Motivation; In The Work Place

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Learning Targets

- Compare and contrast intrinsic versus extrinsic rewards.
- Identify key contributors in the psychology of motivation and emotion.
- Evaluate said contributors role in the psychology of motivation and emotion.

Background

- Motivation: a psychological drive towards a desired goal.
- Sigmund Freud- "To Live Is To Work"
- Colleges and Universities Less Focus on training job skills, more on increasing capacities for communication in the work field.

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- Some people view work as a necessity to make money.
- Opportunity to advance from one position to a better one.
- Others who find it a fulfilling and useful activity are more satisfied with their work and their lives.



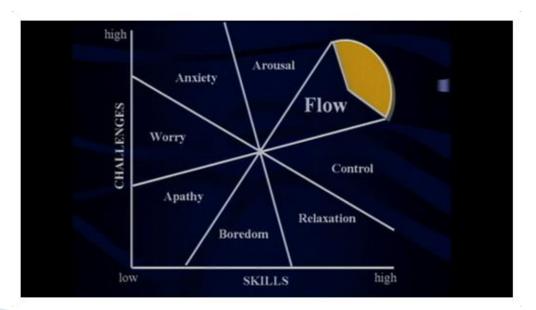
Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi

- People's quality of life increases when they're purposely engaged."
- She studied artists who spent hours painting/sculpting
- They showed more motivation by creating work than many praise promotion.
- Between stress and boredom there is a level of interest called flow.



Flow

- <u>Flow</u>- Being completely involved that you lose awareness of self and time.
- Causes optimal engagement of one's skills
- Flow experiences boost our sense of self-of-esteem, competence, and well being.



Industrial Organizational Pyschology

- I/O Psychology Applying psychology's principles in the work place.
- Personnel psychology Applying Psychological methods to selecting workers.
- Organizational Psychology how a work environment and management influence the workers.



Personnel Psychology

- Personnel psychology Aims to match people's strengths to work best suited for them.
- Psychologists help by:
 - Finding required skills
 - Evaluate applicants
 - Introduce/train new employees
 - Evaluate performance



Harnessing Strengths

- Strengths Any quality that can be productively applied.
 - Curiosity
 - Persuasive
 - Persistent
 - Competitive
 - Analytical
 - Organized



Do Interviews Predict Performance?

- Interviewer's judgments are weak predictors.
- Except for the jobs that require less skill, <u>mental ability best</u> predicts on-the-job performance.
- Informal interviews are more useful than handwritten analysis.
 - They are less informative than work samples, job knowledge tests, and past job performances.



The Interviewer Illusion

- Interviewer Illusion "I have excellent interviewing skills..."
 - Interviews disclose an interviewee's good intentions.
 - Interviewers don't care about the success of those that they don't hire.
 - Interviewers presume that "what they see is what they get".
 - Interviewer's mood changes how they see the interviewee.



Structured Interviews

- Structured interview Interviewer asks all applicants the same questions and rates on an established scale.
- Structured interviews are meant to <u>pinpoint attitudes</u>, <u>behavior</u>, <u>knowledge and skill</u>.
 - How would you handle this?
- To reduce memory distortion or bias, the interviewer <u>takes</u> <u>notes</u>, <u>makes</u> ratings and avoids irrelevant or follow up <u>questions</u>.

Appraise Performance

- Purpose: to decide who to retain, how to reward people and how to pay them.
 - Checklist- check behaviors that describe the worker
 - **Graphic rating scales** Check the extent of a worker's productivity or dependability.
 - Behavior rating scale Check the behaviors that describe the worker's performance.
- 360-degree feedback



Organizational Psychology

- Achievement Motivation Desire for a significant accomplishment.
- People with more achievement motivation do achieve more.
 - As children, the had more active hobbies.
 - As adults, They participate in more groups.
- Self discipline is a better representative than talents.



"You should be back at the office. Vacations are for lazy people! What have you accomplished today?"

Satisfaction and Management

- Positive work moods contribute to creativity, persistence and helpfulness.
- The most productive worker is the ones satisfied with work environments.
- Engaged workers know what's expected of them and have many <u>opportunities to do what they do best</u>.



Recognition Matters More Than Money

- Victor Lipman
- 70% of people in a June 2013 study responded their most meaningful recognition "had no dollar value".
- 83% of respondents said recognition for contributors was more fulfilling than any rewards or gifts.
- praise from managers.
- fun work environment.



Managing Well

- > 3 things that a leader does to manage workers.
 - Harness Job-Relevant strengths
 - Set goals
 - Choose appropriate leadership styles

Harnessing Job-Relevance

- Help people identify their talents.
- Match talents to work and give them freedom to do what they do best.
- Pay attention to worker's feelings for their work.
- Managers choose not to promote into roles ill suited for their strengths.
- Managers must not focus purely on negatives.

Setting Goals

- Challenging goals motivate achievement, more so when combined with progress reports
- When goals are challenging yet attainable, reaching it boosts self evaluation
- When people state when, where, and how they will reach their goals they become more focused on work

Leadership Style

- Task leadership Set standards, organize work, focus on goals
- Social leadership Solve conflicts, build high achieving teams
- Transformational leadership Motivates others to identify with the groups mission
 - Many successful businesses have increased employee participation in decision making
- Voice effect- Given the chance to voice their opinions, people will respond more positively to the decision.

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