

simplifying a complex world

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Mapping basics - our goal and intention

- A sufficient level of understanding to interview stakeholders at a level that enables mapping
- This is simply enough to get you through 2 interviews. Prior to that time.

Mapping basics - the territory

- The first key to mapping is to understand that it can be done - that systems are goal oriented and that, therefore, they have causality.
- The second thing to understand it that there is a rigor to mapping - that the causality can be called out so clearly that a system can, ideally, be simulated - it can be described with math.
- The third and final thing to understand before beginning to map is that a system can be mapped a number of ways - something that gives freedom to both you as the mapper and to the owner/ stakeholder as the one responsible for representing their world.

Mapping basics - goal & examples

The goal

Each system has a goal. And in most systems we've worked with, the goal is unclear - it hasn't been defined with sufficient clarity. And even when there's a stated goal, the implications of the goal haven't been clearly thought through.

Examples

- From: increasing wind energy in the Midwest to: reducing GHG gases by 80% by 2030 (a renewable energy consortium)
- From: producing 30mm units annually to: leading the global supply chain ecosystem (a global hi-tech manufacturer)
- From: eliminating poverty to: the ability to selfdetermine (a global relief agency)

Mapping basics - the rigor & examples

The rigor

■ At the highest level, if we've thought deeply enough, we know that no more than 3-5 things directly cause a resource to build. And, these 3-5 things are mutually exclusive and comprehensively exhaustive (MECE).

• Examples:

- Town of Vail
- Renewable energy

Mapping basics - rigor examples (cont'd)

Town of Vail

Goal

 Achieve and sustain Vail as the premier international resort and resort community, able to provide premier service at its current size sustainably over the next 5-10 years

Subgoals

- Achieve and sustain Vail as the premier mountain community
- Achieve and sustain Vail as the premier international resort

Mapping basics - rigor examples (cont'd)

- Achieve and sustain Vail as the premier mountain community
 - Personal
 - Family
 - Community
- Achieve and sustain Vail as the premier international resort
 - Pre-arrival
 - Arrival
 - Here
 - Departure

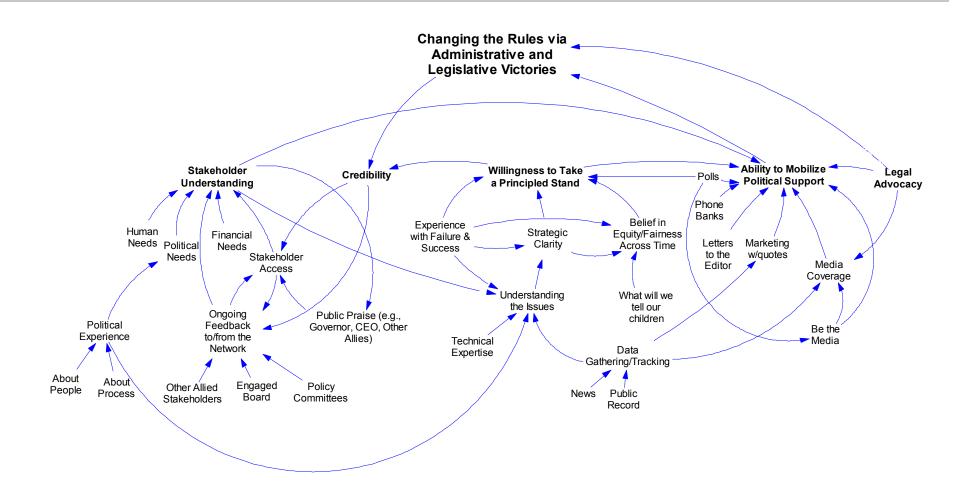
Mapping basics - rigor examples (cont'd)

- Renewable energy
 - Goal reduce GHG emissions by 80% by 2030
 - Energy efficiency
 - Demand for clean energy
 - Demand for dirty energy
 - Retiring existing dirty energy

Mapping basics - the detail

- The stakeholder 's story
 - All of the other detail extracted from the stakeholder interview, when placed in the proper causal framework, supports those key 3-5 resources in a similar, causal structure - i.e., they each have their 3-5.
 - Examples
 - Renewable energy

Mapping basics - the detail example



Mapping basics - interviewing

- Mapping and the stakeholder interview
 - Holding the map to be in your mind's eye
 - Understand your requirements
 - Discover their goal at its highest level
 - And their 3-5 key resources
 - Inquiring into anything that's unclear (and significant) until you can see it "in your mind's eye"
 - Confirming with a conditional close

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