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### Social Impact Leadership: A Multi-generational Imperative

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#### A new reality

# How COVID-19 is impacting three critical elements of life

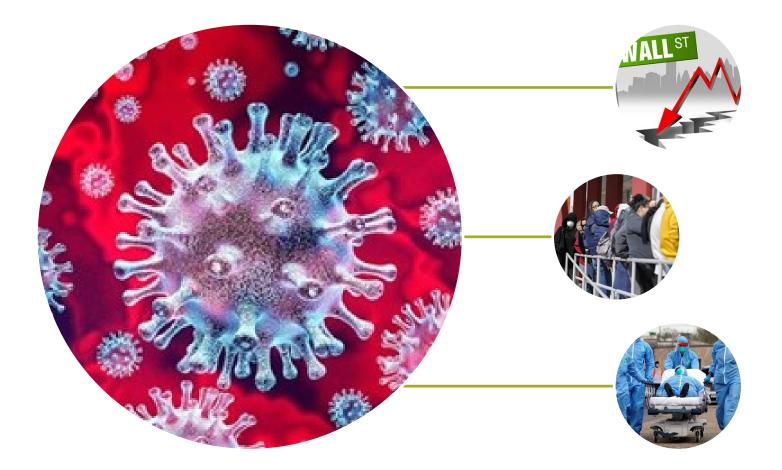
- Health and well being
- Climate and sustainability
- Workplace dynamics

# Implications for corporate leadership

- Insights
- Case study
- New leadership model



# Our World Has Changed



### Unprecedented Economic Disruption



### Existing Societal Problems Compounded



### **Resulting Impact on Consumer Concerns and Generations**

#### Health & Well-Being



#### Planet & Sustainability



#### Workplace Environment

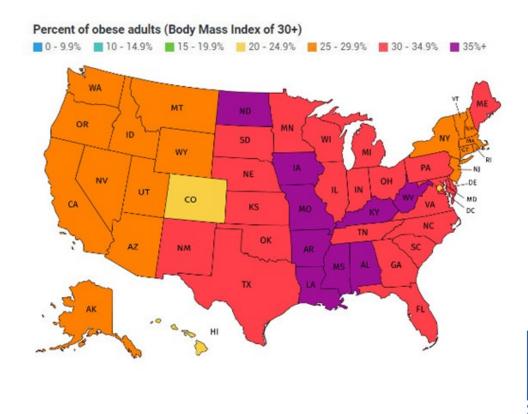


# Health & Well-Being

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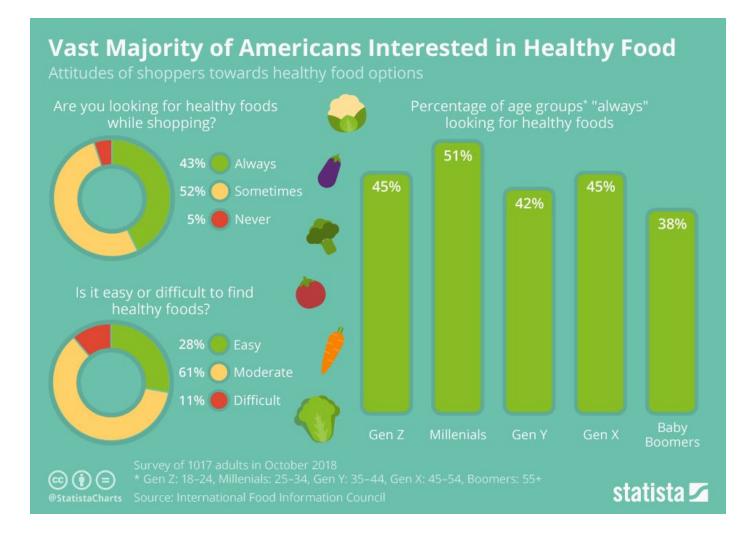
## Health & Well-Being

- About 40% of U.S. adults with obesity
- COVID-19 disproportionately harming those with obesity





## Americans Led by Millennials Are Looking for Healthy Foods



# Momentum to Healthier Foods on Hiatus During Coronavirus Crisis

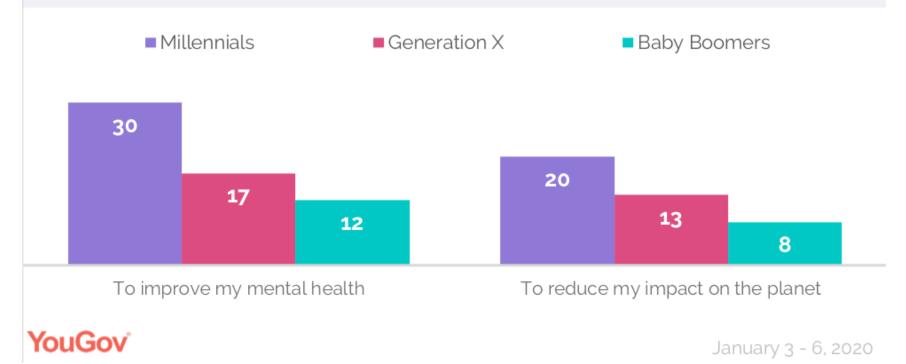


## Expect Acceleration to Health, Immunity and Safety



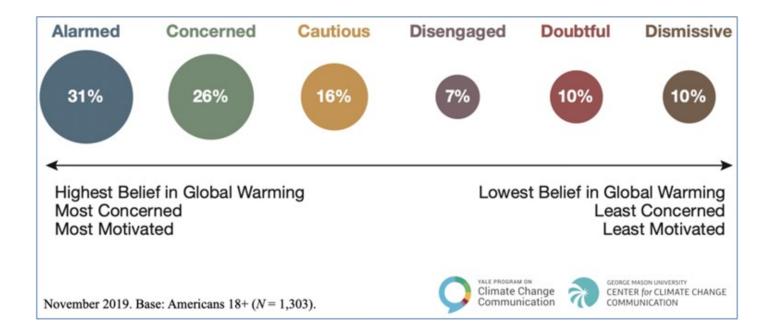
# Millennials are changing their diets to improve their mental health and benefit the environment

Which, if any, of the following are reasons that you have ever changed your diet? (% of US adults who selected each of the following reasons)

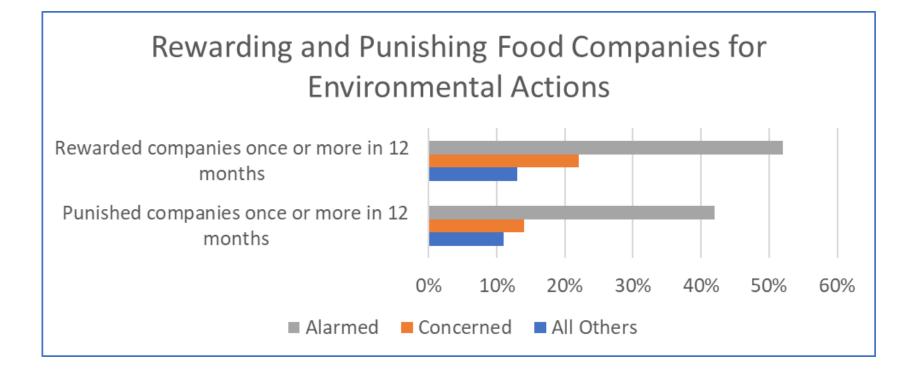


# Planet & Sustainability

# Almost 60% of Consumers Are Alarmed or Concerned About Global Warming

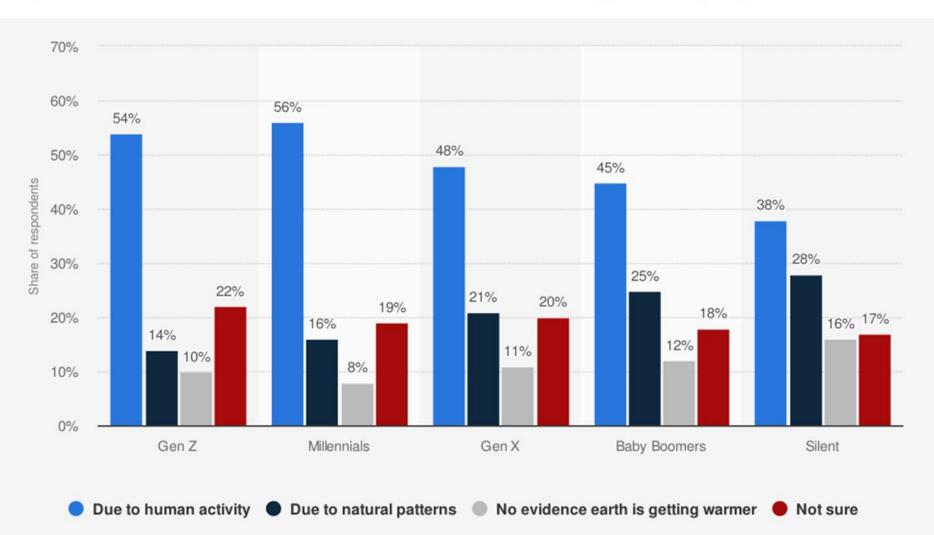


### "Alarmed" Segment More Likely to *Reward or Punish* Food Companies for Their Environmental Actions



Source: CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE AMERICAN DIET

### Opinions on the Causes of Climate Change Vary by Generation

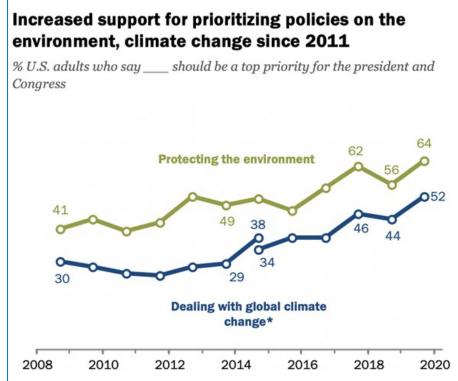


Source Pew Research Center © Statista 2020

#### Additional Information:

United States; September 24 to October 7, 2018 and September 17 to November 25, 2018; 10,682 respondents; 18 years teens

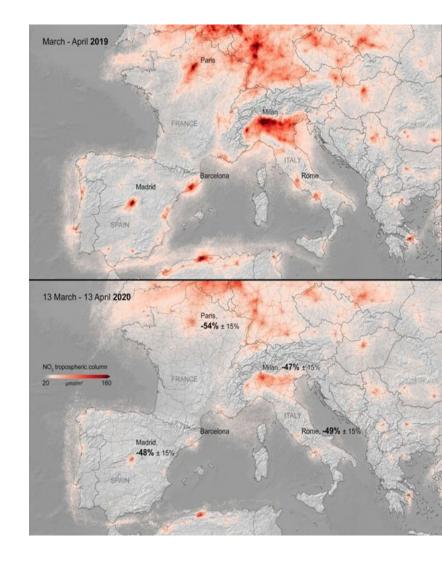
## COVID-19 Has Helped the Environment – Will the Trend Continue?



\*In 2014 and earlier, respondents were asked about dealing with "global warming." In 2015 half the sample was asked about either "global warming" or "global climate change"; 34% called "global climate change" a top priority while 38% said this about "global warming." Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 8-13, 2020.

"As Economic Concerns Recede, Environmental Protection Rises on the Public's Policy Agenda"

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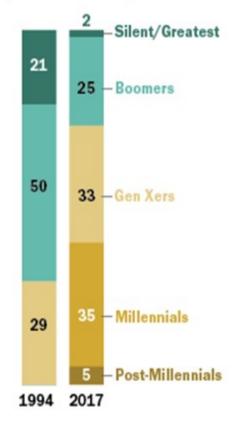




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TRADITIONALISTS	BOOMERS	GEN X	MILLENNIAL	GEN 2020
Pre-1945	1946-1965	1966-1977	1978-1995	After 1995
Experienced: Great Depression, WWI and II, GI Bill Work is: An obligation	Experienced: Television, Moon Landing, Watergate, Vietnam War Work is: Expected	Experienced: MTV, Nintendo, PC's Work is: A difficult challenge	Experienced: Natural disasters, diversity, mobile technology Work is: A means to an end	Experienced: Economic downturn, Global Warming Work is: Consistantly evolving
Aspiration: Home ownership	Aspiration: Job security	Aspiration: Work-life balance; independence	Aspiration: Freedom and flexibility	Aspiration: Structure and stability
Changing Jobs: Stay for life Career Paths:	Changing Jobs: Loyal to employer; connecting to values	Changing Jobs: If necessary for compensation	Changing Jobs: Is expected Career Paths:	Changing Jobs: Constantly Career Paths:
Slow and steady	Career Paths:	Career Paths:	Switch frequently and fast	Career "multitaskers"

#### More than a third of the workforce are Millennials

% of the U.S. labor force



Note: Labor force includes those ages 16 and older who are working or looking for work. Annual averages shown. Source: Pew Research Center analysis of monthly 1994 and 2017 Current Population Survey (IPUMS).

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# Millennials Uniquely Value Empathy and Adaptability

Rank	Baby Boomers	Gen X	Millennials
1	Responsibility	Achiever	Achiever
2	Learner	Responsibility	Empathy
3	Achiever	Learner	Leaner
4	Relator	Relator	Adaptability
5	Strategic	Strategic	Responsibility





## Organizations Moving to Understand the True Emotions Behind Employee Issues

### Use of Empathy Emoji's for feedback and anonymity



Fear Anger Disgust I love this! Whatever Sad Good Idea Worried Mind Blowing Applause Authentic Whatever Agree, Dislike Disagree, Dislike Anxiety, Horrified, Disbelief Anger, Disgust, Frustration Abhorrence, Disgust, Outrage Love, Aesthetic appreciation, Craving Annoyance, Disbelief, Boredom Sadness, Disappointment, Despair Inspired, Interested, Awe Concern, Empathic pain Confusion, Horrified, Surprise Admiration, Excitement, Joy Admiration, Awe, Authenticity Boredom, Unreceptive Approval, Acknowledgment Unreceptive, Dislike



### Coronavirus episode will cement need for Adaptability and Flexibility

# The Worker of the Future

For decades, "work" often meant a 9-to-5 desk job. Now, the millions of young adults flooding the workforce are changing everything. They work varying hours, from different locations, with a new and ever-evolving set of tools. Here's a lock at how they're changing the workplace.

#### Collaborative Working

A University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School study dubs Millennial workers "The Collaborators." They love to work in teams with clear expectations. Technology that satisfies their desire to work together from anywhere includes:

Mobile devices

Unified communications systems
Cloud-based tools and platforms

#### Rexible Workspaces

When office hours and remote working shake up the workday, the physical workspace changes as well.

55% of Millennials prefer an open-floor-plan office, which fosters collaboration. Flexible workspaces can include anything from rooms that change shape based on current use to "hoteling," which are desks that employees reserve on an hourty or daily basis as needed.

#### Flexible Work Hours

#### 66% of Millennials say

they want a fluid work schedule. This may include sometimes working evening or weekend hours instead of the standard 9-to-5.

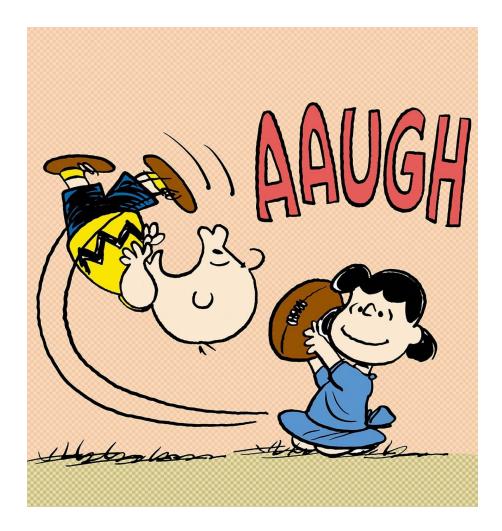
#### Communication Choices

It's no secret that Millennials are comfortable with many methods of communication. Email, texts and instant messages are popular among young workers - but face-to-face is still important to them.



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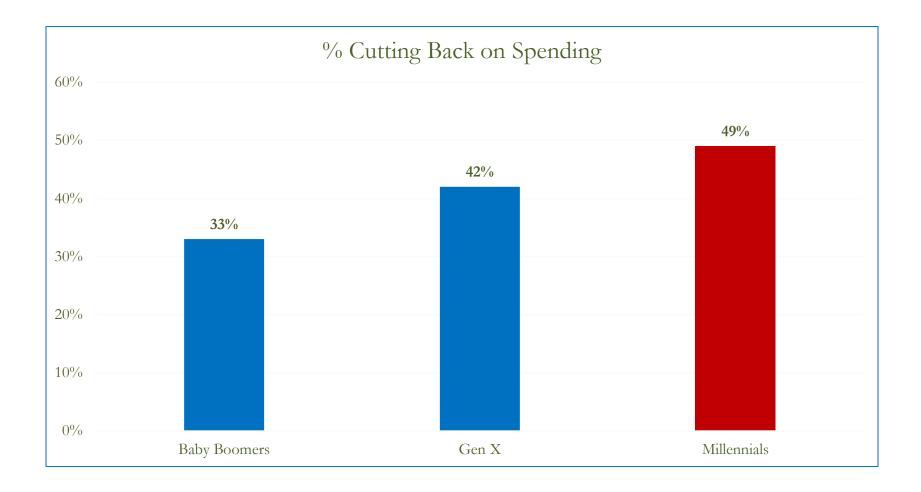
# State of Economy Exacerbating Millennials' Worries: 2008 Redux



- Unemployment
- Mired in student debt
- Pricy housing market

Source: Department 26, Why Millennials Really Want to Work

# As a Result, Millennials Are More Likely to Cut Back on Spending



Source: First Insight



### **OF MILLENNIALS** WANT TO WORK FOR A COMPANY WITH PURPOSE

60% of millennials believe that a sense of purpose is part of the reason they chose to work at their current employer.

#### ELIZABETH DAVIS

Founding Partner, Carol Cone On Purpose





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### 'Purpose' Agenda Moving into the C-Suite



Business Roundtable Redefines the Purpose of a Corporation to Promote 'An Economy That Serves All Americans'

The Fourth Industrial Revolution is not just about technology or business. It's about society.

Joe Kaeser President and Chief Executive Officer, Siemens AG WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

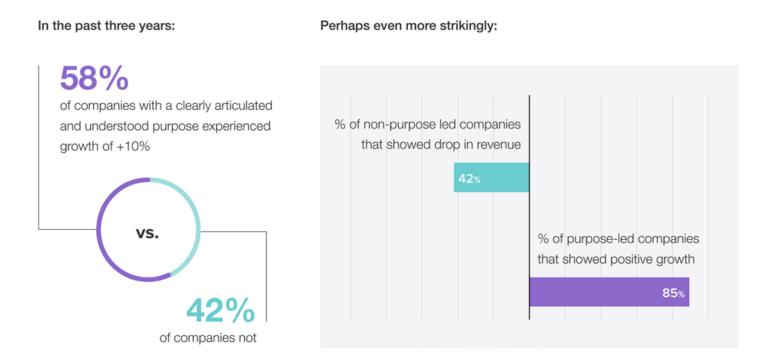
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Without a sense of purpose, no company, either public or private, can achieve its full potential. It will ultimately lose the license to operate from key stakeholders.

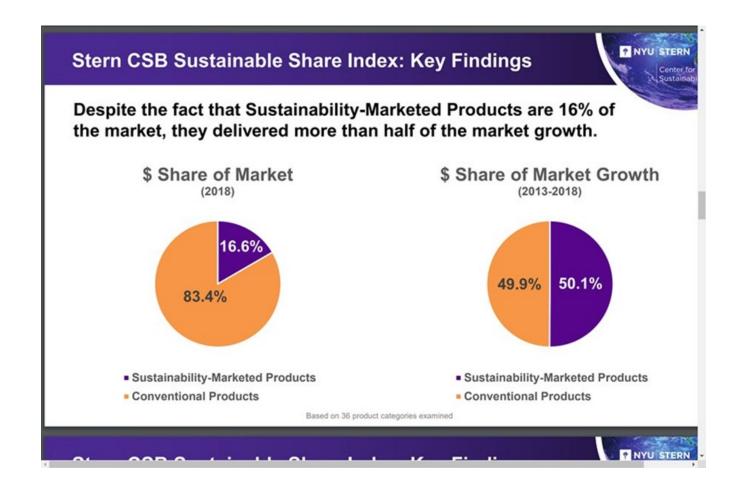
LARRY FINK, CEO, BLACKROCK

#### Purpose brings profit.

Connecting employees with purpose brings measurable business impact. Research from the EY Beacon Institute and Harvard Business School shows that companies that lead with purpose are more likely to be profitable.



Sustainability-marketed Products Are Responsible for Half The Growth of Consumer Packaged Goods Since 2013



Source: CSB Sustainable Market Share Index™ (March, 2019)

### Sales of Lower-Calorie Foods on the Rise



#### A Supply and Demand Success Story

The Hudson Institute, a nonpartisan policy research organization, recently evaluated the sales of lower-calorie foods made by 16 food and beverage company members of the Healthy Weight Commitment Foundation (HWCF). Funded by the HWCF, the study reveals that answering consumer demand for lower-calorie food is good for business and the nation's waistline.

### Hudson Institute

For more information visit obesity-solutions.org

Healthier and Lower-calorie Products Driving Most of the Growth in Packaged Foods

















"In the future, every Unilever brand will be a brand with purpose"

- Alan Jope, CEO Unilever



# Sustainable Living Plan

IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR MORE THAN **1 BILLION** 

By 2020 we will help more than a billion people take action to improve their health and wellbeing.

> Explore our big goal

Health & hygiene



We are taking action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals

>

REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT BY HALF

By 2030 our goal is to halve the environmental footprint of the making and use of our products as we grow our business.<sup>\*</sup>

> Explore our big goal

Greenhouse gases	>
Water use	>
Waste & packaging	>
Sustainable sourcing	>

We are taking action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals ENHANCING LIVELIHOODS FOR MILLIONS

By 2020 we will enhance the livelihoods of millions of people as we grow our business.

#### > Explore our big goal

Fairness in the workplace	>
Opportunities for women	>
Inclusive business	>



We are taking action on the UN Sustainable Development <u>Goals</u>

# Coronavirus Pandemic Leadership

- Offering €500 million (\$580 million) in "cash flow" relief
  - Early payments to "vulnerable" small and medium-sized suppliers
  - Credit to select small scale retail customers whose businesses rely on Unilever
- Committing to provide free soap, sanitizers, bleach and food to the value of €100 million
  - 50% to COVID Action Platform of the World Economic Forum



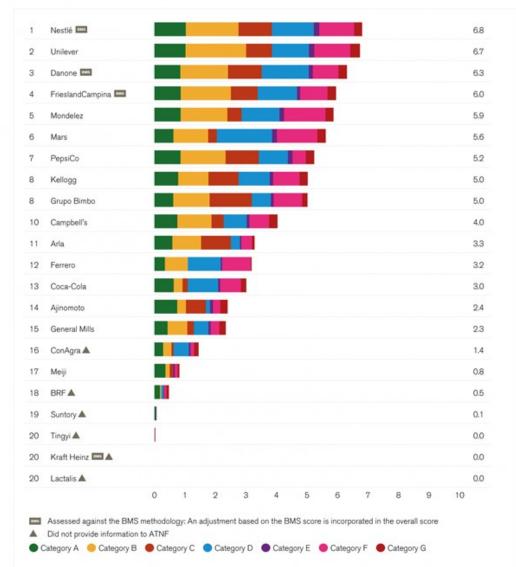
### Positive Growth Results



"Sustainable Living brands grew 69% faster than the rest of our business in 2018"

### Company Is Ranked at Top of CPG Industry

#### GLOBAL INDEX 2018 OVERALL RANKING



## Critical Moment to Go Beyond CSR



## Social Impact Leadership





# Why Social Impact Leadership?



- Differentiation
- Attract, motivate and retain employees, especially Millennials
- Superior growth and profit potential
- Enhanced credibility and reputation

## Examples of How to Establish a Social Impact Leadership Platform

















# Key Takeaways

- Organizations must be in concert with employee's needs, styles and social interests
  - Health & wellness
  - Planet & sustainability
  - Workplace environment
- One-size-does-NOT-fit-all
- Millennials are looking for true leadership and transparency that they can align behind
- Taking a Social Impact Leadership stance on issues key to your employees and industry will differentiate your organization and engender passion in your workforce



# Thank You

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### Motivators Vary Sharply Across Generations



Advancement in status	Autonomy	Supervisor as coach/mentor
Projects that make a difference	Problem solving; less trusting of employers	Team-oriented culture/ connectedness
Healthy Competition; opportunities for public recognition	Quiet recognition	Peer-to-peer recognition
Willing to work overtime for seniority/respect	Work-life balance	Blending work with personal lives
Flex time, but with face time	Flex/work at home days; time off	Option to work from home (work as a thing, not a place)