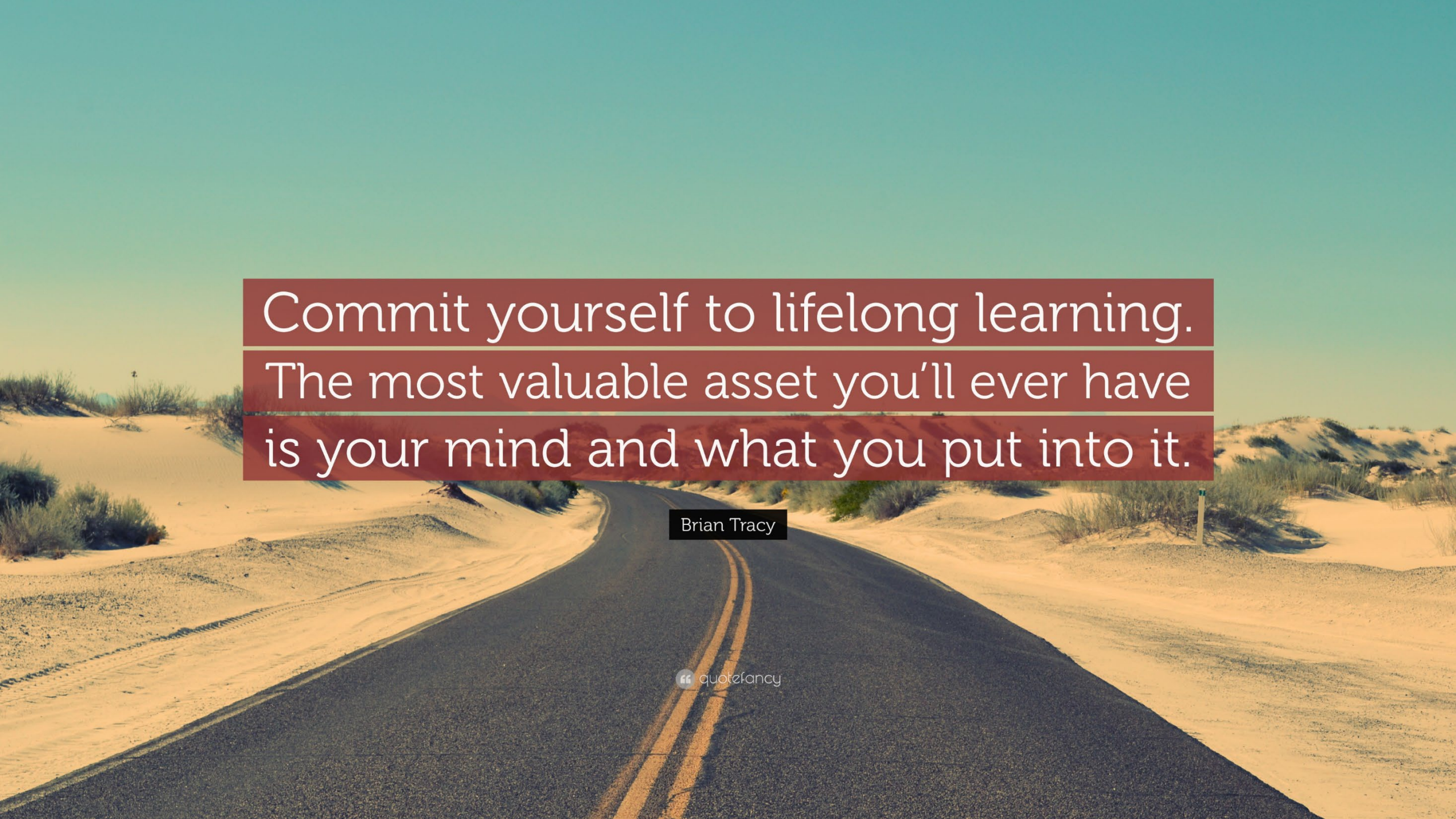


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Commit yourself to lifelong learning.
The most valuable asset you'll ever have
is your mind and what you put into it.
Brian Tracy
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Today's Presentation

What I've Learned So Far . . .

Observations from an Unexpected Path

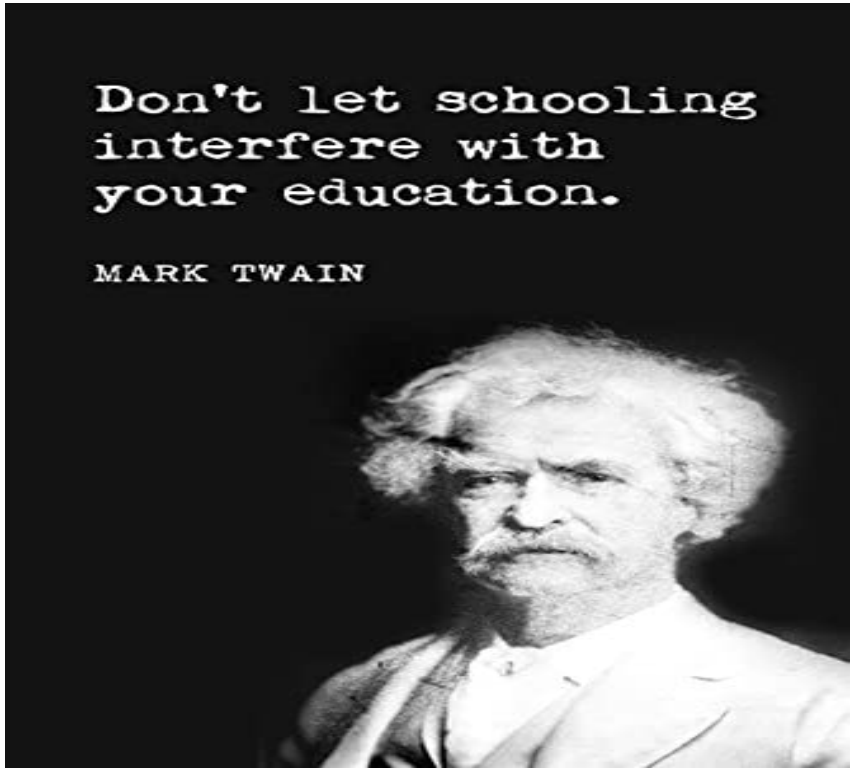
Education

Career

- Attorney General's Office
- Founding a Law Firm
- PSC Appointment
  - Senate Confirmation
  - Commissioner
  - Chairman
- Southwest Power Pool
- School of Energy Resources

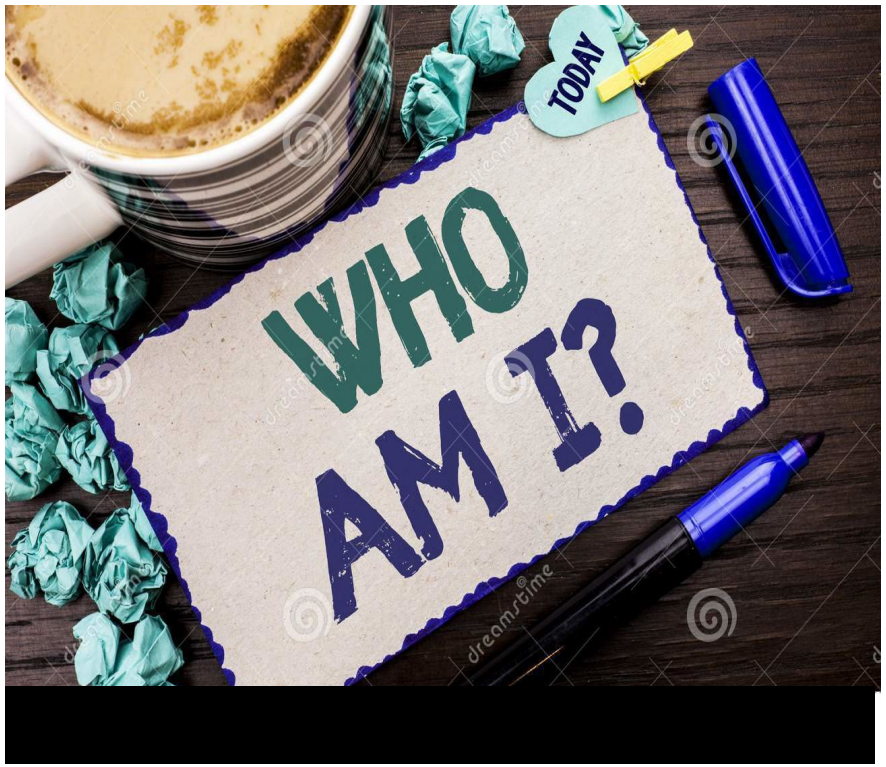
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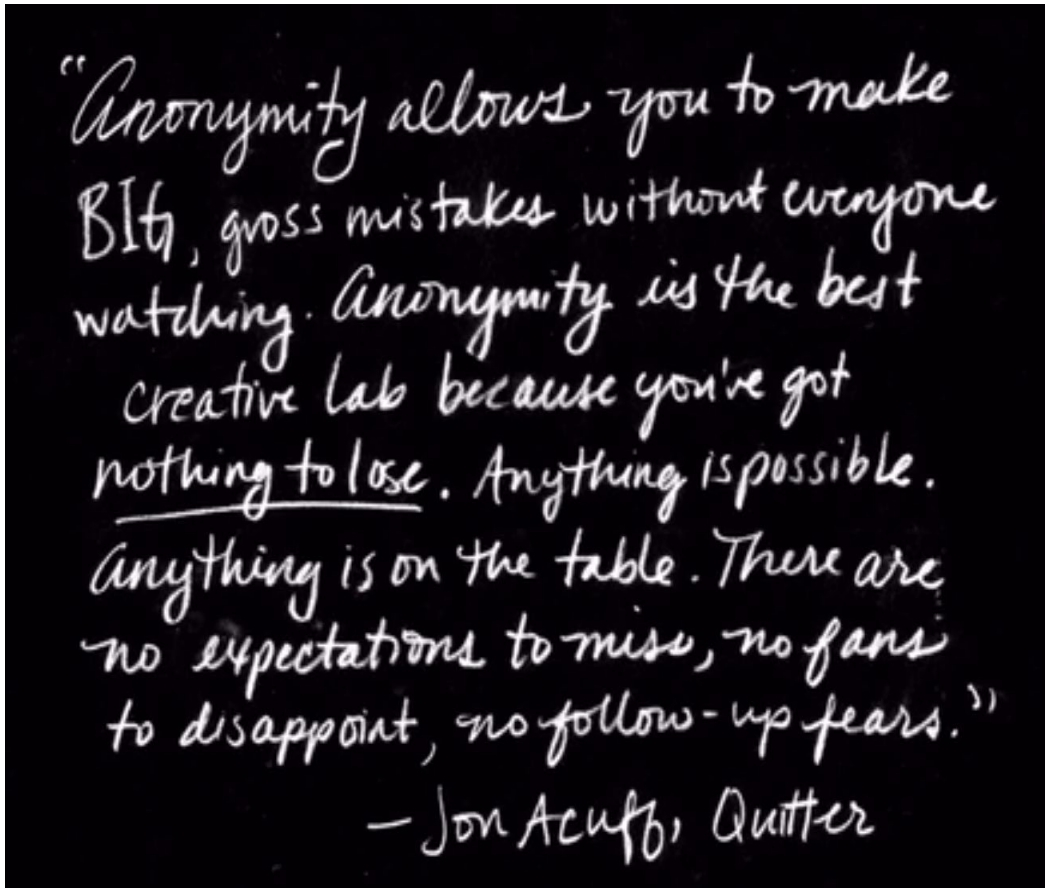
Undergraduate Degree
University of Wyoming College of Business





Law School – University of Nebraska





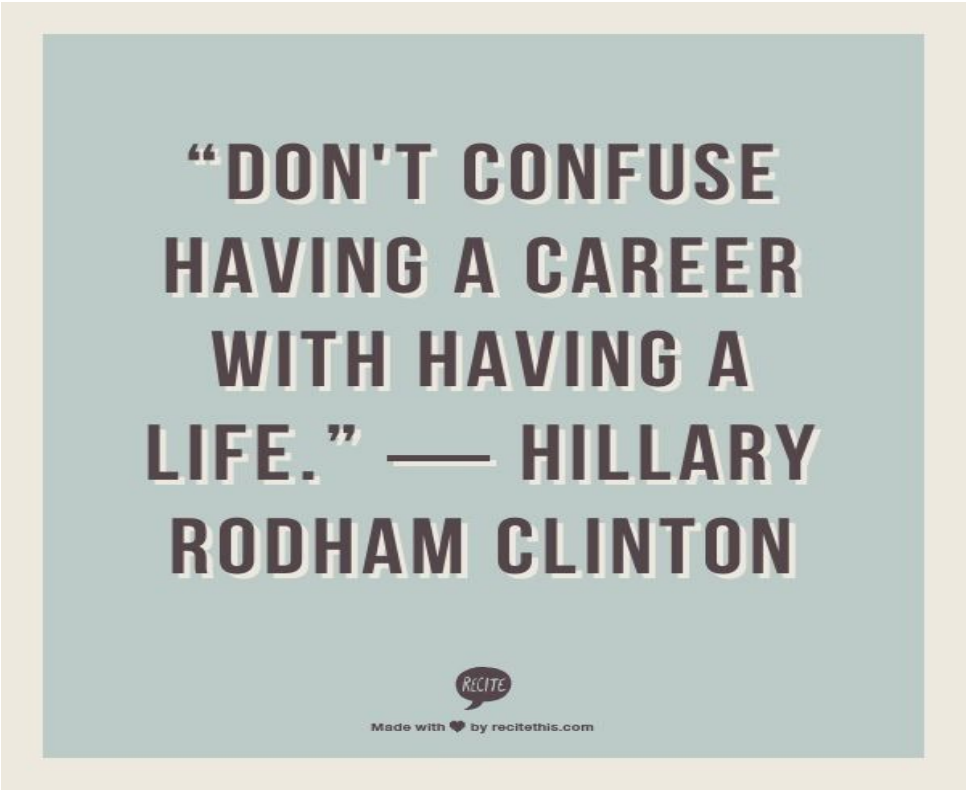


WYOMING ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

WATER DIVISION

Hageman & Brighton, P.C.



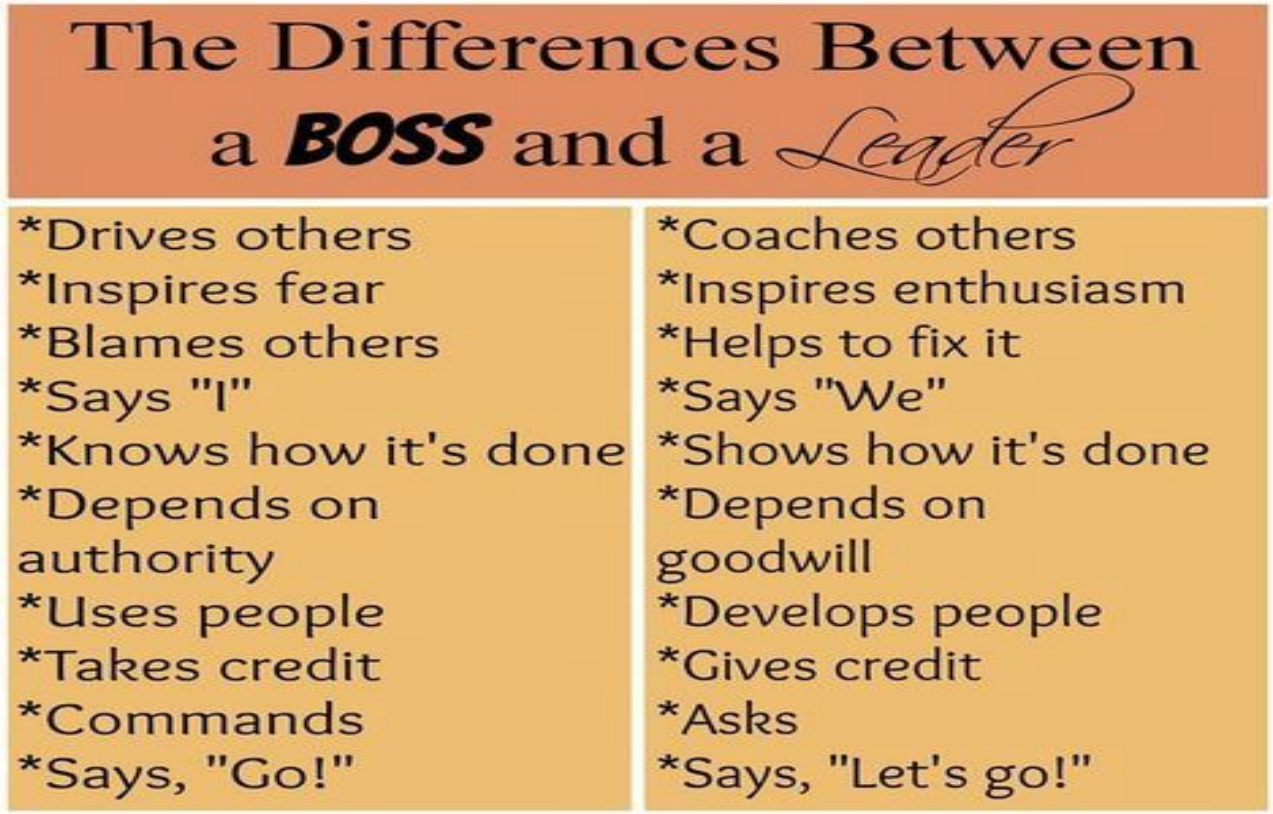


“If You are the Smartest Person in the Room, You Are in the Wrong Room.”

THINKING, FAST AND SLOW

BY DANIEL KAHNEMAN

Becoming PSC Chairman





Southwest Power Pool

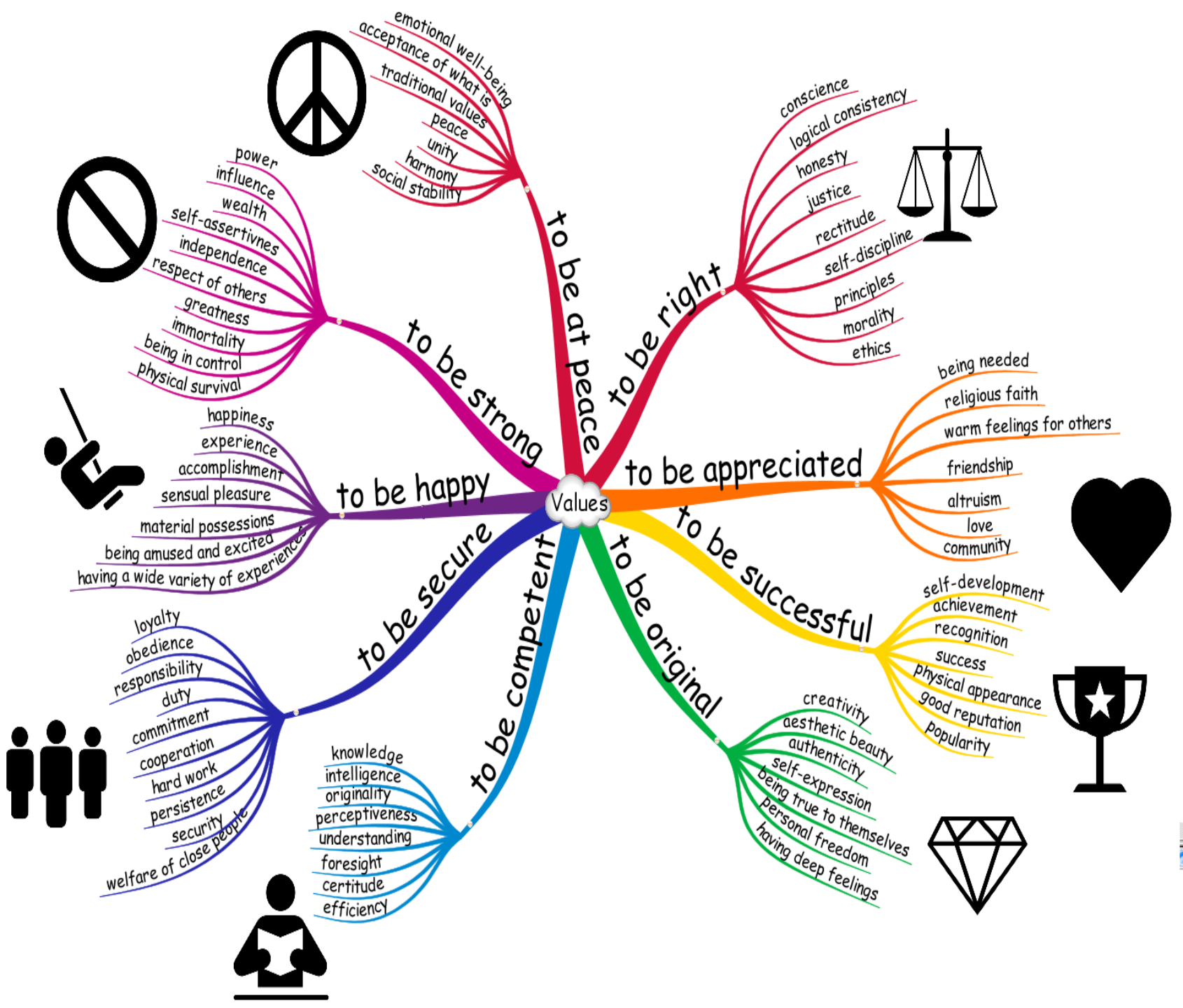
Allignment

How well does my work match my personality, my values and my talents?

What am I doing to build and sustain my relationships with family and friends?

What could I do to add some more fun and laughter into my life?

In what way am I making a significant contribution to the world around me?



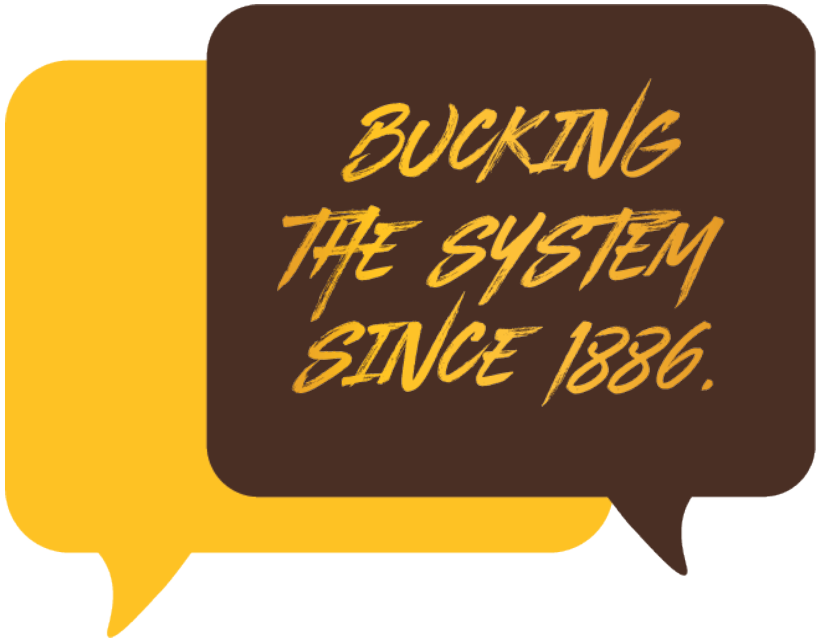
School of Energy Resources

Center for Energy Regulation and Policy Analysis

OUR ROLE IN ENERGY-DRIVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR WYOMING

SER's Mission:

Energy-driven economic development for Wyoming



SER Pillars

- **Academics**
  - Train students for careers in the Wyoming energy industries
- **Outreach**
  - Engage with stakeholders across state and beyond
  - Support elected and appointed officials
- **Research**
  - Conduct applied research focused on commercialization
  - Develop technologies to advantage utilization of Wyoming natural resources
  - Focus on economic development



SER Research Structure

Center of Economic Geology Research

Center of Carbon Capture and Conversion

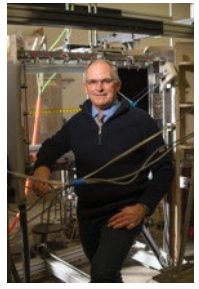
Center for Energy Regulation and Policy Analysis

3D Visualization Center

Hydrogen Energy Research Center

Staff-led Centers of Excellence







Faculty-led Centers of Excellence

- Center for Air Quality
- Center for Produced Water Management
- Center for Biogenic Natural Gas Research
- Center for Wind Energy Research
- Nuclear Energy Research Center

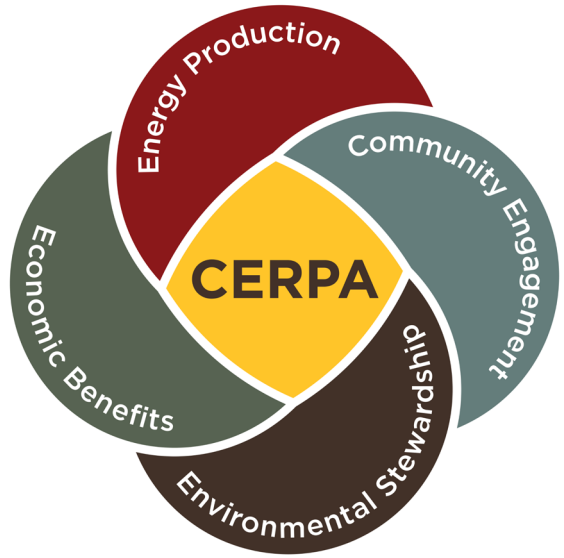
Partner Organization

- Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute

RESEARCH

POLICY SUPPORT

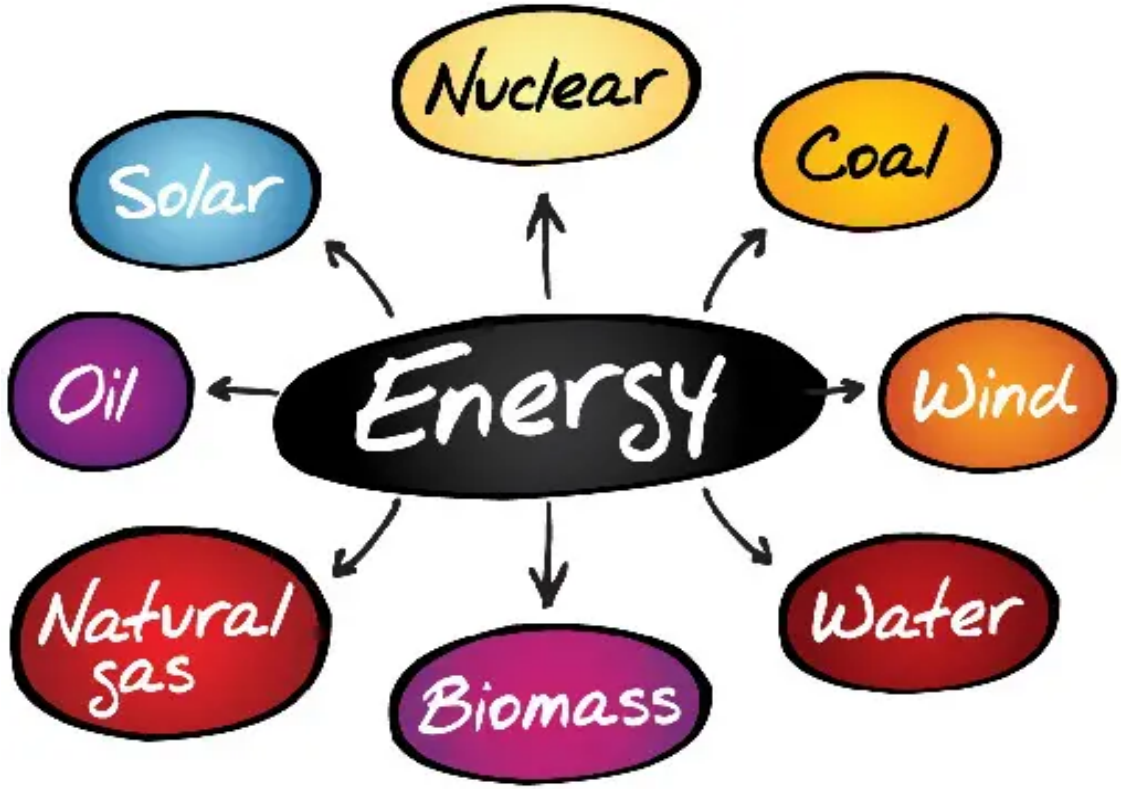
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



BUCKING THE SYSTEM SINCE 1886.

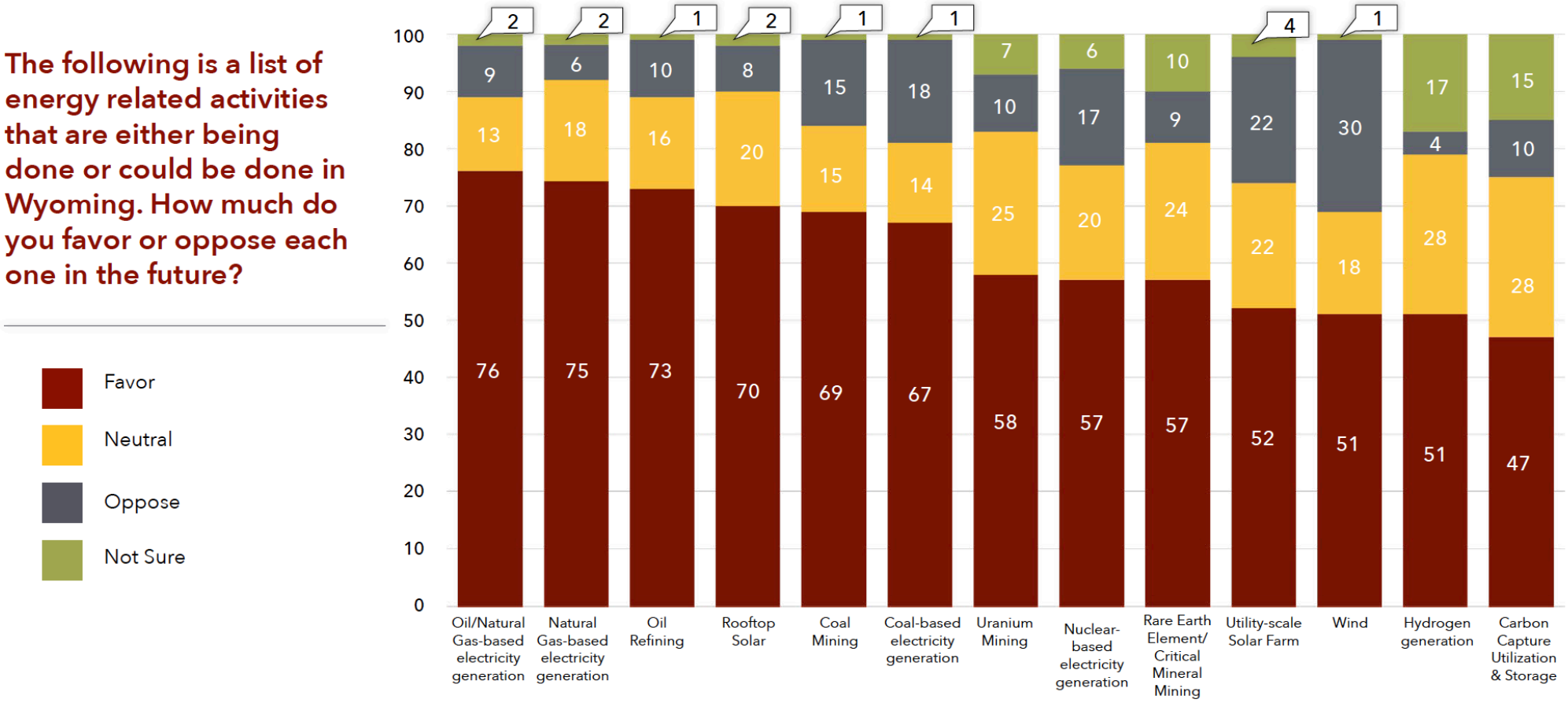
CERPA: So Many Issues . . .





Social License for Wyoming's Energy Future

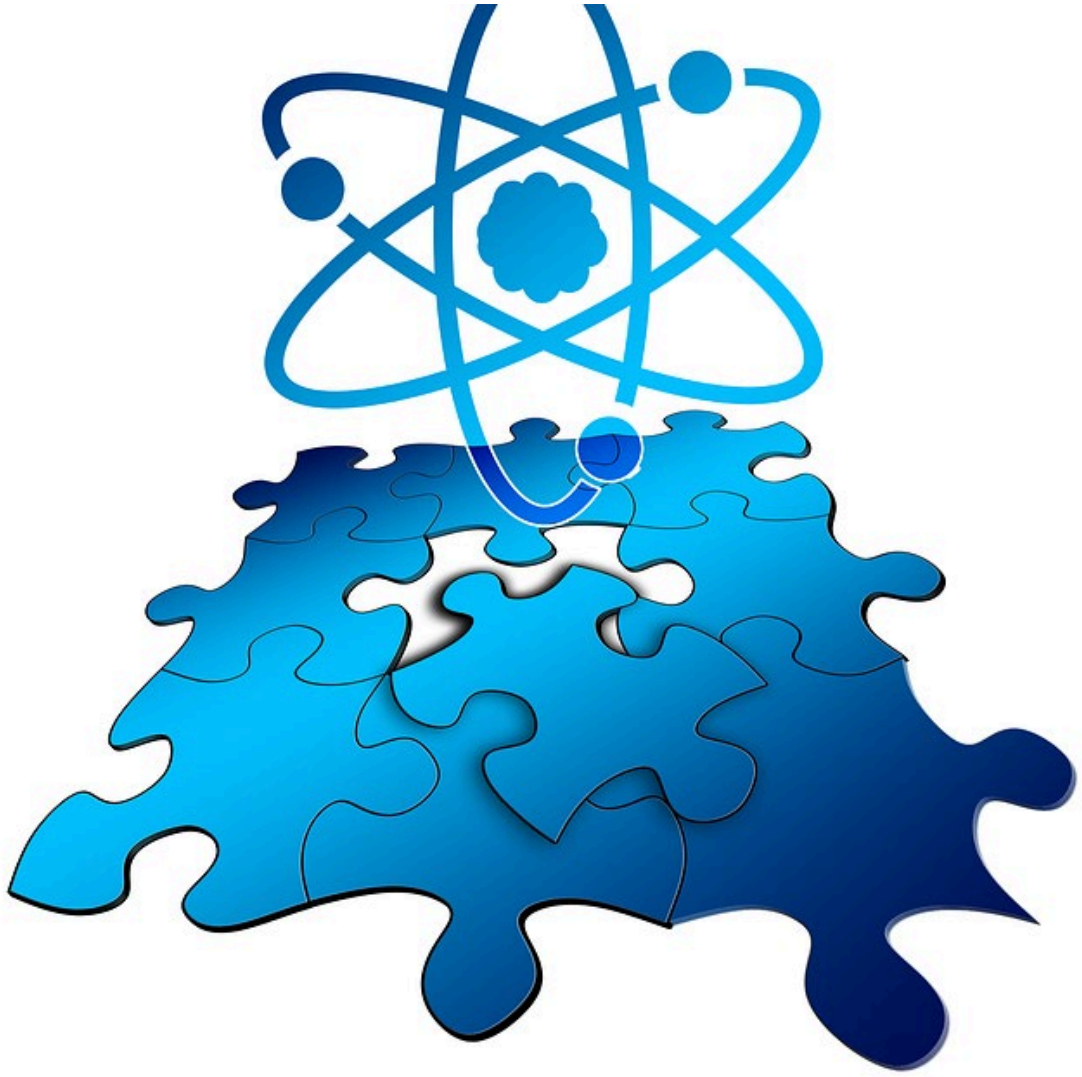
The following is a list of energy related activities that are either being done or could be done in Wyoming. How much do you favor or oppose each one in the future?



Totals do not add up to 100 due to averaging and categories reported.

Nuclear Studies

- Fuel Processing
- Nuclear Component Manufacturing
- Uranium Mining
- Nuclear-Fueled Low-Carbon Industries
- Recycling and Storage of Spent Fuel
- Hosting Nuclear Electricity Generation



Reliability of Our Electric Grid



Policy Support and Engagement

Policy Support

Governor's Office

Wyoming Energy Authority

Legislative Committees

State Agencies

Stakeholder Engagement

Colleagues in SER Other Centers

University Collaborators

State Industry Associations

Industry Partners



When you’re surrounded by people who share a passionate commitment around a common purpose, anything is possible.

HOWARD SCHULTZ



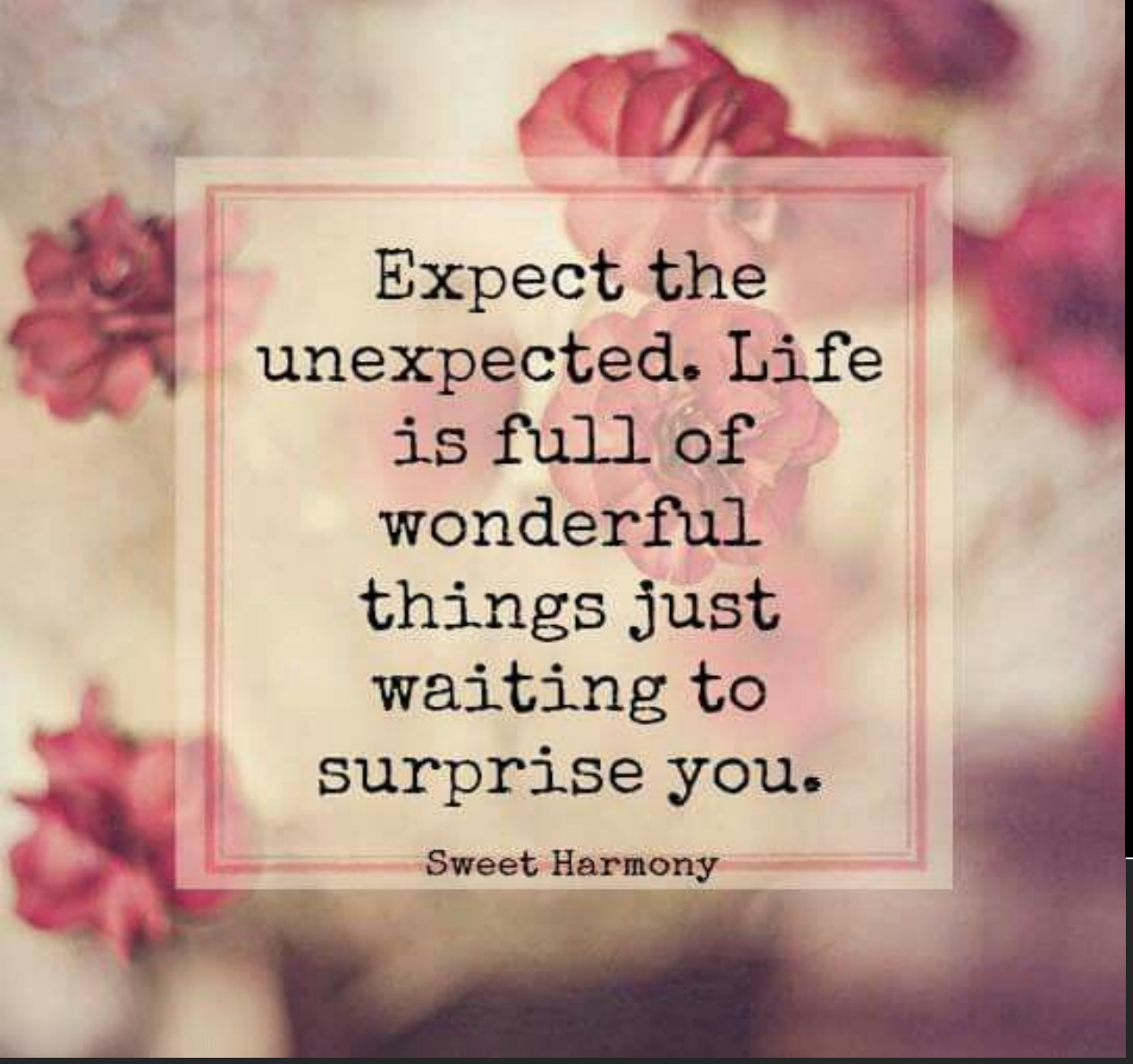
Concluding Thoughts

Be Open to Mentorship

How Can You Be Useful?

Serve

Five types of people you want to surround yourself with: the inspired, the passionate, the motivated, the grateful and the open-minded.



LET LIFE SURPRISE YOU!!

"Even when you think you have your life all mapped out, things happen that shape your destiny in ways you might never have imagined."

***Deepak Chopra**



Thank You!
Questions?

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