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<https://faculti.net/the-effects-of-charismatic-leadership/>

This video discusses the concept of interpersonal synchrony, which refers to the coordinated actions among individuals, often studied in small groups. Various forms of synchrony are explored, including behavioral synchrony (e.g., simultaneous micro-behaviors like movements), physiological synchrony (e.g., matching heart rates and galvanic skin responses), and neuro synchrony (e.g., synchronization of brain activity amplified through technologies like EEG and fMRI).

The discussion shifts towards charismatic leadership, detailing how charisma, stemming from political science, is linked to unifying group activities and signaling values that connect individuals to a leader and their ideas. Charismatic leaders can inspire group cohesion and enhance performance; however, charisma can also lead to dangerous groupthink and blindly following potentially harmful leaders.

Challenges in defining charisma arise, especially regarding whether it's a leader's behavior or a follower's attribution. The speaker notes the importance of distinguishing between positive and negative charismatic leaders and suggests that physical and psychological synchrony plays a crucial role in this relationship. Ongoing research aims to further explore these dynamics and their implications for leadership in organizations.

Finally, the text examines the psychological characteristics that predict leadership efficacy beyond demographics, emphasizing the need to focus on leaders' values and their impact on organizational culture and performance. Effective leadership could arise from a balance between power and benevolence, indicating that leaders should care for both their followers and themselves for optimal results.