Moving from Protection to Connection: An Integrative NeuroSomatic Approach to Engaging People in Change

A Deeper Dive-Workshop, Coaching, & Biofeedback Session

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Where are we headed?

- 1. Insights from plenary
- 2. Review SECURE Connection[™] needs that drive human behavior
- A deeper dive into the physiology of self-regulation, coherence, & stress resilience
- 4. Biofeedback demo (autonomic nervous system)
- 5. Workshop in groups with coaching
- 6. Action Plan

Biggest insight?





SECURE Connection™

A Brain-Based Framework for Creating a Climate of Trust, Engagement & Collaboration

Ellington, L. & McFadden, P. Zero Point Leadership, 2016

SECURE Connection[™]

S	SELF	Self Awareness; Self-Development; Self- Management; Self-Mastery
E	ESTEEM	Importance; Status; Rank; Purpose; Meaning
C	CHOICE	Autonomy; Freedom; Control
U	UNDERSTANDING	Clarity; Certainty; Knowing
R	RELATEDNESS	Trust; Connection; Safety; In-Group vs Out-Group
E	EQUITY	Perception of Fair Exchanges; Level playing field

Esteem

- Status
- Meaning
- Importance
- How we compare or rank





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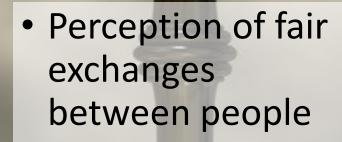
- Control
- Freedom



<u>R</u>elatedness

- Safety with others
- Connection
- Friend vs. foe
- In-Group vs. Out Group

<u>E</u>quity



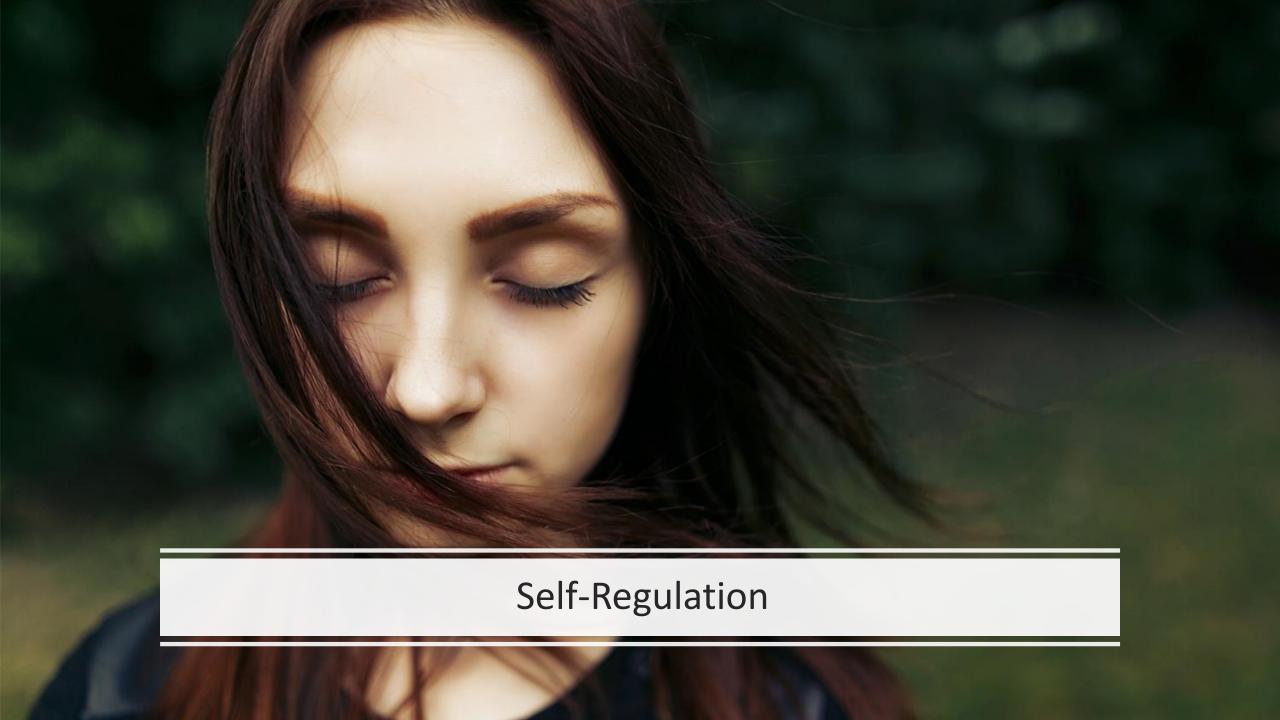
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Self

- Mindfulness
- Self-awareness
- Self-regulation
- <u>Self-mastery</u>



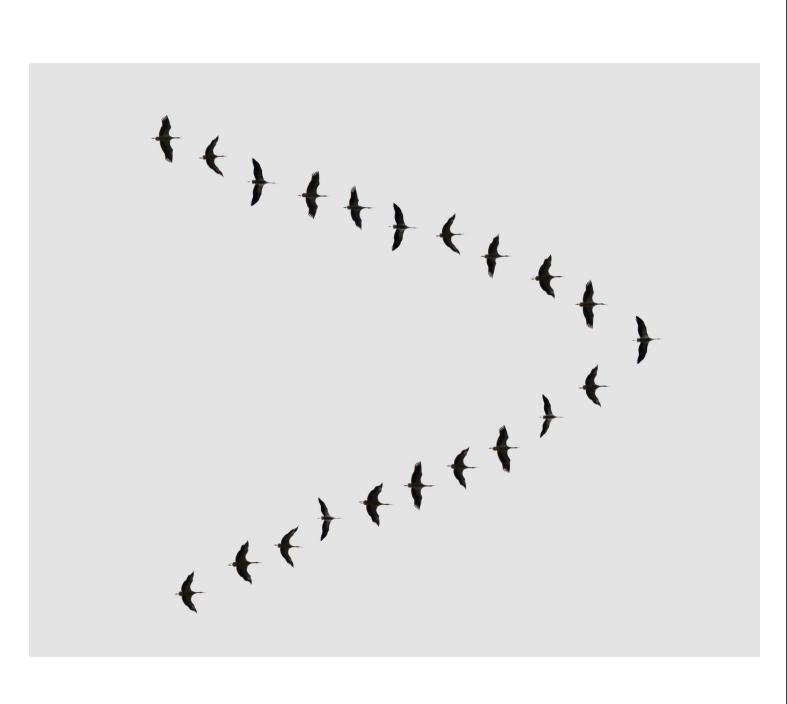


Coherence

An optimal state in which the heart, mind and emotions are aligned and in sync.

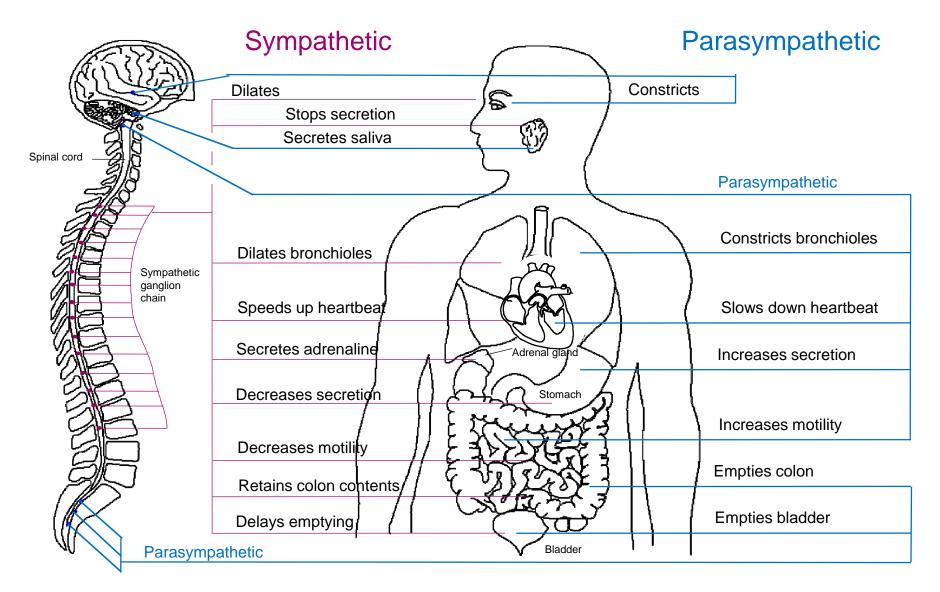
Physiologically, the immune, hormonal and nervous systems function in a state of energetic coordination.





Living systems

Autonomic Nervous System







Heart-Brain Communication

- The heart has its own complex nervous system: the "heart brain."
- The heart sends far more information to the brain than the brain sends to the heart.
- Patterns in the neural signals from the heart especially affect the brain centers involved in perception, emotional experience and self-regulation.

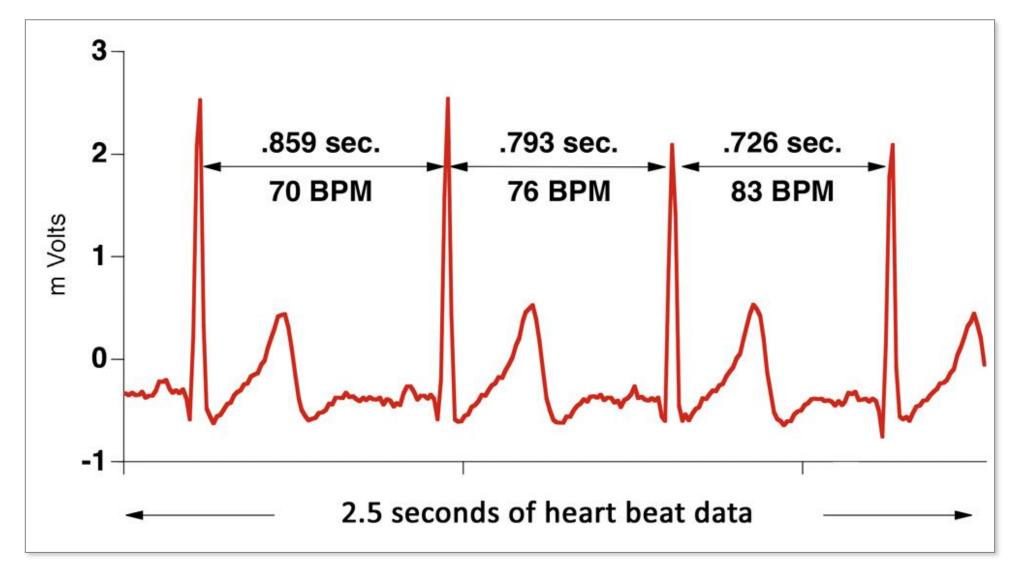




Vagus nerve

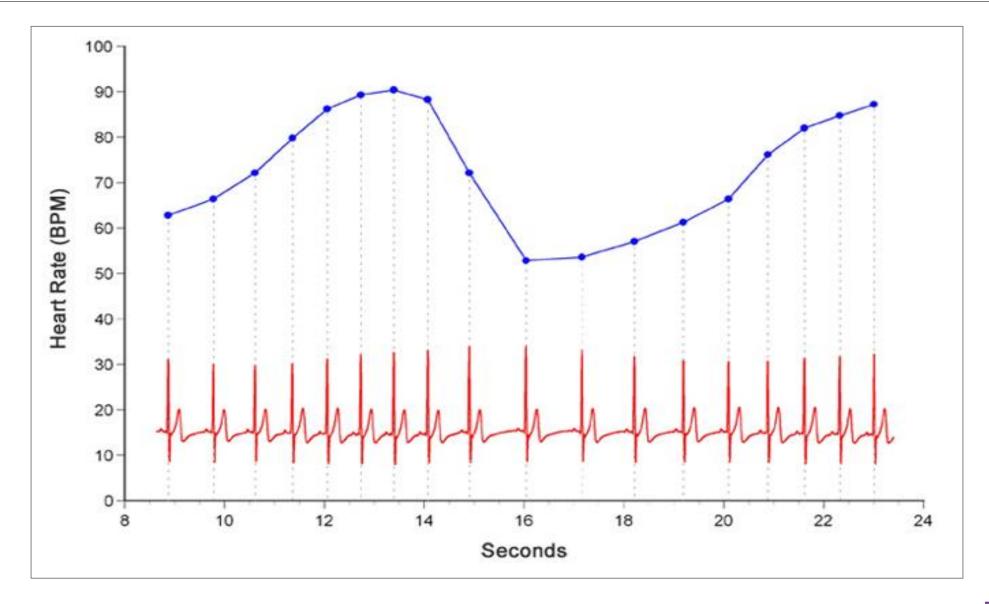


Heart Rate Variability (HRV)





Heart Rhythm Patterns Emerge





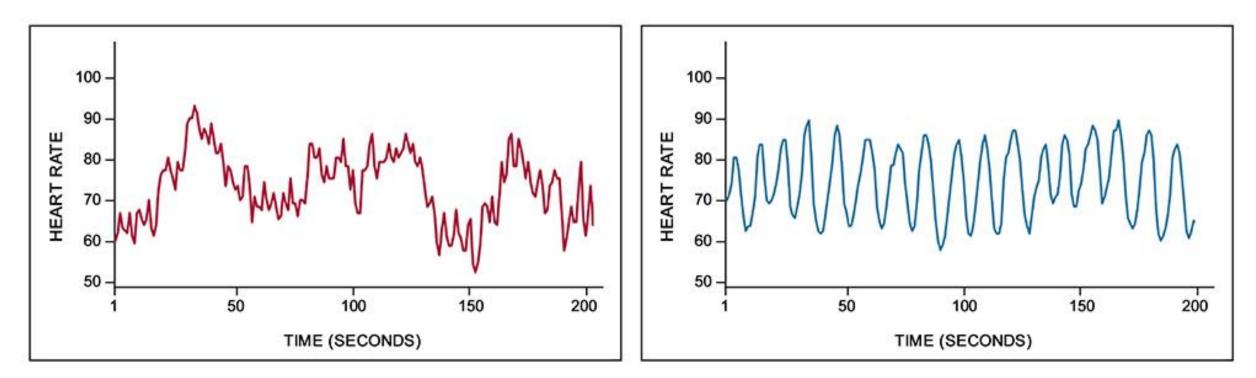
Emotions and Heart Rhythms

Incoherence

frustration, irritation, impatience, worry

Coherence

appreciation, calm, patience, confidence



Inhibits brain function – impairs performance

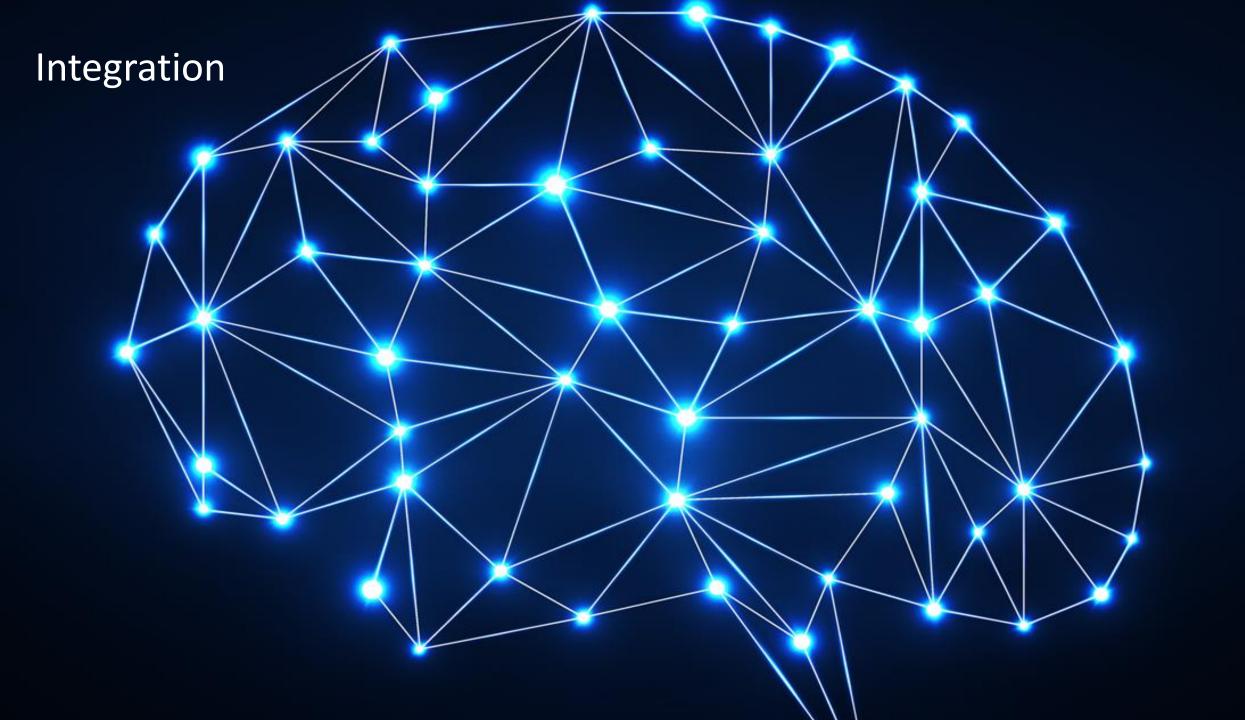
Facilitates brain function - promotes optimal performance



Emotions impact HRV & vagal tone

Activate the social engagement (mammalian caregiving) system





Human connections shape neural connections.

Healthy relationships activate the growth of fibers that integrate the brain and facilitate self-regulation.

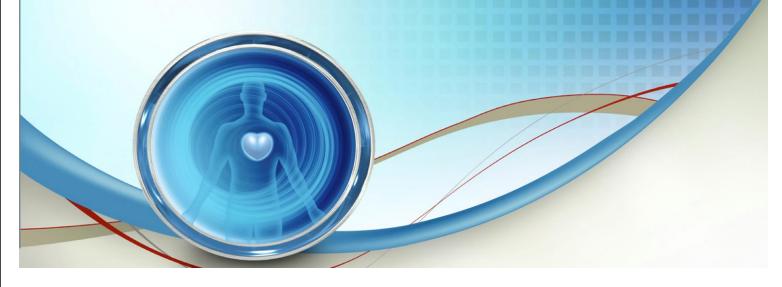
Experience directly shapes gene expression

Epigenetics

Biofeedback Demo

Quick Coherence[®] Technique

An Intelligent Energy Self-Regulation Technique



What You Can Do

- Create mutual goals & "in-group" attitude
- Emphasize connecting rather than highlighting rank
- Pay attention to how people are improving
- Be more transparent and communicate more than you think you need to
- Increase feelings of "being valued" and on the same team
- Give choices and options
- Be clear on the what the expectations are

*Mindfulness, Self-Awareness, Self-Regulation





SECURE Connections Deepen Engagement & Create the Conditions for Change

- Reflect on the Secure Connection™ framework for engagement and discuss in your group.
- Identify 1 thing you could do to move someone from protection to connection (engagement).

Biggest insight?





"What happens is consciousness operates in mysterious ways. One of those ways is that the old paradigm suddenly starts to die."

- Deepak Chopra