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...by delegating the old managerial order and turning executives into free agents, or individual leaders, they had cut managers off from their moorings. These moorings connected them not just to the organizations they led, and the communities in which the organizations were embedded, but also in the end to the shareholders they were purportedly serving. The resulting corporate oligarchy had no obligation other than to self-interest. Lacking the religious framework invoked by the founders of the modern university-based business school, such as Quaker-based Joseph Wharton, or shared agreement about basic societal values, contemporary schools have no meaningful language for civic discourse about the ultimate purpose of these secular institutions. Thus we have been left only with empty rhetoric about leadership or excellence.

—Rakesh Khurana
From Higher Aims to Hired Hands, 2007

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