**The Importance of Diversity in the Workplace**

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Diversity in the workplace refers to hiring practices that increase the chances of an organization having employees from different demographic groups. In addition to considering the skills and abilities of potential employees, organizations that aim to be diverse will consider aspects of potential hires such as their backgrounds, culture, and other demographic characteristics when making a hiring decision. Key considerations made include aspects of an employee such as their race and ethnicity, gender, age, disability, socioeconomic background, and other personal features that are unlikely to be considered when hiring. Diversity is believed to be an effective strategy that organizations can use to improve the creativity and innovativeness of their employees as well as grow their brand value. This paper analyzes the value of diversity to organizations and strategies they can use to successfully implement it in their operations.

A key advantage of having a diverse workplace is the improvement of the creativity and innovativeness of employees. When employees from diverse backgrounds are included in an organization’s workforce, employee engagement is likely to improve, which leads to higher rates of job satisfaction among employees (Raewf & Mahmood, 2021). This encourages employees to be more creative and innovative in their work, as they will have the freedom to make meaningful contributions to the organization as part of their role. Employees from different demographic groups are also likely to have different perspectives on key aspects of their work. This enriches the overall creativity of the organization.

The job satisfaction that results from having a diverse workforce also makes it easier for an organization to retain staff. While an effective hiring strategy can enable an organization to hire the right staff for its different roles, retaining them for the long term will depend on the work environment. A supportive work environment that allows employees to be creative in their roles will encourage staff to remain with the organization (Roberson, 2019). The costs associated with a high staff turnover can, as a result, be eliminated. When employees view their organization favorably, it also makes it easier to hire talented staff who will be sure they can thrive in the organization. A diverse workforce therefore generally brings the best out of employees, which leads to improved creativity for the organization as a whole.

Diversity in the workplace also leads to improved decision making and strategy formulation, which in the long term contributes to the growth of the organization. A diverse workforce is likely to consider the operations of an organization from a wider perspective that covers different aspects of its operations (Urbancova et al., 2016). This can lead to the creation of a strategy that considers the interests of all stakeholders the organization is likely to interact with. More informed decisions can as a result be made in operations, which translates to better performance in the long term. A less diverse workforce on the other hand, will consider the operations of the organization from a narrower perspective, which may leave out the interests of certain stakeholders. Diversity therefore contributes to the formulation of a more detailed strategy that considers the interests of all key stakeholders that are impacted by an organization’s operations.

An organization is also better able to understand its market if it has a diverse workforce. For an organization to successfully market its products as well as understand the needs of its customers, it needs detailed market research that provides insights on the needs of customers and how they may perceive different aspects of a company’s products. A diverse workforce can act as a source of information on these issues, which makes it easier for an organization to identify the best way of marketing its products to consumers in its target market (Mateescu, 2017). A firm can also find it easier to relate with certain market segments if it has employees from those segments in its workforce. Diversity therefore helps organizations better understand their markets and deliver products that provide the best value to consumers.

The workforce of an organization also determines how it is perceived by its different stakeholders. An organization that has a highly diverse workforce that represents the different demographic groups present in its market is more likely to have a favorable reputation that can allow it to grow (Mousa et al., 2020). Communities around the organization are highly likely to perceive it favorably, which makes it easier to market its operations. In addition, the firm will also be able to comply with legal provisions relating to diversity. Most governments usually have rules in place that are meant to promote diversity in employment. Some rules may forbid any form of workplace discrimination, while others may provide an incentive to firms to hire people from disadvantaged groups. By having a diverse workforce, a firm will be in compliance with these regulations. Diversity therefore generally fosters good relations between a firm and its different stakeholders, which in the long run translates to a growth in brand value.

Diversity is also linked to improvements in the overall financial performance of firms that implement it. A diverse workforce is bound to be more creative and innovative, which in the long term translates to improvements in overall performance (Hunt et al., 2015). The gains made in terms of strategy formulation as well as employee motivation lead to gradual improvements in overall profitability. Firms that have a diverse workforce will therefore be more profitable in the long term. Firms that are less diverse, on the other hand, will not experience the creativity that comes with a diverse workforce and will therefore not gain the associated competitive advantages. Diversity is therefore a source of sustainable competitive advantage that can aid a firm to grow its overall profitability in the long term.

Google is an example of an organization that has been able to successfully implement a diversity policy in its hiring strategy, making its workforce among the most diverse globally. In addition to merit, the company also considers the personal features of a prospective employee that can make them unique in its workforce. The work culture of the company also supports diversity by encouraging employees to use their knowledge and experiences within the work environment (Bowman, 2018). The diversity policy used by the organization has been highly effective in making it one of the most creative and innovative organizations in the world. The company has a reputation for being highly innovative, which has over time become a major source of competitive advantage that enables it to stand out from the competition. The company has also gained the reputation of being an equal opportunity employer that hires staff from all demographic groups. It has, as a result, been ranked as one of the most valuable employers globally, which makes it easier to attract and retain top talent.

Diversity therefore creates sustainable competitive advantages for businesses that are able to implement it successfully. A diverse workforce will be more creative and innovative as employees will bring in different perspectives on key issues, leading to the formulation of more informed strategies. Employees from different walks of life also bring knowledge about their communities, which can make it easier for an organization to identify the most effective way of marketing its products and services (Gordon, 2018). Employees will also be better motivated by a diverse workforce, which reduces turnover and makes it easier for the organization to attract talented employees. In addition, the organization will also relate better to the communities it serves. Diversity is therefore an effective strategic tool that organizations can use to grow their operations.

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To John Smith  
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Dear Mr Smith,

Diversity is of critical importance to modern-day organizations due to the impact it can have on performance as well as the brand value of the organization. Organizations that are more diverse tend to be more creative and innovative, which in the long term contributes to improved productivity and higher profits.

Employees who are part of a diverse workforce will also be better motivated, which also contributes to high productivity and reduces staff turnover. The brand value of the organization is also improved as it is viewed as an equal opportunity employer that caters for the needs of its different stakeholders. Diversity also promotes good corporate citizenship, where a company aims to play a critical role in empowering people in the communities it serves. It is therefore important for an organization looking to grow its operations to put in place strategies that can make its workforce more diverse.

Diversity can be achieved through the adoption of hiring practices that not only consider the skills and abilities of a candidate but also personal features that can aid in making the workforce more diverse. Most organizations that have been able to successfully implement diversity in their operations usually set targets for the number of employees that are to be hired from specific demographic groups. This ensures that almost all the targeted demographic groups are hired. In addition to hiring, an organization can also make its workforce more diverse by creating a work environment that supports diversity. This includes a culture that accommodates staff from different backgrounds, as well as a work environment that encourages staff to share knowledge and information that can improve one or more aspects of their work. This empowers employees to rely on their background as a knowledge base they can use in their work.

It is therefore important for the organization to identify and implement effective strategies that can make the workforce more diverse in the future.

 Sincerely,

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