

### Acceptance-Tolerance-Model

How much diversity can your team stand?

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## Acceptance

"The process or fact of being received as adequate, valid, or suitable."

oxforddictionaries.com

## Tolerance

"The ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behaviour that one dislikes or disagrees with"

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# What do teams do to deal with diversity?

### Team Values!

Respect, Trust, Openness, Commitment, Reliability, Focus, Responsibility, Passion, Be Visionary, Challenge yourself, ...



## The Model

Acceptance Area

(Most)
Team Values
aim here...

**Tolerance Area** 

Intolerance Area

## The Model

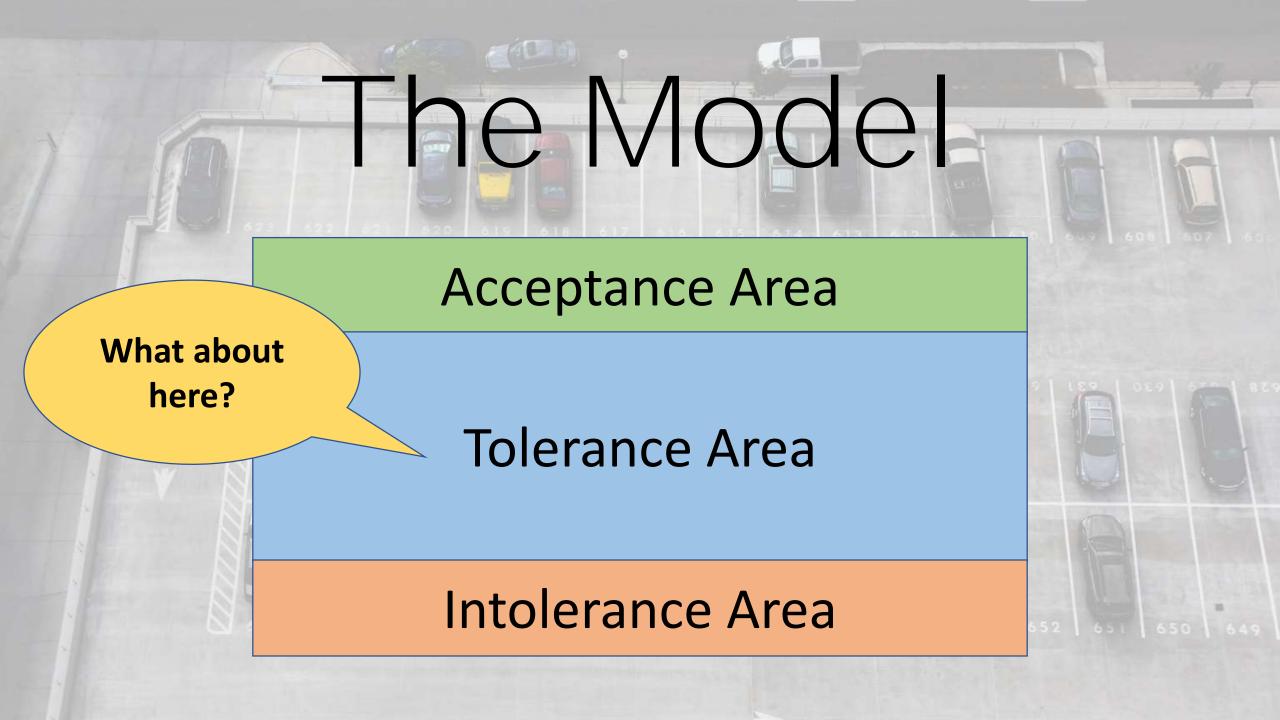
Stuff we WANT to happen

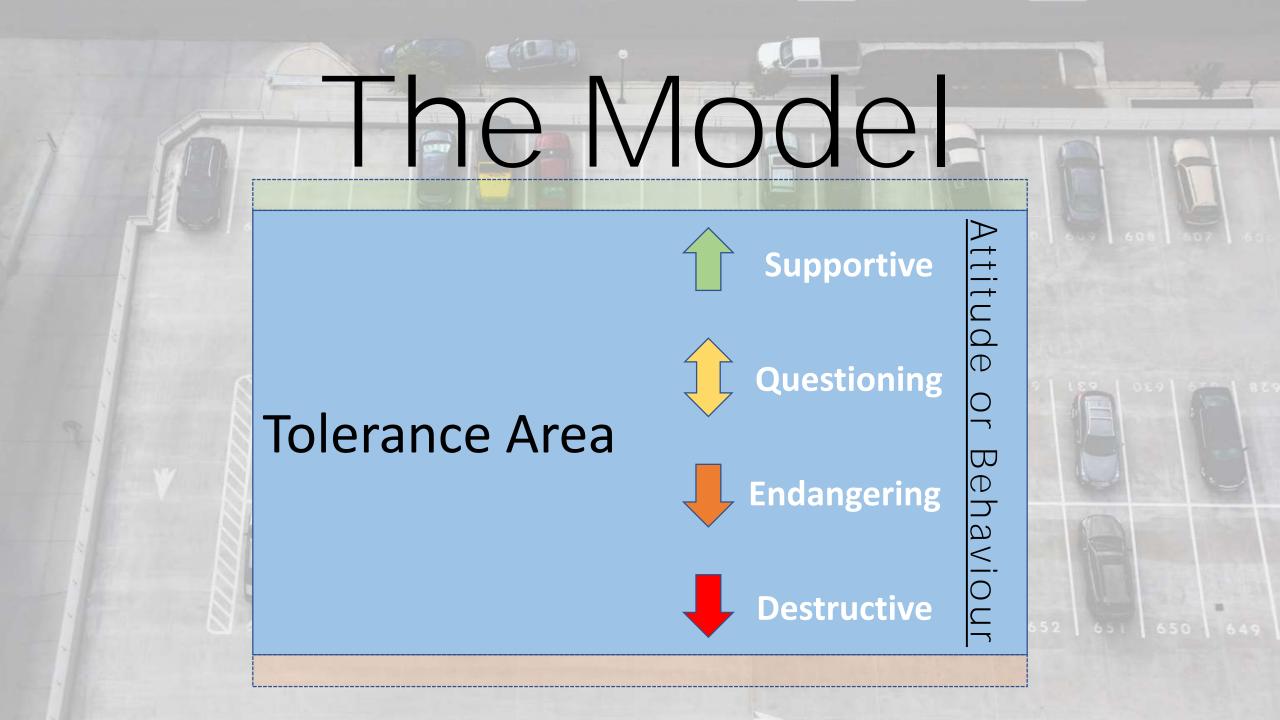
Acceptance Area

**Tolerance Area** 

Stuff we do NOT want to happen

Intolerance Area





#### Is received as...

- Unusual
- Thinking outside-the-box
- New

#### Leaves people...

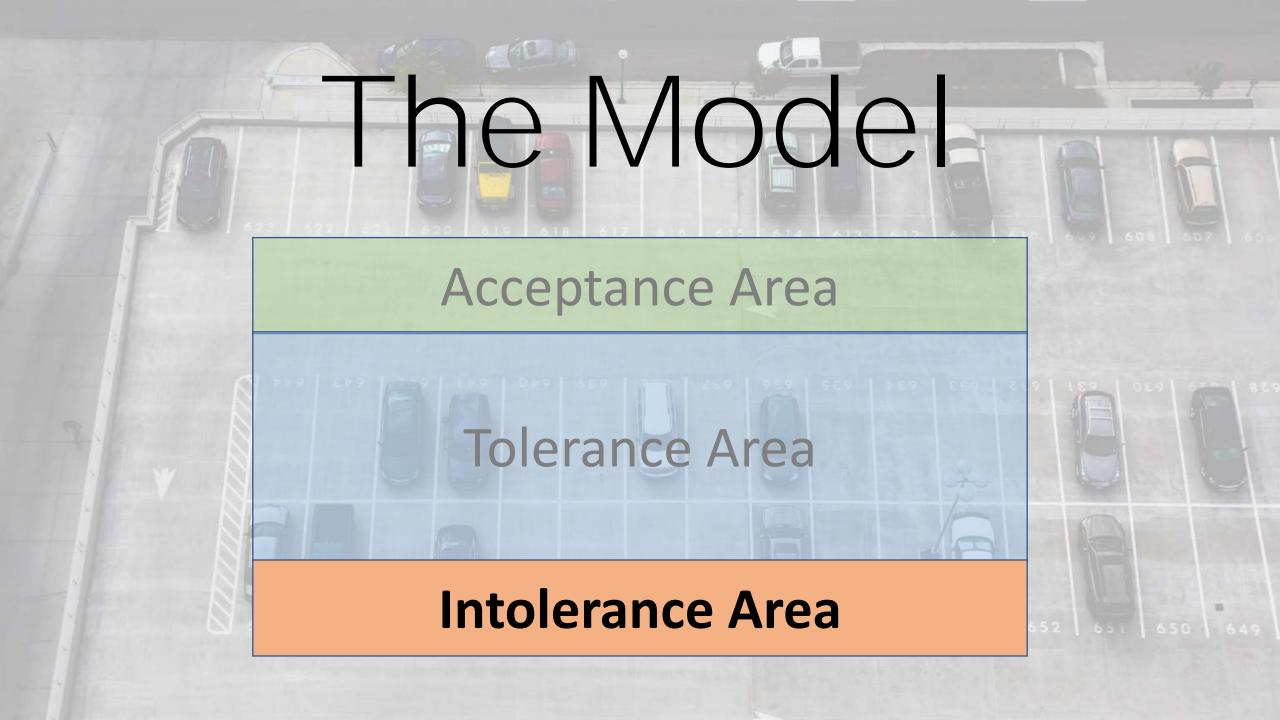
- Interested
- Curious
- Surprised

## Supportive





### Is received as... Leaves people... Aggressive **Desperate Violent Hopeless Defending** Destructive (Picture by Joao Pimentel Ferreira on Wikimedia)



### Is received as... Leaves people... **Violated** Harmful Illegal Hurt **Frightened** Intolerance

So, everything that's against the rules does belong in the Area Of Intolerance?

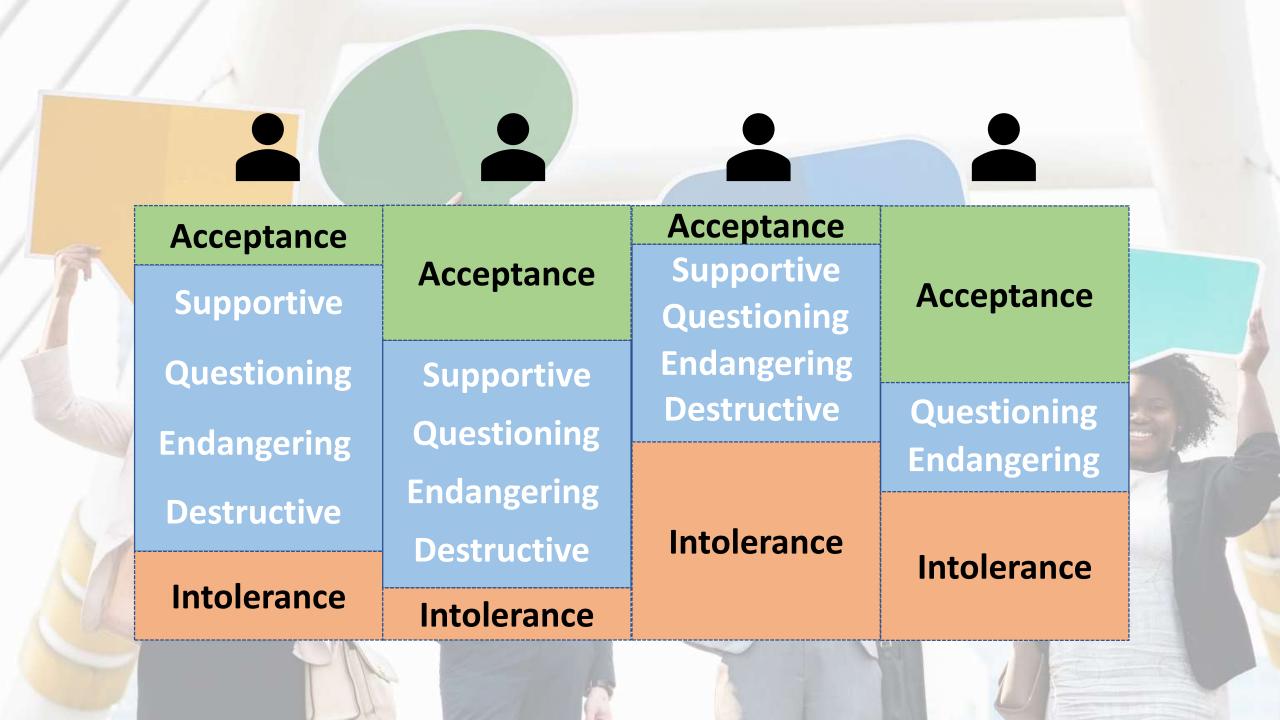
→ No!

Ok but, breaking the rules (like in shu-ha-ri) always means Questioning the system, right?

→ No!

# Where do the problems come from?









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