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HOLLYWOOD LEADERSHIP THEORY, PART 2: EXAMPLES FROM WORLD LEADERS

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DESCRIPTION:

Following up on the success of last year's presentation at the 39th Academic Chairpersons Conference, Part 2 of the Hollywood Leadership Theory continues to demonstrate how leadership advice can be found in television and movies as readily as it is in journals and books. This presentation aims to share sound leadership principles as seen in television and movies, translating Hollywood leadership to the everyday life of academic departments. Part 2 focuses on leadership examples as portrayed by world leaders such as presidents and other heads of state.

"Easily digestible" is not only dietary advice, it is also how we best absorb information at times. And for leadership, Hollywood's portrayal of strong — and not so strong — leadership is sometimes the most accessible form of training for some. Hollywood Leadership Theory, Part 2 presents various themes of leadership from televisions and movies, as our most revered celebrity actors portray the sorts of headship we espouse (or avoid).

Leadership topics presented include:

- decision making
- succession planning
- handling difficult subordinates
- leading by example
- management strategies

The presenter is an experienced academic administrator who has held leadership positions at three different universities, serves as an external accreditation evaluator, has published numerous articles in the *Department Chair* journal, and is a frequent presenter at the Academic Chairpersons Conference.