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A Conversation and Q&A with Acclaimed Author of *The Gray Rhino* and *You Are What You Risk*, Michele Wucker | May 2023

TAKEAWAYS

Michele Wucker is a best-selling author and strategic advisor specializing in the global economy and risk response and governance.

Read on for insights from our recent conversation!

“Risk is a social concept and self-awareness about it as an individual can very much help your career, impact on community, and relationships. It can help you see the roots of some conflicts that you didn’t notice before.”

Why should we all think about risk?

Risk tolerance is dependent on your innate personality, your experience, and your environment. Awareness of your own “risk fingerprint” and how those around you—like your team members—approach risks will help you plan proactively for both challenges and opportunities.

We need all kinds of risk takers!

The pandemic inspired more and more people to reexamine their priorities and values—and that influenced their approach to decisions like leaving a toxic job or deciding whether or not to pursue higher education.

Some sectors, like philanthropy, are less likely to take risks. They tend to follow trends. How can funders learn to be more receptive to a new idea or approach?

Ask someone about the biggest risks they’ve taken in order to know them better!

Going from risk averse to risk savvy

Take the Risk Type Compass personality assessment. (See link below.) This will help you prepare yourself to manage risk better across different parts of your life: relationships, work, finance, etc. It can also be used as a team activity.

Getting a team to align around risk involves both setting the tone with your own behavior as well as ensuring that other people understand what exactly the risk entails. Have open discussions and define terms carefully.



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LINKS & RESOURCES

For an abridged version of the Risk Type Compass assessment, visit <https://www.thegrayrhino.com/guest-post-risk-taking-creativity-team-composition/>
Note: This link contains a code at the end for access to the assessment!

For the full test,
<https://www.psychological-consultancy.com/products/risk-type-compass/>

For more about Michele Wucker's work, please visit
<https://www.thegrayrhino.com/>