

FOR CHANGE, TRANSFORMATION & OCM LEADERS

Proving the **ROI** of **Change Management** Internally



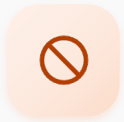
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TODAY, IN FOUR MOVES

Agenda

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What Not to Do

The ROI arguments that feel safe — and land toothless.

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What the Best Change Teams Do Differently

Project selection, A/B proof points, tactical value realization.

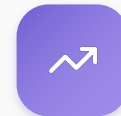
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The 4 ROI Angles

Risk · Behavior Change Dependency · Speed · TCO.

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Capturing ROI Through Ongoing Execution

Make measurement part of the operating rhythm, not a post-mortem.

01 — What Not to Do

The most common arguments are the weakest ones

Three ways change teams justify themselves today — and why each one is totally toothless in 2026.



WHAT NOT TO DO

Totally Toothless in 2026



Third-Party Research

70% of Transformation Initiatives Fail

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Change Management Makes Initiatives 6–7x More Likely to Succeed

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Change Fatigue Is at an All-Time High

INDUSTRY ANALYSTS

× **Everyone's seen it. No budget has moved.**



Tying It to People Outcomes

Better morale

Lower attrition

Higher retention

Productivity

Engagement scores

Change readiness

Employee sentiment

× **Reads as HR, not shareholder value.**



Equaling ROI with Adoption Alone

Usage $\neq$
Shareholder Value

× **Logins prove activity, not impact.**

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They just **have to** do it.

— Executives, everywhere, when asked about driving change

WHAT NOT TO DO

And even if they agree it's important...

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Why do we need **you** for that?

— The existence question. If change just “happens,” a dedicated team looks like overhead.

👤 ...and right behind it: **“Our leaders should do it. If leaders tell people to do it, they’ll do it.”**

THE ULTIMATE — AND ONLY — ROI

Speed of Execution

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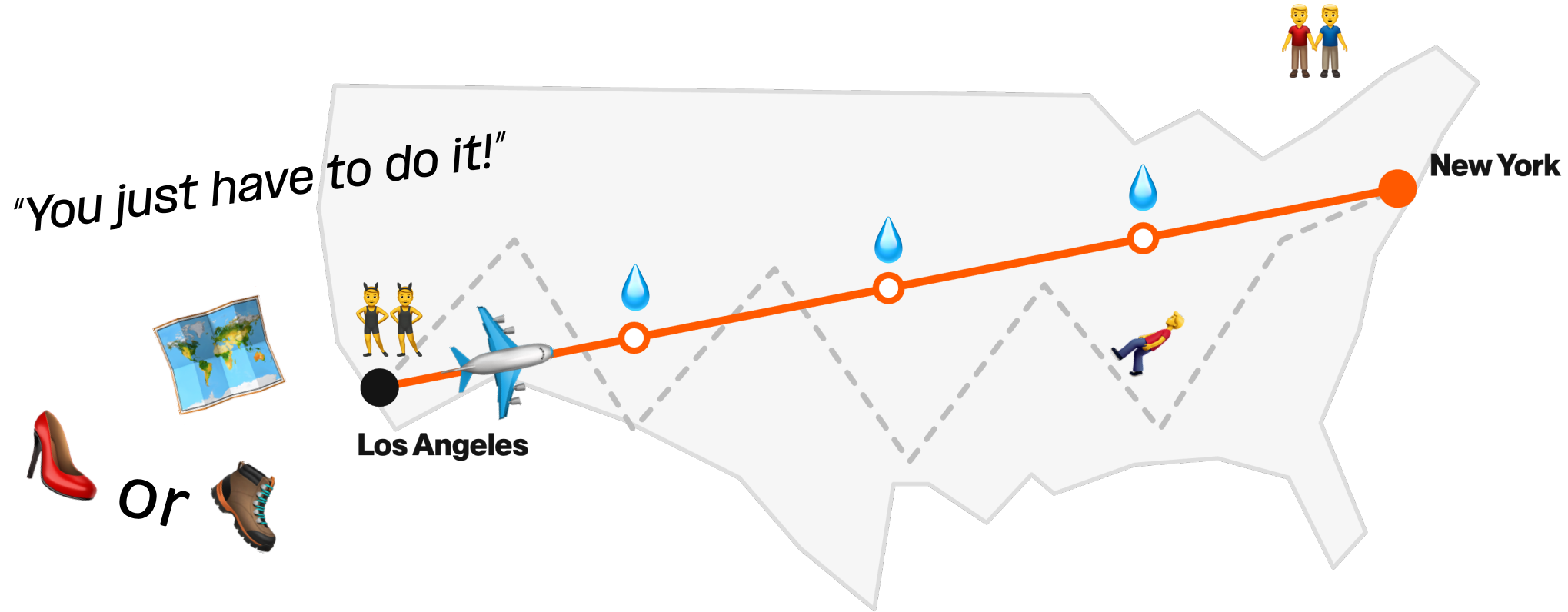
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...and tying **your presence** to that speed. Everything else is a proxy metric.

THE ANALOGY

Walking from LA to NY

- On their own — arrives eventually. Maybe.
- With a change team — guided, measured, fast.



Same destination. The only variable you sell is **arrival time**.

What do the best change teams do differently?

Three habits that separate teams who prove ROI from teams who plead for resources.



They Pick the Right Projects to Begin With



An Existing Business Case with Strong ROI

OCM cases can't exist in isolation — a project without ROI cannot have an OCM ROI.



Initiative Is Critical to the Business

If nobody loses sleep over it failing, nobody will fund the team that de-risks it.



Strong Executive Sponsorship

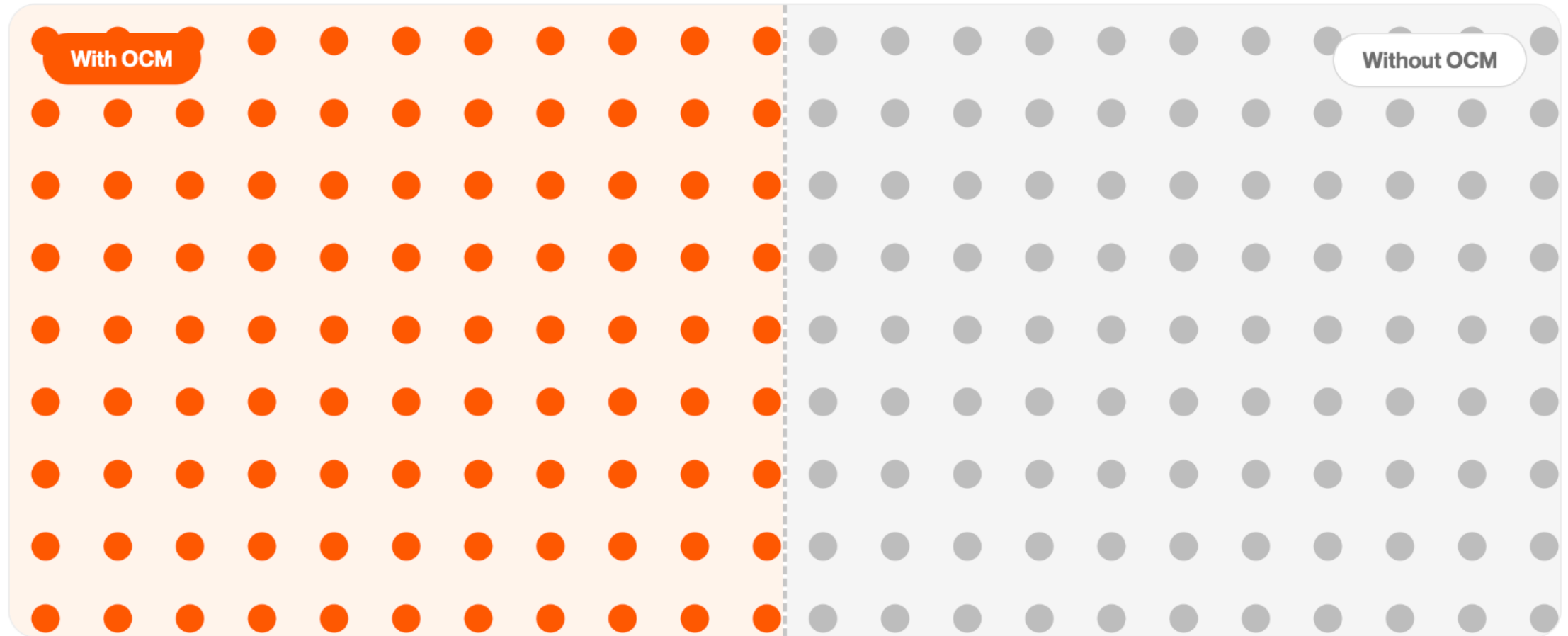
A named sponsor who owns the outcome — and says your name in rooms you're not in.



Intake Designed with ROI Measurement in Mind

Specific intake criteria to earn OCM support — baselines agreed before you say yes.

They A/B Test to Get Internal Proof Points



Split the impacted population in half. **The delta is your proof point** — internal, undeniable, in your own numbers.

They Focus on Practical, Tactical Value Realization

STEP 1



Name the Specific Behavior

One observable behavior per initiative. “Sellers log next steps in the CRM within 24h” — not “embrace the new way of working.”

STEP 2



Attach a Lagging Indicator

Baseline it before you start, target it in the business case. If it can't be counted, pick a different behavior.

STEP 3



Report in Business Language

Dollars, days, and risk avoided. Sentiment scores stay in your working files, not the steering committee deck.

The 4 ROI Angles

1 · Risk

2 · Behavior Change Dependency

3 · Speed

4 · Total Cost of Ownership



READ THE ROOM

Assumptions to Accept — Not Fight

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Most businesses don't care about people

They care about the outcomes people produce. Translate everything into outcomes.

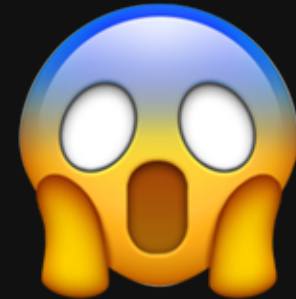
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Most people don't understand other people's jobs

Including yours. Never assume the value of change work is self-evident — show it.

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Fear, risk and cost drive decision making far more than aspirations do

More than growth, people or aspiration. Meet organizations where they are.

Risk

// You can do it without — but the risk you're taking is A, B and C."



What's at stake?



**What does the worst
case scenario look like?**



What's the cost of failure?

ROI Framing: The Insurance Policy

RISK SCENARIO ANALYSIS — WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Failure Scenario A		\$75M
Failure Scenario B		\$50M
Failure Scenario C		\$25M
OCM Investment		\$1M

The insurance math: \$1M premium on a \$75M downside

1.3% of the risk

MOST SUCCESSFUL WHEN



Big customer impact if it goes wrong — e.g. supply chain changes



Large upfront investment — e.g. AI investments, acquisitions



Reputational risk — e.g. keeping up with industry shifts

Behavior Change Dependency

// Counting on everyone 'getting it' from Day 1 — including leaders — is a naïve approach."



How much of the value realization depends on people changing the way they work?



Can people do it the wrong way — or not at all? Is that an option?



What are the downstream effects of people doing it wrong or not at all?

ROI Framing: The Quality Assurance

MOST SUCCESSFUL WHEN

HOW MUCH OF THE ROI DEPENDS ON BEHAVIOR CHANGE?



COST OF THE DOWNSTREAM EFFECT



The later you catch it, the more it costs: **A < B < C < D**



Accuracy of data input is paramount — e.g. CRM or ERP rollouts



Relies on individual understanding & motivation — e.g. new processes, changes to their workday



One wrong step has big downstream effects — e.g. pricing changes, insurance underwriting

Speed

// Two ways to do this: slow and expensive, or fast and cheap. The choice is yours.”



What is every minute, hour, day, week and month of *not* having this in place costing us?



What are we paying for today that we won't have to pay for once this is done?



What benefits will we realize every day of having this in place?

1 · Risk

2 · Behavior

3 · Speed

4 · TCO

ROI Framing: The Accelerator

THE MATH

Cost of the current state

\$400k/mo

Consultants & contractors

Duplicate system licenses

Manual workarounds

Legacy maintenance

+ Unrealized benefits while waiting

\$600k/mo

Productivity gains not landing

Savings not banked

Revenue not captured

= **Cost of waiting: \$1M/mo** × 4 months landed earlier with OCM

\$4M

÷ OCM investment (team, tools, enablement)

\$500k

Value protected ÷ investment

= 8x ROI

MOST SUCCESSFUL WHEN



Current state runs on temporary fixes — consultants, outsourcing, staff augmentation



Duplicate systems run in parallel — e.g. ERP shifts, M&A integration



Benefits are locked until the change is done — 99% of transformation

Total Cost of Ownership

// Just because you're not doing Change Management doesn't mean you won't need to do change management."



Who will do change management in the absence of Change Management — and what is their time worth?



What's the price of the overhead from questions, confusion, errors, retakes and fallouts?



What's the cost of duplication of effort across the organization?

ROI Framing: The Cost Savings

THE SHADOW COST MATH

Leadership time + meeting time + 1:1 time explaining the change

+ Managers, Chiefs of Staff, comms, learning & cross-org teams

+ Coordination overhead — syncs, steering groups, status decks between teams

+ DIY change assets — every team writing its own FAQs, guidance & docs

+ Rework from errors, retakes, questions & escalations

× **Average loaded cost per employee-hour**

+ Every BU's own consulting firms, contractors, staff augmentation

= What “no change management” actually costs



MOST SUCCESSFUL WHEN



Wide organizational impact — e.g. AI adoption, operating model changes



Cross-org coordination is a failure point — e.g. M&A, leadership changes



Duplicated effort is expensive — every BU hiring its own firms & contractors

THE COMBINED ROI FRAMEWORK

Four Angles. One Story Executives Buy.

ANGLE 1 · RISK

 **Safer**

The cheapest insurance policy on a \$75M downside.

ANGLE 2 · BEHAVIOR CHANGE DEPENDENCY

 **Better**

Quality-assured execution — no A→D downstream cascade.

ANGLE 3 · SPEED

 **Faster**

Value lands months earlier — the only ROI executives buy.

ANGLE 4 · TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP

 **Cheaper**

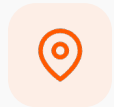
Cheaper than the shadow change work you're already paying for.

Capturing ROI Through Ongoing Execution

Measurement isn't a post-mortem. It's part of the operating rhythm — from intake to steering committee.



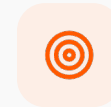
Measure as You Execute — At Every Step



AT INTAKE

Baseline Before You Say Yes

No baseline, no engagement. Capture current cost, speed and error rates on Day 0.



WITH THE OWNER

Define Outcome Metrics Together

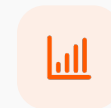
Agree the observable behaviors and outcomes with the initiative owner — in writing.



EVERY WEEK

Track Signals in the Flow of Work

Continuous adoption signals from real systems — not an annual survey.



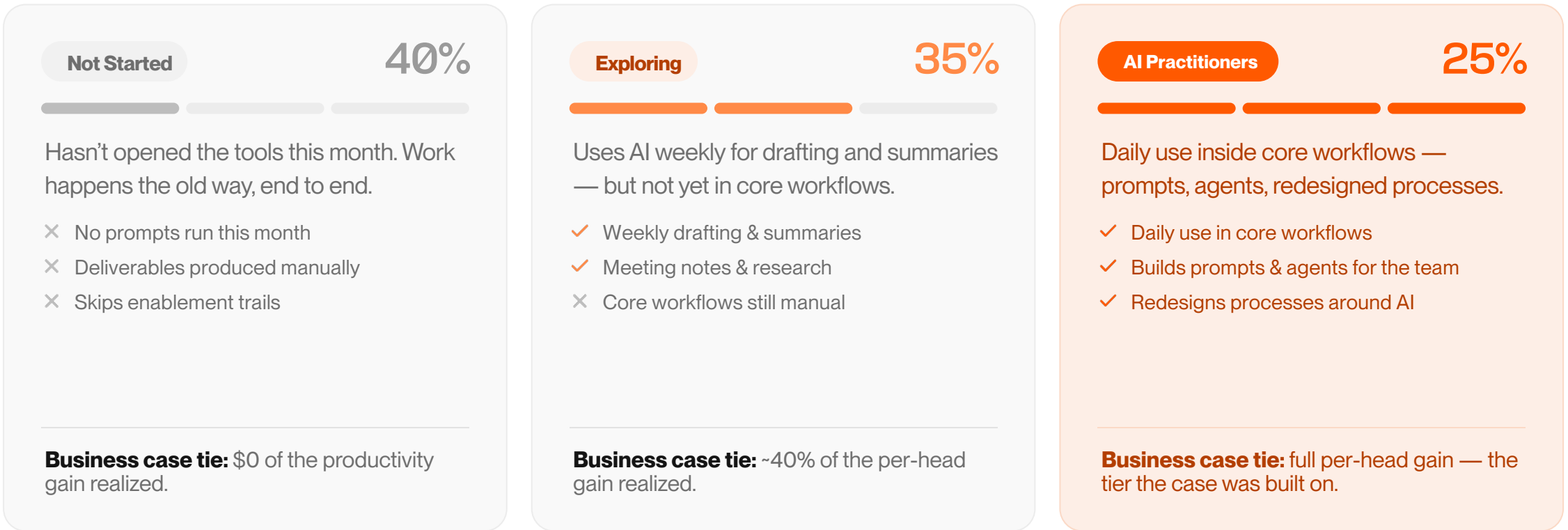
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Report Velocity vs. Business Case

One number leaders track: are we landing value faster than planned — because of us?

Define the Behaviors — Then Track the Shifts

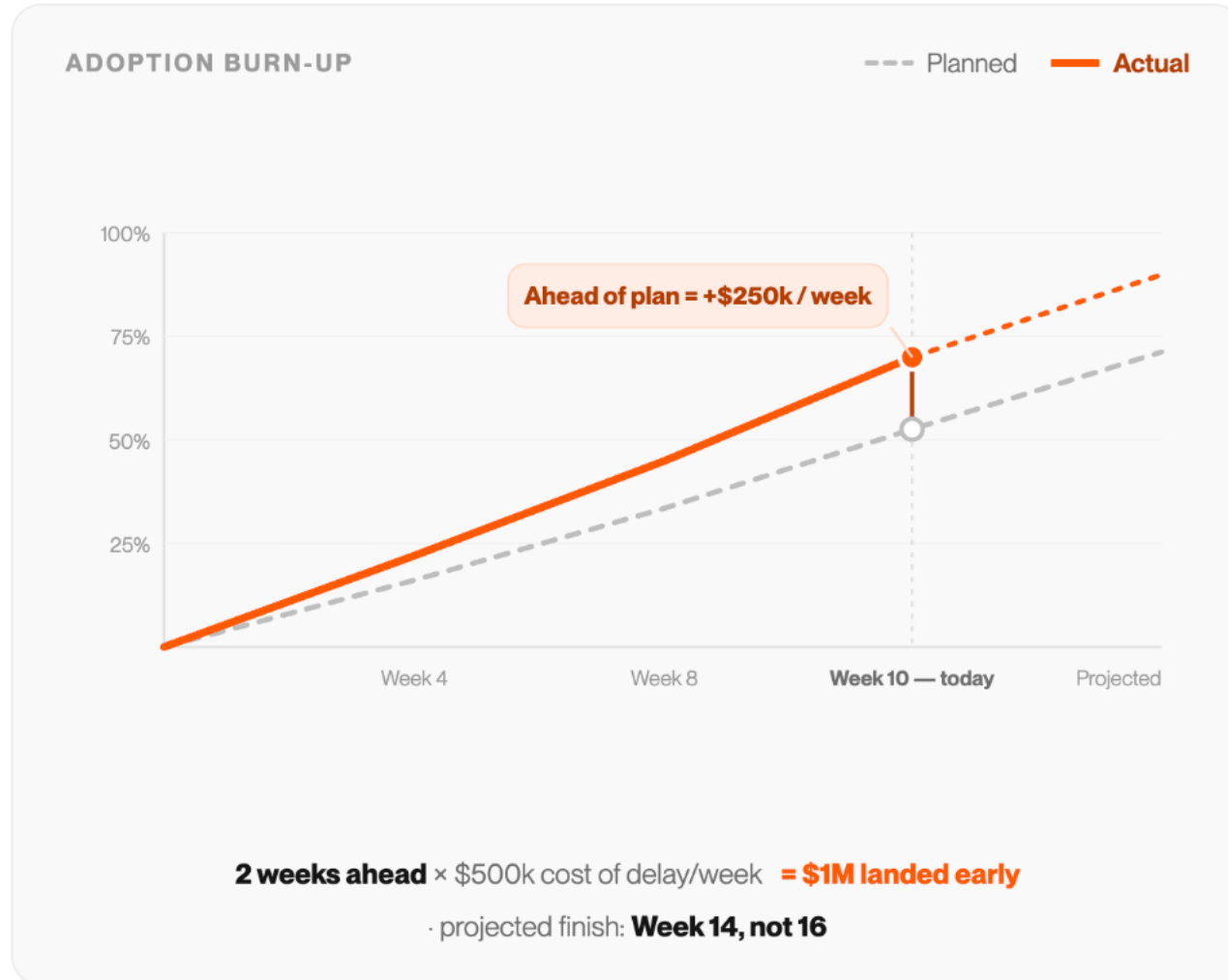
Example: AI adoption. Define the tiers upfront, tie each to the business case, watch the population move.



→ Same logic for CRM: correct data input → pipeline hygiene → forecast accuracy. Track the behavior, not the login.

Actual vs. Planned Adoption — Priced per Week

READ IT LIKE AN EXECUTIVE



Every week has a price — either way

Agree the cost-per-week with finance upfront — behind plan it's burn, ahead of plan it's value landing early.

Project the finish, don't report the past

The trajectory answers the only question that matters: when does value land?

The lead IS your ROI

Actual above planned = weeks ahead × cost of delay — your team's value, on one chart.

TRACKING ROI IN THE FLOW OF WORK

Make Friends in Finance

They own the dollar signs. If finance hands you the numbers, your ROI story carries **their** credibility — not yours.



Baselines at intake

Current run-rate costs, loaded cost per hour, the benefit lines in the business case — captured on Day 0, from their books.



A cost-per-week they sign off

One agreed number for what a week of delay costs. Once finance owns it, your burn-up chart prices itself — no debate.



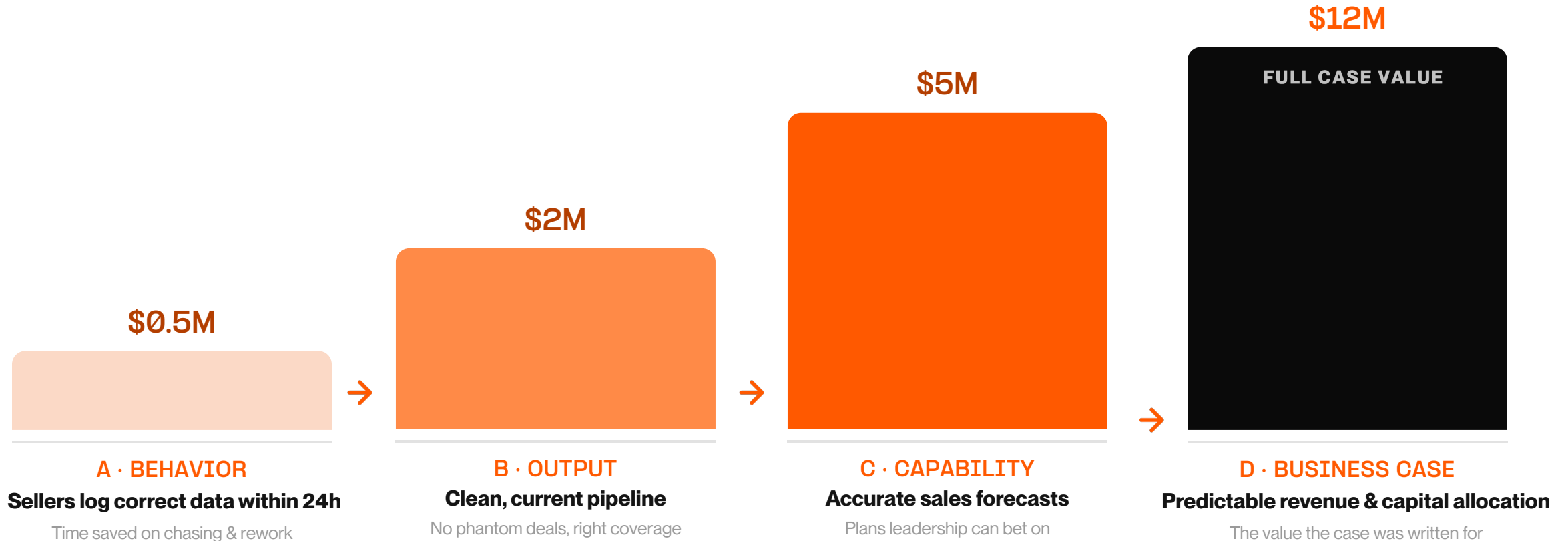
A monthly pull from close

Real dollars from month-end closing, every month — so you report actuals against the case, not estimates.

THE EXAMPLE BUSINESS CASE

One Behavior, a Chain Reaction to the Full Case

CRM implementation: each link is a behavior you defined, tracked live, and priced with finance.



⚡ Break any link and the case doesn't land. Behavior tracking IS value realization.

MAKING IT STICK

Ultimate Mindset Shifts



Fewer, Better Projects

~~Spread thin~~ →

Concentrated where ROI exists

Every project you accept without ROI potential dilutes your proof.



More Work Upfront

~~Define as you go~~ →

Outcomes agreed on Day 0

Define behaviors, agree the outcome, set the baseline — then execute focused, quality work.



Directionally Correct Is Fine

~~Perfect & late~~ → **Directional & consistent**

Don't obsess or overthink it. A consistent, directionally correct number wins the room.

IF YOU REMEMBER NOTHING ELSE

Key Takeaways

1 **Speed is the only ROI executives buy**

Tie your team's presence to speed of execution — everything else is a proxy.

2 **Pick projects that already have ROI**

A project without a business case cannot produce an OCM business case.

3 **A/B test for internal proof points**

Half with OCM, half without. Your own delta beats any industry benchmark.

4 **Frame it: Safer · Better · Faster · Cheaper**

Four angles, one story — and measure it through ongoing execution.

Thank you! Questions?

Drop them in the Q&A — or reach out anytime.



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