Conflict Management Self-Diagnostic

Constructive Conflict Management	Dysfunctional Conflict Management
☐ Do people feel comfortable exploring the reasons and unspoken assumptions behind disagreements?	☐ Do people agree during meetings, then go back to their offices and start lobbying to undermine the decision?
☐ Is there a common skill set/framework for managing conflict?	☐ Do people get excluded from meetings because they might disagree?
☐ Is conflict used to help surface the best possible ideas?	☐ Are controversial decisions, or communications about controversial
☐ Are conflicts viewed as opportunities for innovation?	decisions, made more ambiguous to make them more acceptable?
☐ Does the team strive to find innovative ways to integrate conflicting ideas into better solutions?	☐ Are conflicts resolved through compromises that later unravel and drive more conflict?
☐ Is the team able to disagree, but commit to decisions once made?	☐ Do decisions get revisited and remade at the first sign of conflict?
☐ Is collective success, even if it requires disproportionate sacrifice, the baseline expectation?	☐ Are leaders and managers often frustrated that the work products their staff produce fail to meet expectations?
☐ Are people evaluated based on the group's success and their contribution to	☐ Are employees complaining that priorities and expectations are unclear?
group success, and not just individual or functional results?	☐ Do people get frustrated with ongoing dialogue and become reluctant to discuss
☐ Are leaders, managers, and employees able to communicate overall goals, objectives, and priorities in an aligned and consistent manner?	the issues? Do team members complain behind closed doors that other team members are being unreasonable?
☐ Are there serious consequences for destructive behaviors like bullying and passive-aggressiveness regardless of level	☐ Do cross-functional teams struggle to make tradeoffs that might benefit one function at the expense of another?
and talent? ☐ Is the organization capable of successfully	☐ When things go wrong, do people try to deflect blame?
resolving most situations without escalating issues to the most senior leadership?	☐ In exit interviews, do departing staff complain about poor guidance or communication from their managers?

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