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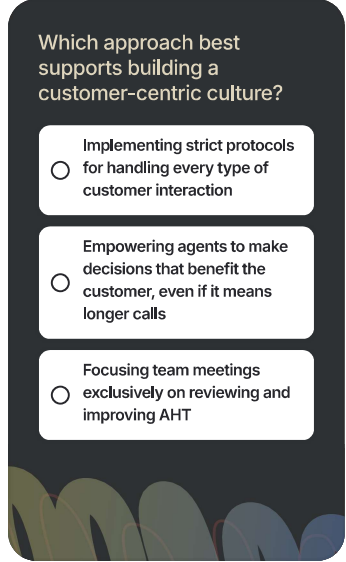
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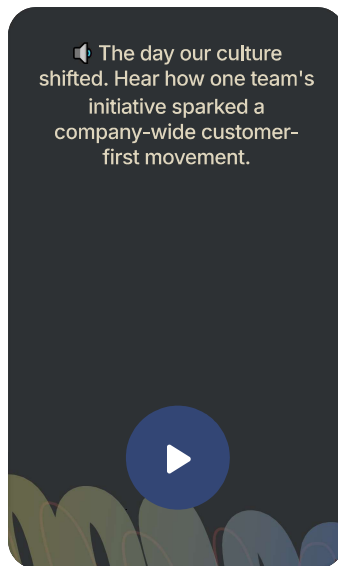
Pillars of Customer-Centric Culture

- Shared customer-first vision
- Empowered decision-making
- Continuous learning and adaptation
- Celebration of customer impact
- Cross-functional collaboration

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OPTION 2 (CORRECT ANSWER)

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OPTION 3

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COMMENT

Empowering agents to prioritize customer needs fosters a culture of genuine customer-centricity and problem-solving.

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Culture isn't made in mission statements. It's built in daily choices. Make 'customer first' the easiest choice for your team, and watch your culture transform.

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Role-play

I'm trying to shift our culture, but I'm getting pushback from long-time employees who say, 'This is just another phase.' How do I convince them this change is here to stay?

That's a common challenge. Try this: Involve these veterans in creating the new culture. Ask them to mentor newer agents in customer-centric approaches. Share customer feedback directly with them. When they see real impact and feel valued in the process, they often become your biggest advocates.

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Strategies for Cultural Transformation

1. Lead by example - prioritize customers in your actions
2. Share customer stories in all meetings
3. Align rewards with customer-centric behaviors
4. Create spaces for sharing best practices
5. Involve team in shaping new processes

What's the biggest obstacle to creating a customer-centric culture in your call center?

- ⭕ **Resistance from team members accustomed to old metrics**

- ⭕ **Lack of buy-in from upper management**

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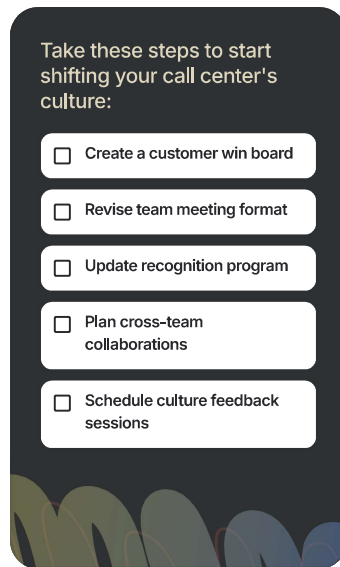
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Excellent work! You're laying the groundwork for lasting cultural change. Keep the momentum going! 👍

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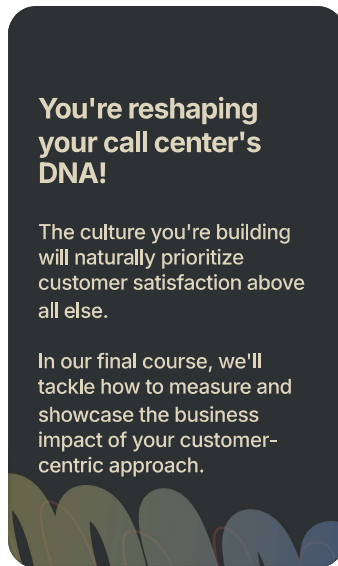
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