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AI Change Leadership & Executive Role Modeling Playbook

Leading AI adoption by visibly using it yourself, not just mandating it for everyone else

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Overview

A framework for AI change leadership through executive role modeling — leaders visibly and genuinely using AI in their own work, not just mandating adoption for others — recognizing that visible executive modeling drives organizational AI adoption more effectively than top-down mandate alone.

Does executive AI adoption need to be genuine, or does visible

endorsement alone drive organizational adoption? Genuine, visible usage matters more than endorsement alone — employees notice the difference between a leader who talks about AI adoption and one who visibly integrates it into their own actual work, and the latter drives

more authentic organizational adoption.

What's the risk of executives mandating AI adoption without

genuinely modeling it themselves? This produces a credibility gap that undermines adoption — employees are less likely to genuinely change their own practices when leadership asks for change without visibly practicing it themselves, treating the mandate as performative rather than a genuine organizational priority.

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