

Leading in Today's Challenging Times





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What Happened

when we went to work



Its not that way for everyone



ACENCE

Engage me now

This way to

happiness

Home/work

balance

Strengths

Desires

Which way?

- Trends that will impact you.
 - About the numbers.
- Evolution of leadership.
- Why people join, stay and leave their jobs.
- Three keys to leadership in today workplace.
- Communicating and managing across the generations.
- Leveraging your strengths

I love to do research....

- Conference Board of Canada
- Federal Government
- Blessings White
- Towers Watson
- Melcrum
- Gallup
- Regan Research













WHY ENGAGE



Evolution of Employee Engagement

1990 Employee satisfaction are employees happy

2000 Employee commitment are employees motivated 2007 Employee Engagement are employees motivated and do they know what to do







Operating Margin, Towers Watson







- 27% higher profits
- 50% higher sales
- 50% higher customer loyalty levels
- 38% above-average productivity

What is Engagement Anyway?



Telling Style of Leadership

An environment of conformity



Selling Style of Leadership

Selling to the many what has been decided by the few...

- Compliant
- Low Engagement





Inclusion looking for ideas and support throughout the

organization.

Co-creation

leveraging the strengths of individual team members to achieve corporate goals.

Enthusiastic participants

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Discretional Effort



About the numbers





Actively Disengaged









The Benefit and Cost of Leading and Engaged Team

\$.70

Engaged 27% 60% of productivity

\$.90

Disengaged 59% 60% of productivity

Actively disengaged 14% -20% of productivity

27

\$.50



Why isn't it working?

It always worked in the past.....

You have been given a gift!



"The errors you make in today's good times create tomorrow's bad times, and the wise things you do in today's bad times create tomorrow's good times."

Spencer Johnson, MD



Culture vs Strategy, what wins?



Culture eats strategy for lunch



About the numbers



Trends that will impact you

The aging population



Population Growth 1950-1960



Population Growth 1960-1970



under 14 15-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

Population Growth 1970-1980





Population Growth 1990-2000





Population Growth 2000-2010


Population Growth 2000-2020









Competition in the future



What are you waiting for?



9 Drivers of to transform your place of work



Trust In Leadership



Relationship with management



Relationship with fellow employees



Career satisfaction and enjoyment.



Connection to vision or clarity of purpose.



Pride in organization.



Development opportunities.



Leverage your strengths.



Discretionary effort.

Three key questions...







Why is this job important to me?







Who am I going to be working with?







What am I going to be doing?









Why is this job important to me? (This is why we join.)







Who am I going to be working with? (This is why we stay.)







What am I going to be doing? (This is why we leave.)





Three keys to better leadership



Know them





Grow them

Inspire them



Get to know them







Culture





What Generation are you?

- Mature Generation (1909-1945)
- Baby Boomers (1946 – 1964)
- Generation X (1965-1978)
- Generation Y (1979-1994)
- Generation Z
 (Born After 1995)





Mature Generation (1909-1945)

- Thoughts about them
 - Duty
 - Sacrifice
- Major Events
 - The Great Depression
 - = VVVV II
- Key influencers
 - John Diefenbaker
 - Winston Churchill
 - Lester B. Pearson

Mature Generation (1909-1945)

- Loyal
 Strong interpersonal skills
 Like flexitime
- Promotions from tenure, ethical
- Occupy many board positions on federal and provincial lobby groups

Baby Boomers (1946 - 1964)



Thoughts about them Individuality, "Me" Generation Major Events

- Vietnam War
- 67 Centennial Year
- The Cold War
- Key influencers
 - Bill Gates
 - Pierre Trudeau
 - Brian Mulroney
 - Oprah Winfrey

Baby Boomers (1946 – 1964)

At work

- Evaluate themselves and others based on their work ethic
- Hours worked more important than productivity
- Believe teamwork is critical to success
- Believe relationship building is very important
- Expect loyalty from those they work with

Generation X (1965-1978)



Thoughts about them

- Skeptical
- Reluctant
- Self Sufficient
- Loyal employees

Major Events

- Fall of the Berlin Wall
- The Gulf War
- The PC boom

Key influencers

- David Beckham
- MTV
- The cast of Friends

Generation X (1965-1978)



At work

- Shun do-or-die Boomer work ethic
- Want open communication regardless of position, title or tenure
- Respect production over tenure
- Value control of their time
- Look for a person (not a company)in whom they can invest loyalty
- Rely on peer-to-peer referrals more than any other generation

Generation Y (1979-1994)

Thoughts about them

- Coddled
- Idealistic
- Most managed generation ever

Major Events

- 9/11 Terrorist Attack
- Cell phone revolution
- Internet boom

Key influencers

- Justin Timberlake
- Paris Hilton
- TMZ

Generation Y (1979-1994)

At work

- Search for the individual who will help them achieve their goals
- Want open, constant communication
- Want positive reinforcement from their boss
- Find working with someone of the Mature generation easy to do
- Search for a job that provides great, personal fulfillment
- Are searching for ways to shed the stress in their lives


X&Y-Generation

Generation Z/Boomlets Born after 1995

Motivated

leasure

• The number of births in 2006 far outnumbered the start of the baby boom generation, and they will easily be a larger generation.

• They are Savvy consumers and they know what they want and how to get it.

• Have Eco-fatigue: tired of hearing about the environment and the many ways we have to save it.

Raised by institutions and electronics

Smart phones

In car entertainment

Video Games

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Z-Generation



Grow Them

Find out what is unique about someone... and capitalize on it.







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Eliminate Barriers

If nothing else, get out of their way!

Eliminate Barriers

Be a resource provider

- -Equipment, training, financing.
- -Explain organization's goals and objectives.
- Explain the direction of your organization
- -A Harris Poll
 - 15% of workers could identify the organization's most important goals
 - 51% of workers did not understand their role in achieving the company's goals.
 - 49% of their time was spent on the organization's most important goals

Four key questions

Goals

Plans

 What are we trying to achieve? How are we going to achieve it? How can I contribute? Responsibilities What's in it for me? Rewards



 How clearly am I answering the following four questions?

-What are we trying to achieve?
-How are we going to achieve it?
-How can I contribute?
-What's in it for me?

Which of these four do I need to work on?

Align personal talents, abilities, and strengths with job task



Leaders talk about...

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- Productivity
- Cost containment
- Service to the public
- Profits
- Revenue
- Value

PEOPLE TALK ABOUT ...

Personal happiness
Family and friends
Neighbourhoods
World events



Align personal and organizational goals

- Why you do what you do?
- What drives you today?
- What motivates you to action?



Employees' fulfillment of needs...



What Are Our Needs?

- Certainty
- Uncertainty
- Significance
- Connection and Love
- Contribution beyond ours



Building on Your Strengths Your strengths (engagement)



Meet Jayson

What are strengths?



Why leverage strengths

- Increase engagement
- Increase productivity
- Increase job satisfaction
- Reduces stress





Strengths and Weaknesses

Make a list of typical activities you find yourself doing in the run of a two week period and list in the appropriate column those you believe are your strengths and those you believe are your weaknesses.



Strength Tester 15 minutes

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Success

- This feels like it is my purpose.
- Success comes easy to me when I do this activity.
- I often receive recognition for this.

Training

- I enjoy reading about this activity.
- I have formal training in this activity.
- I have sufficient knowledge and skills for this activity.

Results

- This activity often produces strong outcomes.
- I have fond memories of this activity.
- I am often praised for this activity.

Often

- The more I do this activity the happier I am.
- I can't get enough of this activity.
- If I don't do this activity, I miss it.

Natural

- These activities come naturally to me.
- I learn these activities with ease.
- I have always enjoyed these types of activities.

Growth

- I enjoy learning new techniques for this activity.
- I often think about ways to improve this skill.
- I learn these activities quickly.











Goal is to use this strength more at work.

- Try to increase the amount of time you use this strength at work.
- Create goals around leveraging your strengths.





• Use this strength in your current role.

- Where can you volunteer this strength at work?
- Be sure to schedule time each week to work on your strengths.
- Try to put yourself in situations where you can leverage your strengths.





Tools needed to use this goal.

- Is there any specific training you can receive to enhance these strengths?
- Find people who use these strengths and model yourself after them.
- Create an action plan to become an expert in your area of strengths.





 Share your strengths with people around you.

–Embrace this philosophy "Each day you learn something; each day you teach something."

Weakness Tester 15 minutes



- I feel drained after I complete this task.
- The thought of having to complete this task brings me down.
- I lack some skills in this task.

Every minute seems like an hour

- Time drags on when I do this task.
- I find myself continually watching the clock.
- I find myself putting off this task.

Always feel worse after completing the task

- My demeanour is always worst when I am doing this activity.
- I have bad memories of this activity.
- I am rarely praised for this activity.

Kills the mood

- The more I do this activity, the worse I feel.
- Doing this activity affects my personal life.
- If I don't do this activity again, I won't miss it.

List your weaknesses on the disempowerment card.



Reducing your weaknesses Your Weakness (dis-engagement)

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Stop doing the weakness.

After you have identified things that are making you weak, if at all possible, stop doing them. You will discover some of your weakening tasks have been created from habitual thoughts and not a necessary part of your daily activity.

SWITCH

Withdraw from volunteering to do things that weaken you.

Withdraw from volunteering your services if the activities are disempowering. As much as you may feel obligated to contribute, if the task you accept disempowers you, then you are of no real benefit to the group. If this feeling spills over to other tasks, it will influence your performance in many areas.

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Initiate more things that strengthen you.

The most effective way to squeeze weakening activities out of your day is to replace them with strengths. By doing this, you will reduce the amount of disempowering activities you do and replace them with empowering activities. This will increase your performance, energy and overall contribution.

Team up or outsource activities that weaken you.

If at all possible, team up with people who may have your weaknesses as strengths. We often think that because we don't like a particular task that everyone feels the same way about it. You may not realize that doing a task you see as a weakness can be depriving someone of doing a task that they see as a strength.

SWITCH



Change the way you do weak activities.

You may find changing the way you tackle weaknesses can make it a more pleasant activity. Doing them first thing in the morning and saving your strengths for the balance of the day can give you a sense of accomplishment and end the day on a positive note.

SWITCH



Help others by volunteering your strengths.

Helping others by volunteering your strengths may show people around you what your real value is. In addition, this will often lead them to help you complete tasks that you may not enjoy doing, giving you more time for your strengths.

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What can managers do to make it a better place to work?

Prepare the group for your message



- Explain the new direction and changes.
- Thank them for their contribution to reach the current level of success.
- Get input from your supporters (Staff involvement is critical).
- Answer any questions and concerns.

Start recruiting new engaged members.



Increase engagement by targeting the disengaged group, not the actively disengaged group.



Recruit support from the engaged workforce.

(Beware the actively disengaged groups are also recruiting from the same group of employees).

Let members know how they contribute.



 Align your team's individual strengths with desired outcome.

 Give constant feedback on each team member's contribution.







In closing



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