

# Why Good Business Leaders Hate Uncertainty

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### Of course, business leaders hate uncertainty.

Uncertainty affects the bottom line.

But there's more to it than that – *it's personal.* 



### What makes a good business leader?

- Clear vision.
- Good planning skills.
- Ability to take decisive action.

You came into your role already strong in these attributes, or you nurtured them to be successful.

You care *a lot* about your work and the people you work with—your staff, your partners, your clients.



## What happens when a leader's personality traits run directly into economic uncertainty?

High levels of uncertainty in the economy threaten many things that make you, YOU.

- How can you have a vision when what is on the horizon is totally unclear?
- What kind of business plans can you make and initiate in the absence of stable economic policies?
- Worst of all, how can you take care of the people who depend on you in this situation?



As a business owner, your personal finances are intimately tied to your company's success.

This undermines your emotional steadiness at a critical time.



### Take a moment. Give yourself some grace.

You were ready for stability.

Instead, recent events have handed you a big ol' bucket of "who even knows?"

Feeling scared, angry, threatened, and a host of other emotions are entirely reasonable.

Even a sense of persecution.

Hey, I'm just trying to run a successful small business here — why is that being made so unnecessarily hard?



## Our company has also been working through the uncertainty. We're developing a plan to manage change.

In future posts, Ed and I will expand on how the traits that make you a good leader will let you respond effectively to uncertainty and bring your organization along with you.



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