Organization and "the right" culture

NAHR Fellows Pre-Dinner Discussion Meeting

N A H R

Dave Ulrich

Rensis Likert Professor, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan Partner and Co-founder, The RBL Group dou@umich.edu

November 8, 2018





Increased Attention to "culture"

Report of the

NACD Blue Ribbon Commission

CULTURE AS A
CORPORATE ASSET

CULTURE AND THE ROLE
OF INTERNAL AUDIT



PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE DIRECTORS





2014 Word of the Year: Culture

Ideas:

New thinking on culture, why it matters, what it means, and how to create it

with

Impact:

How do create the "right" culture



Why culture matters?

What culture means?

How to create culture?

Relative impact of individual vs. organization

Individual

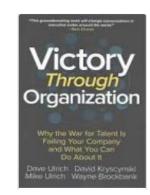
(talent, competence, workforce, people)

Organizational

(culture, capability, workplace, process)



10



HR value creation: Importance of talent and teamwork

What percent of the time is the leading scorer (winner of the Golden Boot) on the team that wins the World Cup?





Importance of talent and teamwork

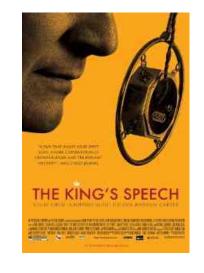
How many of the "Best Actor/ Best Actress... Director" Academy Award winners in the last twenty years were also in the "Best Picture" for that year? ...













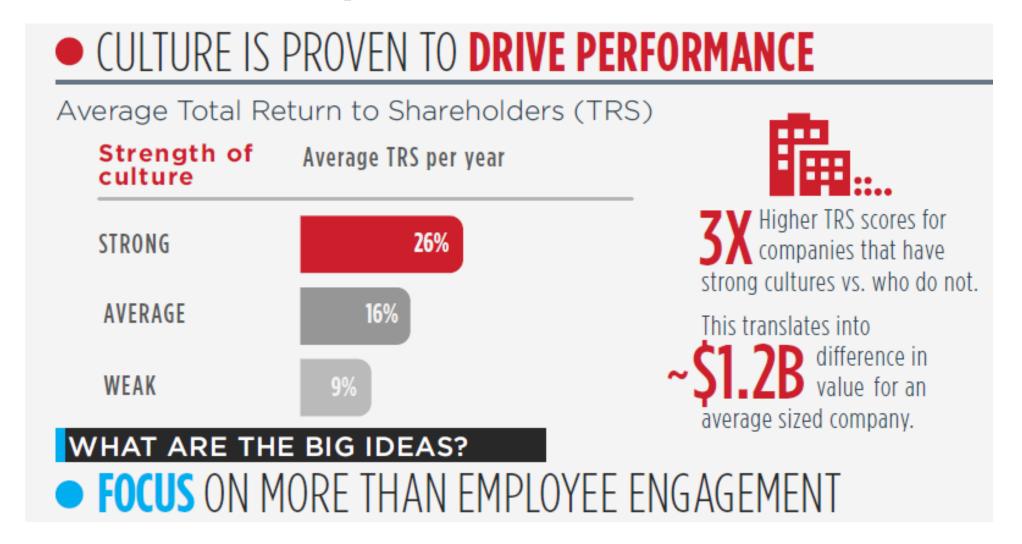








Importance of Culture



Culture impact on stakeholders

| Stakeholder | If we have the right culture, what happens to each stakeholder? |
|--------------|---|
| Employee | Attraction of key talent (talent magnet) Commitment "organizational habits" Productivity/expectations |
| Organization | Strategic focus (core competence)"Culture eats strategy for lunch" |
| Customer | Firm identity/reputation that affects customer share Culture as internal manifestation of firm brand |
| Investor | Intangible value that investors value over time Part of Leadership capital Index |
| Community | Reputation for present and future |

Ideas:

New thinking on culture, why it matters, what it means, and how to create it

with

Impact:

How do create the "right" culture

Why culture matters?



What culture means?

How to create culture?

What is culture?

When you think of a company "culture" what comes to mind?



What is culture?

Culture is the ability to shift from an event to a pattern and ultimately to an identity





- Symbols
- Rituals
- Stories
- Physical setting





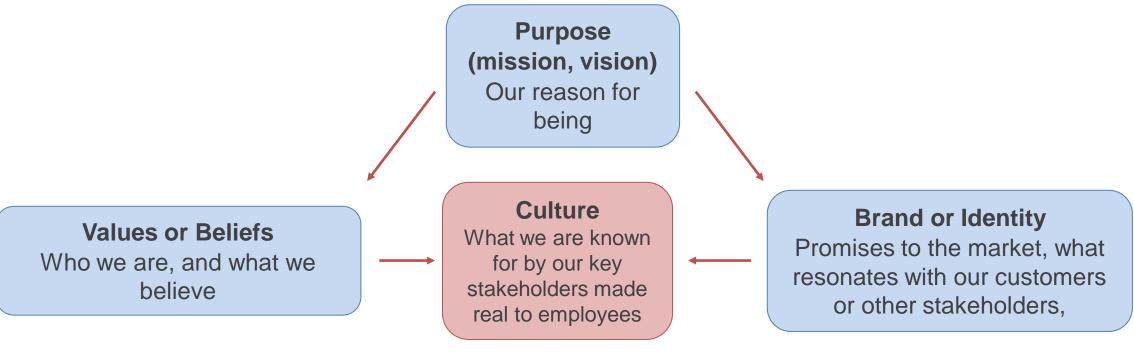
- Values (what we believe)
- Norms (our expected behaviors; unwritten rules; rituals)
- Ways we make decisions, manage information, treat people, handle conflict/differences

Identity



- Customer: What are our customer buying criteria/value proposition?
- Brand: What is our desired brand?
- Identity: what are known for?
- Reputation: what is our community image?

What is the "right" culture?







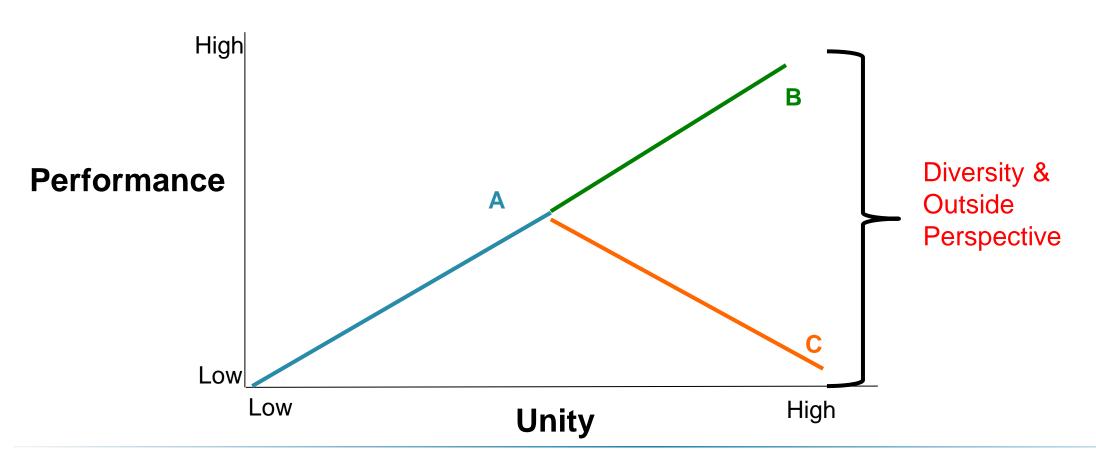
Unity and culture, outside in thinking

Unity is a strong culture, it drives performance, and needs outside influence

A=When firms have more unity their performance goes up

B = Performance continues to go up when unity in inclusive of diversity and outside perspective

C= Performance can go down when unity does not include diversity and outside perspective



Ideas:

New thinking on culture, why it matters, what it means, and how to create it

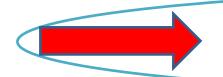
with

Impact:

How do create the "right" culture

Why culture matters?

What culture means?

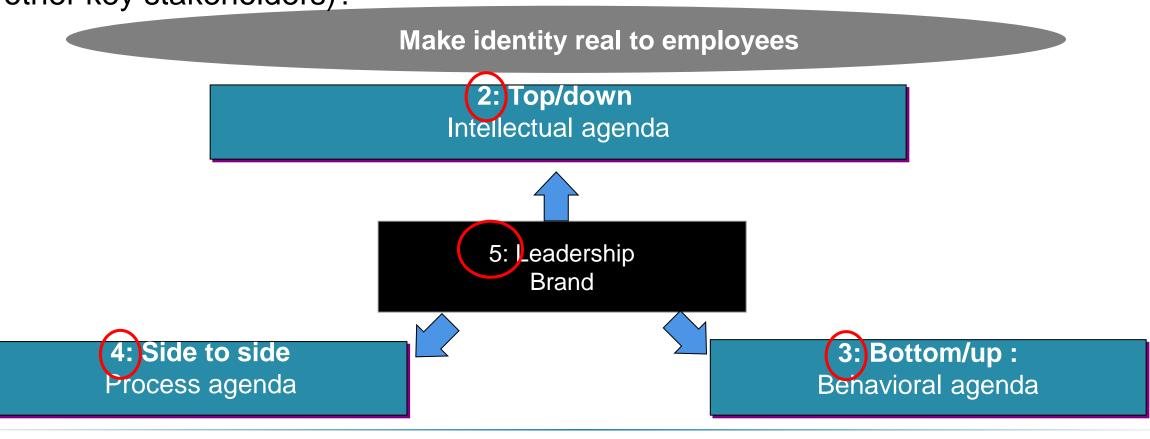


How to create culture?

How do we change culture?

1: Define desired culture

What are the top 3 things we want to be known for by our best customers (or other key stakeholders)?



Ideas:

New thinking on culture, why it matters, what it means, and how to create it

with

Impact:

How do create the "right" culture

Why culture matters?



- Impacts business results (4* talent)
- Delivers stakeholder value

What culture means?



- Event to pattern to identity
- "Right" culture from outside/in

How to create culture?



- Define right culture (known for)
- Intellectual, behavioral, process agenda
- Leadership brand

N A H R