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Styles of Thinking

SYNTHESIST

Looks at a “thesis” & “anti-thesis”. Puts the two opposites together to form a “synthesis”. Looks at big picture, good at managing big projects, open to new ideas, and creative. Liabilities include being easily bored, lacks caution or moderation, overlooks little facts and details, and their mistakes could spell disaster.

IDEALIST

Looks at the human equation. Focuses on relationships, feelings of others, listening, and looks for ways to find agreement. Liabilities include tendency to avoid conflict, see analyzing as dehumanizing, and fails to make oneself heard.

PRAGMATIST

Very good at contingency planning. Has many projects happening at the same time. Into experimentation and innovation, and many are good at marketing and shrewd investments. Good social skills. Adaptive and

risk takers. Liabilities include unpredictability, impulsiveness, and lack of structure or direction.

ANALYST

Strengths include logic and analysis. Looks at a situation and charts it. Focuses on one task at a time. Looks for alternative solutions thoroughly. Are not bothered with looking at details when looking for solutions. Liabilities include problems with ambiguity and taking too much time coming up with solutions.

REALIST

They are into what can be sensed and always looking at the “real facts”. Moves quickly to specifics, sets hard objectives and meets them. They know their environment and situation. They can simplify problems. Uses expert opinion. Liabilities include seeing only “what is real” (five senses), dislikes the abstract, stubborn, and unimaginative.