HOW CULTURE CAN IMPACT WRITING LINKEDIN PROFILES

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What We'll Cover

A brief outline

American Job Search Context
Showing Up Differently
Cultural Conflict + Impact
How This Plays Out on LinkedIn
Supporting + Reframing for Clients



Rules of Job Searching in the American Context

What you should do How you should be

- CITE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

 Lead with personal results
- ENGAGE IN SELF-PROMOTION

 You are your #1 cheerleader
- DISTINGUISH YOURSELF
 Stand out as clearly as possible
- DISPLAY CONFIDENCE

 Be bold or go home

BE DIRECT

Make everything explicit



How Other Cultures Show Up Differently

What you should do How you should be

ESCHEW ACHIEVEMENTS

Deflect personal praise & credit

AVOID SELF-PRAISE

Praise comes via proxy

BLEND IN

Prioritize the group's identity

DISPLAY HUMILTY

Humility is seen as a social virtue

BE INDIRECT

Communication is more implicit/deferential



Cultural Conflict

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DISPLAY CONFIDENCE

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ESCHEW ACHIEVEMENTS

PROMOTION BY PROXY

BLEND IN

DISPLAY HUMILITY

BE INDIRECT



HEADLINE

Concerns about perceptions of bravado, false claims, or guarantees

ABOUT+EXPERIENCE

Storytelling might focus on responsibilities, the employer, & high-level generalities

HOW THIS CAN PLAY OUT ON LINKEDIN

RECOMMENDATIONS

May hesitate to request from colleagues and/or supervisors

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

May avoid or resist fleshing out with accolades, major projects, etc.



HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CLIENTS & REFRAME



You're playing by the rules of the game



It was your hard work



Your achievements are facts



You helped others



Thank You! + Questions?

I'd love to hear your thoughts...

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