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Understanding Your Paradox Report

The purpose of the Paradox Report is to explore your paradoxical abilities related to your job and identify ways to further your success. This introduction uses examples from your own report to explain how to read your Harrison Paradox Report. It explains key principles and theories that will enable you to attain a deeper understanding of your Paradoxical Strengths and ways to further your success.

What are Paradoxical Traits?

A paradox is two ideas that may appear contradictory but are in fact both true. For example, 'Sometimes less is more' seems contradictory but most people have experienced that fewer words can sometimes communicate more effectively.

This report focuses on 12 pairs of paradoxical traits which may appear to be contradictory but are in fact complementary and synergistic. You will have a genuine strength if you are strong on both traits of a paradoxical pair. For example, being both frank and diplomatic is more likely to achieve the goal of getting one's communication across.

An Example of One of Your Balanced Paradoxes

One of your paradoxical strengths is Insightful Curiosity. It is defined as: "The tendency to explore different viewpoints and make conclusions". See your graph to the left.

Certain is defined as: "The tendency to feel confident in one's opinions". Open / reflective is defined as: "The tendency to reflect on many different viewpoints".

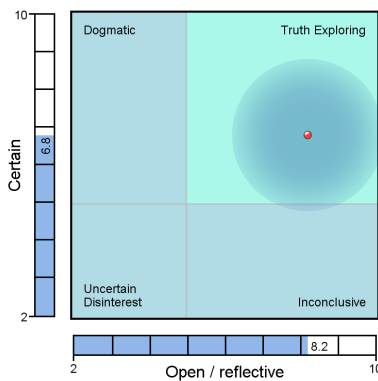
The dot represents the coordinates of your two paradoxical scores.

The shaded blue area around the dot represents your typical range of behavior.

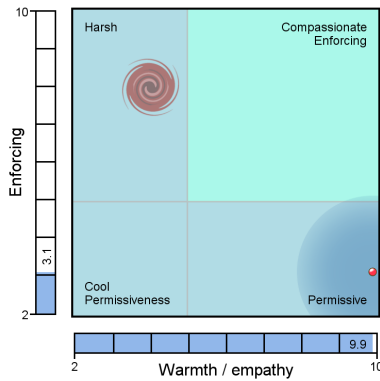
In the example to the left, both of your traits are strong which is called Balanced Versatility. This means you can easily access either or both traits as needed.

For details see the Insightful Curiosity paradox page.

Your balanced paradox example



Your out of balance paradox example



An Example of One of Your Out-of-Balance Paradoxes

It is extremely rare for anyone to be perfectly balanced in all twelve paradoxes. Normally there are several out-of-balance paradoxes. The diagram to the left is one of yours.

When one trait is significantly stronger than the other, it is considered out-of-balance. A person with this configuration tends to rely on the strong trait even when the other trait would be a more effective or appropriate response. As a result, the assumed strength becomes a derailer.

An example of one of your out-of-balance paradoxes is Coaching Mindset. It is defined as: "The tendency to be warm, empathic, and hold others accountable".

Enforcing is defined as: "The tendency to insist upon necessary rules being followed". Warmth / empathy is defined as: "The tendency to express positive feelings and affinity toward others".

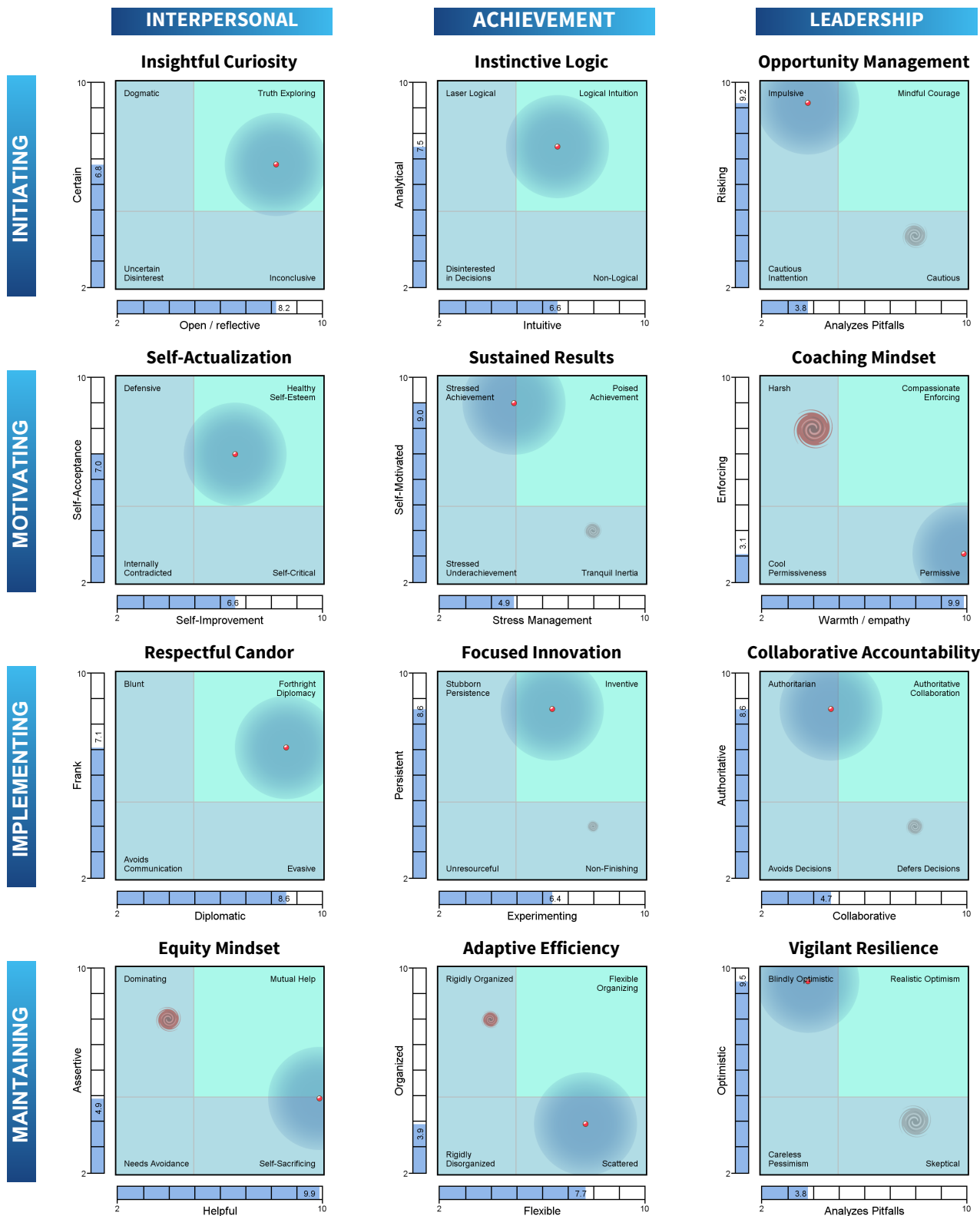
For details see the Coaching Mindset paradox page.

What is a 'Flip Behavior'?

Harrison Paradox Theory states that when we have an out-of-balance paradox and we are under stress, we can 'flip' to the opposite of our normal behavior. For example, if we favor diplomacy over frankness, we may find ourselves in a situation where we feel others have taken advantage. Because we overly relied on diplomacy we react emotionally and flip to become blunt.

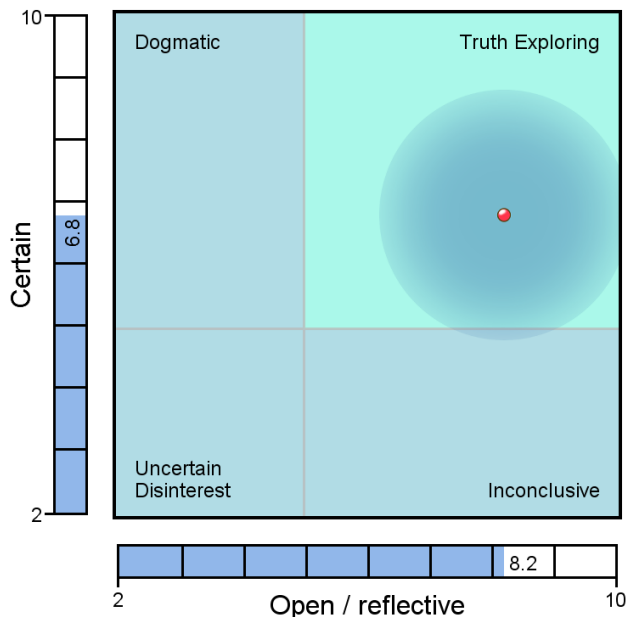
The flip potential is represented by the hurricane-like symbol.

Overview Ordered by Subjects and Stages of Action



Insightful Curiosity (Opinions)

The tendency to explore different viewpoints and make conclusions



Paradox Guidance: "Question everything but be steadfast in finding and following true principles. Greater knowledge can only be obtained by allowing what you already know to sit in the background while relentlessly pursuing a fresh new way of seeing the issue and being willing to be 'wrong' about one's previous knowledge."

Certain: The tendency to feel confident in one's opinions

Open / reflective: The tendency to reflect on many different viewpoints

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Truth Exploring: The tendency to explore different viewpoints and formulate conclusions without becoming fixed in one's opinions (High Certain and High Open / reflective)

Inconclusive: The tendency to reflect on ideas without sufficiently coming to conclusions (Low Certain and High Open / reflective)

Dogmatic: The tendency to be certain of opinions without sufficiently being open to different ideas (High Certain and Low Open / reflective)

Uncertain Disinterest: The tendency to lack confidence in one's own opinions while at the same time not reflecting on different ideas and opinions (Low Certain and Low Open / reflective)

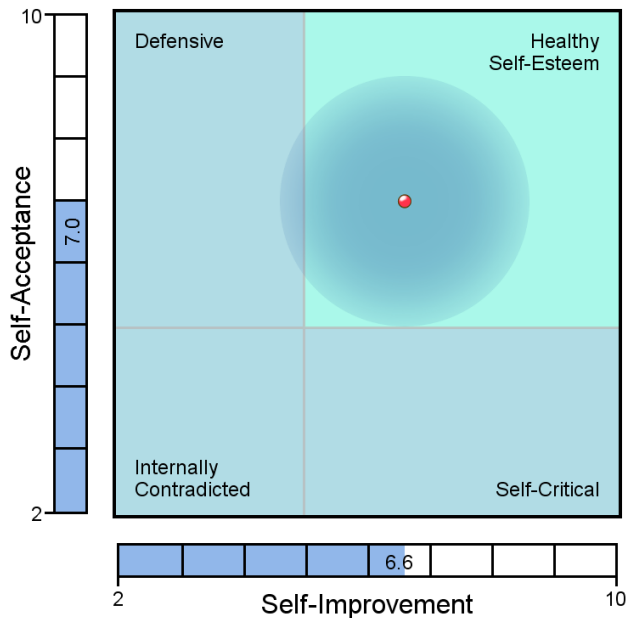
Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You are reasonably certain of your opinions. You enjoy reflecting on different ideas and opinions and you are generally open-minded. You are likely to be good at brainstorming.

You are usually confident in your opinions, yet you continue to explore different viewpoints and adjust your opinions when appropriate. Even though you are reasonably certain of your opinions, you consider different ideas before coming to a conclusion. As a result, your conclusions are thoughtful and well considered. Although you are reasonably certain, you are quick to change your opinion if a better idea is presented. Even though you are open to the ideas of others, you are usually not swayed by their opinions unless they have a better idea. Your preferred behavioral range (large blue area) is mostly in the Truth Exploring quadrant because you search for greater clarity of understanding.

Self-Actualization (Self)

The tendency to expand our self-awareness and capabilities through self-appreciation and the intention to improve



Paradox Guidance: "Although I have many good qualities, my life and relationships need continuous improvement. True character is developed through self-inquiry which ultimately leads to discovering the full impact of one's weaknesses and faults as well as the revelation of one's grandeur. A person of self-dignity listens carefully to his/her critics and adjusts him/herself to allow his/her splendor to shine forth even more brightly."

Self-Acceptance: The tendency to like oneself ("I'm O.K. the way I am")

Self-Improvement: The tendency to attempt to develop or better oneself

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Healthy Self-Esteem: The tendency to accept oneself while at the same time trying to improve oneself (High Self-Acceptance and High Self-Improvement)

Self-Critical: The tendency to seek self-improvement without sufficiently being self-accepting (Low Self-Acceptance and High Self-Improvement)

Defensive: The tendency to be self-accepting without sufficiently intending to improve (High Self-Acceptance and Low Self-Improvement)

Internally Contradicted: The tendency to lack self-acceptance as well as the desire to improve oneself (Low Self-Acceptance and Low Self-Improvement)

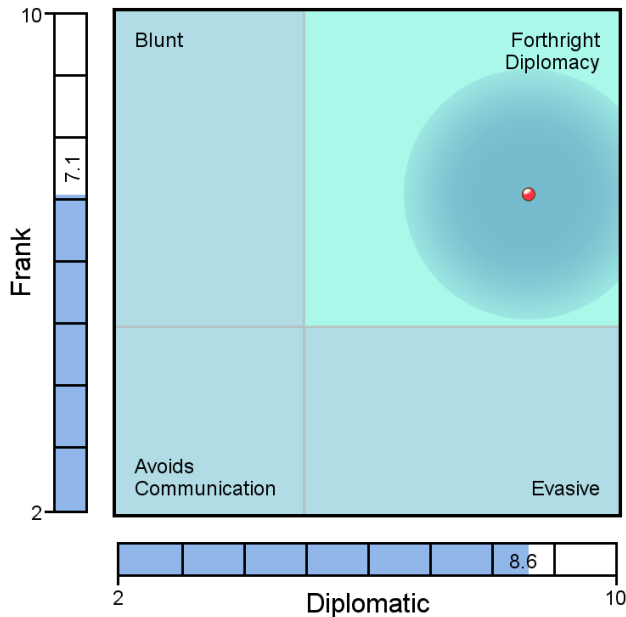
Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You tend to be reasonably self-accepting. You have an intention to improve yourself.

Your interest in self-improvement combined with a reasonable level of self-acceptance reflects a reasonably healthy self-esteem. You are usually open to corrective feedback and willing to change when necessary. By being reasonably comfortable within yourself, you tend to make others more comfortable with you. Thus, most of your preferred behavioral range (large blue area) appears in the upper right quadrant. The behavioral range only partially extends to the Defensive or Self-Critical quadrants indicating you only occasionally exhibit those behaviors.

Respectful Candor (Communication)

The tendency to communicate in a respectful and straightforward manner



Paradox Guidance: "To build cooperative relationships with others, be respectful of others' self esteem yet authentic in your communications."

Frank: The tendency to be straightforward, direct, to the point, and forthright

Diplomatic: The tendency to state things in a tactful manner

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Forthright Diplomacy: The tendency to be forthright and respectful at the same time (High Frank and High Diplomatic)

Evasive: The tendency to be tactful without being sufficiently direct (Low Frank and High Diplomatic)

Blunt: The tendency to be frank or direct without being sufficiently tactful or diplomatic (High Frank and Low Diplomatic)

Avoids Communication: The tendency to lack the combination of frankness and diplomacy (Low Frank and Low Diplomatic)

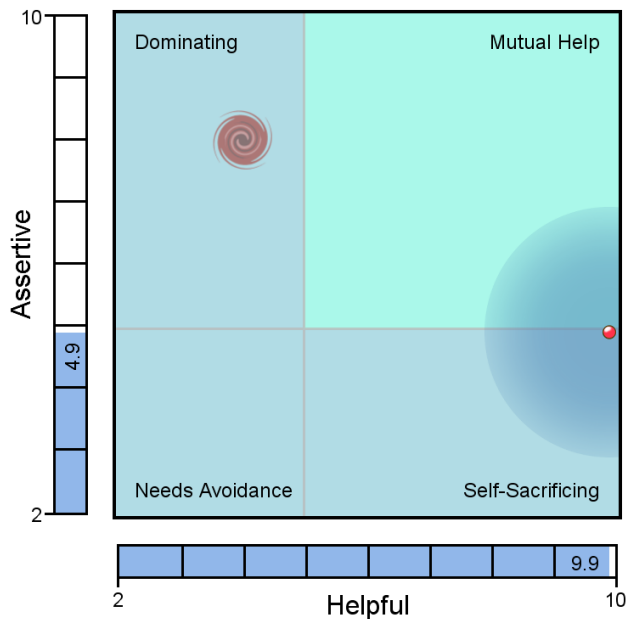
Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You usually tend to be forthright, stating what you think in a reasonably direct manner. You tend to be very tactful, taking significant care to communicate in ways that make it easier for others to receive.

Your reasonable level of frankness combined with your very high level of diplomacy helps you to maintain good communication with your co-workers. This communication skill helps you to communicate in both a diplomatic and straightforward manner. In addition, you can be either diplomatic or frank as the situation requires. Most people appreciate your authenticity and respectfulness. Your preferred behavioral range (large blue area) is mostly in the Fortright Diplomacy quadrant, indicating that most of the time, you tend to be a good communicator.

Equity Mindset (Power)

The tendency to assert one's needs and respond to others needs



Paradox Guidance: "Enduring and positive relationships are a result of meeting mutual needs."

Assertive: The tendency to put forward personal wants and needs

Helpful: The tendency to respond to others' needs and assist or support others to achieve their goals

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Mutual Help: The tendency to pursue solutions that are beneficial to all parties concerned (High Assertive and High Helpful)

Self-Sacrificing: The tendency to respond to others' needs without sufficiently expressing one's own needs (Low Assertive and High Helpful)

Dominating: The tendency to be assertive of one's needs without sufficiently being helpful to others (High Assertive and Low Helpful)

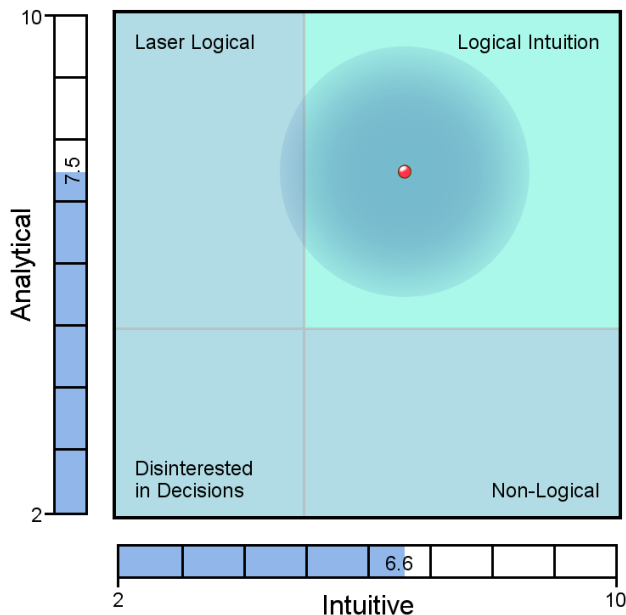
Needs Avoidance: The tendency to lack assertiveness as well as helpfulness (Low Assertive and Low Helpful)

Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You may only moderately put forward your own needs. You tend to be extremely helpful and conscious of others' needs. By being extremely helpful, you tend to establish good working relationships with your co-workers. By moderately expressing your own needs and being extremely helpful, you tend to establish good working relationships with your co-workers. Your supportiveness is likely to be appreciated. However, your tendency to be helpful is greater than your assertion of your own needs and thus, you may tend to be self-sacrificing. Your preferred behavioral range (large blue area) is partially in the Mutual Help quadrant and partially in the Self-Sacrificing quadrant indicating the above. The red circle in the upper left indicates that under stress, your behavior may 'flip' and become dominating if you feel others have taken advantage of your helpfulness.

Instinctive Logic (Decision Approach)

The tendency to use both logic and intuition when making decisions and creating strategies



Paradox Guidance: "Use your logical mind to work out your day to day issues, but use your inner vision to guide your direction."

Analytical: The tendency to logically examine facts and situations (not necessarily analytical ability)

Intuitive: The tendency to use hunches to help make decisions (not necessarily intuitive capabilities)

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Logical Intuition: The tendency to use analysis combined with intuition to solve problems (High Analytical and High Intuitive)

Non-Logical: The tendency to rely on intuition without sufficiently analyzing a plan or problem (Low Analytical and High Intuitive)

Laser Logical: The tendency to solve problems emphasizing analysis over intuition (High Analytical and Low Intuitive)

Disinterested in Decisions: The tendency to avoid analyzing situations and decisions while at the same time mistrusting intuition (Low Analytical and Low Intuitive)

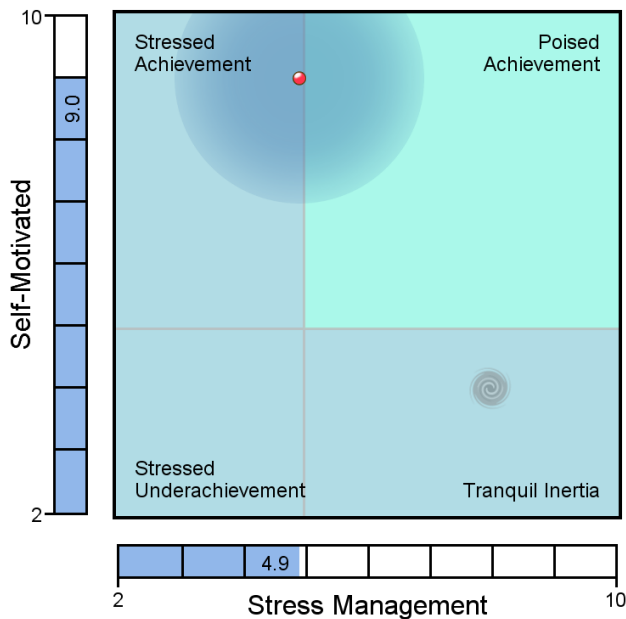
Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You tend to analyze problems and decisions and you enjoy doing it. You generally tend to use intuition or hunches to help make decisions.

Even though you tend to be analytical, you also generally tend to be intuitive. As a result, you are probably reasonably good at problem solving. Your tendency to use both left and right brain functions enables you to sense the important factors while at the same time arrive at logical conclusions. This usually gives you a good insight into situations and problems. Your preferred behavioral range is mostly in the Logical Intuition quadrant reflecting the above.

Sustained Results (Motivation)

The tendency to be self-motivated while minimizing stress



Paradox Guidance: "By keeping a balanced life, the process of achieving a goal is as fulfilling as achieving the goal itself. No goal is truly fulfilled without quality of life."

Self-Motivated: The drive to achieve including taking initiative, wanting challenge, and being enthusiastic about goals

Stress Management: The tendency to be relaxed while at the same time managing stress well when it occurs

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Poised Achievement: The tendency to be self-motivated while at the same time managing stress (High Self-Motivated and High Stress Management)

Tranquil Inertia: The tendency to be relaxed and easy-going without being sufficiently self-motivated (Low Self-Motivated and High Stress Management)

Stressed Achievement: The tendency to strive for achievement without sufficiently managing stress (High Self-Motivated and Low Stress Management)

Stressed Underachievement: The tendency to lack achievement orientation while at the same time being tense and/or having difficulty dealing with stress (Low Self-Motivated and Low Stress Management)

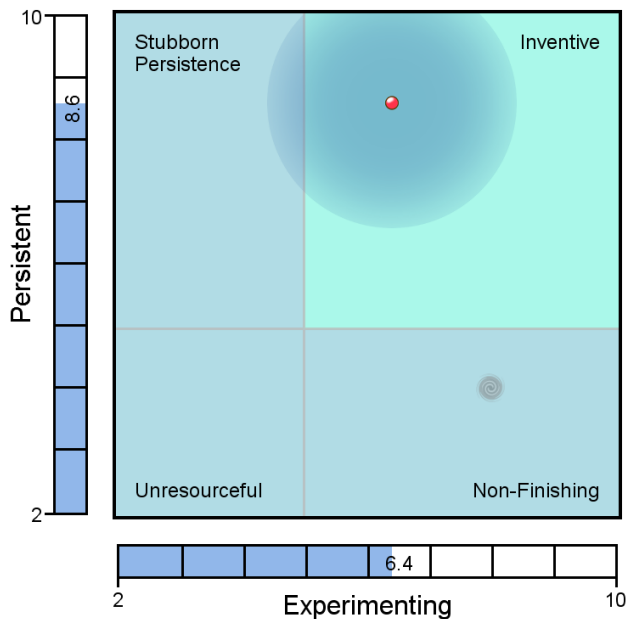
Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You are very self-motivated. You may at times be somewhat stressed, but it is usually not a significant problem.

Your very high level of self-motivation combined with only a moderate level of stress management indicates that although you probably accomplish a great deal, you may experience some stress in the process. This is reflected in your preferred behavioral range (large blue circle) being half in the Poised Achievement quadrant and the other half in the Stressed Achievement quadrant. The dark circle in the lower right indicates your desire to achieve is significantly greater than your ability to manage stress, and thus you may develop an underlying desire to have a respite from your hard work.

Focused Innovation (Innovation)

The tendency to combine persistence and inventiveness to achieve a goal



Paradox Guidance: "The key to invention is to have focused determination while letting the imagination run wild."

Persistent: The tendency to be tenacious despite encountering significant obstacles

Experimenting: The tendency to try new things and new ways of doing things

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Inventive: The tendency to experiment with different ways of accomplishing something while at the same time maintaining focus on the desired objective or result (High Persistent and High Experimenting)

Non-Finishing: The tendency to experiment with different things without sufficiently persisting in a single direction (Low Persistent and High Experimenting)

Stubborn Persistence: The tendency to be persistent without sufficiently trying different ways to overcome obstacles (High Persistent and Low Experimenting)

Unresourceful: The tendency to avoid trying new things as well as having a lack of persistence (Low Persistent and Low Experimenting)

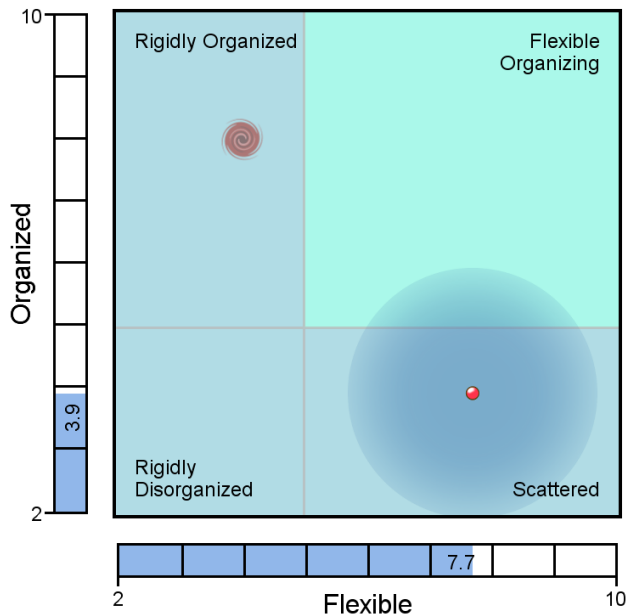
Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You tend to be very determined and persevering with a task despite many obstacles. You moderately enjoy trying new things and may at times experiment with new ways of doing things.

Your very high level of persistence enables you to drive projects to completion with unusual determination. Your persistence is a little stronger than your creative experimentation indicating that you favor an approach that is tried and tested. However, it also indicates that you may persist with something a little beyond what is appropriate. Consequently, you may hinder your inventiveness by maintaining a particular approach for too long. This is reflected in your preferred behavioral range (large blue area) being mostly in the Inventive quadrant and partially in the Stubborn Persistence quadrant. The small dark circle in the lower right indicates that your slight over-emphasis on persistence could occasionally hinder your progress.

Adaptive Efficiency (Organization)

The tendency to be orderly and adaptive



Paradox Guidance: "Orderliness creates efficiency, and flexibility supports longevity. Nature is the perfect example of orderliness in the context of constant change."

Organized: The tendency to place and maintain order in an environment or situation

Flexible: The tendency to easily adapt to change

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Flexible Organizing: The tendency to organize things while at the same time maintaining flexibility (High Organized and High Flexible)

Scattered: The tendency to adapt to change without remaining sufficiently organized (Low Organized and High Flexible)

Rigidly Organized: The tendency to be organized without sufficiently adapting to change (High Organized and Low Flexible)

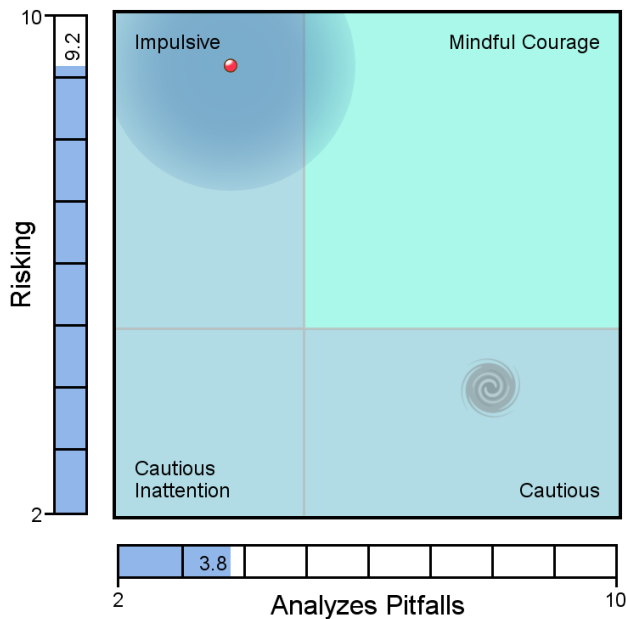
Rigidly Disorganized: The tendency to lack organization as well as adaptability (Low Organized and Low Flexible)

Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You may usually prefer not to have to organize things. You tend to be adaptive to change and probably enjoy variety. Your tendency to be flexible enables you to be adaptable to change. When circumstances change, you adjust to meet the new requirements. However, your flexibility may be somewhat greater than your orderliness. This indicates that in some situations you may be scattered, perhaps implementing too many changes. Your preferred behavioral range (large blue area) is partly in the Flexible Organizing quadrant but mostly in the Scattered quadrant indicating that some of the time you may be effective when organizing but more of the time you may be scattered. The red circle in the upper left indicates that under stress, your behavior may 'flip' and become a little rigid.

Opportunity Management (Strategic)

The tendency to analyze and take business or financial risks



Paradox Guidance: "Have the courage to pursue success, but understand and manage your risks."

Risking: The tendency to feel comfortable with business ventures that involve uncertainty

Analyzes Pitfalls: The tendency to scrutinize potential difficulties related to a plan or strategy

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Mindful Courage: The tendency to analyze the potential pitfalls of the plan or strategy while at the same time being willing to take risks (High Risking and High Analyzes Pitfalls)

Cautious: The tendency to focus on the potential pitfalls of a plan or strategy without sufficiently taking risks (Low Risking and High Analyzes Pitfalls)

Impulsive: The tendency to take risks without sufficient analysis of the potential difficulties (High Risking and Low Analyzes Pitfalls)

Cautious Inattention: The tendency to be cautious about risks while at the same time paying little attention to the potential pitfalls of a plan or strategy (Low Risking and Low Analyzes Pitfalls)

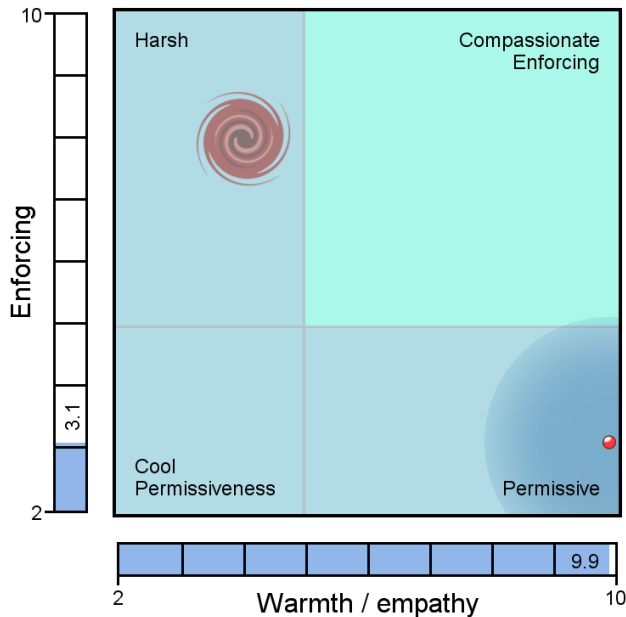
Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You are very willing to take business risks. You may prefer not to have to analyze the potential difficulties of plans and strategies and you may sometimes neglect to do so.

You have a strong desire to feel the thrill of risk taking. However, you probably tend to give only minimal analysis to the potential pitfalls. You will benefit from input from others who are more strategically analytical. If you receive feedback and adjust your strategies accordingly, your ventures could be successful and have significant payoffs. However, you will need to discipline yourself to accept advice related to taking precautions. If you make important decisions on your own, you may take risks quite impulsively as indicated by the range of behavior (large blue area) focusing on the Impulsive quadrant. The dark circle in the lower right indicates there may also be a cautious aspect to your personality. Your need for risk may be a compensation for caution or fear. Can you identify it?

Coaching Mindset (Driving)

The tendency to be warm, empathic, and hold others accountable



Paradox Guidance: "Only a person with a kind heart can administer discipline that is beneficial to others."

Enforcing: The tendency to insist upon necessary rules being followed

Warmth / empathy: The tendency to express positive feelings and affinity toward others

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Compassionate Enforcing: The tendency to enforce necessary rules with compassion (High Enforcing and High Warmth / empathy)

Permissive: The tendency to be warm and empathetic without sufficiently enforcing rules or holding others accountable (Low Enforcing and High Warmth / empathy)

Harsh: The tendency to enforce rules without giving sufficient emphasis to building rapport or being empathetic (High Enforcing and Low Warmth / empathy)

Cool Permissiveness: The tendency to lack warmth while at the same time avoiding enforcing necessary rules (Low Enforcing and Low Warmth / empathy)

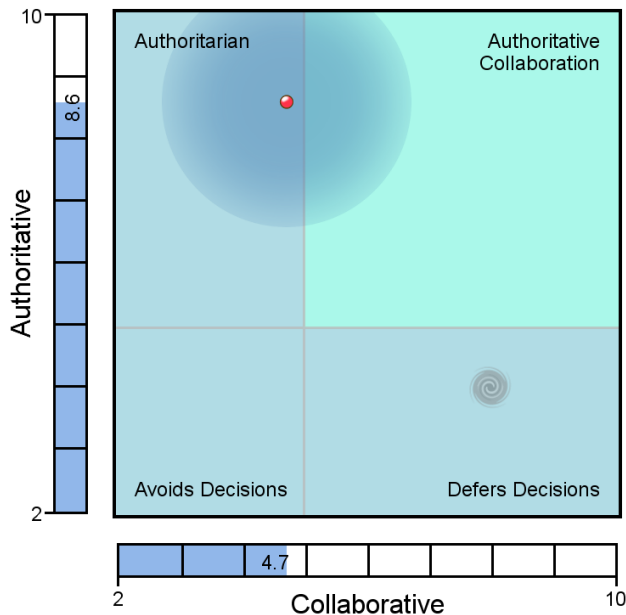
Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You may prefer not to have to enforce rules and you may sometimes neglect to do so even when it is necessary. You frequently tend to express warmth and empathy.

The combination of being extremely warm and empathetic while strongly preferring not to have to enforce rules indicates that you probably tend to be extremely permissive or lenient when it comes to enforcing rules, holding others accountable or giving discipline. This is reflected in your preferred behavioral range (large blue area) being almost entirely in the Permissive quadrant and only slightly in the Compassionate Enforcing quadrant. The red circle in the upper left indicates that under stress, your behavior may 'flip' and you may react harshly if someone tries to take advantage of your leniency.

Collaborative Accountability (Delegation)

The tendency to accept decision-making authority and invite input from others



Paradox Guidance: "Never hesitate to take counsel from appropriate people, but always take full responsibility for your own decisions."

Authoritative: The desire for decision-making authority and the willingness to accept decision-making responsibility

Collaborative: The tendency to collaborate with others when making decisions

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Authoritative Collaboration: The tendency to take responsibility for decisions while at the same time allowing others to genuinely participate in the decision-making process (High Authoritative and High Collaborative)

Defers Decisions: The tendency to emphasize collaborative decision-making without sufficiently accepting responsibility for making decisions (Low Authoritative and High Collaborative)

Authoritarian: The tendency to make decisions independently without sufficiently collaborating with others (High Authoritative and Low Collaborative)

Avoids Decisions: The tendency to avoid decision-making authority as well as collaborative decisions-making (Low Authoritative and Low Collaborative)

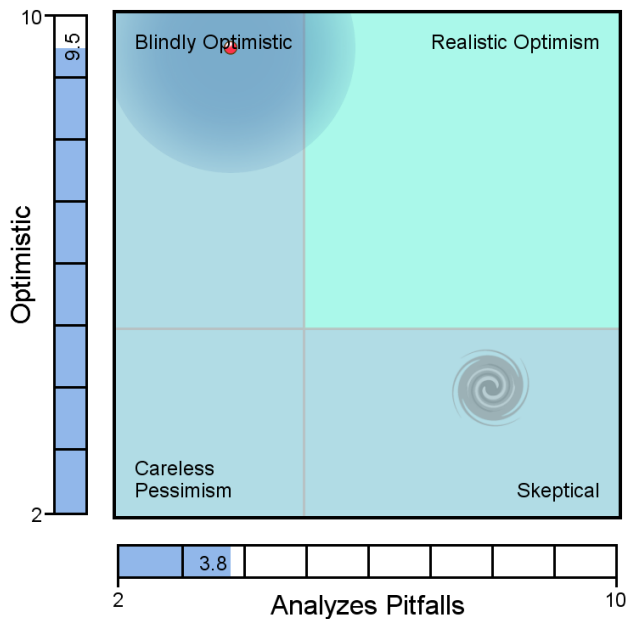
Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You have a strong desire to have decision-making authority and are very willing to accept decision-making responsibility. You may only moderately enjoy collaboration and may give only moderate importance to collaborating with others when making important decisions.

Your strong willingness to accept decision-making authority enables you to take charge and accept responsibility for decisions that need to be made. However, you may tend to be only moderately collaborative. Thus, your desire for authority is stronger than your willingness to collaborate. Consequently, you may tend to be somewhat over-controlling with regard to decisions. This could hinder you from receiving valuable input that could improve the quality of your decisions. It could also at times hinder the motivation of others by limiting their level of participation. Your preferred behavioral range (large blue area) is half in the Authoritative Collaboration quadrant and half in the Authoritarian quadrant indicating the above. The dark circle in the lower right indicates that when things go wrong, you may sometimes be reluctant to accept full accountability for the problem.

Vigilant Resilience (Strategic Acumen)

The tendency to be optimistic while also being prudent regarding emerging issues



Paradox Guidance: "Keep a positive attitude about the future, but be mindful of difficulties when they are small."

Optimistic: The tendency to believe the future will be positive

Analyzes Pitfalls: The tendency to scrutinize potential difficulties related to a plan or strategy

There are four possible combinations for this paradox:

Realistic Optimism: The tendency to analyze the potential pitfalls of a plan or strategy while remaining positive about achieving the potential benefits (High Optimistic and High Analyzes Pitfalls)

Skeptical: The tendency to focus on the potential difficulties of a plan or strategy without giving sufficient emphasis to the potential benefits (Low Optimistic and High Analyzes Pitfalls)

Blindly Optimistic: The tendency to focus on the possible benefits of a plan or strategy without sufficiently analyzing the potential difficulties or pitfalls (High Optimistic and Low Analyzes Pitfalls)

Careless Pessimism: The tendency to be pessimistic about outcomes while at the same time neglect careful analysis of emerging difficulties or threats (Low Optimistic and Low Analyzes Pitfalls)

Your tendencies for this paradox are:

You tend to be extremely optimistic and cheerful. Your positive attitude will be very beneficial when dealing with your co-workers or clients. You may prefer not to have to analyze the potential difficulties of plans and strategies, and you may sometimes neglect to do so.

Your extremely positive attitude helps you to work more effectively with others and helps you to see the potential of situations and strategies. Since you prefer not to have to analyze potential problems, your optimism may be much greater than your tendency to analyze the potential problems. Thus, you may tend to give much greater weight to the positive side than the potential problems. Your preferred behavioral range (large blue area) is partly in the Realistic Optimism quadrant indicating that part of the time you may have realistic optimism. However, it is mostly in the Blindly Optimistic quadrant indicating that much of the time you may be blindly optimistic. Thus, it may be wise to get input from others when it comes to making important plans and strategies. The dark circle in the lower right indicates that your tendency to be blindly optimistic may be a compensation for an underlying fear of things going wrong.