Limiting Beliefs

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What are Limiting Beliefs?

- Thoughts, beliefs, or opinions that are accepted as absolute truths and which limits you in some way
 - "Girls aren't any good at math"
 - "Boys don't cry"
- Not all limiting beliefs are negative
 - "You shouldn't steal..."
- These can be about yourself, about the world, or about life in general
 - Resulting from how you were raised, educated (formally and informally), and/or your life experiences
 - Most, but not all, are formed in childhood
- They often result in making poor choices, avoiding trying something new, or failure to reach your full potential
- Limiting beliefs can also influence mindfulness
 - Most limiting beliefs are chock-full of judgements and prejudices



Addressing Limiting Beliefs

- Important for both you and society
 - "I'm a woman and women's perspectives aren't taken as seriously as men's are so I will remain quiet on the issue..."
 - This may be true of society in general, but not necessarily the people you are with
 - They know you as a person, not as some intangible group idea
 - Be a trailblazer for positive change by starting with those in your immediate circle
- When you identify a limiting belief, correct it
 - Recognize the limiting belief
 - My students are horrible this year
 - Correct the limiting belief
 - It's doubtful that all your students are horrible. Students are all at different levels academically and there may be outside influences impacting behaviors in class. I must try to be more patient and understanding without letting the students control me or the class.
 - Repeat until the limiting belief has been completely eradicated from your subconscious reactions



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Your Mission

What are your limiting beliefs?

Identify your negative limiting beliefs. Over the next week or two, note each time you have a limiting belief. Record these in your Officer's Log, including your correction to each limiting belief. Work on eliminating as many of these as you can.

