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## **Coaching Extra-Dependent Teams**

a case study from an international bank



#### **Objectives and Outline**



- Objectives:
  - □ To gain an appreciation of Extra-Dependent Teams
  - To understand how they can impact individual/team coaching
- Outline
  - □ Who am I?
  - □ What is an Extra-Dependent Team?
  - Case Study: Team Coaching an Extra-Dependent Team within an International Bank
  - Implications for innovating your coaching practice



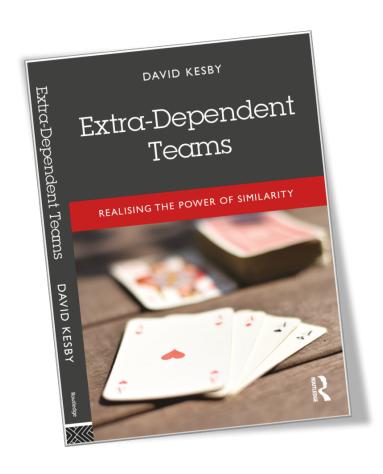
#### What's creative or innovative about this?

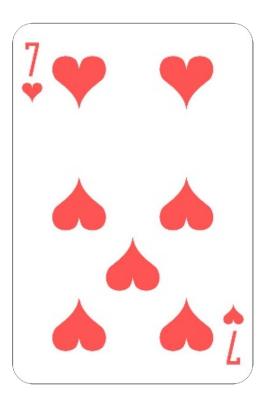


- Team Coaching a personal innovation from individual coaching
- Extra-Dependent Teams an innovation to conventional team thinking
- Techniques creative techniques used
- Benefitting:
  - Team coaches wishing to develop their practice within teams
  - Individual coaches wishing to broaden their perspective of teams in support of managers and others

#### What is an Extra-Dependent Team?







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#### **Plural Mental Model of Teams**



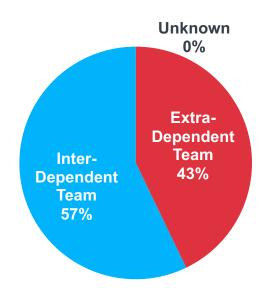
Inter-Dependent Teams	Extra-Dependent Teams
Depend on people inside team	<ul> <li>Depend on people outside team</li> </ul>
Different skills	□ Similar skills
Common goal	<ul><li>Common practice</li></ul>
Mutual accountability	<ul> <li>Individual accountability</li> </ul>
Improve through	<ul><li>Improve through</li></ul>
working together better	learning better together

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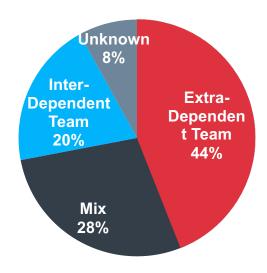


### **Proportion of Inter-Dependent and Extra-Dependent Teams in organisations**

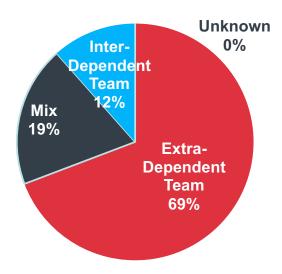




A Division of **Pharmaceutical** Company



A Division of Global Software Development Company



A Regional Probation Service

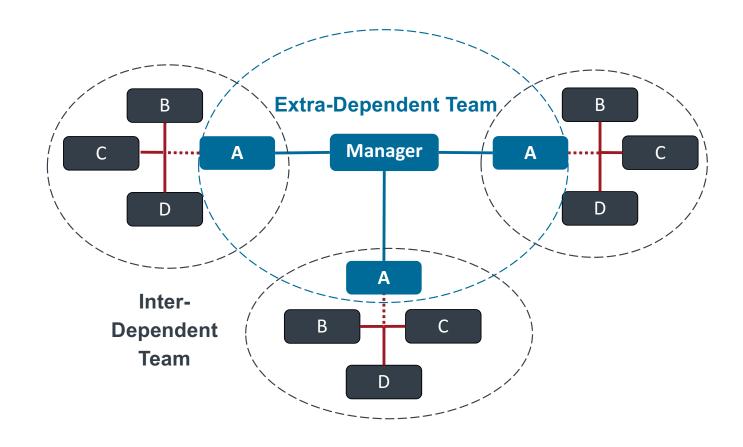
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## Complementing Inter-Dependent and Extra-Dependent Teams





#### **Common Practice**



#### Shared Repertoire

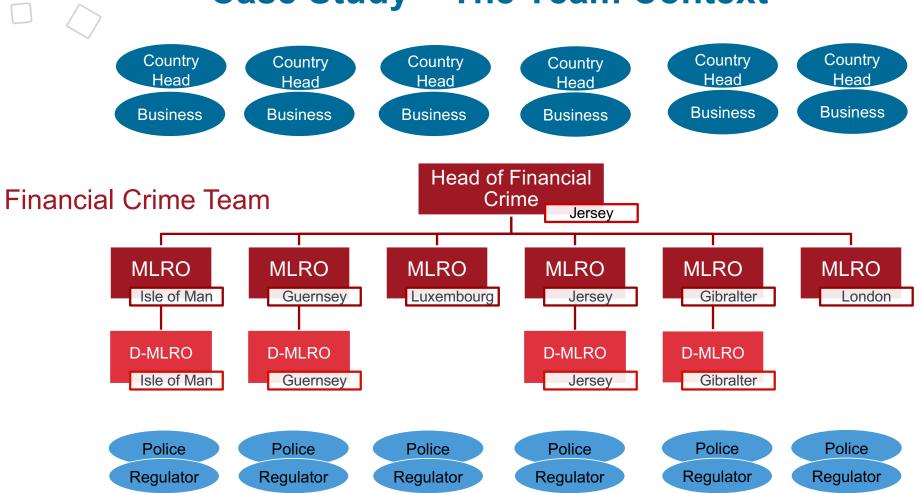
- Skills competencies, skills, knowledge, experience...
- □ Bills equipment, processes, systems...
- Thrills and Spills Stories, successes, mistakes, history...
- Combined Capability
  - $\Box 1 + 1 + 1 = 6$
  - Better combined, individually practiced capability

#### Reputation

- □ Crafting a sense of "Us" a unique identity
- □ Who we are to them our relationship with Inter-Dependent Teams

#### **Case Study – The Team Context**





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#### **Case Study – Situation within the Team**



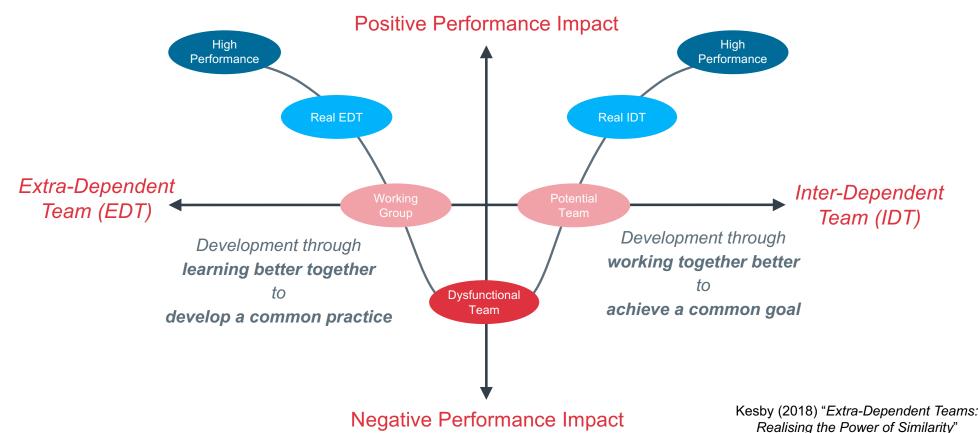
- Team described as dysfunctional
  - □ **Inconsistent** practices
  - Little shared learning
  - Little listening lots of talking
- Individual responsibility
- Conventional team mental model
  - Work together
  - □ **Difference** was important
- Rarely met as a team virtually or physically
- Communication mainly via email

- Similarities in their Extra-Dependency
  - □ All did the same work
  - Did that work with different stakeholders,
     each in different geographies
  - □ Each was individually accountable
  - All worked towards different objectives
- Identify as a Team
- Line managed by the same person



#### **Plural Team Development Curve**





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#### **Case Study – Coaching Development**



#### The Coaching

- Raised team awareness of the impact of themselves on themselves
  - During whole team calls
  - During 1:1 calls
  - During F2F whole team days
  - During scheduled team calls
- Helped the manager to self-disclose her practice – concerns, mistakes, successes.
- Encouraged others to do the same
- Built trust amongst the team so that they could start to learn from each other
- Shared their "pressures and loyalties" within the wider system

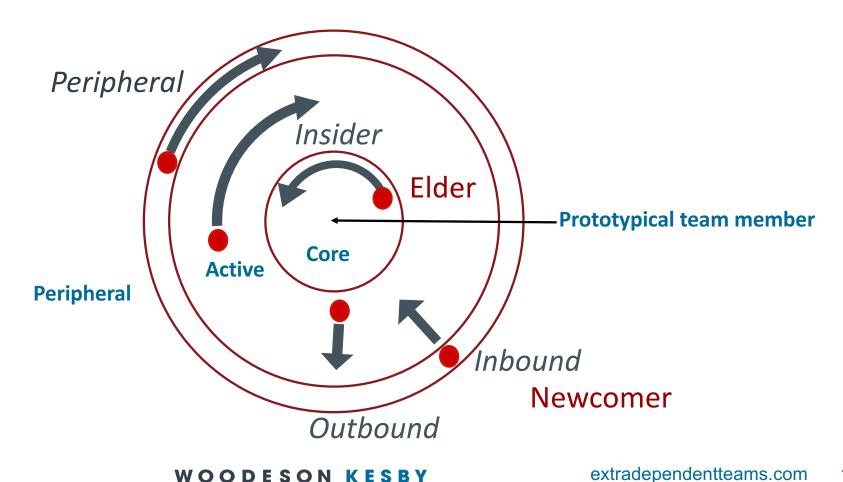
#### The Outcomes

- Saw themselves as being part of a wider team
- Started to learn together
- Accepted that challenge was
  - A desire to learn and understand
  - □ Not a source of conflict or aggression
- Manager
  - Reframed her perspective
  - OK for individuals to have different objectives
  - Manager IS dependent on team, but team ISN'T dependent on each other
- - OK to be different as a team
  - Consistent common practice how, not what they achieve



#### **Dynamics of Learning together Layers and Trajectories**





#### More information



- www.extradependentteams.com
- Free diagnostic are you in an Inter-Dependent or Extra-Dependent Team?
  - □ Via website
  - Or email at dave@organisational-coaching.com
- Coming soon diagnostic for learning dynamics
- Continuing research % of teams in organisations that are Inter-Dependent and Extra-Dependent. Please email me if interested.
- Book published in July 2018

