# Management's Role in Working with the Five Generations

(including a glimpse of the Workforce 2020)

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Generation	Years Born	% of Workforce	Initials
Traditionalists	Prior to 1946	<10%	
Baby Boomers	1946-64	>35%	
Generation X	1965-1976	>20%	
Millennials	1977-1997	>30%	
Generation 2020	Born after 1997		

### **Introducing Five Generations**

#### Management's Role in Managing Generations

#### Accommodate employee differences

- Treat employees as you do your customers.
- Work to meet their specific needs and serve them according to their unique preferences.
- Accommodate personal scheduling needs, work/life balance issues and nontraditional lifestyles.

#### Create workplace choices

- Allow the workplace to shape itself around the work being done, the customers being served and the people who work there.
- Shorten the chain of command and decrease bureaucracy.

#### Operate for a sophisticated management style

- Give your direct reports the big picture, specific goals and measures. Then turn them loose.
- Give them feedback, rewards and recognition.

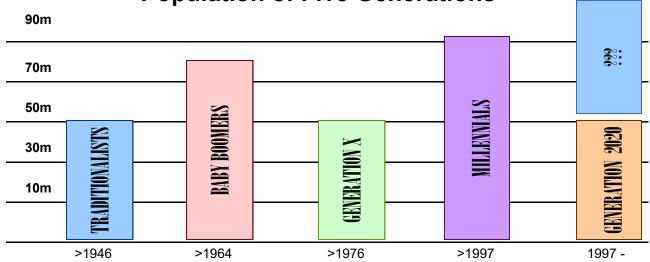
#### Respect competence and initiative

- Treat everyone, from the newest recruit to the most seasoned employee, as if they have great things to offer and are motivated to do their best.
- Hire to assure a good match between people and work.

#### **Nourish retention**

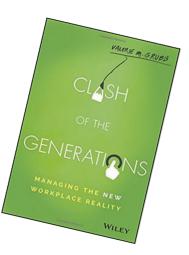
- Keeping valuable employees is as important as retaining customers.
- Offer lots of training, from one-on-one coaching sessions, to interactive computer-based classes, to an extensive and varied classroom curriculum.
- Encourage lateral movement and broader assignments.

### **Population of Five Generations**



#### **Five Points to Understand Millennials**

- 1. Millennials seek peer affirmation and feedback
- 2. Millennials aren't all about money
- 3. Give Millennials the full package
- 4. Get comfy: Millennials like to work in a warm and collaborative environment
- 5. Millennials are very driven by technology





### What Do They Expect from Employers?

1. Provide a sense of purpose - help us realize our part

- Millennials judge the performance of a business on what it does and how it treats people.
- 2. Value employees and develop them
  - For THEIR growth, not just company gain
- 3.Recognize us for the contributions we make
  - Stop referring to us as Millennials!
- 4.Let us use our skills in creative ways
  - Don't micro-manage
- 5.Work Life Balance

### **2020 Workplace Predictions**

- 1. Hired based on reputation capital (on-line)
- 2. Mobile device will be your office, classroom, concierge
- 3. Acute global talent shortage
- 4. Recruiting will start on social networks
- 5. Web commuters will reinvent offices
- 6. Companies will hire entire teams
- 7. Blogging will be a CEO job requirement
- 8. Video games, simulations, alt reality games will be corporate curriculum
- 9. 2020 mindset—social, global, big, fast, diverse
- 10. HR Focus on crowd sourcing, not outsourcing

- 11. Social networks inside companies
- 12. Elect your leader
- 13. Lifelong learning will be a business requirement
- 14. Work/life flexibility will replace work/ life balance
- 15.CSR will attract employees
- 16. Diversity a business not HR issue
- 17. Business lines will blur
- 18. Corporate app stores will offer ways to manage work and personal life better
- 19. Social medial literacy will be required
- 20. A portfolio of contract jobs will lead to full-time employment

### **Challenges with Generation 2020**

- Heightened social networking will likely cause an increase in "presenteeism" caused by the stress of multitasking
- Initiatives that retain employees will increase in importance
- Constant social networking will make job openings known before they are even posted
- Employees who feel their company actively cares about their well being are less likely to change jobs

# The 2020 Leader

Being This Kind of Leader...Requires These Management Behaviors

Collaborative Mindset	<ul><li>Inclusive decision making</li><li>Genuine solicitation of feedback</li></ul>
Developer of People	<ul><li>Mentors and coaches team</li><li>Provides straight feedback</li></ul>
Digitally Confident	<ul> <li>Uses technology to connect to customers and employees</li> </ul>
Global Citizen	<ul><li>Has a diverse mindset</li><li>Prioritizes social responsibility</li></ul>
Anticipates and Builds for the Future	<ul><li>Builds accountability across levels</li><li>Champions innovation</li></ul>



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