James Goode 2/10 RPS
Ricky Carriere 2/16 RPS
Darrell Harris 2/23 RPS
John Helweg 2/25 RPS
Steve Gosserand 2/25 LRI
Kenneth Clardy 2/26 RPS
Connie Gosserand 2/27 RAC

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"SAFETY FIRST"



As a supervisor or an employee, you have a responsibility to prevent accidents. Safety is a cooperative undertaking requiring a total safety consciousness on the part of every employee. No one likes to see someone injured, but if an accident occurs, in addition to treating the victim, prompt reporting must take place and corrective action taken to prevent additional problems. Proper planning, a good safety program, the right tools, and communication combine to prevent accidents.

Good housekeeping must be practiced at all times in and around your work areas. Return unused material to the proper storage place.

Personal Protective Equipment must be worn when the task requires it. Clothing and footwear should be suitable for the job. Set the example -- do what is right and never take chances or short cuts -- they cause accidents and injuries.

Alcohol and drugs have no place on a worksite. They will impair your motor skills and judgment.

Follow lockout/tagout procedures wherever applicable for routine servicing, repair, or relocation of electrical, hydraulic or pneumatic equipment.

Any good coach knows all the rules and all the players, and has a plan to get the team moving forward. A well planned job will have the same effect -- a crew that pulls together is better able to safely accomplish whatever has to be done. Teamwork, planning and safety training go a long way in having a safe work environment. Know your limits -- ask for help -- and look out for the other person. If you do all of the above, you know that your job will be safer for you and your co-workers.

One last thing to remember -- never ignore near-miss accidents. Find out what happened so you can make sure it doesn't happen again, to you or any other member of your team!

Let Me Tell You What I Just Heard!!!

Jennifer caught sight of Brenda in the aisle at the local grocery store. As soon as Brenda was in ear-shot, Jennifer said, "Do you know what I just heard about Jessica?" "Before you say another word, answer this," said Brenda. "Is what you are about to tell me the truth?" Jennifer thought for a moment and with much hesitation responded, "I'm not one hundred percent sure but -- "Now hold it right there," said Brenda. "Since you don't know whether or not it's true, let me ask you another question. Is this information you have good news?" "No, no, no!" In fact -- "Wait, wait, wait! I have another question. Are you telling me this because you believe I can help Jessica in any way?" "Well," said Jennifer, "I doubt it." "So if it's not true, good news, or I can't help, why are you so eager to repeat it? And what makes you think I'd want to hear it?"

There will always be someone eager to spread bad news. The court of public opinion is full of self-appointed biased jurors who are quick to play judge, jury and executioner.

The next time someone approaches you with gossip, decide to take a stand. When you hear a juicy tidbit from a friend, who heard it from their nosey neighbor, ask yourself these questions... Do I know for certain that it is true? Is it good news that will raise the person's stature in the community? If it is bad news, can I help the person recovery their dignity? And last but not least, if the shoe was on the other foot, would I want people to know this information about me. Gossip can't take on a life of its own, unless we give birth to it, or we feed it.

If you've been the target of gossip and want to retaliate by dishing out a little "eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth" justice, remember this, you've just put yourself in an endless cycle of revenge where one tries to one up the other. By all means, defend your good name and then sit back and let "father time", the best judge of character weigh out the evidence. As for those who are purveyors of slander and libel, try cross-examining your motives and see what verdict you render. I bet you won't have to deliberate long before declaring a mistrial. But take heart, in my version of the court of public opinion, if at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.