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# Beyond Awareness... Sustainable Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives

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### A Changing World

- 5 Year Plan
- 2 Generations at Work
- Respect for Experience
- Respect for Authority
- Single Location Teams
- Workforce: White Male
- Technology Change

- 6 Month Plan
- 4-5 Generations Work
- Respect for Results
- Challenge Authority
- Global Virtual Teams
- Diverse/Multi-Cultural
- Constant Technology Change

### **Automotive Changes**





### Technology Changes









### The Velocity of Change

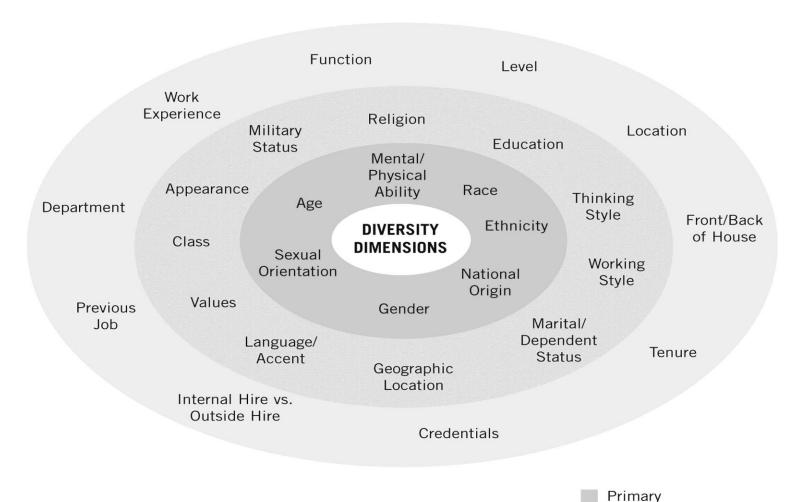
- Over 300 of 3100+ counties in the U.S. have "minority majorities"
- Over 57 % of college graduates in the U.S. are women
- 40 % of the retiring Baby-Boomers will be replaced by minority managers
- India has twice as many college graduates as the U.S. and they all speak English
- China has three times more college graduates than the U.S.

#### New Realities\*

- Population over 65 increased 31.2 to 35 million
- Females increased from 127 to 143.5 million
- 28.9% of 72.3 million families one disability
- US Population 2050 439 million (projected)
- Nearly one in three of population Hispanic
- Fastest growing ethic group Asian
- By 2015 Millennials will outnumber Baby Boomers
- By 2050, 54% of the U.S. Population will be non-white

Secondary Organizational

### Dimensions of Diversity Model



### My View of the World?

"You and I do not see things as they are. We see things as we are."

Henry Ward Beecher

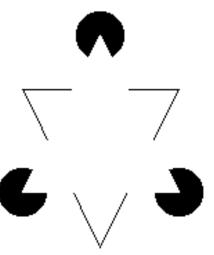
### My View of the World?

- Product of our life experiences
- We are all wired differently
- We categorize things, ideas and people viewed through our lenses
- Self-Awareness helps us to be more open-minded, entertain new ideas, and effectively work with others

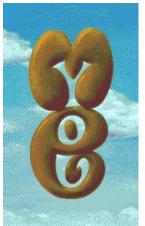


### My View of the World









### First Thoughts

- People over 85
- Native of CA
- 24 years old just out of college
- Homeless person
- Single mom 3 kids
- Cigarette smoker
- Single dad 3 kids

### \*The Power of '7-11'

7 Seconds11 Assumptions



Become aware of your views and how they impact your relationships and decision-making

\*Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking, by Malcolm Gladwell

### **Gender Differences**

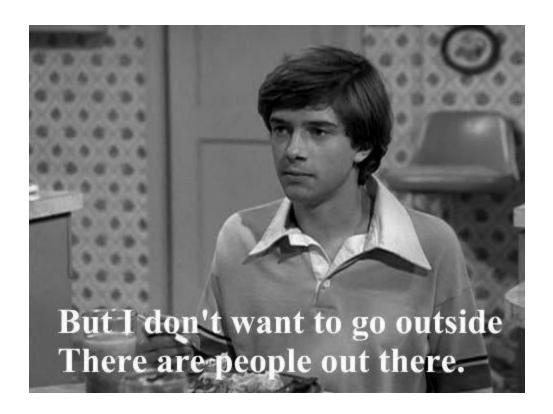




### **Cultural Differences**



### Introvert vs. Extravert



### What's the Significance???

To manage Diversity and Inclusion and to effectively engage leadership, you must think

"DIFFERENTLY!!!"

Are you ready to become a change agent?

Change is good...

...you go first!!!!

### Key Success Factors for Sustaining Diversity and Inclusion

- Passionate Leadership
- Dedicated Internal Resources
- Integrated into Core Business Initiatives
- Flexibility in Approach
- Bottom Up and Top Down at the Same Time
- Courage to Abandon Old Ways

# Key Success Factors for Sustaining Diversity and Inclusion (cont.)

- "Consultants" Who Know When to Get Out of the Way
- Willingness to "Encourage the Heart"
- Clear Mission and Vision
- Accountability
- Opportunity Rather Than Problem Focus

### D&I - Organizational Structure

- Advisory Board
- Diversity Council
  - Council Chair/Co-Chair
  - Committee Chairs
  - Business Resource Groups

### What Does a Diversity Council Have?

- A clear and approved charter
- Well-defined mission and vision
- Members that represent a cross-section of the organization
- A structure that reflects the culture of the organization
- A system and process to track and measure progress

### What Does a Diversity Council Have? (cont.)

- A strategic communication plan that reports progress and broadcasts diversity messages via multiple media
- A clear understanding of the organization's business objectives
- Links to other major company functions such as HR, communications, and training and development
- Ongoing member education and team building

### Diversity Council Objectives

- To help BRG leaders and members connect their programs, activities and events to your organization's strategic imperatives
- Share ideas and strategies that will help to ensure that as many people as possible across the firm can understand and articulate your business case
- Represent your business units perspectives as they relate to effective integration of Diversity and Inclusion strategies across the firm globally

### Diversity Council Objectives (cont.)

- Encourage engagement of other associates to enhance your firm wide Diversity and Inclusion strategies and initiatives
- Serve as a Diversity and Inclusion ambassador with your respective division to help implement best practices
- Create and implement strategies to celebrate successes by divisions and company wide

### Prudential Financial

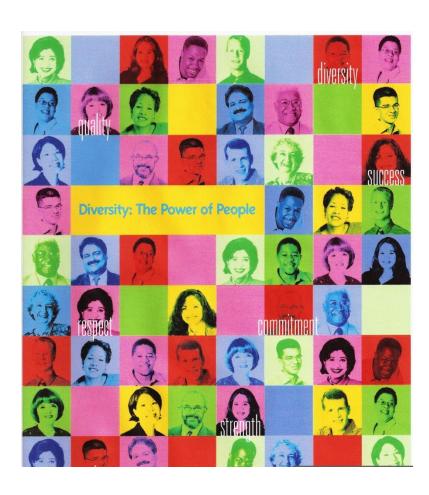
"Difference can make all the difference in the world".

- Diversity
  - Our Commitment to Diversity
  - Diversity & Inclusion Overview
  - Employees
  - Vendor Relations
  - External Business or Community Partners
- Work/Life at Prudential
  - Work/Life Programs Overview
  - Careers
- Global Recognition
  - Awards & Accolades

### Prudential Financial

- Set goals and metrics
- Hold leaders accountable
- Bonuses tied to Diversity goals
- Personal commitment to Diversity as a business driver
- Recognized culture change change management process
- Effectively articulate and champion Diversity and Inclusion business imperative – "Elevator Speech"

### Prudential Communications Vehicle



#### **Our Commitment to Diversity**

Difference can make all the difference in the world. At Prudential we count on that. We have a long-standing commitment to diversity in our workplace and marketplace.

We understand that we succeed through people-those who skillfully create and deliver the products and services that distinguish us from our competitors, those who confidently entrust their family's wealth protection and growth to us, those who invest in our company's future to help secure their own, and those who live alongside us on the city streets and neighborhood blocks where we do business.

With businesses in more than 30 countries, our company seeks talented, creative individuals from a variety of backgrounds, worldviews and life circumstances to work with us. It is our priority that our workplace be inclusive, welcoming of new ideas and appreciative of valuable experience.

We know our employees have lives outside of work and we are committed to helping them succeed both professionally and personally. We do this through business-based flexible work arrangements, best-in-class work/life and wellness services, competitive compensation and benefits, state-of-the-art learning and development initiatives. and leading-edge technology that supports innovation.

Our business strategies fully consider, respect and reach out to diverse consumers and communities. Our goal is to partner with them to meet their current needs, support their dreams and build their futures.

As the Leadership Team, we recognize that individual differences represent a mosaic of opportunities for Prudential. We hold ourselves, our management team and all employees accountable for promoting an environment that values these differences and capitalizes on these opportunities for the ultimate benefit of our customers, shareholders and employees.

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### Benefits of Diversity and Inclusion

- Keep and gain market share
- Enhance innovation and creativity
- Improve bottom line
- Superior business performance
- Gain competitive advantage
- Increase employee satisfaction/engagement/loyalty

### Benefits of Diversity and Inclusion

- Customer base diverse
- Reduce costs
- Increase productivity
- Improve quality of management
- Increase organizational competitiveness
- HR war on talent retention: attract the best and brightest

### **External Recognition**

- DiversityInc "Top 50"
- Fortune "Top 100 Best Places to Work"
- Working Mother "Best Companies"
- Best Places to Work for LBGT Equality

#### The Results

Examined during a 10-year period, the DiversityInc. Top 50 Companies for Diversity Index outperformed:

- ■The NASDAQ by 28.2%
- ■The Standard & Poor's 500 by 24.8%
- ■The Dow Jones Industrial Average by 22.4%



# How Organizations Measure Diversity Success

- Improvement in Employee Retention
- Improvement in Employee Engagement
- Quality and Diversity of Talent Pool
- Exit Interviews with Diverse Employees
- Customer Satisfaction Scores
- Increased Market Share

### How Organizations Measure Diversity Success (cont.)

- Progress Toward Defined Diversity Targets
- Diversity Scorecard Results
- Decrease in Legal Compliance Issues
- Internal Survey of Diverse Employee Opinions
- Increase in Brand Recognition
- Increase in Profitability

### Diversity and Inclusion

- Diverse organizations are not always inclusive
- Inclusive organizations are not always diverse
- Well-managed firms that are diverse and inclusive often outperform non-diverse firms

### The Focus of Winning Companies

- **✓**CEO Commitment and Involvement
- ✓ Talent Management
- ✓ Sustained Corporate and Organizational
- **Communications Strategy**
- ✓ Supplier Diversity
- ✓ Diversity AND Inclusion
- ✓ Change Agents
- ✓ Champions/Flag Bearers



# What is your Organization's Leadership Philosophy?

- Committed?
- Involved?
- Engaged?
- Champion and Flag Bearer?



### Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives

- Self Awareness
- Self Assessment
- Strategy
  - Communications
  - Education
  - Metrics/Measurement
- Execution

### Thoughts...

- Diversity Council members must also be a Strategic Business Managers
- Enlist partners, owners, and champions throughout the organization
- Cultural competence/Cultural intelligence

# Diversity & Inclusion - The Challenges

#### **Brainstorming & Discussion Exercise**

- Break into subgroups
- Select a recorder and a reporter
- Brainstorm the following question? What diversity related issues, concerns or challenges does your organization face?
- List as many as possible
- Discuss items that are surprising and those on which group members have differing views.

### Questions or Comments?

