

# Overcoming Barriers to Building an Engagement Culture

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#### MEET THE PRESENTERS





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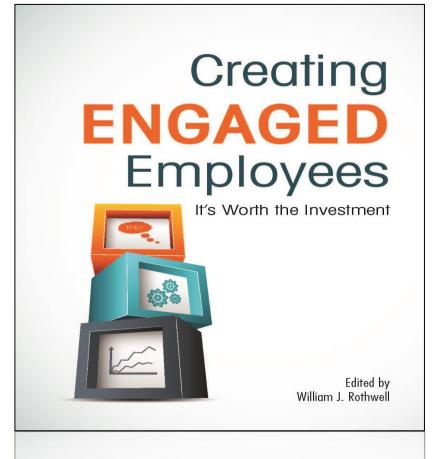
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Some of the authors of a book relevant to this session:





### A Tool

Barriers to Employee Engagement	How Can These Barriers Be Overcome?
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### **Objectives**

- What are the most common barriers to employee engagement?
- What can be done to overcome the barriers to employee engagement?
- How can a culture of employee engagement be established and sustained?



#### Quick Poll

"The definition of Employee Engagement is \_\_\_\_\_."

"The #1 barrier to employee engagement in my organization is \_\_\_\_\_\_. "





What are the most common barriers to employee engagement?

## Barriers to Employee Engagement

- Unclear understanding among workers or managers about what engagement is
- Management and/or employee cynicism about engagement
- 3. Bureaucratic work rules
- 4. Lack of work-life balance
- 5. Capricious management practices





What Can Be Done to

Overcome the Barriers to

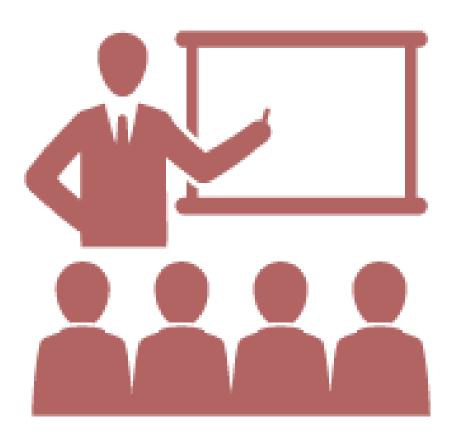
Employee Engagement?

#### A Worksheet for Overcoming Barriers to Employee Engagement

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#### Barrier 1:

Unclear Understanding About What Engagement Is





### Barrier 2: Cynicism About Engagement

## What to Do? **Demonstrate Describe Present**

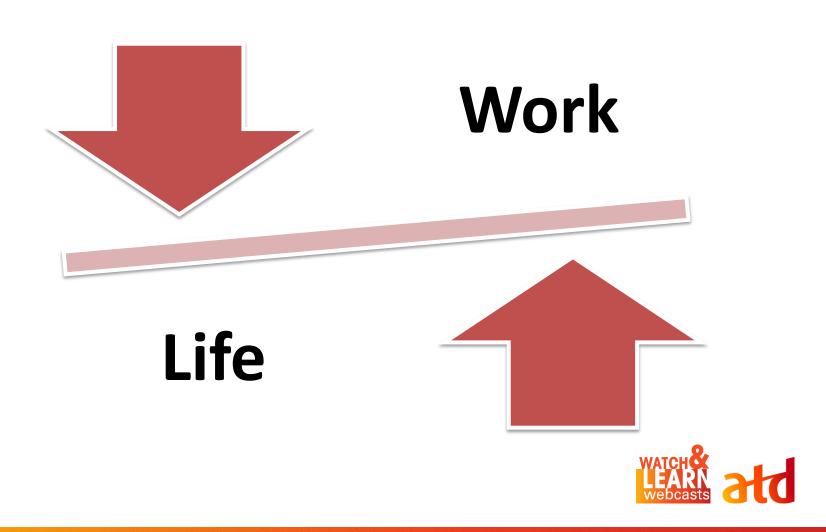
#### Barrier 3:

#### **Bureaucratic Work Rules**



#### Barrier 4:

Lack of Work-Life Balance



#### Barrier 5:

#### Capricious Management Practices







How can a culture of employee engagement be established and sustained?

### Culture vs. Corporate Culture

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### Corporate Culture

## Levels of Culture

Artifacts

Rituals

Group Norms

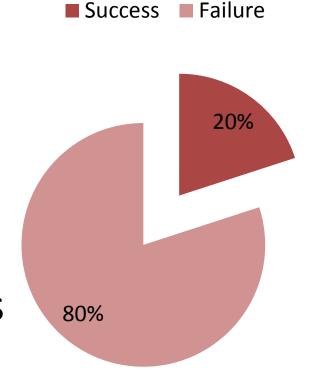


## Reasons For Failing to Change Corporate Culture

1 Unclear goals

Unclear roles

Unclear accountabilities







# How Can Corporate Culture Be Changed?

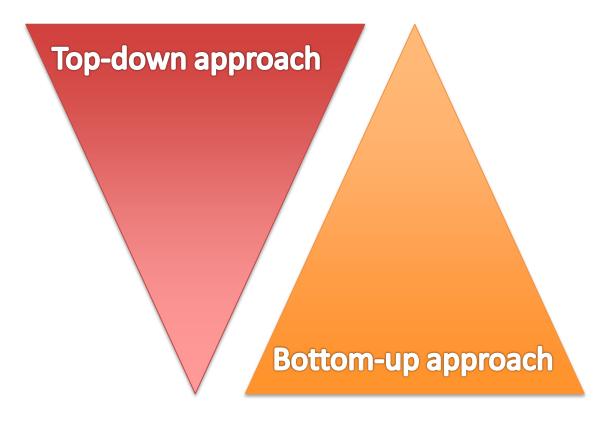
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# Approaches to Changing Corporate Culture





### The Top-Down Approach

**Top Management** 

Programmed



# A Worksheet to Plan Employee Engagement Using a Top-Down Approach

#### **Steps in a Top-Down Approach**

How could you implement the steps in your organization?

Step 1: Scan the external environment to find the need for change

Step 2: Establish clear, measurable goals for the change

Step 3: Identify and enlist a group of people to champion and lead the change

Step 4: Identify those affected by the change and take steps to address any sources of resistance to change



# A Worksheet to Plan Employee Engagement Using a Top-Down Approach

Steps in a Top-Down Approach

How could you implement the steps in your organization?

Step 5: Develop a step-by-step action plan to implement the change which includes consideration of how change will be continuously communicated to all key stakeholder groups

Step 6: Implement the change

Step 7: Evaluate the change during and following implementation to ensure that results match goals



## The Bottom-Up Approach

Organic

**Participative** 

Interactive



# A Worksheet to Plan Employee Engagement Using a Bottom-Up Approach

#### Steps in a Bottom-Up Approach

How could you implement the steps in your organization?

Step 1: Identify a reason for the change and find a consultant to help leaders guide the change process.

Step 2: Assess the organization's problems, involving as many people as possible in that process.

Step 3: Secure agreement on the problems and their relative importance to the organization.

Step 4: Collect information from as many people as possible on solutions to the agreed-on problems.



# A Worksheet to Plan Employee Engagement Using a Bottom-Up Approach

#### Steps in a Bottom-Up Approach

How could you implement the steps in your organization?

Step 5: Secure agreement on the solutions, ways to implement them, communication strategies, and measurable change objectives to be achieved.

Step 6: Implement the change, keeping as many people as possible involved in the change process during implementation.

Step 7: Facilitate evaluation of the change during and following implementation to ensure that results match goals—and change goals if conditions change.



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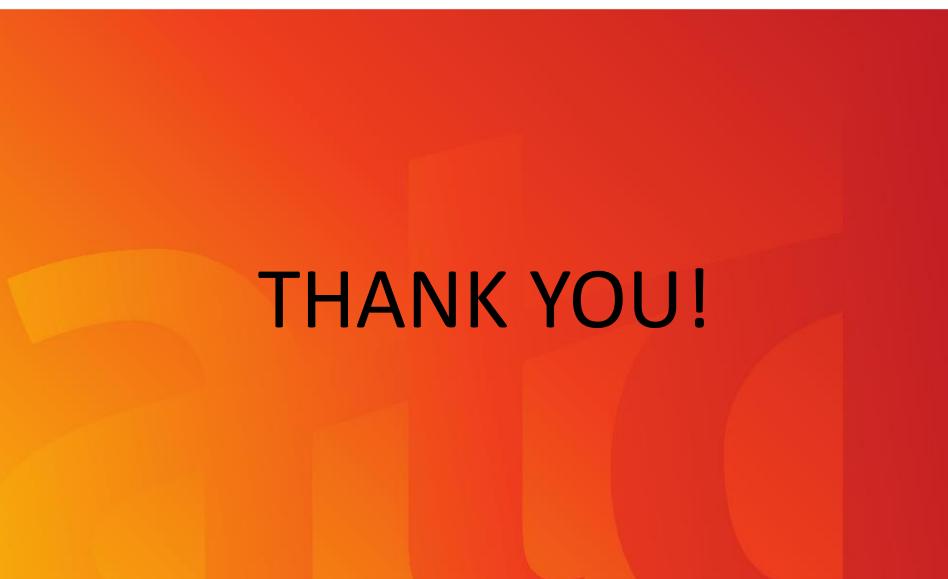


Panel Discussion to Address
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Questions

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