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Chapter 4 – Personality and values

Heredity:

The factors determined at conception, one's biological, physiological and inherent psychological makeup. What we inhered from our parents and for-fathers.

Core self-evaluation:

The degree to which people like or dislike themselves, sees themselves as capable or not, and whether the person feels in control or powerless of his or hers environment.

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The Myers-Briggs type indicator (MBTI):

It is a 100-question personality test that asks people what they usually feels or acts like in specific situations

- Extraverted (outgoing, sociable, and assertive) vs. Introverted (quiet and shy)
- Sensing (practical and prefer routine and orders focus on details) vs. Intuitive (reliable on unconscious processes and look at the "big picture")
- Thinking (using logic and reasoning to handle problems) vs. Feeling (using personal emotions and values to handle problems)
- Judging (they want control and prefer the world to be ordered and structured) vs. Perceiving (flexible and spontaneous)

The Big-Five personality model:

A personality assessment model that taps five basic dimensions.

- **Extraversion:** Captures one's comfort level with relationship. (High scorer) a sociable, gregarious and assertive. (Low scorer) reserved, timid and quiet.
- **Agreeableness:** Refers to an individual's propensity to defer to others. (High score) good-natured, cooperative and trusting. (Low score) cold, disagreeable and antagonistic.
- Conscientiousness: Measures reliability. (High score) responsible, dependable, persistent and organized. (Low score) easily distracted, disorganized and unreliable.
- Emotional stability: A person's ability to withstand stress. (High score) calm, self-confident and secure (positive). (Low score) Neuroticism, nervous, anxious, depressed and insecure.
- Openness to experience: the range of interest and fascination with novelty. (High score) imagination, sensitivity and curiosity. (Low score) conventional and find comfort in the

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Machiavellianism:

A Machiavellian is pragmatic, maintains emotional distance and believes that ends can justify means. He/she manipulates more, wins more, is persuaded less and persuades more than less Machiavellians. Flourish when; 1) interact face-to-face, 2) minimum rules and regulations, and maximum of improvisation, and 3) when emotional involvement is irrelevant.

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Narcissism:

A person, who has a grandiose sense of self-importance, requires excessive admiration, has a sense of entitlement and is arrogant. Evidence shows, that narcissistic people believe they are better leaders than their colleagues, while their supervisors rate them as worse leaders.

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Self-monitoring:

An individual's ability to adjust his or hers behaviour to external situational factors

Personality-organization fit theory:

The most important for the organization is that the employee's personality fits the overall culture of the organization that with the characteristics of any specific job.

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Difference on instrumental or terminal values:

Rokeach Value Survey (RVS)

Terminal values: are the goals a person would like to achieve during the person's lifetime (including values such as a comfortable life, a sense of accomplishment, equality, and wisdom).

Instrumental values: preferable modes of behaviour, and means of achieving the terminal values (e.g. intellectual, ambitious, courageous, and responsible).

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Contemporary work values:

People's values differ depending on e.g. generation and culture, so it is difficult to name a common contemporary list of work values.

It has been shown that groups tend to reflect similar values and this can be a valuable aid in explaining and predicting behaviour.

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Chapter 7 – Motivation: from concept to applications

Alternative work arrangements:

Flexitime Job sharing Teleworking

Employee involvement:

- Participative management
- Representative participation
- Quality circles

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Rewards:

Piece-rate pay plan: when employees are paid a fixed sum foe each unit of production completed

Merit-based pay: when based on performance appraisal ratings – objective output

Bonuses

Skill-based pay: based on how many skills or jobs the employee has. **Profit-sharing plan:** the profit of the organization is being divided between the employees

Gain sharing:

Employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs)

The Job Characteristic model (JCM):

The model proposes that any job van be described in terms of five core job dimensions. **Job design:** the way the elements in a work are organized.

Skill variety: A job requires a verity of different activities so the worker can use a number of different skills and talents.

Task identity: A job requires completion of a whole and identifiable piece of work (many tasks to do)

Task significance: The work has a big impact on the lives or work of other people (the tasks have significance for the person)

Autonomy: The job provides freedom, independence, and discretion.

Gives the person a feeling of personal responsibility. **Feedback:** Direct feedback about performance.

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Job redesign:

Job rotation, job enlargement (increasing the number and variety of tasks – creates more diversity) and job enrichment (the vertical expansion of jobs, which increases the degree to which the worker controls the planning, execution, and evaluation of the work). Chap. 7