

Lead, Follow, Or...Revised

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After leading this group for ten years or so, we have had very few problems. Looking back over all the problems I have had, they all involved leading, following, or getting out of the way.

Over the years, I have only discussed this problem with one other person. Then, I laughed about it. I laughed about it because I said that in my experience, people who cannot follow, also cannot, and will not lead. Here is another example:

In last weeks letter concerning this issue offered three options. I expected to hear from Chet and Sue concerning these options. I hiked with them Wednesday, then we put away the lawn furniture and sat around the campfire on the river. Even though they were their options, they did not say a word. The only one who mentioned the situation was Buster and he wanted me to continue the group. So, I am trying to do that.

I expected them to pick one of the options, but when they did not, I came up with a fourth option: the perfect option for me. For the group to continue, someone else must take over leadership. I am not going to continue as leader.

In the past, three people have indicated we do not need my hike descriptions, schedules, etc. So, they ignored them. They say we just need to meet every Wednesday and go hiking someplace. Whatever the group wants to do that day. Sort of like pure democracy. But I will have nothing to do with that type of group. We need one person whom to follow. In other words, we need one person to own the group. I am looking for someone to take over leadership of this group the way it is, without changing the way it functions. That way we will all know who to influence and who to follow. Every time, the pure type will naturally lead to factions. For good reason, people call it "Mob" Rule.

If we find a leader, I will continue to send out the announcements based on descriptions I have already created, or any new descriptions he (new leader, he-she-it, what's the pronoun for hesheit? it used to be he) like any new descriptions he gives me.

I will not be going on many hikes though. This past week my heart turned back to youth baseball and softball. And I will be very busy. [I have even published a new webpage for it.](#)

I hope we can continue the group.

Love,

Bob Pace