# Micro Perspective of Organizational Behavior

- The Perception Process
- Impression Management
- Personality
- Attitudes
- Motivation: Needs, Content and Processes
- Motivating Performance through Job Design and Goal Setting
- Learning: Processes, Reward System & Behavioral Management



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## Perception



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## Perception

- A process by which individuals organize and interpret their sensory impressions in order to give meaning to their environment.
- People's behavior is based on their perception of what reality is, not on reality itself.
- The world as it is perceived is the world that is behaviorally important.



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## **Factors That Influence Perception**

#### **Factors in the situation**

- Time
- Work setting
- Social setting

#### Perception

#### Factors in the perceiver

- Attitudes
- Motives
- Interests
- Experience
- Expectations

#### **Factors in the target**

- Motion
- Sounds
- Size
- Background
- Proximity
- Similarity



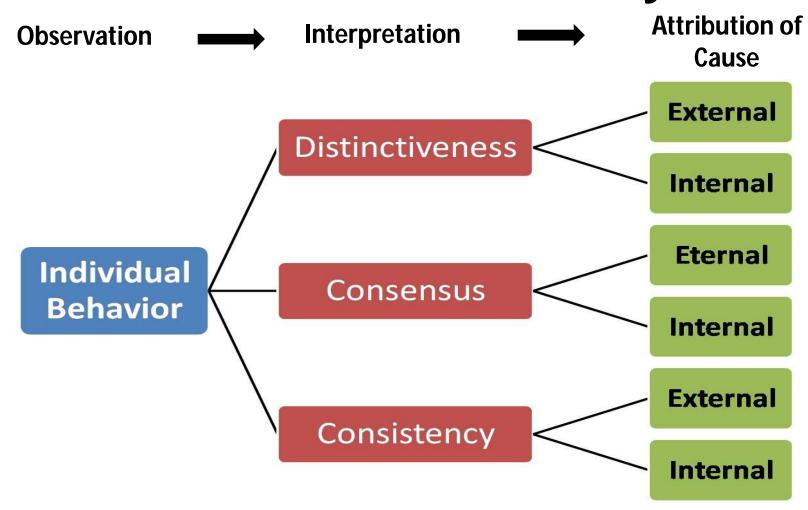
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When individuals observe behavior, they attempt to determine whether it is internally or externally caused.

- Distinctiveness: shows different behaviors in different situations.
- Consensus: response is the same as others to same situation.
- Consistency: responds in the same way over time.



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#### **Fundamental Attribution Error**

 The tendency to underestimate the influence of external factors and overestimate the influence of internal factors when making judgments about the behavior of others.

 In general, we tend to blame the person first, not the situation.



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## **Self-Serving Bias**

 The tendency for individuals to attribute their own successes to internal factors while putting the blame for failures on external factors.

**Thought**: When student gets an "A" on an exam, they often say they studied hard. But when they don't do well, how does the self serving bias come into play?



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## **Shortcuts in Judging Others**

## **Selective Perception**

 People selectively interpret what they see on the basis of their interests, background, experience, and attitudes.



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# **Shortcuts in Judging Others**

#### **Halo Effect**

 Drawing a general impression about an individual on the basis of a single characteristic.

#### **Contrast Effects**

 Evaluation of a person's characteristics that are affected by comparisons with other people recently encountered who rank higher or lower on the same characteristics.



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## **Shortcuts in Judging Others**

#### **Projection**

 Attributing one's own characteristics to other people.

## **Stereotyping**

 Judging someone on the basis of one's perception of the group to which that person belongs.



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# Specific Applications in Organizations

#### **Employment Interview**

 Perceptual biases of raters affect the accuracy of interviewers' judgments of applicants.

## **Performance Expectations**

 Self-fulfilling prophecy: The lower or higher performance of employees reflects preconceived leader expectations about employee capabilities.



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# Specific Applications in Organizations

## **Ethnic Profiling**

 A form of stereotyping in which a group of individuals is singled out—typically on the basis of race or ethnicity—for intensive inquiry, scrutinizing, or investigation.

#### **Performance Evaluations**

 Appraisals are often the subjective (judgmental) perceptions of appraisers of another employee's job performance.



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# Impression Management

- Also called Self-Perception.
- Process by which people attempt to manage or control the perception other form of them.
- There is often a tendency for people to try to present themselves so as to impress others in socially desirable way.
- Impression Management implications for area such as validity of performance appraisals and is pragmatic, political tool for one to climb the ladder of success in organization.



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# Personality



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# **Personality**

The sum of total ways in which an individual reacts and interacts with others; measurable traits a person exhibits.

## **Personality Traits**

Enduring characteristics that describe an individual's behavior.



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# Personality Determinants

Heredity

Environment

Situation



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Personality test that taps four characteristics.

- Extroverted vs. Introverted (E or I)
- Sensing vs. Intuitive (S or N)
- Thinking vs. Feeling (T or F)
- Judging vs. Perceiving (P or J)



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#### Extroverted vs. Introverted (E or I)

 Extraverted individuals are outgoing, sociable and assertive. Introverted are quite and shy.

## Sensing vs. Intuitive (S or N)

 Sensing types are practical and prefer routine and order. They focus on details. Intuitive rely on unconscious processes and look at the "big picture"



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## Thinking vs. Feeling (T or F)

 Thinking types use reason and logic to handle problems. Feeling types rely on their personal values and emotions.

## Judging vs. Perceiving (P or J)

 Judging types want control and prefer their world to be ordered and structured. Perceiving types are flexible and spontaneous.



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## A Meyers-Briggs score

 Can be a valuable tool for self-awareness and career guidance

#### **BUT**

 Should not be used as a selection tool because it has not been related to job performance!!!



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# The Big Five Model of Personality Dimensions

#### 1. Extroversion

Sociable, gregarious, and assertive

#### 2. Agreeableness

Good-natured, cooperative, and trusting

#### 3. Conscientiousness

Responsible, dependable, persistent, and organized



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# The Big Five Model of Personality Dimensions

#### 4. Emotional Stability

Calm, self-confident, secure under stress (positive), versus nervous, depressed, and insecure under stress (negative).

## 5. Openness to Experience

Curious, imaginative, artistic, and sensitive



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## **Measuring Personality**

#### **Self-report Surveys**

 Completed by the individual – are the most common way to measure personality.

#### **Observer-rating Surveys**

- Independent assessment of personality
- Coworker could do the rating. These are better predictor of success on the job.



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## **Measuring Personality**

## **Projective measures**

- Thematic Apperception Test
  - The TAT is popularly known as the picture
     interpretation technique because it uses a standard
     series of 30 provocative yet ambiguous pictures about
     which the subject must tell a story.



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# Major Personality Attributes Influencing Organizational Behavior

- Core Self-evaluation
  - Self-esteem
  - Locus of Control
- Machiavellianism
- Narcissism
- Self-monitoring
- Risk taking
- Type A vs. Type B personality
- Proactive Personality



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## Core Self-Evaluation

- Degree to which individuals like or dislike themselves, whether they see themselves as capable and effective, and whether they feel they are in control of their environment or powerless over their environment.
- Determined by two elements:
  - Self Esteem
  - Locus of Control



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## Core Self-Evaluation

#### **Self Esteem**

 Individuals' degree of liking or disliking themselves and the degree to which they think they are worthy or unworthy as a person

#### **Locus of Control**

 The degree to which people believe they are masters of their own fate.



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## Core Self-Evaluation

#### Internals (Internal locus of control)

 Individuals who believe that they control what happens to them.

## Externals (External locus of control)

 Individuals who believe that what happens to them is controlled by outside forces such as luck or chance.



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## Machiavellianism

Degree to which an individual is **pragmatic**, maintains emotional **distance**, and **believes** that ends can justify means.

Conditions Favoring High Machs

- Direct interaction with others
- Minimal rules and regulations
- Emotions distract for others



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## **Narcissism**

- The tendency to be arrogant, have a grandiose sense of self-importance, require excessive admiration, and have a sense of entitlement.
- A Narcissistic Person
  - Has grandiose sense of self-importance
  - Requires excessive admiration
  - Has a sense of entitlement
  - Is arrogant
  - Tends to be rated as less effective

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# Self-Monitoring

A personality trait that measures an individual's ability to adjust his or her behavior to external, situational factors.

## **High Self-Monitors**

- Receive better performance ratings
- Likely to emerge as leaders
- Show less commitment to their organizations



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# Risk-Taking

- High Risk-taking Managers
  - Make quicker decisions
  - Use less information to make decisions
  - Operate in smaller and more entrepreneurial organizations
- Low Risk-taking Managers
  - Are slower to make decisions
  - Require more information before making decisions
  - Exist in larger organizations with stable environments



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# Risk-Taking

- Risk Propensity
  - Aligning managers' risk-taking propensity to job requirements should be beneficial to organizations.



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## Type 'A' Personality

Aggressive involvement in a chronic, incessant struggle to achieve more and more in less and less time and, if necessary, against the opposing efforts of other things or other people.



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## Type 'A' Personality

## Type A's:

- are always moving, walking, and eating rapidly;
- feel impatient with the rate at which most events take place;
- strive to think or do two or more things at once;
- cannot cope with leisure time;
- are obsessed with numbers, measuring their success in terms of how many or how much of everything they acquire.



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# Type 'B' Personality

#### Type B's:

- never suffer from a sense of time urgency with its accompanying impatience;
- feel no need to display or discuss either their achievements or accomplishments;
- play for fun and relaxation, rather than to exhibit their superiority at any cost;
- can relax without guilt.



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## **Proactive Personality**

- Identifies opportunities, shows initiative, takes action, and perseveres until meaningful change occurs.
- Creates positive change in the environment, regardless or even in spite of constraints or obstacles.



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## **Attitudes**





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## **Attitude**

Evaluative statements or judgments concerning objects, people, or events

### **Main Components of Attitudes**

- Cognitive
- Affective
- Behavioral



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## **Attitude**

### Cognitive

The opinion or belief segment of an attitude

#### **Affective**

The emotional or feeling segment of an attitude

#### **Behavioral**

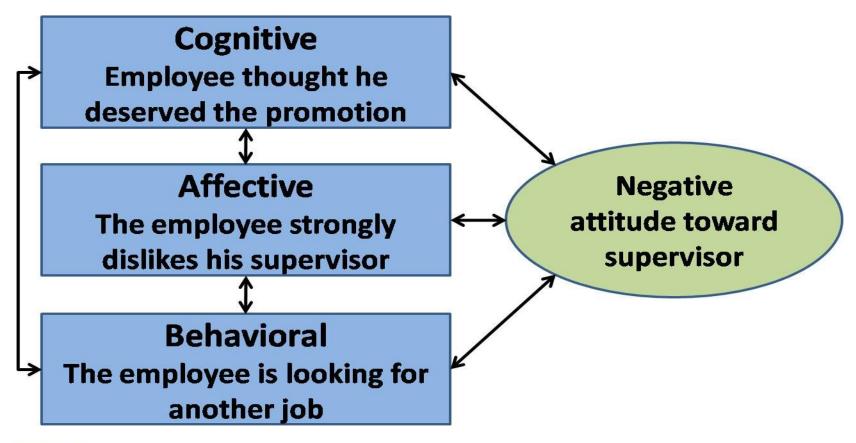
 An intention to behave in a certain way toward someone or something



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## **Components of an Attitude**

Example





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## **Theory of Cognitive Dissonance**

- In the late 1950s Leon Festinger proposed this theory
- Any incompatibility between two or more attitudes or between behavior and attitudes.
- Individuals seek to reduce this gap, or "dissonance"



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## **Theory of Cognitive Dissonance**

Leon Festinger propose that the desire to reduce dissonance would be determined by the :

- Importance of elements creating dissonance
- Degree of individual influence over elements
- Rewards involved in dissonance



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Organizational Behavior has been concerned with three attitudes:

#### 1. Job Satisfaction

A **positive feeling** about one's job resulting from an evaluation of its characteristics

#### 2. Job Involvement

Identifying with the job, actively participating in it, and considering performance important to self-worth



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#### 3. Organizational Commitment

The degree to which an employee identifies with a particular organization and its goals, and wishing to maintain membership in the organization

Three separate dimensions to organizational commitment:

- Affective Commitment
- Continuance Commitment
- Normative Commitment



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#### **Affective Commitment**

 An emotional attachment to the organization and a belief in its values.

#### **Continuance Commitment**

 The perceived economic value of remaining with an organization compared to leaving it.

#### **Normative Commitment**

 An obligation to remain with the organization for moral or ethical reasons.



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#### **Perceived Organizational Support (POS)**

The degree to which employees believe the organization values their contribution and cares about their well being.

#### **Employee Engagement**

An individual's **involvement** with, **satisfaction** with, and **enthusiasm** for the organization.



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## **Motivation**



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### What is Motivation?

The processes that account for an individual's intensity, direction, and persistence of effort toward attaining a goal.

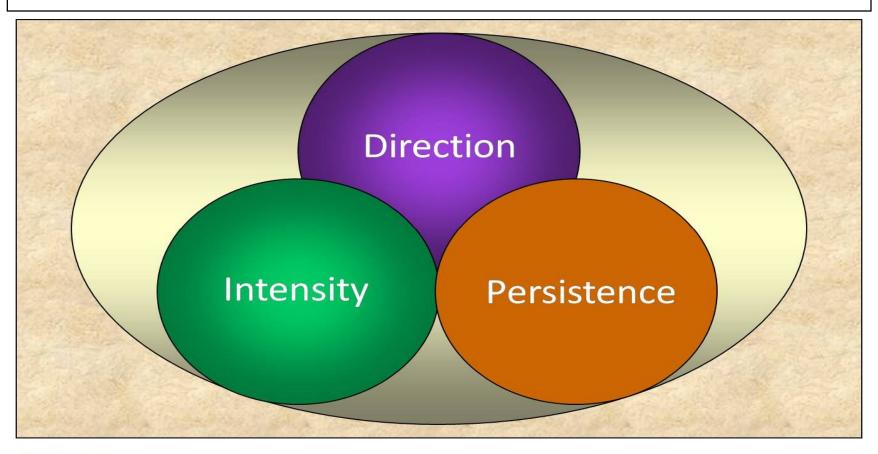
#### **Key Elements**

- 1. Intensity: how hard a person tries
- 2. Direction: toward beneficial goal
- 3. Persistence: how long a person tries



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## What Is Motivation?





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# Hierarchy of Needs Theory (Maslow)

#### **Hierarchy of Needs Theory**

There is a hierarchy of five needs—physiological, safety, social, esteem, and self-actualization; as each need is substantially satisfied, the next need becomes dominant.

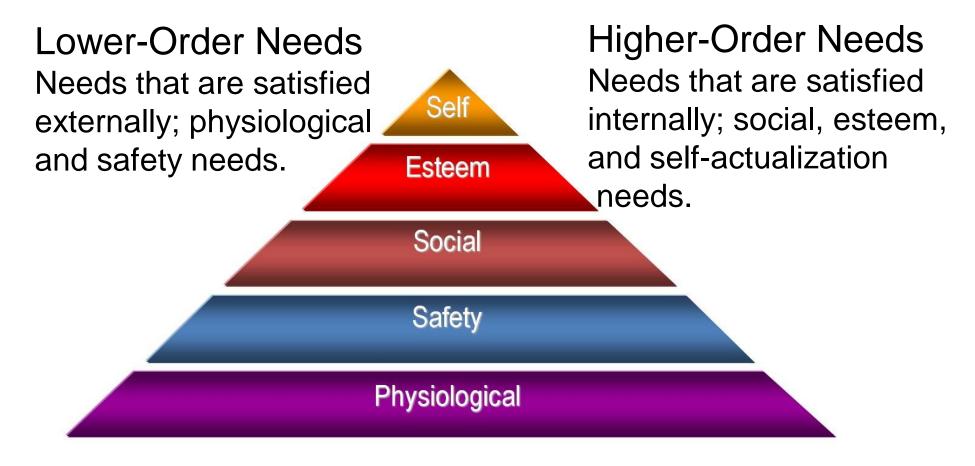
#### **Self-Actualization**

The drive to become what one is capable of becoming.



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## Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs





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## Assumptions of Maslow's Hierarchy

Movement up the Pyramid

•Individuals cannot move to the next higher level until all needs at the current (lower) level are satisfied.

Individuals therefore must move up the hierarchy in

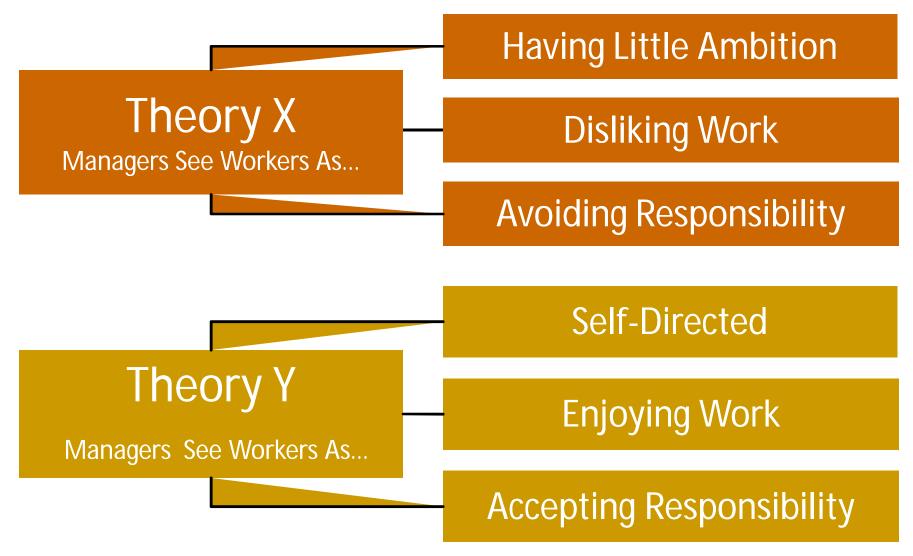
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**Maslow Application:** 

A homeless person will not be motivated to meditate!



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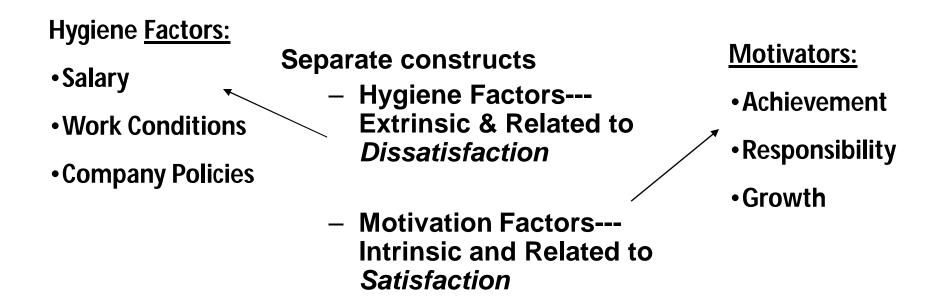




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## Herzberg's Two-Factor Theory

Bottom Line: Satisfaction and Dissatisfaction are not Opposite Ends of the Same Thing!





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#### Contrasting Views of Satisfaction and Dissatisfaction

Traditional view	
Satisfaction	Dissatisfaction
Herzberg's view	
Motivators	
Satisfaction	No satisfaction
Hygiene factors	
No dissatisfaction	Dissatisfaction



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The two-factor theory has not been well supported in the literature, and it has many detractors. The criticisms of the theory include the following:

- 1). The procedure that Herzberg used is limited by its methodology. When things are going well, people tend to take credit themselves. Contrarily, they blame failure on the extrinsic environment.
- 2). The reliability of Herzberg's methodology is questioned. Raters have to make interpretations, so they may contaminate the findings by interpreting one response in one manner while treating a similar response differently.



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- 3). No overall measure of satisfaction as utilized. A person may dislike part of a job yet still think the job is acceptable overall.
- 4). The theory is inconsistent with research. The two-factor theory ignores situational variable.
- 5). Herzberg assumed a relationship between satisfaction and productivity, but the research methodology he used looked only at satisfaction not at productivity. To make such research relevant, one must assume a strong relationship between satisfaction and productivity.



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## David McClelland's Theory of Needs

#### **Need for Achievement**

The drive to excel, to achieve in relation to a set of standards, to strive to succeed.

#### **Need for Affiliation**

The desire for friendly and close personal relationships.

#### **Need for Power**

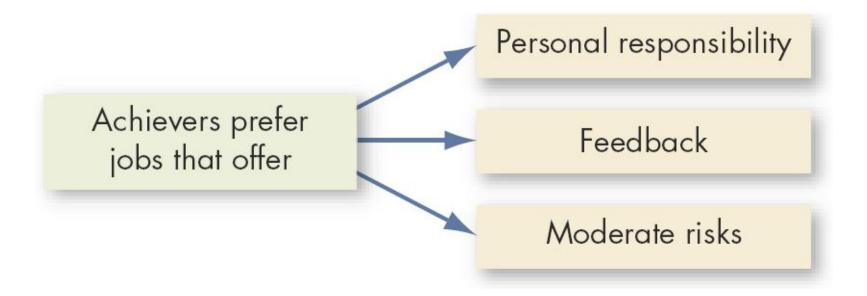
The need to make others behave in a way that they would not have behaved otherwise.

Bottom Line: Individuals have different levels of needs in each of these areas, and those levels will drive their behavior



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## Matching High Achievers and Jobs





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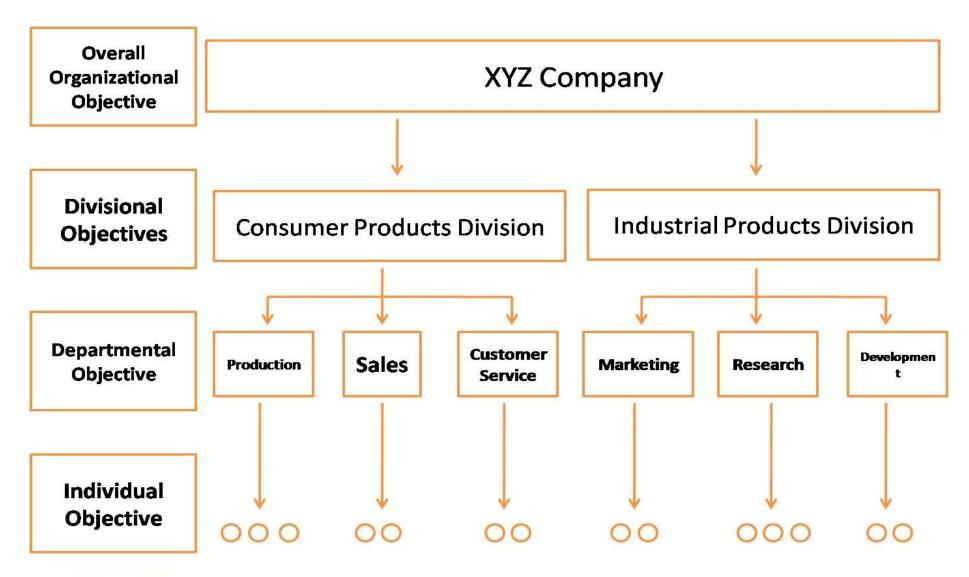
# Goal Setting in Action: MBO Programs

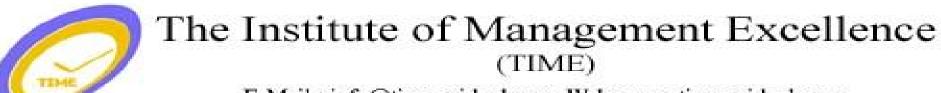
#### Management By Objectives Programs

- Company wide goals & objectives
- Goals aligned at all levels
- Based on Goal Setting Theory



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## Self-Efficacy Theory

- Self-Efficacy (also known as "social cognitive theory" or "social learning theory") refers to an individual's belief that he or she is capable of performing a task. The higher your self-efficacy are more likely to lessen their effort or give up altogether while those with high self-efficacy will try harder to master the challenge.
- Goal-setting theory and self efficacy theory don't compete with one another: rather, they complement each other.



### What is MBO?

- Management by Objectives (MBO)
- A program that encompasses specific goals, participatively set, for an explicit time period, with feedback on goal progress.

#### **Key Elements**

- 1. Goal specificity
- 2. Participative decision making
- 3. An explicit time period
- 4. Performance feedback



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## Reinforcement theory

- It is considered a motivation theory as well as a learning theory.
- Reinforcement theory posits that motivated behavior occurs as a result of reinforces, which are outcomes resulting from the behavior that makes it more likely the behavior will occur again.
- This theory suggests that it is not necessary to study needs or cognitive processes to understand motivation, but that it is only necessary to examine the consequences of behavior.



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## Motivation Techniques

- Corporate Culture and Motivation
- Managing One-to-One

Operating under the premise that no two workers are alike, companies that are practicing one-to-one management are figuring out what makes each of their employees tick. And that, the employees say, makes all the difference.



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# Things One should know in Motivation

- 1. Demonstrate enthusiasm
- 2. Interface with your employees
- 3. Celebrate accomplishments
- 4. Offer incentives
- 5. Treat your employees with kindness
- 6. Listen



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# Motivating People through Job Design and Goal Setting

- Job Design
- Quality of Work Life and Socio-technical Design
- Goal Setting



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# Learning: Processes, Reward System, and Behavioral Management

- The Theoretical Processes of Learning
- Principles of Learning: Reinforcement and Punishment
- Organizational Reward Systems
- Behavioral Management



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