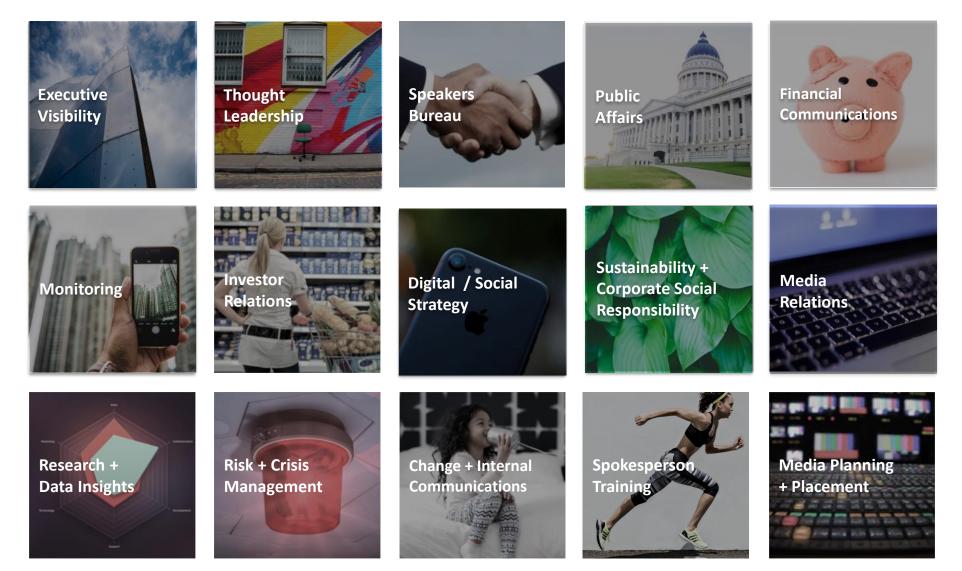
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# REPUTATION & ISSUES MANAGEMENT



# Who We Are

#### Hill+Knowlton Strategies Capabilities



#### **Our Global Presence**



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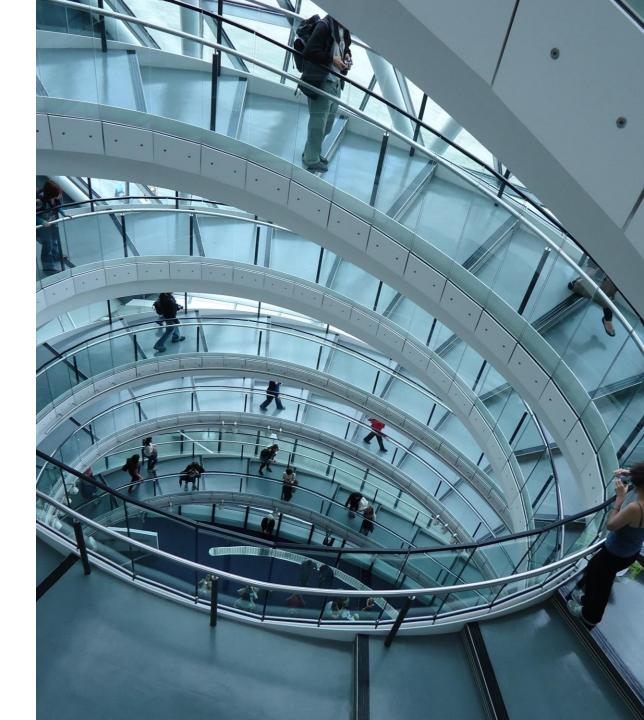
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### Why We're Here

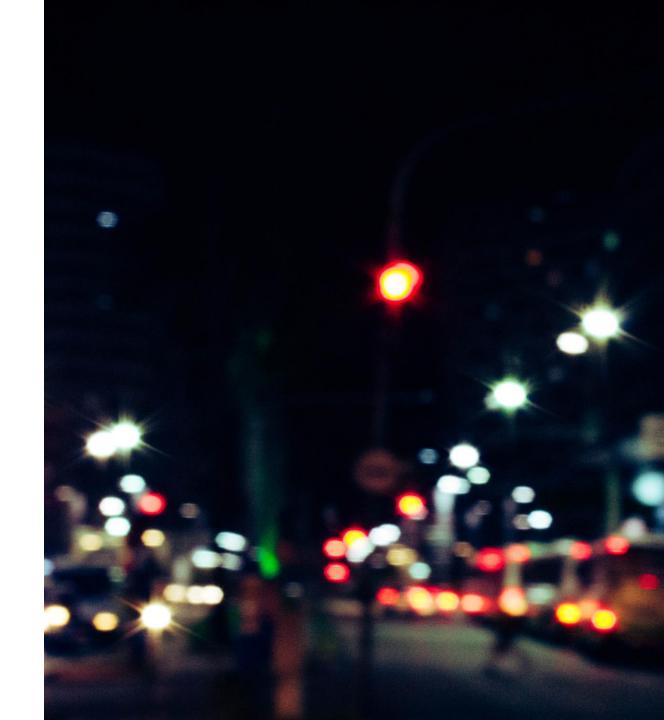
We'll focus on the role proactive Reputation Management strategy and communications can play in strengthening a brand and protecting an organization against risk.

We'll also speak to Issues Management and how to navigate a range of challenges from a communications point of view, including those that arise from the digital or social media space.



#### What We'll Cover

- Reputation Management vs. Issues Management
- Understanding the External Landscape
- Building and Protecting Your Reputation
- Navigating Issues and Crises
- Three Things to Remember
- Q&A





## Reputation

# Management VS. *Issues* Management

"There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full."

Henry Kissinger

"When preparing for a crisis, it is instructive to recall that Noah started building the ark <u>before</u> it began to rain."

Norman Augustine, Chair & CEO (Ret.), Lockheed Martin

"It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently."

Warren Buffett

"The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear."

Socrates



## Build the Bank of Goodwill

Ongoing Reputation Management

## Prepare for the Worst

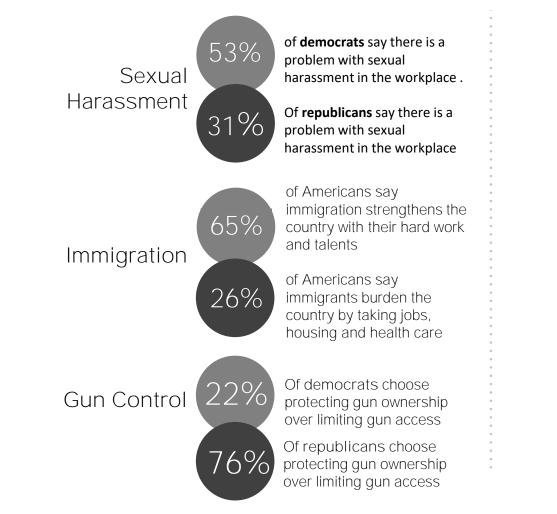
Issue Monitoring and Crisis and Scenario Planning Manage Issues and Crises

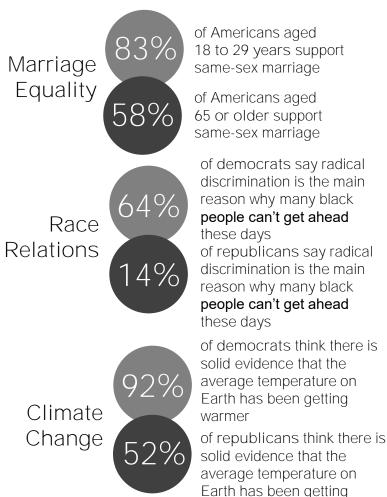
- Proactive Engagement on Priority Issues
- Reactive Response to Issues and Crises as Needed



# Understanding the External Landscape

## We're More Polarized Than Ever





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## Technology Has Shifted From an "Accessory" to a Lifestyle

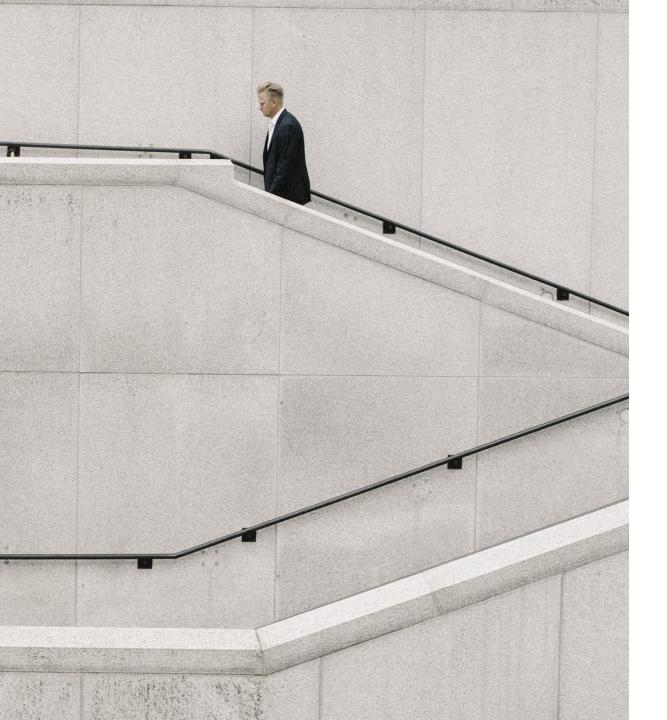








# What does this mean for companies?



# Building and Protecting Your Reputation

#### **Corporate Reputation Landscape**

Robust Reputation Management programs and commitments are now the status quo among top companies.



More than **70%** of companies cite **reputation enhancement** as a primary business goal.

Nearly **100%** of companies have a **corporate citizenship budget** today, compared to 81 percent in 2010.

Consumers have greater awareness and expectations about company actions than ever before.

67% of consumers pay closer attention to how companies are affecting their community than they used to.



**91%** of global consumers expect companies to not only make a profit, but to also operate responsibly to address social and environmental issues

Engagement around corporate reputation makes business sense, influencing employee engagement and overall profitability.

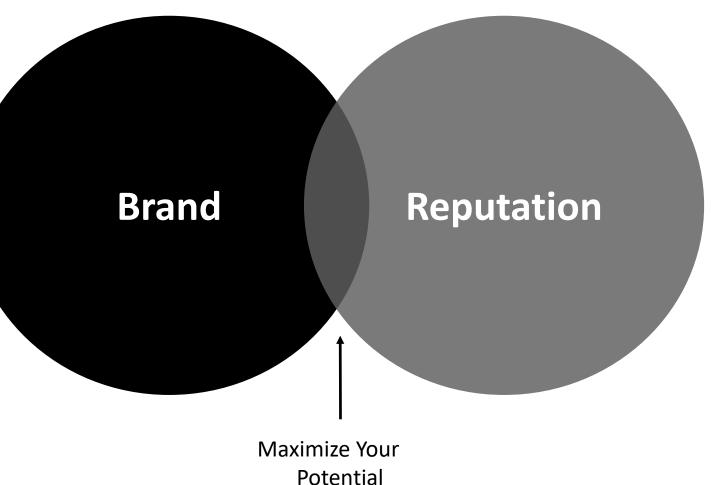


From 2008 to 2015, **companies with a stronger reputation have performed significantly better** (almost two times the return) than the overall market. Through proactive engagement with stakeholders (including employees), companies can positively influence perceptions, trust and engagement.

### Brand vs. Reputation

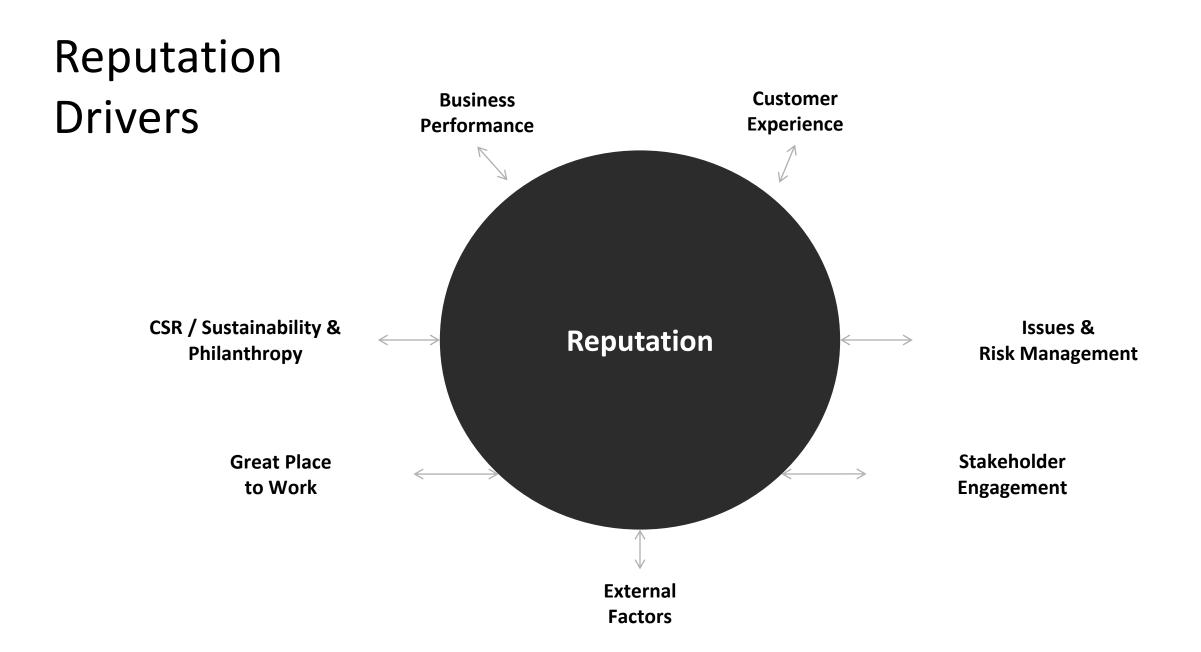
#### **Customer-Centric**

- What you say and do
- A "promise" with respect to products or services



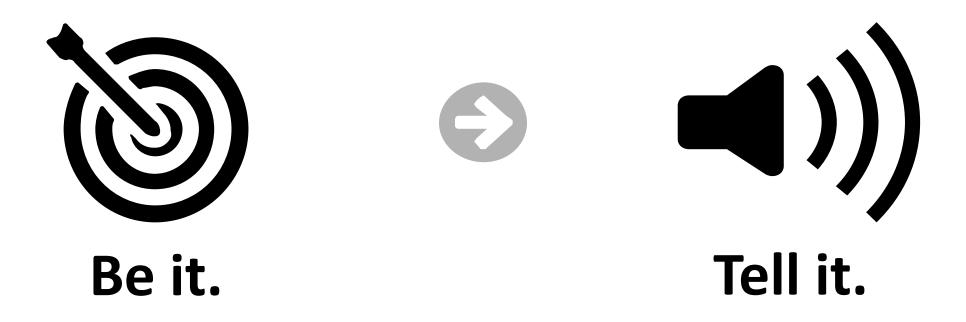
#### **Company-Centric**

- What others believe about you
- Focuses on credibility and respect; good vs. bad



#### **Building Reputation is About Action**

Reputation can't just be about *communicating* messages. Companies have to *take action*, make necessary changes and *deliver* on their reputation commitments.



A company must first BE it, before it can TELL its story.

#### **Reputation Management in Action: Walmart**

Business Performance



BOS

Issues & Risk Management



Stakeholder Engagement



Great Place to Work



CSR / Sustainability & Philanthropy





# Navigating Issues & Crises

#### **Issues Management in Action**



Proactive Execution: Issues Engagement and Positioning

Reactive Execution: *Crisis Management and Response* 

## Planning & Preparation

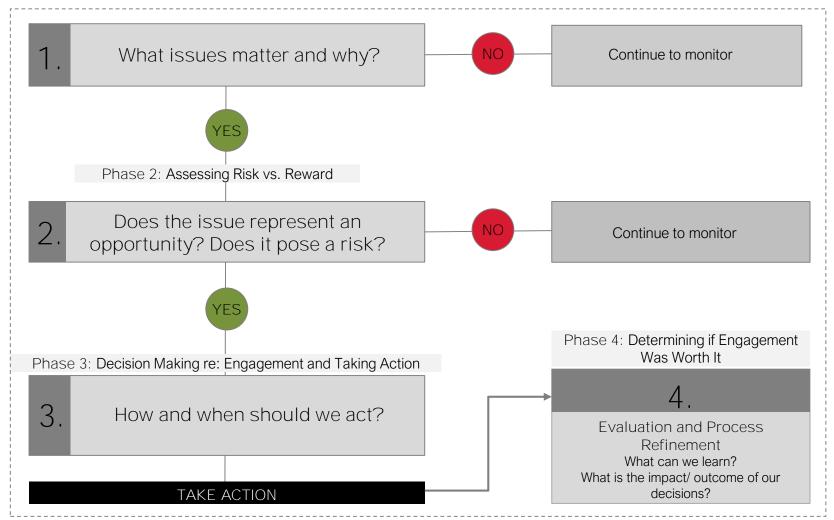
Building a Center of Excellence and Risk-Aware Culture

- Determine what issues matter
- Identify risks and opportunities
- Decide if the company should engage
- Establish escalation criteria and adhere to a consistent internal process
- Institute ongoing scenario planning
- Continusously evaluate stakeholder audiences
- Develop and test messages to quicken reponse time
- Monitor and evaluate pros/cons of engagement



#### **Proactive Issues Positioning**

#### Creating a Framework



#### **Proactive Issues Positioning**

"In an age where everything can be politicized, it may be impossible for brands to not take a position on core values." *NYT, Nov. 2017* 

#### Engagement on issues features authentic ties to business operations



Some executives serve as individual messengers on issues that do not directly tie to business operations

#### Companies' mission and

values are often linked to issue positions 4

Issue positioning strategy often links directly to stakeholder priorities, particularly employees

#### **Proactive Issues Positioning**



Prominent CEO who takes stances on issues relevant to customers, as well as employees (education, LGBT, racial issues, etc)



Took a crisis issue and turned it into a leadership position for the company



Links its mission and values to the issues it chooses to engage on



Deep understanding of core customer and takes action on issues that matter to them

### Reactive Crisis Communications

What is a "crisis"?

What's the right way to react?

A crisis is any event which threatens the reputation of a company or brand, has the potential for lasting negative publicity and takes an inordinate amount of resources and time to manage.



#### Characteristics of Crisis: View from the Inside

"Siege" Mentality Insufficient Information Escalating Flow of Events Loss of Control

# Crisis

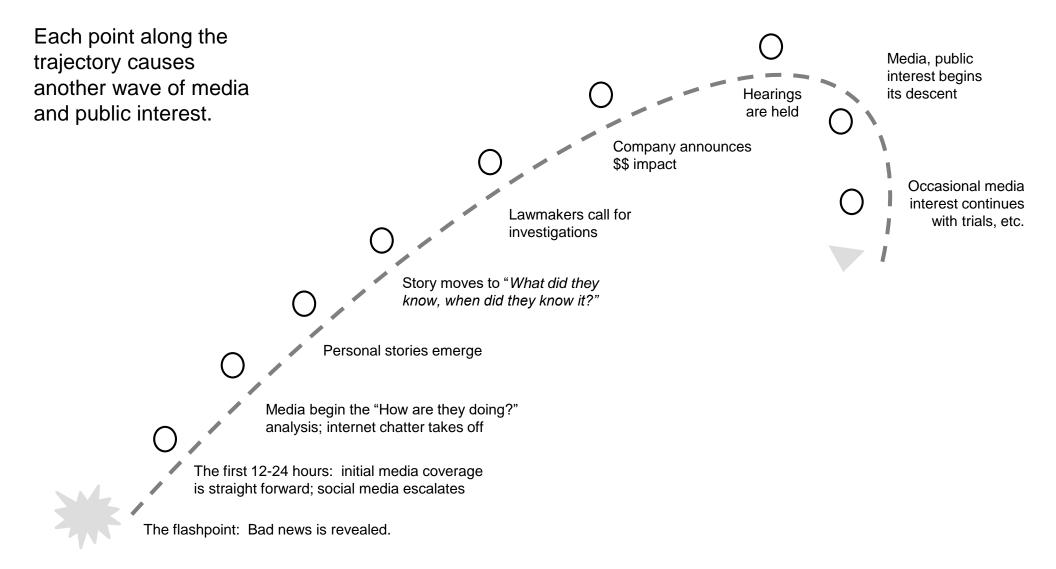
Intense Scrutiny from Outside

Surprise

Panic

Short-Term Focus

#### Characteristics of Crisis: View from the Outside



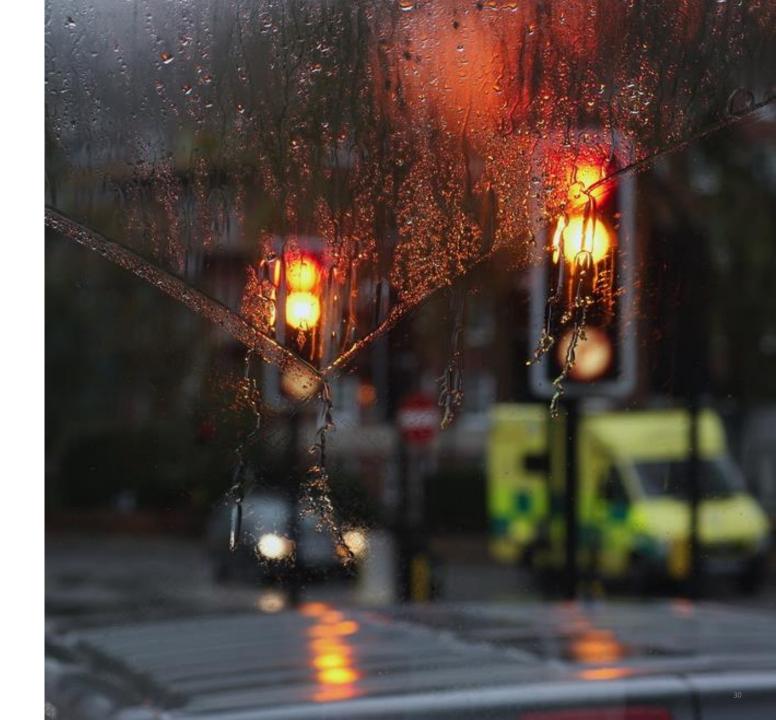
## First Step: Scenario Planning:

#### **Crisis Simulation Flight School**



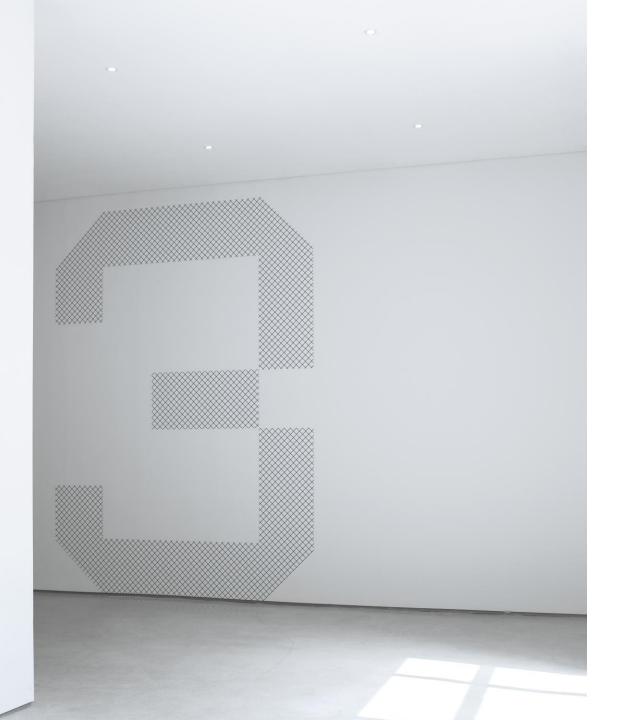
## Ten Rules of the Road

- 1. Have a plan and use it
- 2. Take responsibility for the solution... it's not the same as liability. Show empathy.
- 3. Move fast: the speed of social media has reset the clock
- 4. Know difference between a bad day and a real crisis
- 5. Don't forget the internal audiences
- 6. Use research to understand the depth and complexity of the problem
- 7. Enlist third parties to enhance credibility
- 8. Treat media as conduits, not enemies
- 9. Listen to the people that matter to you
- 10. Don't leave the communication to others

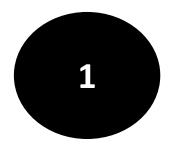


#### **Reactive Crisis Communications Case Studies**





# Three Things to Remember



#### ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

"The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear."



#### IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK

"It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently."



#### IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN, THEN PLAN TO FAIL

"When preparing for a crisis, it is instructive to recall that Noah started building the ark before it began to rain."



# Q&A

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Thank you