

# Leadership Influence Audit: From Voice to Vision

Use this resource to assess how you're showing up in senior leadership spaces—and create a plan to evolve from visible to *influential*.

## Part 1: Commanding vs. Owning – Where Do You Stand?

Check the boxes that feel true most often in your leadership behavior:

<b>V</b>	Commanding the Room	Owning the Table
	I speak confidently and hold attention	I steer conversations toward strategic decisions
	I'm known for presence and communication	I'm known for enterprise impact and influence
	I respond to agendas set by others	I help shape the agenda and influence priorities
	My team respects my authority	My peers and superiors seek my perspective proactively
	I often perform leadership	I consistently practice ownership-level thinking

#### **Reflection Prompt:**

Where do I lean more often—toward commanding or owning? What would it take for me to shift one "commanding" behavior into an "owning" behavior this quarter?

## **Part 2: Executive Influence Gap Finder**

Answer these questions to identify your biggest growth opportunities:

1. Who do I currently influence—and who do I *need* to influence to elevate my role?

(Think: decision-makers, cross-functional leaders, enterprise stakeholders)

- 2. When was the last time I shaped a key decision, not just contributed to the discussion?
- 3. Do I have a reputation for solving enterprise-level problems—or just functional ones?
- 4. Is my leadership voice connected to strategy, risk, innovation, or growth? (Circle all that apply—or none, if unsure.)

## **Part 3: 90-Day Influence Builder**

Choose **one action per category** below to strengthen your influence in the next 90 days:

- Strategic Presence
  - Frame every meeting contribution in terms of business outcomes.

• Ask at least one question each week that pushes thinking beyond the agenda.

### Enterprise Positioning

- Volunteer for one initiative that crosses into another business unit.
- Offer to lead or co-author a thought leadership piece tied to strategy.

#### Power Alignment

- Build relationships with 2 people who consistently shape org decisions.
- Ask for a seat on a working group that influences enterprise planning.

# Part 4: Define Your "Table Ownership" Statement

Craft a leadership statement that signals your shift toward executive ownership. Use this template:

"I help [who] make better decisions around [what], by bringing [what kind of insight or impact]."

#### **Examples:**

- "I help senior leadership anticipate operational risks by connecting execution realities with strategic goals."
- "I help cross-functional teams align around customer-centric innovation by challenging siloed thinking."

## Final Tip:

## Ask this each week:

Did I influence what happens next—or did I just speak up?

Because influence isn't loud. It's lasting.