Hollywood Leadership Theory, Part 1

Leadership advice is readily available in journals and books, but are those sources most relevant for today's leaders? This presentation aims to take a different approach by presenting sound leadership principles as seen in television and movies, translating Hollywood leadership to the everyday life of academic departments.

"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 1 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

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