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## Advice to Business Owners: Economically surviving the COVID-19 Crisis



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## Key Lessons from the Past for the Future

- Take care of your people be in it together.
- That doesn't mean business as usual, staying the course, paying everyone as usual. Make the hard decisions. Now.
- We are in a recession. Deep / short. Very deep. Q2 is at a standstill, likely won't move to the positive until at least Q4 2020.
- Fight for share.
- Think "Right-to-Left"
  - Snuggie versus Slanket.
  - When we're up, you'll need to ramp up quickly. Be prepared.
  - Where do you want to me in October?
- Liquidity, liquidity, liquidity (lowest interest rate environment in memory).
- Transform for disruption if possible. If you have the flexibility, use this as an opportunity to invest in the future.



# What do the following images have in common? (on a more optimistic note)





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## On a more optimistic note

Principle of Unanticipated Consequences (The importance of the Wake)

... a bit of a teaser for the (virtual) national conference!







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## The Carrot and The Stick



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