

MS(HR) 552- Organizational Culture

Lecture 17



Recap from last lecture

In the last lecture, we discussed:

- Environment and internal disruptions
- Systematic and Revolutionary
- New organizing paradigm
- Driven by senior executives and line management

Topics to be covered today:

- Major elements of Organizational Culture
- Diagnosing Organizational culture
- ➤ Behavioral approach
- ➤ Competing values approach
- ➤ Deep Assumptions approach

Organization Culture

Four major elements:

1. Artifacts

- Highest levels of cultural manifestation
- Observable behaviour of members
- Structures, systems, procedures, rules

2. Norms

- How members should behave in a particular situation
- Unwritten rules of behaviour

3. Values

- What ought to be in organizations
- What is important and what deserves attention

4. Basic assumptions

- Taken for granted assumptions
- How organizational problems should be solved
- Human nature, human activity and human relationships

Diagnosing organizational culture

1. Behavioral approach

- The pattern of behaviors that produce results
- This approach provides specific descriptions about how tasks are performed
- It can be used to assess the cultural risk of trying to implement organizational changes needed to support a new strategy

Diagnosing organizational culture

2. Competing values approach

- Organizational culture can be understood in terms of two important value pairs:
- I. Internal focus and integration versus external focus and differentiation
- II. Flexibility and discretion versus stability and control

Diagnosing organizational culture

3. Deep Assumptions Approach

- Shared assumptions that guide member behavior and that have a powerful impact on organizational effectiveness
- People generally take cultural assumptions for granted and rarely speak of them directly
- Some values and beliefs that people espouse have little to do with the ones they really hold and follow.
- Large, diverse organizations are likely to have several subcultures.

Summary

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Thank you

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