Impact of Organizational Culture on Employee Performance

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Abstract

Aim of the study: The relationship between organizational culture and performance has been studied and a clear link between them has been identified by certain researcher’s research. The main aim of the research article is to identify and measure the strong relationship between performance and organizational culture.

Methodology: Literature review is adopted as methodology to assess the culture of an organization impacts upon process, employees and systems.

Findings: Certain dimensions of culture have been identified so far and research shows that value and norms of an organization were based upon employee relationship. The goal of an organization is to increase level of performance by designing strategies. The performance management system has been measured by balance scorecard and by understanding nature and ability of system culture of an organization have been identified.

Recommendation: The strong culture of an organization based upon managers and leaders help in improving level of performance. Managers relate organization performance and culture to each other as they help in providing competitive advantage to firms.

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Introduction

Organizational development has certain factors that improve sustainability on the basis of effectiveness. The improvement in productivity leads to employee commitment as norms, values and objectives help in improving culture of an organization. The system of organization was based upon effective establishment of culture that keep learning environment strong. The performance of employees improves by establishment of strong culture of an organization.

The employee performance would be considered as backbone organization as it leads to its development effectively. The loyalty of employee relies upon knowledge and awareness of culture that improves behaviour of organization (Brooks, 2006) Organization culture have first time been identified by Administrative Science quarterly (Pettigrew, 1979). The value and norms of employee’s basis upon management identification that help in improving employee performance. The awareness of quality helps in improving organizational and employee development.

Organizational Culture

The different attributes of culture have been arranged on the basis of norms and attitudes which help in differentiating one firm from another. (Forehand and von Gilmer, 1964) The process of thinking helps in establishing one member from another on basis of cognitive thinking (Hofstede, 1980). The success guidance based upon different values and norm that makes culture effective (Schein, 1990). The set of beliefs, behaviours, norms and values helps in making culture most effective (Kotter and Heskett, 1992). The knowledge of culture have been gained through understanding and beliefs on basis of large groups.
Culture is defined as a mixture of values, sets, beliefs, communications and explanation of behaviour that provides guidance to people. The main idea of culture comes from sharing in learning processes that have been based upon systematic allocation of resources. (Titiev, 1959) The cognitive systems of human that helps in improving thinking and decision making were based upon organization culture. (Pettigrew 1979) The multifaceted set of beliefs, assumptions and values helps in presenting different level of culture by conducting business at an effective manner. The normative glue based upon organization culture helps in holding overall management effectiveness. (Tichy 1982). The concept of effective organization culture helps in improving business decisions. The survival of culture in an organization lies upon national and foreign culture differentiation in culture management. (Schein, 1990) The culture of organization has been affected by attitudes, norms and beliefs that lead to strong communication between employees.

Now a day's organization culture has generally been interrelated to management. (Kotter and Heskett, 1992). The two essential factors that lead to effective culture management include structural stability and integration of superior standard of organization culture. (Schein, 1995) Certain characteristics of organization culture have been established in which set of norms, values and beliefs helps in perfect association between them. (Hodgetts and Luthans, 2003) At different level of organization culture different background, ethics and racial differences impact upon performance. The similar organization culture with different backgrounds has common set of values and beliefs to be effected by organization systems. (Robbins & Sanghi, 2007) The attraction of organization norms, values and beliefs have strong affect upon performance and sustainability. (Stewart, 2010) The norms of employees impact upon sustainable performance and management of organization culture as it leads to attainment of profitability. Different kinds of cultures have been defined as followed:

**Counter Culture**

The values and beliefs of organization culture which were shared among different management departments and managers were forced to gain advantage from them come under countercultures. (Kerr, J., & Slocum, J. W., Jr. 2005) The organization performance based upon contribution of strong culture leads to strong association between performance and management.

**Sub Culture**

Subcultures have been defined as organization segments with different sets of norms, values and beliefs on basis of geographical areas, job requirements and department goals. (Schein, 1995) The commitment of employees towards organization basis upon employee perception that affects upon culture. (Lok, Westwood and Crawford, 2005) The social interaction of workplace outside organization considers well for some groups.

**Strong Culture**

The same type of values and beliefs which an employee holds in culture must be considered strong. The beliefs and values of organization were considered strong when employee embraces greater part of culture. (Deal and Kennedy, 1982) The reduction in gaps on employee relationship has been agreed with managers so far. The rules in organization must be considered important for employees. The policies, procedures and objectives designed by top managers must influence upon behaviour of employees so that competitive advantage have been gained.

**Weak Culture**

The loosely knit organization cultures that helps in pushing thought, attitudes and beliefs of individuals to be more innovative. The valuable asset contributes to growing needs and wants of culture management.
The loosely joined culture based upon values and beliefs have association with perfect sets. (Deal and Kennedy 1982) The diversity between personal objectives and organizational goals has creative management of rules and procedures so that perfect association have been created between them.

**Dimension of Organizational Culture**

In order to elaborate findings IBM employees were gathered from more than 50 countries so that organization culture on basis of dimensions would be perfectly analyzed. (Hofstede’s, 1980) The four dimensions of organization culture were as followed:

- **Power distance**: It is defined as degree of employee and management behaviour that have been based upon perfect relationship between formal and informal set of planning action.

- **Individualism**: In this dimension difference between organization interest and self interest have perfectly been matched.

- **Uncertainty avoidance**: The uncertainty and ambiguity based upon tolerance helps in mitigating willingness of people.

- **Masculinity**: It comes in avoidance of caring and promotion rather than level of success based upon challenges, insolence and ambition.

In 1998 Hofstede and Bond identified fifth dimension in which 23 countries long and short term orientation have perfectly been analyzed. The organizational behaviour relates to practitioners values and beliefs based upon culture factors and norms that effects upon personality and performance of organization. (Sondergaard, 1994) The cultural factors and personality impacts upon behaviour and sustainability of organization (Schwartz, 1994) The models developed by Hofstede in 1980 presents 38 countries studies in which strong relationships of culture have been identified.

From these classifications two different kind of dimensions have been identified such as : Affective & intellectual while secondly self enhancement and self transcendence . The standards based upon cultures and societies present contractual relationship between life and work. The standards based upon cultural association leads to perfect association between performance and management. More than 30 companies from 50 different countries have been identified (Trompanaars 1993) . Seven different dimensions of cultures have also been identified such as universalism versus particularize, specific versus diffuse, emotional versus neutral, communication versus individualism, achievement versus ascription, attitude to environment and attitude to time. The Hofstede’s model has seven dimensions that help in presenting effective relationship between different sets of norms and values.

**Organizational Performance**

The degree of an achievement to which an employee’s fulfill the organizational mission at workplace is called performance (Cascio, 2006). Performance has been perceived differently by various researchers, but most of the scholars relate performance with measurement of transactional0efficency and effectiveness towards organizational goals (Stannack, 1996; Barne, 1991).

The job of an employee is build up by degree of achievement of a particular target or mission that defines boundaries of performance (Cascio, 2006). Certain researchers have identified different thought, attitudes and beliefs of performance as it helps in measurement of input and output efficiency measures that lead to transactional association. (Stannack, 1996)

The capability of an organization to establish perfect relationship with resources presents effective and efficient management of resources. (Daft, 2000) In order to achieve goals and objectives of organization strategies have been designed based upon organizational performance. (Richardo, 2001) The equity based upon high returns helps in effective management of organization resources so that performance improves. (Richardo, 2001)
The performance measurement system helps in improving organization association to achieve goals and objectives at an effective manner. (Ittner and Larcker, 1998) The strategic planning based upon development of goals and objectives help organization to focus non-financial or intangible assets. The quality, performance and services linked with customers have financial nature (Kaplan and Norton, 2001). The financial and non financial reward management systems enabled by measurement and evaluation of performance measurement system.

The traditional measurement of performance based upon strategic performance system. The translation and measurement of financial and non financial performance based upon SPMS leads to competitiveness (Chenhall, 2005). The measurement technique helps in increasing competitive advantage in organization based upon effective pressures. The multiple performance measures adopted by organization based upon non financial and financial measures helps in presenting uncontrollable events (Burns and McKinnon, 1993). The measurement technique adopted by organization helps in presenting positive association of goods and services.

The Balance Score card have been used to evaluate performance management of employees based upon perfect association between goods and services. (Kaplan and Norton ,1992) The strategies based upon rationality and design helps in making culture more effective. The four casual relationships between performance management and culture have been defined so far. The learning growth, customers, internal business process and financial reward management system helps in improving and presenting casual relationship. The focus of an organization for cooperative tool helps in improving communication among business performance. The organizational goals and strategies based upon feedback helps in improving performance management.

**Linkage of Organizational culture with Organizational performance**

Denison (1984) studied 34 Americans cultural performance on basis of characteristics that helps in improving performance over time. The culture and performance have been interrelated to each other based upon perfect association between business processes (Reichers and Schneider, 1990). The culture construct based upon operational complexity have its basis towards different business processes. In more than 200 organizations economic and long term performance have been investigated (Kotter and Heskett ,1992). Several researches have been made to evaluate performance of organization based upon efforts as culture has been given significant association. The three contributions on culture defined were as followed:

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**Organizational Performance**

Fig. 1 Research Framework
Firstly culture and performance were considered interrelated to each other by forceful management. Secondly nature and scope of culture based upon theoretical point of view have been presented more appropriately. While strong association between management practices, performance and culture management have been presented so that culture establishment takes place effectively.

The competitive advantage of an organization is attained through strong association and establishment of culture. The organization culture helps in measuring limitation to overcome performance measurement. (Rousseau 1990) The limitations shows that culture and employee performance shows negative correlation as employee performance is badly affected by it.

The methodologies and findings of researches shows that culture and performance were considered interrelated. (Lim, 1995) The sustainable competitive advantage of organizational competencies has been related to superior and imitable relationship with competitors (Saa-Pére and Garcia-Falcon, 2002). The value of culture based upon degree of performance has been managed with practitioners and academics. (Denison, 1990)

Conclusion

The different values and beliefs based upon employee performance helps in organization association. The organization culture helps in internalizing joint relationship that leads to manage effective organization processes. The productivity and culture of organization helps in improving performance. In more than 60 research studies 7600 small business units and companies’ performance from 1999 to 2007 have been evaluated. The positive association between culture and performance helps in improving results of organization.

The job performance of organization has a strong impact of strong organization culture as it leads to enhance productivity. The norms and values of organization based upon different cultures influence on work force management. In an organization strong culture enables to effective and efficient management of work force employees. The net profit in an organization helps in enhancing performance of employees. The common path for making perfect use of resources in same cultural association helps in positive development of organization. On basis of particular conditions organizational culture is helpful in improving and providing competitive edge. The employee commitment and group efficiency helps in improving performance based upon organization sustainability. The nature and power of organization culture influence upon sustainability and effective of organization.

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