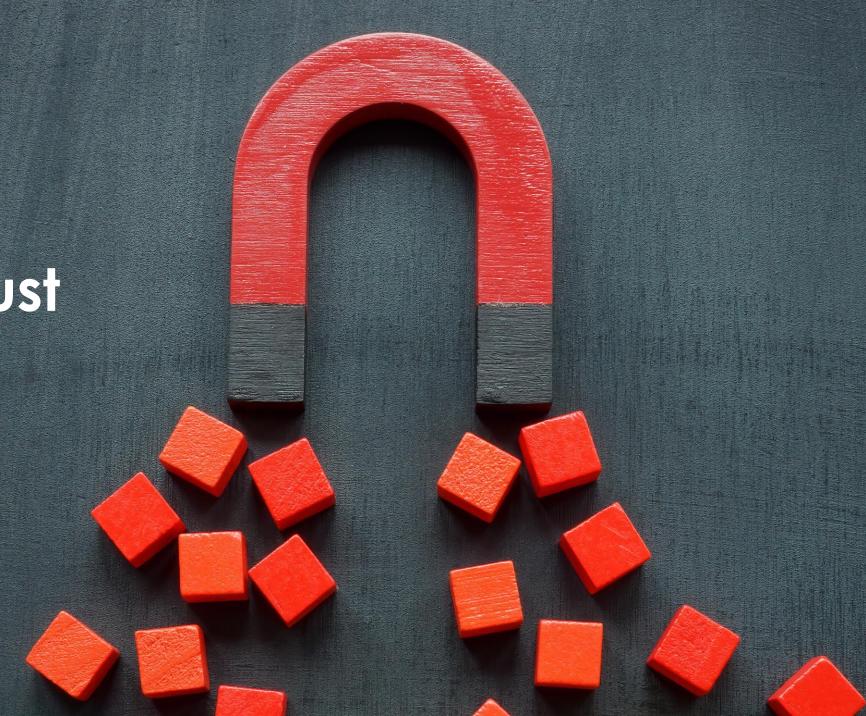


Building a Culture of Trust



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Workplace Challenges Today





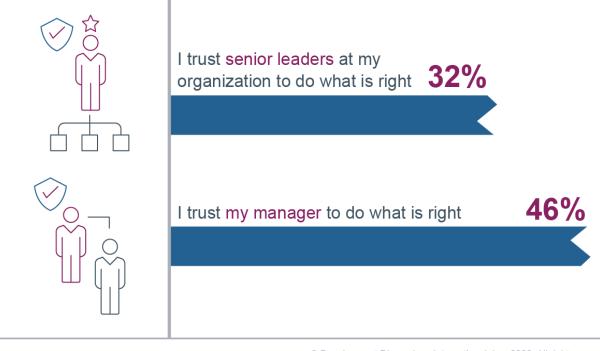
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A Crisis of Trust in Leadership

Leadership Trust Is Broken



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Yet people place huge trust on employers



CEOS EXPECTED TO BE THE FACE OF CHANGE

Percent who say

CEOs should be personally visible

when discussing public policy with external stakeholders or work their company has done to benefit society

Global 27

81 %

When considering a job, I expect the CEO to speak publicly about **controversial social and political issues that I care about**

Global 25, Among employ





...and have high expectations of leaders

Source: Edelman Trust Barometer, 2022



Leaders who work remotely are 22% more likely to trust their senior leaders compared to those who work at company headquarters.



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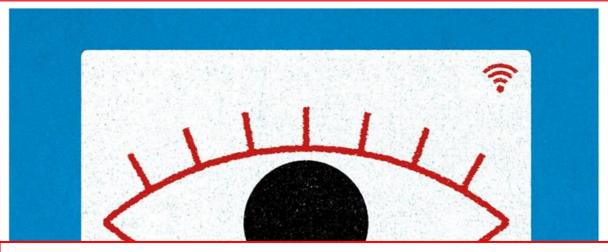
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Do Leaders Trust Their Organization's **Diversity Efforts?**

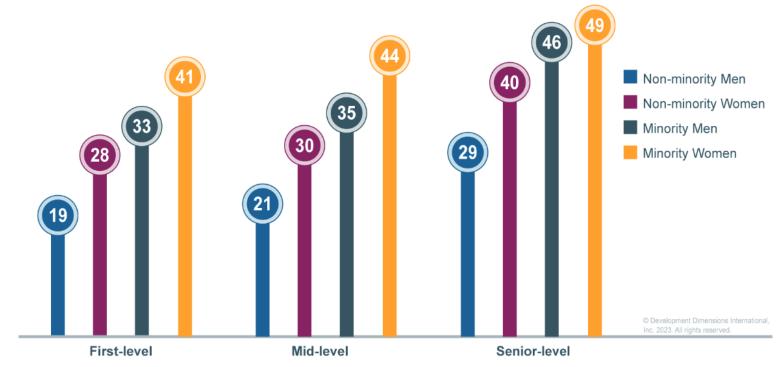
Only **21%** of leaders say their company recruits and promotes from diverse candidate pools





Lack of Trust Drives Diversity Out the Door

More Women and Minority Leaders Plan to Leave to Advance



Percentage of Leaders Who Expect to Change Companies to Progress to Higher Leadership Levels



What's most pressing today?

Trust between leaders and their teams



Trust for your organizational systems

7 Behaviors to Boost Trust



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The Empathy Formula

Remember to include the **feelings** and **facts**:

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"It sounds like you're ____(feeling) ___ because/about ____(facts) ____
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"...Listen, it sounds like you are buried and overwhelmed (feeling).

This is normal, and I want to protect you. Let's look at your active projects and figure out how to get a bit more balance. (facts)"



Build 7 Behaviors to Boost Trust

Employees were 5.3X more likely to trust leaders who regularly displayed vulnerability



Global Pharmaceutical Company Develops Emerging Leaders

"I will be working with my manager to work on my lower scored skills. I will advocate time for my development going forward..."

– Participant



The Challenge

- Fill leadership pipeline with Individual Contributors who are interested in leading people
- Prepare them for this career path

The Solution

- Develop a deeper self-awareness using the Early Identifier assessment to uncover potential.
- Explore the role of people leader in a 2-hour forum with experienced/newly promoted leaders and conduct interview(s) with people leaders
- Learn how to deal with typical challenges in leader's role and be more confident with identified competencies in a safe and experimentation learning opportunity.
- Participate in 3 virtual classroom sessions focused on leading teams, building trust, and resolving conflict

The Results

- 600 participants in 2023
- Present learnings to managers and HRBP (plus others, optional)
- Embed next steps into IDP actions
- Continue learning from mentor and/or peer group

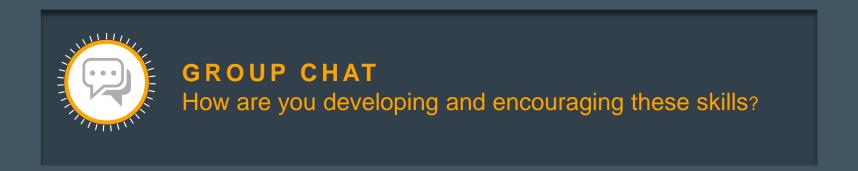


7 Behaviors to Boost Trust



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Does the empathy formula work at the senior level?

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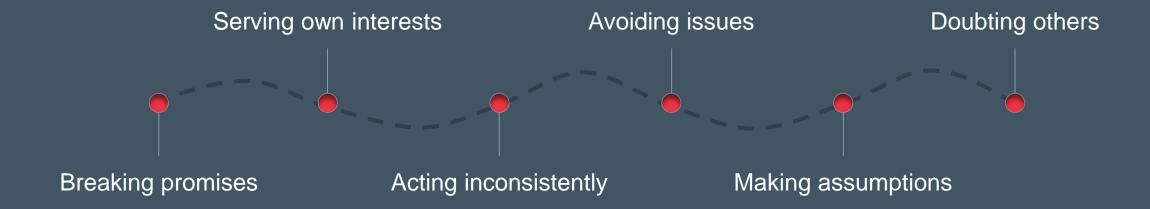
"...We heard in our culture survey that you are feeling....(feeling).

Because of..... (facts)

So we are going to... (action).
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Trust Breakers





Leading Retail Company Develops Better Leaders

"The best class I have taken thus far. Can't wait to use what I learned about myself."

- Area Operations Manager, Distribution Center



The Challenge

- Need to drive a culture change through behavior change, harnessing the energy and engagement of all Director-Regional VP level leaders to create excellence
- Continue to build an inclusive workforce

The Solution

- Build out their leadership capability by learning about two additional topics: Microaggressions and Trust.
- Create an executive level version of DDI's Building and Sustaining Trust course
- Embed inclusive practices in leadership behaviors and cultural expectations

The Results

- Measurable culture change
- Role model inclusiveness by initiating conversations with their associates
- Ensure their supervisors acquire new skills in the same topics and have conversations about their learnings





High Levels of Trust Get Good Results

50% higher productivity —

105% more energy

13% fewer sick days

74% less stress

40% less burnout



Source: "The Neuroscience of Trust." Harvard Business Review (Zak).



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