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SESSION 2014

EPREUVE DE COMPOSITION FRANÇAISE

18 septembre 2014 de 9h à 12h

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Dans un entretien, donné le 13 mai 2013 en présentation de son ouvrage *Atlas du monde de demain*, le philosophe et historien des sciences Michel Serres, évoque les défis de la société actuelle en ces mots : « Aujourd'hui, l'ensemble des appartenances [...] sont en train de se casser la figure. J'appartiens à quoi ? À une équipe ? Lors de la Coupe du monde de l'été 2010, nos footballeurs n'ont pas su faire équipe. J'appartiens à un couple ? L'individu ne sait plus vivre à deux, il divorce. J'appartiens à un parti politique ? Tous les partis, de droite comme de gauche, se déchirent... Toute la question [contemporaine] est d'inventer de nouvelles appartenances. »

Partagez-vous ce point de vue ? Vous répondrez dans un développement argumenté.



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**EPREUVE FACULTATIVE DE LANGUE
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Should we all be a bit psychopathic at work?



Most of us will probably think of psychopaths as dangerous knife-wielding maniacs who are better off behind bars.

But we've got it wrong, and contrary to our expectations, we could actually learn from psychopaths, argues experimental psychologist Kevin Dutton.

"If your boss has a tendency to step on those beneath him but goes out of his way to impress those above him - it's time to move"

Moreover, he argues that we could all benefit from sometimes being more ruthless, fearless, self-confident, focused, mentally tough, charming or charismatic - all of which are traits of a psychopath.

None of these is a problem in itself, he says, the danger comes when "all these traits are turned up too high, and that's when you start getting individuals who are dysfunctional".

In his new book, *The Wisdom of Psychopaths*, he says that adopting certain psychopathic characteristics can help us improve our own performance in the workplace.

"Psychopaths tend not to procrastinate or take things personally, and they don't feel guilty when things go wrong", he says.

"If you're applying for a rise, you might feel a little anxious about doing that - what would happen if I don't get it, what would my boss think about me?"

"Well, just have the courage to go for it. Don't focus on the negatives, focus on the positives.

"By doing that it makes you more confident, and more likely to get what you want in the first place."

"Even a lack of empathy with others - common among psychopaths - can be useful in certain jobs.



"Imagine you have the skill set to be a great surgeon - but can't dissociate yourself emotionally from the person you're operating on," says Prof Dutton.

One surgeon told me that as soon as you start thinking of that person as someone's wife or husband, you're beginning to walk an emotional tightrope.

"That's where dissociating yourself from people can predispose you to success."

People with these kinds of characteristics are often suited to any number of high profile roles, he argues - such as chief executives, lawyers or even journalists.

Politicians too, can often exhibit certain psychopathic traits.

"Successful politicians need to be remorseless at implementing policies in the face of opposition," says Prof Dutton.

"If you think of it, the most successful politician is someone who says what most people are thinking".

Some psychologists argue that psychopaths only account for about 1% of the general population, and to define them as Kevin Dutton does is too broad. So, is it more accurate to refer to them as bullies?



Whatever the definition, psychologists agree that we can learn from these behaviour traits.

"Sometimes there is a need to be tough. We just need to do that in a way which maintains integrity and is ethical."

Of course, the trick is knowing what is ethical in the first place.

By Tim Bowler Business reporter, BBC News