

Newsweek: How Middle Managers Can Convince Execs to Soften RTO Mandates

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[Chris Lipp](#), professor of practice and director of Management Communication, was interviewed by [Newsweek](#) for a story about about how front-line employees and managers should respond to corporate return-to-office mandates.

"I wouldn't get upset, I wouldn't fight back," Lipp said. "I would get curious, and begin a discussion with my immediate supervisor to understand exactly how formal this policy is, to understand what are the avenues for exceptions and, through that curiosity, also to introduce the value that is being made for the organization with my working from home."

To read the story in its entirety, visit [newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com):

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