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What the Best Do Differently: Build a High-Development Culture Through Employee Engagement

UNLOCK THE POWER OF GALLUP ACCESS TO CREATE ENGAGING TEAMS

#### WHY ENGAGEMENT?

# An engagement-focused strategy builds a culture of high development and produces sustainable high performance, even amid disruption.

Employees have *fundamental psychological needs* that must be met to achieve and sustain high performance. This is as true for independent, remote workers as it is for those who work collaboratively in the office.

#### Three Types of Employees Exist

Only 33% of working-age adults worldwide have a "good job" — working full time for an employer. And, just 23% of these employees are engaged at work. Aggregated globally across 155 countries:



Employees are highly involved in and enthusiastic about their work and workplace. They are psychological "owners," drive performance and innovation, and move the organization forward.

They are more productive and more likely to stay with their company for at least one year.



NOT ENGAGED

Employees are psychologically unattached to their work and company. Because their engagement needs are not being fully met, they're putting time — but not energy or passion — into their work.

They are more likely than engaged employees to miss workdays and more likely to leave.



# ACTIVELY DISENGAGED

Employees aren't just unhappy at work
— they are resentful that their needs
aren't being met and are acting out their
unhappiness. Every day, these workers
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2022 Gallup World Poll, Global Employees MOE: ±1 point

#### Engagement Segments Within U.S. Workplaces

Employees can be segmented into three fundamental psychological conditions of engagement that are behaviorally predictive.

16%

#### **ACTIVELY DISENGAGED**

Actively disengaged employees aren't just unhappy at work — they are resentful that their needs aren't being met and are acting out their unhappiness. Every day, these workers potentially undermine what their engaged coworkers accomplish.

51%

#### **NOT ENGAGED**

Not engaged employees are psychologically unattached to their work and company. Because their engagement needs are not being fully met, they're putting time — but not energy or passion — into their work.

**BEST-PRACTICE ORGANIZATIONS** 

33%

**ENGAGED** 

Engaged employees are highly involved in and enthusiastic about their work and workplace. They are psychological "owners," drive performance and innovation, and move the organization forward.

4%

24%

**72%** 

WF Q1 2023, U.S. Employees MOE: ±1 point. Percentages for best-practice organizations are averages across 2023 Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award winners; percentages reflect the year that Gallup collected the winners' engagement data (2022) — not the year that Gallup named the award winners.

## The Items That Matter for Engagement — Gallup's Q<sup>12®</sup>

	ENGAGEMENT ELEMENT	EMPLOYEE NEED	
GROWTH How do	Q12. This last year, I have had opportunities at work to learn and grow.	Challenge me.	
I grow?	Q11. In the last six months, someone at work has talked to me about my progress.	Help me review my contributions.	
	Q10. I have a best friend at work.	Help me build mutual trust.	
TEAMWORK	Q09. My associates or fellow employees are committed to doing quality work.	Help me feel proud.	
Do I belong?	Q08. The mission or purpose of my company makes me feel my job is important.	Help me see my importance.	
	Q07. At work, my opinions seem to count.	Hear me.	
	Q06. There is someone at work who encourages my development.	Help me grow.	
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION	Q05. My supervisor, or someone at work, seems to care about me as a person.	Care about me.	
What do I give?	Q04. In the last seven days, I have received recognition or praise for doing good work.	Help me see my value.	
	Q03. At work, I have the opportunity to do what I do best every day.	Know me.	
BASIC NEEDS	Q02. I have the materials and equipment I need to do my work right.	Free me from unnecessary stress.	
What do I get?	Q01. I know what is expected of me at work.	Focus me.	
OVERALL SATISFACTION	Q00. How satisfied are you with your company as a place to work?		

#### The Business Impact of Highly Engaged Business Units and Teams

Gallup's research of more than 112,000 teams — over 2.7 million employees — revealed that teams in the top quartile of employee engagement achieved higher performance on positive outcomes (customer loyalty, sales, productivity, profitability, wellbeing and organizational citizenship) and realized fewer negative outcomes (absenteeism, turnover, shrinkage, safety incidents and quality defects) than those in the bottom quartile.

When comparing employee engagement levels, Gallup found that top- and bottom-quartile business units and teams had the following differences in business outcomes\*:

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Negative Ou 81% in absenteeism	in turnov (for high-turn organizatior	rer in tu over (for lov	_	28% shrinkage (theft)	64° in safety ir	ncidents in pa	58% atient safety ncidents rtality and falls)	41% in quality (defects)

Source: The Relationship Between Engagement at Work and Organizational Outcomes: 2020 Q128 Meta-Analysis: 10th Edition

<sup>\*</sup>The above figures are median percent differences across companies in Gallup's database. High-turnover organizations are those with more than 40% annualized turnover. Low-turnover organizations are those with 40% or lower annualized turnover.

## ONE OF GALLUP'S BIGGEST DISCOVE<u>RIES:</u>

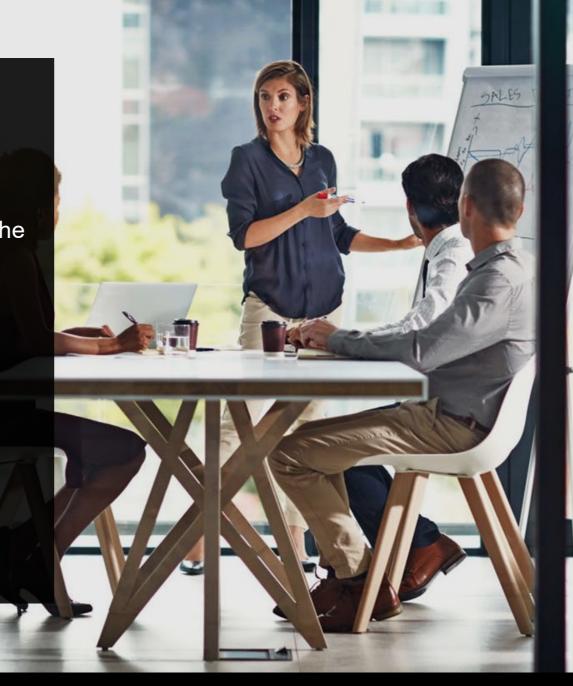
The manager or team leader plays the most significant role in driving employee engagement.

The manager accounts for

70%

of the variance in team engagement.

Source: It's the Manager



#### Managers Have the Greatest Influence on Creating an Engaging Workplace

1 in 2

One in two employees have left their job to get away from their manager at some point in their career.

\*Gallup Panel Data

70%

Managers account for at least 70% of the variance in employee engagement scores across business units.

\*Source :Estimating the Influence of the Local Manager on Team Employee Engagement

59%

Employees who are supervised by highly engaged managers are 59% more likely to be engaged than those supervised by actively disengaged managers.

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<sup>\*</sup>Source: The Cascade Effect of Employee Engagement



## What the Best Do Differently: Lead with a Focus on Engagement

Creating an engaging workplace is part of a manager's job. Engagement-focused managers:

- Carefully **read and analyze** the team's engagement results.
- Read the **State of the Team** *module* in Resources.
- Have a **State of the Team** conversation with your team.
- Through that conversation with your team, create an Action Plan based on engagement results.



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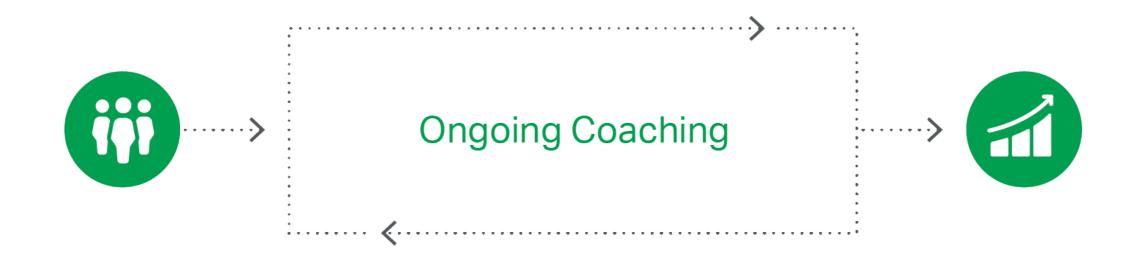
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# Appendix

## What the Best Do Differently: Infuse Engagement Into Performance Development Conversations

It is not about raising the numbers. It's about what the numbers raise in terms of meaningful conversations. The best managers embed engagement into ongoing conversations that drive performance.

Having at least **one meaningful conversation per week** with each team member keeps managers continuously attuned to their employees' performance and workplace needs.



## What the Best Do Differently: Make Conversations More Meaningful

Conversations are powerful. Employee engagement conversations must be collaborative, giving employees the opportunity to contribute. A manager's goals are to listen, reflect and help employees take action.

#### MOVE FROM BOSS TO COACH

#### FROM

- hurried conversations about tactical work
- calendar-driven reviews looking back
- weakness-focused

#### TO

- multidimensional conversations focused on team members
- frequent and future-oriented conversations that provide feedback and direction
- strengths-based

# Managers' Roles in Meaningful Engagement Conversations

- Provide structure and direction.
- Spend more time listening.
- Provide encouragement.
- Be fully present.
- Close with momentum and commitments.

