# DIGITAL ONLINE VALUES AUDIT

# **Group report**

7/21/2021

Private and confidential

# Organization:

# **Gestion M.D.S. Inc.**



# Report:

# **Sample report**



## **About DOVA**

DOVA is an online audit designed to show gaps between the desired **Ethical Values** in a firm (**stated values**) and the actual ethical conduct (**practiced in day to day activities**) in a firm. It is based on years of research, and shows that value incongruence can lead to:

- Low productivity
- Low morale
- Turnover of talented employees
- Other negative personal and organizational consequences

### Results analysis



The red portion of the gauge dial, indicate that your assessment is very low. It means that a big gap exist between the ethical values preached (on the wall), and the ethical values practiced (values in action).



The orange portion of the gauge dial, indicate that your assessment is average. It means that there is some gap between the level of ethical values preached (on the wall), and those that are actually being practiced (ethical values in action). All in all, this is a normal situation found in many firms.



The green portion of the gauge dial, indicate that your assessment is very high. It means that there is no or very small gap between the level of ethical values preached (on the wall), and those which are being practiced (values in action). This is usually a sign of a healthy, high performance and positive organizational culture, where peoples adhere to high standards of ethics.



# Results of the study

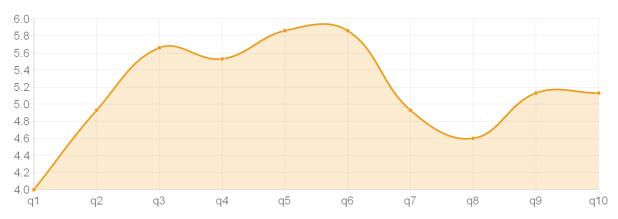
Study title: Study example

No. of participants: 15

Responsible: Marta Fernández Borsot

### Global evaluation of the study





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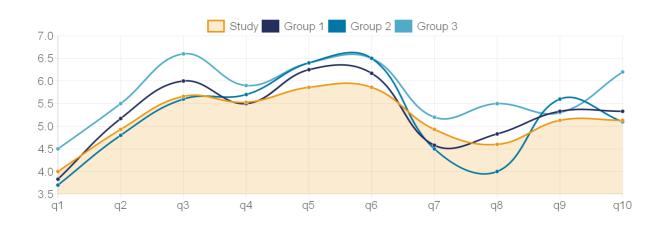


# Group report result

Report title: Sample report

No. of groups: 3

# COMPARATIVE VS STUDY





GROUP 1 12 / 15
No. participants (group / study)

### **Chosen segmentation criteria**

Type of job

Full time> Fixed contract, Full time> Discontinuous fixed contract, Part time> Temporary contract

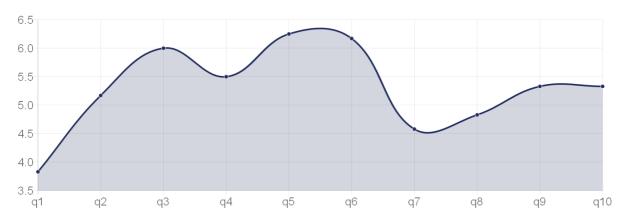
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GROUP 2	10 / 15
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### **Chosen segmentation criteria**

Age

21-25 years, 26-30 years, 31-35 years, 36-40 years, 41-45 years, 46-50 years, 51-55 years, 56-60 years

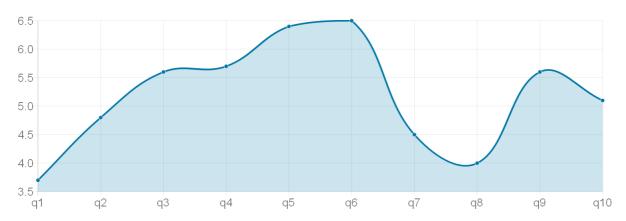
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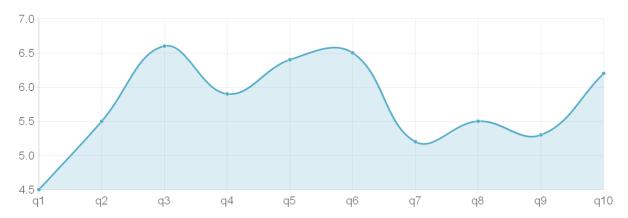
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The results of the audit show that in your selected group sometimes it is necessity to focus on profits and efficiency, although these are not part of the stated core values of the firm.

And in other situations, your selected group sticks to stated core values in the day-to-day activities.

Every organization has a vision or picture of what it desires for its future but there are points that departure from stated core values are a necessity (in the short term).

Many selected groups, like yours, use this strategy.

Nonetheless, remember that organizations that sticks to its core values and align them with their vision, are also more effective in the long term,

Stated in other way: Efficiency is doing things the right way, while effectiveness is doing the right things.



### Medium: 6,40 - Medium Ethical Conduct

It seems that policies and practices in the selected group are at times aligned with the stated core values and at times are not aligned.

Research shows that the most successful firms focus on alignment of their efforts and energy (i.e., core values) to the vision and mission of the organization.

Organizational alignment is the secret ingredient that is often missing for many businesses.

Once the Strategy and Strategic imperatives have been identified, the question is, "Will the culture support them?"

All too often, the answer is "no!".

The audit shows that in your selected group sometimes the leaders stick to the stated core values, but other times their compromise with it.

While this is happening in many organizations, attempt should be made to develop a real "Winning Culture", which means that efforts should be displaced to monitor and maintain this alignment.

You seem to be doing ok but check and see how better alignment can be achieved.



### **Medium: 6,50 - Medium Ethical Conduct**

Inspiring a values-based culture in a firm, can be a challenge.

Many organizations often lack the framework and common language to even start a dialogue about culture; they are often unsure about how to develop initiatives to drive behavior change, even if they have garnered the buy-in.

The audit shows that in your selected group the organization invests some resources (training, communication, etc.) to connect member's behavior with the stated core values.

Research shows that the key to success is to establish the expected behaviors, and then design processes and training to reinforce and support those behaviors.

Therefore, explaining these values and behaviors through practical and tangible examples helps employees understand how to integrate them into the daily performance of their roles.

The audit results show that while some investment is taking place in your selected group, in order to develop a winning culture that will be sustainable for a long time, more training and resources are necessary.

All in all, the audit shows that your selected group falls into the norm (median) compared to other organizations in terms of current respective investment.



### Medium: 5,20 - Medium Ethical Conduct

By and large, when core values of the firm are shared with the vast majority of the members of the organization, compliance and related conduct is guaranteed.

When large percentage of employees share their company's core values, they make more informed decisions; they also unify the company as a whole.

The audit shows that in your selected group, when refreshment of core values is undertaken periodically, some are being shared and agreed upon by the vast members of the selected group, while others are being parachuted and shared only by top management.

Research shows that sharing core values form strong bonds between employees and their firm as well as with their colleagues.

Put simply, a company's values, and the culture they create, can spell the difference between success and failure. In fact, according to research by Deloitte, 94% of executives and 88% of employees believe a distinct corporate culture (i.e., shared values) is important to a business' success.

The same survey also found a strong correlation between employees who claim to feel happy and valued at work.

The audit shows that in your selected group not all values are being shared, and it is highly recommended to engage most employees and not only top management in the selection and instillment of the revised core values.



### Medium: 5,50 - Medium Ethical Conduct

The audit show that the stated core values in your selected group resonate positively and flexibility at by some leaders in the firm and changes are allowed, while others believe in dogma and sticking to stated values and no changes are allowed.

There is a mix bag of attitudes and behaviors in your selected group insofar as this feature. It is good to know that meaningful core values resonate much better for some people of your selected group, but this is not the case for others.

One form or another, one needs to ensure that the values are not just an empty word but in the day-to-day activities of the firm they represent an authentic DNA of the company.

So, any core value albeit its positivity, if it does not resonate meaningful, it might bear the risk of being placed there only for public relations purpose.

This is the reason that in the absence of authenticity, meaningfulness and positivity, some core values need to be changed and dogmatism does not help.

The audit shows that albeit some flexibility, there are also those in your selected group who hold dogmatic view.

We recommend that dogmas be softened and the people who hold this view, be engaged and support periodic revision of the core values.

In other words, a periodic tune-up is recommended.



### Medium: 5,30 - Medium Ethical Conduct

Ideally, managers and leaders coach their employees, and by doing so they become career self-reliant and engage in continuous development of their staff.

In today's marketplace, adding value is key to business success. And, successful coaching adds value to employees, who then add value to their organizations by giving their best.

The audit show that in your selected group some managers act as coaches and by doing so, remove obstacles that are in a team member's way.

It seems that the same people exercise a "real talk", authentic conversation that go beyond the day-to-day work, and this happens at all hierarchical levels.

The latter have a deep relationship and push the team member to remove obstacles on their own through radical candor, by caring personally and challenging directly.

However, the audit also shows that other managers/leaders do not act as coaches across all hierarchical levels.

It is a pity hence by acting as coaches, they can generate radical candor in the form of feedback that helps everyone do best work.

In sum, the results of this audit show that in your selected group some managers act as coaches (but not all) so there are sufficient guarantees that the stated core values will be preserved.

Great leaders teach on a range of topics, but their best lessons—so relevant and useful to the organization, have to do with teaching values.

It is utmost recommended to identify in your selected group those who fail to act as coaches and teachers and train them to do so

The result will lead to a win-win situation both to the managers/leaders themselves, but also to the organization.



### Medium: 6,20 - Medium Ethical Conduct

Core values are what support the vision, shape the culture, and reflect what a company truly value.

They are the essence (the DNA) of the company's identity.

Many companies focus mostly on the technical competencies but often forget what are the underlying competencies that make their companies run smoothly — core values.

Establishing empowering core values provides both internal and external advantages to the company.

For a business to be successful, the company and the individuals who comprise it must be committed to the same values, which unifies the goals of the organization by creating a standardized measure of success.

Values might entail different characteristics, but the most empowering one are those that are meaningful and invigorating.

The result of the audit shows that your selected group consider your firm core values to include these characteristics to some extent, but there are others who fail to see that.

Thus, in order to truly be governed by empowering stated core value, it is recommended to examine, one by one, the stated core values and enhance their empowerment by using the following criteria: Are they clear? Are they meaningful? and Are they invigorating?

If any of the core values do not meet these criteria it should be replaced by a better one.

Obviously, the changes should be communicated and eventually agreed upon (shared) by the vast majority of the members of the selected group.

