

Facilitation: Knowledge/Training

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Literacy

Literacy=Pattern Recognition and Action

Literacy=Pattern Recognition and Action=Power

Power

The question may legitimately be raised, why not use other words – words that mean the same but are peaceful, and do not result in such negative emotional reactions? There are a number of fundamental reasons for rejecting such substitution. First, by using combination of words such as “harnessing the energy” instead of the single word “power,” we begin to dilute the meaning; and as we use purifying synonyms, we dissolve the bitterness, the anguish, the hate and love, the agony and the triumph attached to these words, leaving an aseptic imitation of life.

-Saul Alinsky