

OUTTHINK THE COMPETITION

How a New Generation of Strategists Sees Options Others Ignore

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MAIN IDEA

The best way to win any game of strategy – be it business, war or chess – is to be so unconventional you disorient your competition until they are unable to respond effectively. This is what it means to “outthink” your competition. You’re not trying to outmuscle them or outspend them, you’re outthinking them.

This all sounds great in theory but to genuinely outthink your competition, you must do four things:

- 1 Recognize when an industry is rigid
- 2 Identify a strategy others have ignored
- 3 Validate whether this strategy is better
- 4 Execute the strategy in a unique way

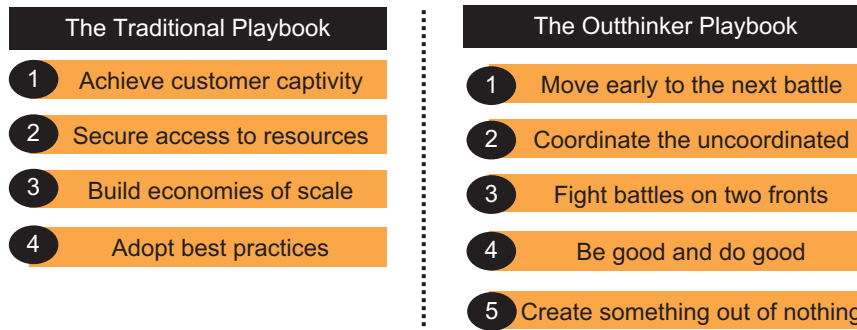
The business domain is undergoing such a large amount of change at the present time it’s accurate to say there is a revolution going on. The old rules have gone by the wayside. The winners of today are competing on a new and different set of rules based on the Outthinkers Playbook and the Outthinker Process and Habits.

“The winners of today are competing with a new set of rules and are flustering their traditional competitors as a result. The thinkers first dismiss the outthinkers, then they ridicule them; eventually they realize the outthinkers have figured out something new and then they try to beat them. But if the outthinkers play their game right, by then it is too late. The outthinkers have won. You need not think like an outthinker to survive. You can work harder and move faster within the old paradigm, but this is like rowing more forcefully while your neighbor has put up a sail. The thinkers will continue rowing and will make progress, but in the end, the outthinkers will sail past effortlessly, going with the flow and adjusting to the new paradigm. The winds have shifted. A new generation of outthinkers has emerged.”

– Kaihan Krippendorff

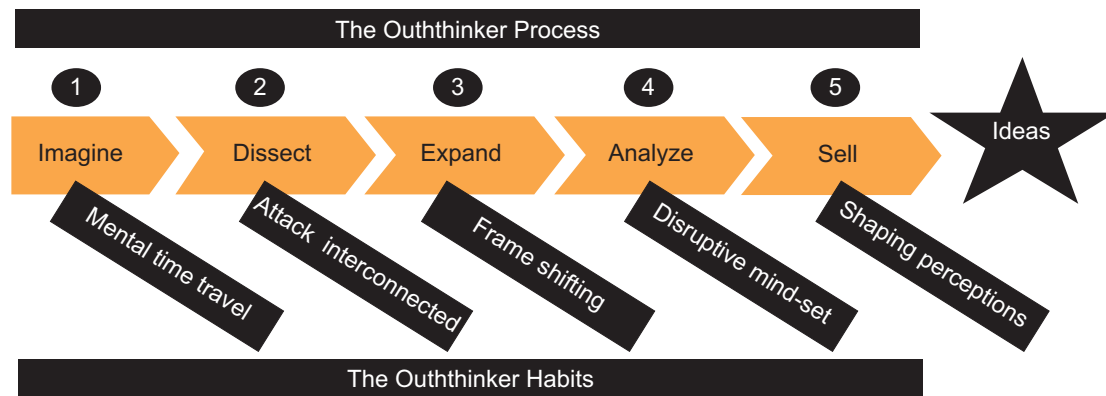
The Outthinker Playbook Pages 2 - 3

The rules of business are changing. The four strategies which companies have used to succeed over the past decades are now being superceded by a new and different playbook. Make sure you’ve updated your mindset to what works today.



The Outthinker Process and Habits Pages 4 - 7

At the heart of success as an outthinker are five habits and a five-step process which leads outthinkers to see and then realize unorthodox solutions to society’s problems. When applied, these habits and this process will generate some dynamic new strategic options and a game plan which has strategic clarity. When you think innovatively and creatively, there are no limits to what you can achieve.



How To Build A Sustainable Outthinker Culture Page 8

Generating and building the organizational capacity to approach strategic challenges in ways that consistently surprise the market involves three sequential challenges:

