### LEADING AN INTERGENERATIONAL WORKFORCE

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# But first, a quiz

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#### A DEMOGRAPHIC PRIMER

### The South has Risen

Years	US Absolute population change	South's Absolute population change	South's share of change
1950-1970	51,886,128	15,598,455	30%
1970-1990	45,797,947	22,650,563	50%
1990-2010	60,035,665	29,104,814	49%

# Population Change by Region, 2000-2010

Region	2010 Population	Absolute Population Change	Percent Population Change
US	309,050,816	26,884,972	9.5%
Northeast	55,417,311	26,884,972	3.3%
Midwest	66,972,887	2,480,998	3.0%
South	114,555,744	14,318,924	14.3%
West	72,256,183	8,774,852	13.8%

# Population Change by Region, 2010-2015

Region	2015 Population	Absolute Population Change	Percent Population Change
US	321,418,820	12,071,957	3.9%
Northeast	56,283,891	886,717	1.6%
Midwest	67,907,403	929,898	1.4%
South	121,182,847	6,319,989	5.5%
West	76,044,679	3,925,353	5.4%

# State Share of South's Net Growth, 2000-2010

Region/State	Absolute Change	State's Share
The South	14,318,924	100.0%
Texas	4,293,741	30.0%
Florida	2,818,932	19.7%
Georgia	1,501,200	10.5%
North Carolina	1,486,170	10.4%
Other Southern states	4,218,881	29.4%

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The South	6,319,989	100.0%
Texas	2,244,751	35.5%
Florida	1,421,382	22.5%
Georgia	501,406	7.9%
North Carolina	483,823	7.7%
Virginia	357,206	5.7%
Other Southern states	1,311,421	20.7%

#### US Population Change by Race & Ethnicity, 2000-2010

Race Total Non-Hispanic White Black Al/AN Asian NH/Pl 2 or more races Hispanic 2010 Population 308,745,538 258,267,944 196,817,552 37,685,848 2,247,098 14,465,124 481,576 5,966,481 Absolute Change 2000-2010 27,323,632 12,151,856 2,264,778 3,738,011 178,215 4,341,955 128,067 1,364,335 15,171,776

Percent Change 2000-2010 9.7% 4.9% 1.2% 11.0% 42<u>.9%</u> 36.2% 29.6% 43.0%

#### Florida Population Change by Race & Ethnicity, 2000-2010

Absolute

Percent

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	2010	Change	Change
Race	Population	2000-2010	2000-2010
Total	18,801,310	2,818,932	17.6%
Non-Hispanic	14,577,504	1,277,841	9.6%
White	10,884,722	426,213	4.1%
Black	2,851,100	586,832	25.9%
AI/AN	47,265	4,907	11.6%
Asian	445,216	183,523	75.1%
NH/PI	9,725	2,838	41.2%
Some other races	48,462	19,468	67.1%
2 or more races	291,014	54,060	22.8%
Hispanic	4,223,806	1,541,091	57.4%

### **OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS**

### The "Graying" of America

- Boomers are aging
- Fertility rates are declining
- We're living longer
- We're working longer

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- By 2020, baby-boomers are in their pre- and early-retirement ages (55-64)
- From 1990 to 2020, the population age 65-74 will grow 74%

### The "Graying" of America

#### Boomers are aging

- The segment under age 65 will only increase by 24% in the same period
- More older Americans are working 5.9% of American's ages 65 & older work (May 2016)
- In 2008, only 3.1% of American's age 65 & older worked

The "Graying" of America Fertility rates are declining Children ever born per 1,000 women aged 40-44 1976 - 3.11988 - 2.22000 - 1.92012 - 2.0

The "Graying" of America We're living longer Life expectancy at birth 1960 - 69.7 1970 - 70.8 1980 - 73.7 1990 - 75.42000 - 77.02010 - 78.7

#### **Generations in the Workplace**



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Millennials: Came of age 1998-2013

#### **Factors Influencing Each Generation**

- Parenting styles
- Technology
- Economics

- World events
- Popular culture
- Politics

### **Traditionalists**

# Events that shaped their life and behaviors



### **Tendencies and Significant Values**

- Security
- The known/familiar
- Conservative
- Compulsive savers
- Patriotic
- Work before pleasure
- Respect for authority
- Moral obligation
- Sense of deferment



## Events that shaped their life and behaviors



#### **Tendencies and Significant Values**

- Lack of trust in government
- Less optimistic
- Economic struggles (oil-embargo)
- Narcissism
- Focus on self-help
- Skeptical about media and institutions
- Employment challenges

## Gen X

- The "middle child" of generations
- Briefly held the place as the dominant group in the US labor force
- Not expected to outnumber Boomers until 2028 (total population)



# Events that shaped their life and behaviors



#### **Tendencies and Significant Values**

- The "lost" generation
- First generation of "latchkey" kids
  - High level of daycare and divorce *impacting* their own parenting skills
- Low civic engagement
- High levels of skepticism
- Best educated (29% with a bachelor's degree)

## Millennials

... surpassed Boomers as America's largest generation!

• 75.4 million Millennials\* (age 19-35)

• 74.9 Boomers\* (age 52-70)

\*As of April 2016

## Millennials

... surpassed Boomers and Gen X'ers as America's largest work force!

- One in three workers is a Millennial
- 54 million Millennials in the workforce
- US immigration growth is driven by Millennials. (Half of newly arrived immigrant workers are Millennials)

### Millennials

AKA Generation Y / Echo Boomers

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#### **Tendencies and Significant Values**

- Multitaskers
- Sophisticated technology users
- Immune to traditional marketing
- Not brand loyal
- Racially and ethnically diverse
- Very involved with family decisions
  - Planned family vacations/new car purchases

#### **Tendencies and Significant Values**

- They value experiences more than accumulating things
- Less affiliated with political & religious institutions
- They're single (26% are married, compared to 36% Gen X, 48% of boomers and 65% of silent gen
- They're back with their parents
  - Adults age 18 to 34 were slightly more likely to live in their parents<sup>2</sup>/ home than they were to be living with a spouse or partner in their own household

## IMPACT ON THE WORKPLACE



#### Traditionalists/early Boomer's at Work

- High respect for authority
- Hard work
- Sacrifice
- Duty before fun
- Work is an obligation
- Communication style: formal,
- one-on-one, memo



#### Traditionalists/early Boomer's at Work

- Leadership style: Issues directives
- Interactive style: Individual
- Feedback: minimal feedback expected Reward: satisfaction in a job well done
- Motivating messages: Your experience is respected
- Work & family balance: They don't meet!

#### **Boomers at Work**

- Workaholics
- Be efficient
- Personal fulfillment
- Desire quality
- Communication style: In person
- Question authority (later Boomer's)



#### **Boomers at Work**

- Leadership style: Consensual & Collegial
- Interactive style: Team player loves meetings!
- Feedback: Satisfaction in a job well done
- Reward: Show me the Money! Titles.
- Motivating messages: You are valued and needed!
- Work & family balance: No balance work to live!

### Gen X at Work

- Eliminate the task!
- They want to be self-reliant
- Wants structure and direction
- Skeptical
- Challenge others
- Ask why
- Communication style: Direct and immediate



#### Gen X at Work

- Leadership style: Everyone's the same
- Interactive style: Entrepreneur
- Feedback: Sorry to interrupt, but how am I doing?
- Reward: Freedom is the best reward
- Motivating messages:
  Do it your way forget the rules!
- Work & family balance: Balanced



## Millennials Work style / habits



- Multitaskers
- What's next?
- Tenacity
- Entrepreneurial
- Tolerant
- Goal-oriented





- Leadership style: Not yet clear
- Interactive style: Participative
- Reward: Meaningful work
- Feedback: Whenever I want it? Really.
- Motivating messages: You will work with other bright and creative people!
- Work & family balance: Balance



Irrespective of the long-term aims and ambitions of an individual company, the ability to attract and retain millennial talent will be a vital step to achieving it – PricewaterhouseCoopers

- They want growth!
  - Tell them how they can succeed in your organization
  - Provide ongoing training
  - Give them a challenge!

- They want coaching not bossing
  - Access to leadership
  - The annual review won't get it. Consistent feedback is a must.
  - Development and work/life balance are more important than financial reward

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They want transparent communication

- Millennials value:
  - Flexible scheduling



• Millennials are digital



- Millennials value:
  - Less important, but consider:
  - Casual dress codes
  - Telecommuting options
  - Paid volunteer days
  - Unique perks massages & fitness classes



Forget that you're the boss and they are the employees.

You are a team.

## But remember...



## So how do I lead my intergenerational work team?

- Focus on results
- Consider the values of each group individually
- Communicate in a manner that the person can hear
- Create a more tolerant environment
- Give feedback
- Clearly communicate expectations
- Listen

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