INTRAPRENEURING

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Since nobody has asked me to clarify what a Cowboy Philosophy means in the context of corporate employment, I'm providing a translation from the book Intrapreneuring, by Gifford Pinchot III.

An intrapreneur is an entrapreneur who works solely inside a company.

"In the beginning no one else understands the intrapreneur's ideas well enough to make them work. As a result, others say it can't work. Intrapreneurs thus find themselves crossing organizational boundaries to do what are officially other people's jobs."

THE INTREPRENEUR'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1. Come to work each day willing to be fired.
- 2. Circumvent any orders aimed at stopping your dream.
- 3. Do any job needed to make your project work, regardless of your job description.
- 4. Find people to help you.
- 5. Follow your intuition about the people you choose, and work only with the best.
- 6. Work underground as long as you can -- publicity triggers the corporate immune mechanism.
- 7. Never bet on a race unless you are running in it.
- 8. Remember it is easier to ask for forgiveness than for permission.
- 9. Be true to your goals, but be realistic about the ways to achieve them.
- 10. Honor your sponsors.

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