You are helping to select a leader for a student organization or a group. Do you think a person's honesty is the most important characteristic for being a leader?

As everybody knows, leadership can play a prominent role in future of an organization. Some people hold the idea that the most significant characteristic of a desirable leader is honesty, however, others may take an opposite perspective. I firmly believe that, honesty can’t be considered as the most valued feature of a leader. In what follows, I will elaborate on my view point.

The first noteworthy reason to be mentioned is that, honesty can’t guarantee adaptability of a leader. In other words, a leader may have honesty, but don’t have such authority to control the members and light up their following ways. Actually, in my opinion, there are a bunch of essential features like creativity, foresight, organization that a leader should have other than honesty if a group wants to achieve its goal. So, deficiency in any of these features may lead to a failure. For instance, I was a member of a scientific group and we were studying on a subject for a competition and we had to finish our study due to tow months. after about 7 weeks, we recognized that we had done just half of our study. As a result, we couldn’t reach the competition and it originates from scarcity of an organized program.

furthermore, I think that a leader should hide some private information from other members. In point of fact, I think a leader should be aware of some personal features of students, like their future plans or their field of interests if he/she wants to help them. Therefore, in such situation, reviling all secrete information he/she knows, may lead not only to distrust on leader but also to disobedient. To exemplify, in our high school, every student had to write her weekly plane for the adviser every week. So, if the adviser had revealed students’ plans for others, nobody would have trusted her any more. In other words, I personally believe that, it’s a must for every leader to distinguish situations and recognize whether she/he should be honest or not.

to make the long story short, in my point of view, honesty can’t be counted as the most important feature of a leader. Moreover, some times, it might have a negative effects and culminated in loosing others trust. In the end, Obviously, there are many details, worth discussing, which are not mentioned above but should be considered to make a precise decision. So I highly recommend that, every organization take all aspects into account for making the best choice.

I wrote for 47 minutes, then I revised it.