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Transformative Leader of the DEA

From Bureaucracy to Battlefield: Lessons on Transforming the DEA to Save Lives How do you take a massive, traditional agency and turn it into a modern, intelligence-driven force capable of saving thousands of lives? Anne Milgram shares the bold strategies she used to radically transform the DEA—leveraging data, breaking down silos, and building high-functioning teams that delivered unprecedented results. With real-world lessons in leadership, decision-making under pressure, and making high-stakes bets that pay off, this talk provides a blueprint for driving change in even the most complex organizations.

How to Achieve the Impossible: Lessons for Every Industry What does it take to do the impossible? From leading the DEA through one of the most transformative periods in its history to turning around the Camden, New Jersey Police Department, Anne Milgram has led impossible feats at multiple levels. In this powerful, behind-the-scenes talk, Milgram shares the real-world strategies she used to defy expectations, overcome institutional setbacks, and deliver results. These lessons are applicable no matter what your industry is, and they will leave audiences inspired to solve big problems.

Inside the Global Drug War: How to Break a Criminal Empire From chemical manufacturers in China to cartel strongholds in Mexico to money launderers, global drug trafficking is a multi-billion-dollar industry. As head of the DEA, Anne Milgram led the charge to map and dismantle these networks—holding every player accountable, from kingpins to street-level dealers. She takes audiences inside the highest levels of national security operations, sharing gripping, behind-the-scenes stories of high-stakes takedowns, negotiations, and intelligence-driven enforcement. This eye-opening talk reveals how criminal networks operate and what it takes to bring them down and offers key lessons on strategy, coordination, and tackling complex global challenges.