



We Have a Coalition, Now What?

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Definition #3: An unnatural act among non consenting adults

5 Myths of Coalitions

- Myth of THE Coalition
- Myth of “everyone at the table”
- Myth of the meeting
- Myth of permanence
- Myth of the facilitator

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In fact, coalitions vary by purpose, function and personality

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In fact, not everyone wants to or needs to be at the table

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In fact, meetings are about relationships and taking action

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“How will the world be different tomorrow as a result of what we decide today.”

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“When the facts change I change my mind. What do you do?”- John Maynard Keynes

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In fact, coalitions need leaders

Final Thought

Coalition leadership is about what you need to do differently, not what others need to do differently.



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