

Comparison between Heroes and Traitors

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Heroes*</u>	<u>Traitors*</u>
(1) Charisma	abundant	mild or absent
(2) Trust	trusting	betrayers of trust
(3) Skill	abundant	deficit
(4) Originality	innovation-minded	innovation-deficit
(5) Perceived faults	minimized	amplified
(6) Fame	persists long term	only for short term
(7) Identity	trend setters	'foot notes' in history
(8) Few Examples	Jesus Christ (Palestine)	Judas Iscariot
	George Washington (USA)	Benedict Arnold
	Mahatma Gandhi (India)	Maulana Shaukat Ali
	Chiang Kai-shek (China)	Wang Jingwei
	Mao Zedong (China)	Lin Biao
	Deng Xiaoping (China)	Zhao Ziyang
	Nelson Mandela (S. Africa)	Bruno Mtolo
	S.J.V. Chelvanayakam (Eelam)	C.X. Martyn
	V. Prabhakaran (Eelam)	Col. Karuna,

*The definitions for hero and traitor are taken from *The New Oxford American Dictionary* (2001). There have been many traitors for each hero, since Washington's era. I provide only one prominent traitor, as per the definition offered here.

Hero: a person, typically a man, who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.

Traitor: a person who betrays a friend, country, principle etc.