

MERITOCRACIES: WHY GLASS CEILINGS ARE CLOSER TO A FEATURE THAN BUG (AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT)

Douglas Board, Founder, Maslow's Attic

Webinar

Monday, 26 July 2021, 15:00 BST

## A Word From Today's Chairman





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Executive Chairman

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## Today's Agenda



- 15:00 15:05 Chairman's Introduction
- 15:05 15:25 Keynote Presentation Douglas Board
- 15:25 15:45 Question & Answer

## Today's Speaker





Founder
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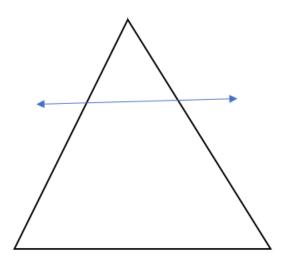


#### Z/Yen FS Club: glass ceilings and meritocracy: 26 July 2021 Dr Douglas Board - on Twitter @BoardWryter

Quiz: (four rounds of cumulative facts) 1 = probably YES, 2 = possibly YES, 3 = possibly NO, 4 = probably NO



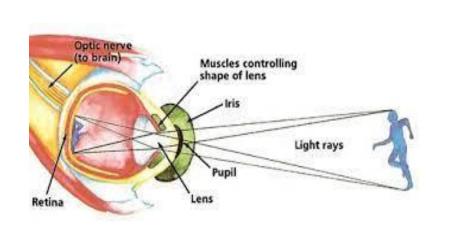
## does WOKE PLC have a glass ceiling?

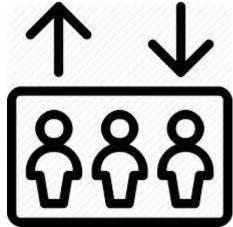


# What operating system\* is your mind running? **SO** (solitary observer, or subject/object = standard Western default) or **GR** (game running = radically social immersed participant)?

Descartes, Kant, Lee Child vs Bourdieu, Elias, habitus, ubuntu

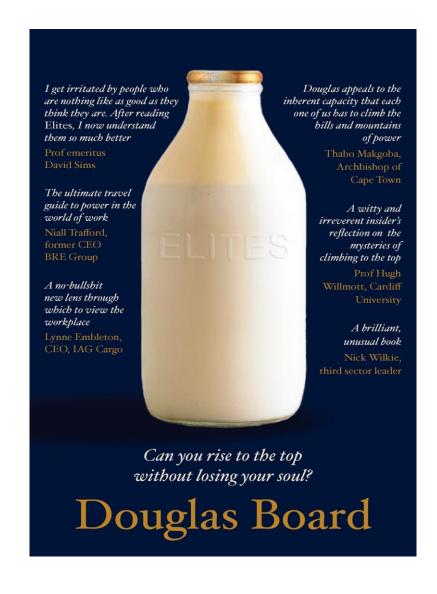
(\*aka philosophy)



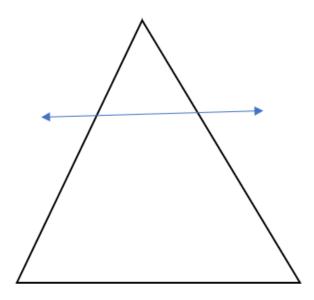




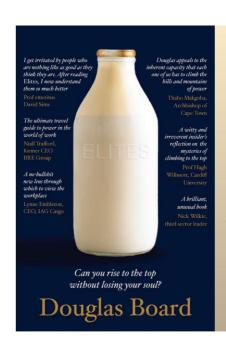
#### Glass ceilings two ways: GR (game running) vs SO (solitary observer)



does WOKE PLC have a glass ceiling (and if so where and why)?

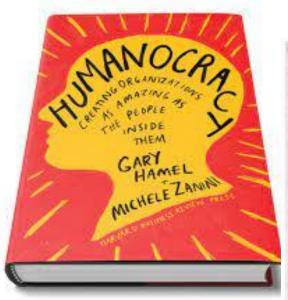


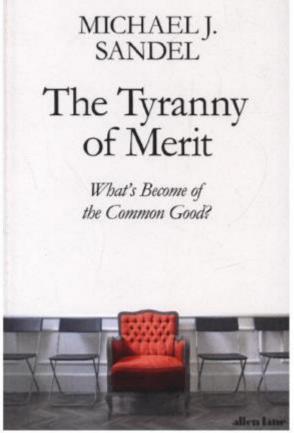
### Meritocracies and glass ceilings two ways: GR vs SO



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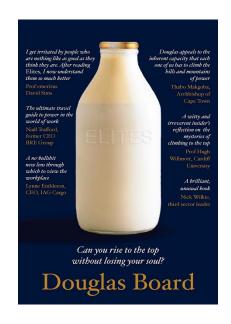




#### Correcting a global misallocation of respect looks like ...

For individuals of all career aspirations:

relief, increased self-respect, more choice and agency.
Breaking free of long-standing expectations (both low and high) of how my career 'ought' to go



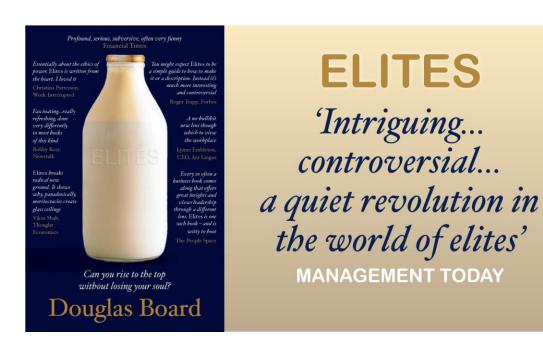
#### For organisations:

tackling glass ceilings more effectively; challenging scarcity myths (McKinsey's 'war for talent') and overpayment at the top; elites always failing upwards and running amok; putting a limit on total FTSE 100 or equivalent board service

For society: combatting anxiety and aloneness; rebuilding human connection; re-connecting the ordinary and the extraordinary in human life; conceiving the human purpose of business as the creation of places (systems etc) of extraordinary achievement in which ordinary lives matter

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- Wed, 28 Jul (15:00-15:45) Cryptocurrency The Parallel Financial World
- Fri, 30 Jul (11:00-11:45) Privacy Enhancing Technologies & Their Potential For Global Impact

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