Dimensions of DEI, Power, & Privilege

DEI & Belonging - All Staff Session 1
ORSP DEI Committee
March 23, 2022
Desired Outcomes

We hope to:

● Foster sharing and connection with our colleagues.
● Begin to have a shared vocabulary around the dimensions of DEI.
● Begin to understand power, privilege, and marginalization and its cost and impact.
● Give everyone at ORSP a chance to speak in a small group if they wish.
● Give each of us the space for personal growth.
Agenda

- **Welcome & Introduction (10-15 minutes)**
  - Desired Outcomes (2 minutes)
  - Agenda (1 minute)
  - Communication Norms & Guardrails (2 minutes)
  - A Few Glossary Terms (2 minutes)
  - Video (3 minutes)

- Dimensions of Diversity Wheel (5 minutes)

- Power & Privilege Wheel (5 minutes)

- Quiet Reflection (3 minutes)

- Small Group Discussion (15 minutes)

- Large Group Discussion (10 minutes)
  - What the Data says and why it matters

- Closing Remarks (2 minutes)
Communication Norms and Guardrails for Discussion
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<td>We acknowledge that we are all systematically taught misinformation about our own group(s) and members of other groups. This is true for everyone, regardless of our group(s).</td>
<td>We agree to take from this session only what we learn from ourselves and others and leave in this session what we heard and what was said by others.</td>
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<td>Share responsibility for including all voices in the discussion. If you have a tendency to dominate discussions, take a step back. If you tend to stay quiet, challenge yourself to share ideas.</td>
<td>We understand that research evolves and changes. We strive to have a growth mindset and a willingness to do better as we learn more.</td>
<td>Everyone has come to the table to learn, grow, and share. We trust that people are doing the best they can; when mistakes occur, let’s challenge and encourage each other to do better.</td>
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<td>We agree to listen respectfully to each other without interruptions. We acknowledge that we may be at different stages of learning on the content and discussion topics.</td>
<td><em>Everyone in the group is here to learn, including the facilitators.</em> We recognize that everyone has an opinion and that opinions are not the same as informed knowledge backed up by research.</td>
<td>It’s okay not to know. Keep in mind that we are all still learning and are bound to make mistakes when approaching a complex task or exploring new ideas. Be open to changing your mind.</td>
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Glossary - A Few Terms to Know (1 of 2)

**Ally** - An ally advocates for people from marginalized groups and takes action to support people outside of their own group.

**Cisgender** - A term used to describe people whose gender identity matches the sex they were assigned at birth. Often abbreviated to “cis.” (Pronounced “sis”)

**Non-Binary** - A category for a fluid constellation of gender identities beyond the woman/man gender binary.

**Neurodiversity** - The diversity in how people’s brains are wired and that neurological differences should be valued in the same way we value any other human variation.

https://www.catalyst.org/2019/05/30/12-diversity-inclusion-terms-you-need-to-know/
Emotional Tax - The energy spent being on guard to protect against bias, feeling different at work because of gender, race, ethnicity, age, ability, body shape/size, income, position/role, or one of many other diverse aspects and the associated effects on health, well-being, and ability to thrive at work.

Marginalized - To be left out, excluded, to feel like an outsider, “not invited to the party.”

Workplace Inclusion - An atmosphere where all employees feel that they belong, contribute, and can thrive. Requires deliberate and intentional action.

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What if you say or do the wrong thing?

What can you do even if you say or do the wrong thing? (2:51 min.)
DEI and Belonging Can Appear in Multiple Layers and Dimensions

Internal External Dimensions adapted from Marilyn Loden and Judy Rosener, Workforce America! (1991)
How do power and privilege influence our circumstances?
Quiet Reflection...

Using the Wheels, **before we break into small groups**, take **3 quiet minutes** to jot notes on:

*What stands out for you? When you see and reflect on these two wheels, what is new information for you?*

*Can you think of a time when you learned of, experienced, or witnessed someone who was included or excluded based on one of these dimensions or privileges? What did you notice?*

....Breakout Rooms
Reconvene with Large Group (10 minutes)

Optionally -- one member from each group optionally designates a spokesperson to briefly share common themes with larger group.
What the data says:

- Hiring managers — regardless of gender — are **twice as likely to hire men.** (National Academy of Sciences)

- Job candidates who have “distinctively Black names” have a **lower probability of hearing back from a job application.** (National Bureau of Economic Statistics)

- A woman is up to 46 percent more likely to get a job with a blind application. (Harvard University and Princeton University)

- **Only 23 percent** of women are in the C-suite, and **only 4 percent** are women of color.

- Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity is illegal. Yet 46 percent of LGBTQ individuals have experienced harassment at some point, and 50 percent of LGBTQ+ employees are not out to their supervisors. Many have left a job due to treatment by an employer.

What the data says:

- **43%** of companies with diverse boards saw significantly higher profits (McKinsey 2018)

- Companies in the top 25% for gender diversity are **15 percent** more likely to have financial returns above their respective national industry medians. (McKinsey 2018)

- Companies in the top quartile for racial and ethnic diversity are **35 percent more likely** to outperform their respective national industry medians’ financial returns. (McKinsey 2018)
Compared to individual decision makers, diverse teams make better decisions 87% of the time.

Drive decision-making 2X faster with half the meetings. Improve decision team results by 60 percent.

The Cloverpop study analysed around 600 business decisions made by 200 teams, across a range of companies.
Next Steps

Independent and Anonymous

- Post-session Survey
- Harvard Implicit Bias Test or IAT

Next All Staff Session

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 1-2pm
Activity: Facebook Modules 1, 2, 3
Thank you from the DEI Committee!

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