Creative Intelligence



Friends and Foes

An enemy and a tribe





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When designing for people it is always helpful to understand your audience and their motivations.

This one understanding may give you the leverage you need to motivate your audience.

It is based on conflict and motivation.

It is a psychological tool that has been used since the beginning of people.

And, psychology <u>always</u> works.



Does everyone need a foe?

It seems everyone needs a foe. Why?



Does everyone need a tribe?

It seems everyone needs a tribe. Why?

It is easy to over simplify the need for friends and foes, enemies and tribes. Let's have a look at people.



People are typically either inspired to be motivated, or motivated to be unmotivated (lazy).



Some people are motivated.

Motivated people need enemies to inspire them to compete, achieve, and conquer.



Some people are motivated.

Motivated people need tribes to have people to test ideas on and to lead. Their tribe motivates them to do great and greater things; to step up over and over again.



Some people are not motivated.

Some people are lazy. In their **minds**, people who are lazy use enemies as an excuse for bad things that happen. Enemies are the reason they cannot achieve their goals and do great things.



Some people are not motivated. Tribes enable and thrive on **lazy** thinkers. Tribes become an echo chamber. Tribes do the **thinking** for the lazy. And, the tribe rewards its members with belonging.



Everyone needs an enemy and a tribe. But the motivated and the unmotivated need them for different reasons.

Motivated people seek inspiration to grow and accomplish.

Unmotivated people seek shelter from effort and responsibility.



How can you use understanding of the need for an enemy and a tribe, by the motivated and the lazy?



Does your audience want to go into battle? Or, be led into battle?

Are you dealing with a lost soul who craves the appearance of impact? Or, a soul who craves having impact?

Is there an existing enemy? Are you creating a new enemy?

Are you creating safe enemies that are not actually real or threatening?

Does your new enemy have a morality banner to hide behind? God and Country work well.



You have to know, does your audience want a challenge? Or, an excuse?

When you are coming up with your strategy, remember, psychology always WOrks.



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