4Cs Employee Opinion Comprehensive Analysis Report

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This sample is a <u>condensed</u> version showing selections from an actual 4Cs Comprehensive Employee Survey Analysis report. It also includes "call-out" balloons explaining the main features of these reports.





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Background and Methodology

All 4Cs reports start with a brief orientation to the report, including the participation rate and the industry norms used.

This report presents the results of an organization-wide climate survey conducted on behalf of ABC, Inc. ABC commissioned Insightlink Communications to conduct an employee survey in order to gauge employees' satisfaction on a number of issues, with a particular emphasis on determining the overall climate of the organization, assessing which factors are contributing to employee satisfaction and which are detracting from their satisfaction.

To collect the information contained in this report, 2,400 ABC employees were invited to participate through the Insightlink online survey system and a total of 2,100 employees completed the survey, which represents a participation rate of 88%.

All Insightlink reports are structured on the basis of our "4Cs" model of Employee Satisfaction, which categorizes most survey results into one of four factors that influence and sustain employee involvement. These four factors are: Culture, Commitment, Communications and Compensation.

Key benchmark norms have been included in this report to give context for ABC's performance against a norm for all U.S. employees and against a representative norm for the [RELEVANT] industry.

These benchmark norms are derived from an independent Insightlink study conducted annually among employees in the U.S. This study is based on representative samples of employees that is rigorously designed to match the most recent U.S. Census demographics and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics industry distribution.





Each Employee Survey Analysis report begins with an Executive Summary that highlights the key themes in a narrative format and lists distinct areas of opportunity.

The ABC work environment is one in which some key strengths are counterbalanced by areas that are in definite need of improvement. With 54% of employees either extremely or very satisfied with their jobs, overall job satisfaction is near the benchmark levels for U.S. employees as a whole and the applicable industry. However, this result is significantly below Insightlink's recommended minimum target of 65%, at which point organizations really start to see the benefit of having an engaged and committed workforce.

It is clear that job satisfaction at ABC is being driven by a combination of some very positive and very negative ratings on specific items. In many cases, both the high and low scores can be traced to the same sources – the company's presence in a new and growing industry and its business model, which includes hiring, managing and coordinating staff in far flung locations.

The positive side of ABC's work environment are apparent in the optimism that employees have about its future (75% extremely/very optimistic) and the future of the industry (81%). Their optimism about the future of the company is matched by a sense that they will have long futures with the company. Even though most are relatively new to the organization, more than half (55%) believe they will be with ABC at least 5 years and a substantial number envision 15 or more years with the company.

Employees are also quite positive about ABC's leadership and the company's overall direction. More than two-thirds (68%) feel they have seen the organization make progress in the past 12 months, a response much more positive than the U.S. and industry benchmark levels. Similarly, employees have more positive perceptions of every level of management – immediate supervisors, the Senior Management Team and the Executive Leadership Team – than the norms.

Less satisfying aspects include decision-making processes that some view as either overly ponderous or under-inclusive – not including the right people/voices at the right stages of the process. This theme appears both in the numerical scores and in the written comments, with employees feeling that their input is not sought or not welcomed, even in cases where the decisions will affect them or where their knowledge would be most relevant.





Areas of Opportunities—Culture: Leadership

Executive Leadership Team

The narrative summary is then followed by specific recommendations and suggestions within each of the 4Cs: Commitment, Culture, Communications and Compensation.

- Be more accessible and visible to employees at all locations and levels within the organization.
- Consider greater use of technology to increase visibility and to communicate effectively with far flung employees.

Senior Management Team

- Be more accessible and visible to employees at all locations and levels within the organization.
- Consider greater use of technology to increase visibility and to communicate effectively with employees.
- Where needed, develop greater "hands-on" knowledge of the work done by staff.
- Be proactive about soliciting, listening to and responding to employee feedback and suggestions.
- Make sure there is a clear and open two-way path for communications.

Immediate Supervisors

- Provide regular performance reviews to all employees.
- Provide regular feedback and praise for work well done.
- Make sure all performances reviews include meaningful coaching and training and development plans.
- Ensure all company policies are applied in a fair and just manner and that employees are treated with respect and dignity.





Our 4Cs Employee Survey analysis usually begins with overall satisfaction, since this becomes the basis for all further analysis.

With just over half extremely or very satisfied (54%), job satisfaction at ABC is just below the industry and U.S. norms and well below the recommended target level of 65%. The gap appears to come from a sizable proportion of employees feeling only somewhat satisfied with their jobs rather than a high group of seriously dissatisfied employees.



Overall Job Satisfaction (Year-over-Year Comparison)

This year, two-in-three ABC employees (65%) are either extremely or very satisfied with their jobs. This is a notable improvement over 2018 and reaches the threshold for Insightlink's recommended minimum target. This is the point at which organizations really begin to experience the benefits that come from having a satisfied and committed workforce. Although overall satisfaction has improved, the proportion who are extremely satisfied is fairly small (9%) and increasing this proportion should be a focus of improvement.





Examples of verbatim comments from employees are used to illustrate the report findings.

Employees' comments about the most satisfying aspects of working at ABC focus on flexible work schedules, autonomy, contact with colleagues and members, and the company's innovation and growth potential.

"It is a pleasure to work with the people here and I find that they are always there to answer questions and help out. I like not being in a typical job with all the constraints with a fair amount of independence that field work gives me."

"I find the autonomy and flexibility given to us is very satisfying. I find that the training is also very good which helps us do our jobs well. I love the people in all the departments and how well they do their jobs and how they help us get our job done well."

"I am able to utilize the knowledge and interpersonal skills I have learned and acquired over the years in a somewhat independent work setting, with the realization that the company I work for recognizes these qualities and promotes them in a way that together we can get the job done in an efficient and effective manner."

"I find that the people I work with satisfying because I work with a great group of people who take their work serious and act efficient in that manner as well as the types of services and work that we do that contributes to the bigger picture. It's very gratifying that we're helping our clients and their customers out."

"The most satisfying part about working with ABC is having the opportunity to speak with members with whom you can make a difference in their lives with just a simple phone call."

"Working in an innovative company."





Satisfied Opportunists:Extremely/very satisfied and plan to stay less than 2 yearsChange Seekers:Somewhat/not very/not at all satisfied and plan to stay less than 2 yearsDissatisfied Compromisers:Somewhat/not very/not at all satisfied and plan to stay 2 or more years

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Employee engagement can best be summarized as a dynamic partnership in which employees bond with their organization and with one another through shared understanding and common purpose. Engagement is a state in which employees are fully involved in their job roles – physically, cognitively, and emotionally.

In a highly engaged workplace, employees understand and agree with the company's strategic goals, are clear about how their work fits into making those goals a reality, are motivated to go beyond narrow job definitions to meet those goals and are confident that their efforts will be recognized and rewarded by their peers, managers and the organization as a whole. By combining these multiple components into a single Employee Engagement Index, an organization can both assess its current level of engagement and then track its success at improving that level.

ABC's employee engagement is at 70, which is on par with the average level of engagement among employees in the U.S. (70). Taking action on the issues identified by ABC employees will help drive this Engagement Index higher.



Insightlink's Engagement Index is a straightforward single-number score that reflects an organization's success at engaging their workforce. The benefits of increasing the Engagement Index include improved morale and job satisfaction, enhanced productivity, greater competitiveness and higher revenues, as well as decreased employee stress, less absenteeism, reduced turnover and fewer costs related to turnover.





Top Drivers of Job Satisfaction

A correlation analysis reveals which aspects of ABC's work environment tend to drive overall employee satisfaction. Changes in these areas have the greatest potential to alter overall satisfaction:

- 1. Feeling that employees embrace the stated values
- 2. Having well defined job requirements and responsibilities
- 3. Having the tools, equipment and resources to do your job
- 4. Having enjoyable work
- 5. Feeling employees are treated better at ABC than at other employers
- 6. Feeling that ABC fulfills its stated vision
- 7. Feeling that employees and the work they do are respected
- 8. Believing there is an appropriate level of reward and recognition
- 9. Satisfaction with the overall effectiveness of communications
- 10. Feeling there are adequate training and development opportunities
- 11. Being able to make suggestions
- 12. Feeling the overall culture and work environment are good
- 13. Having a satisfactory work schedule
- 14. Having the opportunity to learn new skills and grow

The Motivations & Drivers Analysis is divided into two parts: (1) those elements that are most highly correlated with job satisfaction, as shown here, and (2) the organization's performance on each element, as shown on the following page.





The Driver Analysis points to the primary opportunities for improvement, represented by those factors classified as "Weaknesses."

Classification of those drivers:

EQUITIES

(High contribution and high performance)

Having enjoyable work

Having the tools, equipment and resources to do your job

Work is respected

ABC fulfills its stated vision

Overall culture and work environment

OPPORTUNITIES

(High contribution and moderate performance)

Well defined job requirements

Training and development opportunities

Opportunity to learn new skills and grow

Embracing the stated values

Being able to make suggestions

WEAKNESSES

(High contribution and low performance)

Good overall communications

Satisfactory work schedules

Employees treated better than elsewhere

Pay/compensation

Level of reward and recognition

Taking action on the factors classified as weaknesses will have the most positive impact on job satisfaction moving forward.





Framework for 4Cs Comprehensive Employee Survey Reporting

In addition to overall satisfaction, each Insightlink 4Cs report includes a summary of your organization's:

- 1. Culture (sample on pages 13-17)
- 2. Commitment
- 3. Communications
- 4. Compensation





Each topic within Culture is analyzed individually, such as the Workload example shown here.

Workloads at ABC appear to be reasonably comfortable for most employees. Only 21% have more work than they can finish, a number somewhat below the U.S. and industry benchmarks.



41. Which of the following statements best describes your workload at ABC?



Separate sections (such as pages 14-15) addressing specific topics are included throughout the report.

ABC employees continue to have more positive perceptions of their senior leaders than their industry peers do in many respects. Frequently, these perceptions have also improved compared to 2018.

More than eight-in-ten employees feel that senior leaders understand the importance of work-life balance (81%, up 20 points) and effectively manage ABC for profitability and growth (81%).

Three-in-four employees (75%) feel that their senior leaders promote strong customer relations.

At least six-in-ten ABC employees believe that senior leaders conduct business openly and honestly (67%), are accessible to employees (64%, up 13 points), have a clear vision for the future (62%), and treat employees with respect and dignity (60%, up 7 points).

A majority of employees (58%, up 5 points) believe that their senior leaders support the necessary investment in new products and services.

Finally, at least three-in-ten employees feel that their senior leaders care about what is on their minds (39%, up 9 points), encourage opportunities for career growth (38%), clearly recognize excellent performance (34%, up 5 points), and have established a clear succession plan for senior personnel (30%, up 6 points). Encouraging career growth and succession plan development are the only two areas in which ABC trails industry peers.





Perceptions of Senior Leadership

The results of "grid" questions with multiple statements include the full % distribution for each item plus "top two box" summaries.

Benchmark

*							2019	2018	IND. NORM	US NORM
Understanding the need for employees to balance their personal/family responsibilities with their work		49%		32%	109	% 10%	81% 🛉	61%	44%	41%
Managing the organization for profitability and growth		48%		33%	11	% 8%	81% 🕇	78%	55%	46%
Promoting strong customer/client relations	38	%	37	%	11%	14%	75%	72%	57%	49%
Conducting business in an open and honest manner	38	3%	29%)	18% 8	9% 6%	67%	68%	54%	45%
Being accessible to employees	33%		31%	169	6 19	% 2%	64%	51%	36%	38%
Treating employees with respect and dignity	28%		32%	209	6 15	% 5%	60%	53%	50%	43%
Having a clear vision of the organization's future	27%		35%	13%	6 1 <mark>7%</mark>	8%	62%	60%	55%	45%
Supporting the necessary investment in new product/service development	26%		32%	15%	15%	13%	58%	53%	48%	42%
Encouraging opportunities for career growth among employees	17%	21%	32%)	19%	11%	38% 🛔	40%	44%	35%
Caring about what is on employees' minds	14%	25%	25%		25%	10%	39%	30%	36%	31%
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8. In your judgment, how good a job is Senior Leadership doing in each of the following aspects of the organization?



This summary focuses on the largest gaps between what is important to employees and how they rate your organization.

Nine-in-ten employees agree that the culture at ABC is one where employees are treated with respect by their peers (97% agreement), they are able to find a satisfactory balance between personal/family obligations and career responsibilities and the organization has established a culture that communicates high integrity and ethical values. ABC employees have identified being treated by respect by their peers as a key motivator, so this element of the culture should be supported and encouraged.

However, a number of significant gaps have been identified between what employees believe are important elements of an organization's culture and the extent to which these elements are present in their current work environment at ABC. These factors are consistent with the concerns raised by employees in their written comments, so these gaps represent the issues most in need of attention. The top five importance/performance gaps are the same as identified in 2019 and are as follows:

- Employee loyalty is both valued and rewarded at this organization (97% vs. 47%, a 50-percentage point gap*),
- Conflicts are resolved effectively (97% vs. 49%, a 48-percentage point gap*),
- Corrective actions are taken when employees do not meet performance standards (93% vs. 47%, a 46percentage point gap*),
- All employees are accountable for their conduct (99% vs. 55%, a 44-percentage point gap*), and
- Employees at this organization trust and respect each other (97% vs. 54%, a 43-percentage point gap*).

Other significant gaps appear in terms of the level of employee morale and agreement that the organizational culture communicates high integrity and ethical values.

The first number represents the percentage of employees who believe the statement is "extremely important" or "very important." The second number represents the percentage of employees who "agree strongly" or "agree somewhat" to the statement. The gap is the differences between these two percentages.





Culture Evaluator - Importance vs. Performance -

The gaps are displayed graphically, with colorcoded representations of Normal, Major and Critical gaps depending on their size.



There is a good sense of morale among the people you work with All employees are accountable for their conduct and performance Employee loyalty is both valued and rewarded at this organization This organization has established a culture that communicates high integrity and ethical values Employees at this organization trust and respect each other Conflicts at this organization are resolved effectively You are able to find a satisfactory balance between personal/family obligations and career responsibilities at this organization Corrective actions are taken when employees do not meet performance standards

Scores above show the percentage who feel the topic is **Extremely/Very Important** along with the percentage who **Agree Strongly/Agree Somewhat** that the organization is performing well on that topic. The gap is the **difference** between these scores.

34 - 37. Please rate how important each of the following statements is to you.

39 - 42. Please rate ABC's performance by agreeing or disagreeing with each of the following statements.



Each report ends with suggested next steps. Our analysis and recommendations, along with the Insightlink 4Cs Workbook, will help you develop a meaningful and effective action plan.

- Share employee survey results with senior management and key stakeholders.
- Thank employees for participating in the survey and, if appropriate, share key highlights to acknowledge employee participation.
- Identify three to five key critical issues to work on to improve employees' work experience and the overall business process.
- Identify key personnel to work on critical issues and hold them accountable.
- Design an action plan, including key dates for implementation, milestones and metrics of success.
- Share the action plan with all employees.
- Review action plans regularly to ensure on-time completion.
- Conduct regular communications about the progress of action plans to keep employees informed and energized.
- Celebrate success when milestones are reached.
- Assess employees' perceptions of the improvements made after employees have had a chance to experience the changes.
- Measure metrics of success to identify impact and return on investment of action plans.





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Our clients consistently tell us that by using this report they can really <u>see</u> their organization through the eyes of their employees. That's our goal. To help you get a clear vision of both the positive and the negative and provide you with the tools to help you move your organization in the right direction.

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