



MISUSE OF POWER

POWER OVER

can create:

1. the possibility of oppression, tyranny, domination, absolutism
2. dysfunction, infantilization, dependence
3. subjection and anonymity

POWER WITH

"coactive" power of solidarity

can create:

1. opposition to leadership of any kind
(Insistence on working collectively may result in too much process to get things done.)
2. losing sight of group's common purpose
(Terminal process may result in no apparent product and no end in sight.)
3. exclusionary tendencies or danger of political amorphism
4. violation of the spirit of charity
(Charity is non-referential, always giving, without demanding to receive or to know what the other is up to.)
5. the leader's being a buddy; close and amiable, but precisely because of that proximity unable to empower, direct, or chasten any one of the group
(This denies responsibilities that rest only with the leader.)

POWER WITHIN

validated by personal force ("charisms" or gifts) of the one possessing it

can create:

1. a difficulty to test
(Too often the bedazzled crowds will be too mesmerized to ask for authenticity.)
2. inherent instability because of its creativity and dynamism
3. vulnerability to the oppression of IMpression
4. boundary issues and unresolved dependency
(Charisma may hypnotize/dominate instead of be used to liberate/inspire/empower by strengthening the will power of the people the leader influences, so that they can make their own best effort in their own way.)

Power over is often regarded as a kind of possession; *power within* more a capacity or "power to."