

## **Explore How Organizations Can Utilize Marketing Techniques To Enhance Employee Engagement**

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### **Abstract**

Organizations can utilize marketing techniques to enhance employee engagement by applying principles of brand management and communication strategies internally. This involves cultivating a strong employer brand that aligns with the organization's values and culture, effectively communicating this brand to employees through various channels. By treating employees as internal customers, organizations can create targeted messaging that resonates with their interests, motivations, and aspirations. This includes utilizing storytelling techniques to convey the organization's mission and vision in a compelling way, as well as incorporating elements of gamification to make engagement initiatives more interactive and enjoyable. Additionally, organizations can leverage social media and digital platforms to foster a sense of community and connection among employees, encouraging them to share their experiences and ideas. By employing marketing tactics such as segmentation, personalization, and feedback loops, organizations can tailor their engagement efforts to the specific needs and preferences of different employee segments, ultimately leading to higher levels of satisfaction, commitment, and productivity within the workforce.

**Keywords:** Employee engagement, Workplace Approaches, Growth opportunities, Techniques, Communication, Work culture, etc.

### **Introduction**

#### **Background of the study**

Employee engagement is crucial for organizational success, yet many companies struggle to achieve it effectively. Traditional approaches often fail to capture employees' attention and commitment. Marketing techniques offer a promising avenue for enhancing engagement by leveraging principles of brand management, communication, and motivation. However, there's a lack of research on how organizations can adapt and apply these techniques to the internal context of employee engagement. Understanding the potential of marketing strategies in this domain could revolutionize employee engagement efforts, leading to higher productivity, retention, and overall organizational performance. Therefore, there's a need for further exploration into the application of marketing techniques in enhancing employee engagement.

In today's competitive commercial landscape, worker appointment is chief for organizational growth and development. Employee engagement has arisen as a key factor in organizational achievement, and there is an association with efficiency, preservation, and overall presentation (Chanana & Sangeeta, 2021). Moreover, the dynamics of the contemporary workplace follow new and innovative approaches and strategies, which have given way to more cooperative and comprehensive environments.



Figure 1: Global employee engagement from 2011 to 2020

(Source: Influenced by Riyant & Herlisha, 2021)

The above show figure highlights the global score of employee engagement from the year 2011 to 2020, which shows that only a minority of staff globally feel affianced at work, representing a demanding need for operative strategies and approaches. Statistical data discloses that there were 59% engaged employees in the year 2011 which has increased to 68% in the year 2020 by the deployment of different approaches and strategies in workplaces (Byrne, 2022).

### Problem statement

Organizations often struggle to maintain high levels of employee engagement, leading to decreased productivity, higher turnover rates, and diminished morale. Traditional approaches to employee engagement may lack effectiveness, as they fail to capture employees' attention and commitment. This highlights the need for innovative strategies that resonate with employees and inspire them to become more involved in the organization's goals and mission. By applying marketing techniques, organizations can create targeted campaigns that communicate the value of employee engagement initiatives in a compelling and relatable manner. However, there remains a gap in understanding how precisely marketing principles can be adapted and utilized within the context of employee engagement strategies. Therefore, there is a pressing need for research and practical insights into how organizations can leverage marketing tactics to enhance employee engagement effectively.

### The research aims and objective

#### Aim

The study explores various techniques and approaches to improve employee engagement in the workplace.

#### Objective

**RO1:** To highlight the role of the application of various techniques and approaches to improve employee engagement in the workplace

**RO2:** To examine the influence of various methods and tactics to progress employee engagement in the workplace

**RO3:** To access the challenges of the implication of techniques and approaches on employee engagement

**RO4:** To scrutinize the strategies to reduce the hurdles of implicating innovative techniques and approaches to improve employee engagement in the workplace

#### Research Question

**RQ1:** What is the role of the application of various techniques and approaches to improve employee engagement in the workplace?

**RQ2:** How do various methods and tactics influence employee engagement in the workplace?

**RQ3:** What are the challenges of the implication of techniques and approaches on employee engagement?

**RQ4:** What are the strategies that reduce the hurdles of implicating innovative techniques and approaches to improve employee engagement in the workplace?

### Significance of the study

This study's significance lies in its potential to offer practical insights for organizations seeking to optimize employee engagement. By exploring diverse techniques and approaches, it aims to provide actionable strategies that can enhance workforce satisfaction, productivity, and overall organizational performance.

**Literature review**

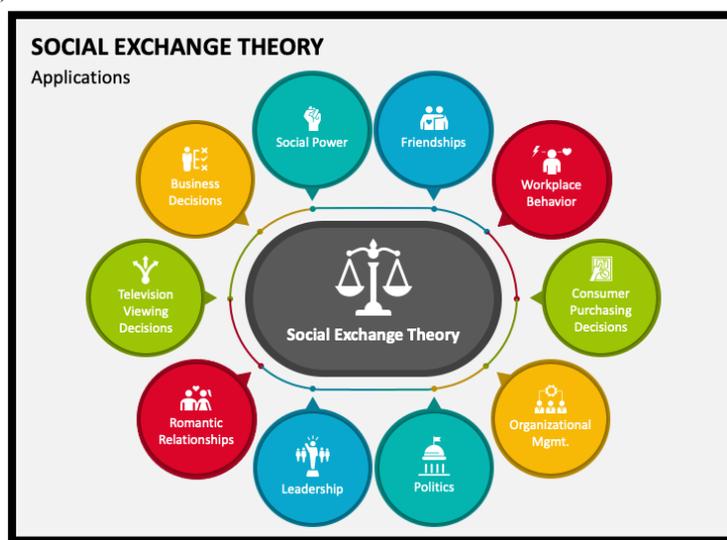
**Critical evaluation of methods and tactics to progress employee engagement in the workplace for betterment of marketing**

In the era of developing businesses, modern companies are attentive to keeping their workforces engaged, as business organizations with driven employees are bound to be more efficacious. As per the statement of Lai et al. (2020), there is a huge impact of employee engagement on the companies' development, including job gratification and retention rates. In this context, organizations are progressively seeking operative techniques and methods to improve employee engagement, identifying it as a key booster of employee gratification and organizational accomplishment.

Some different strategies and approaches are found to be influential in improving employee engagement such as open communication, positive work culture development, work-life balance empowerment, recognition, and rewards practices. Moreover, establishing clear channels for criticism and the exchange of ideas between the organization and employees raises a sense of conviction. As per the notion of van Assen (2021), developing a supportive and inclusive environment where the workforce can feel valued and appreciated inspires employees and boosts engagement. Additionally, acknowledgment and reward initiatives strengthen positive behavior and stimulate continued assignment. Flexible work provision promotion and arranging worker well-being help avoid exhaustion and cheer improved work-life stability (Yang et al. 2020).

**Theoretical examination of Social Exchange Theory:**

According to social exchange theory, workforces engage more when they notice that their association values and devote themselves to them. In reappearance for favorable conduct, workforces counter with advanced levels of obligation and effort (Ahmad et al. 2023).



**Figure 2: Social Exchange Theory**  
(Source: Influenced by Ahmad et al. 2023)

Understanding this theory can offer a valuable understanding of the influences that impact employee engagement and direct business organizations in emerging effective approaches to progress engagement echelons in the workplace.

**Literature gap**

The signs of business organizations that suggest the requirement of developed strategies and innovative approaches to enhance employee engagement have not been immensely highlighted in this study. As per the comment of Lesener et al. (2020), the impact of poor employee engagement on business organizations has not been demonstrated in this study. With the assistance of the research, various techniques and approaches have been accessed to advance employee engagement (Jung et al. 2021).

**Methodology**

In this investigative research study, the investigator has employed descriptive design and deductive approach to drawing the informational data relevant to the techniques and approaches to improve employee engagement in the workplace (Galanti et al. 2021). Moreover, the data were collected from primary sources by conducting primary quantitative research in the form of survey analysis. In this regard, 125 participants were involved and 10 questionnaires were provided to gather the real-time primary data. The collected data were analyzed with the help of SPSS analytical software.

**Hypothesis development**

Alternative hypothesis (H1): There is a strong connection between positive work culture development and employee engagement in the workplace

Alternative hypothesis (H2): There is an effective adherence between recognition and rewards promotion and employee engagement

Alternative hypothesis (H3): There is a correlation between work-life balance empowerment and employee engagement

Alternative hypothesis (H4): There is a noteworthy association between open communication practices and employee engagement in workplaces

**Findings**

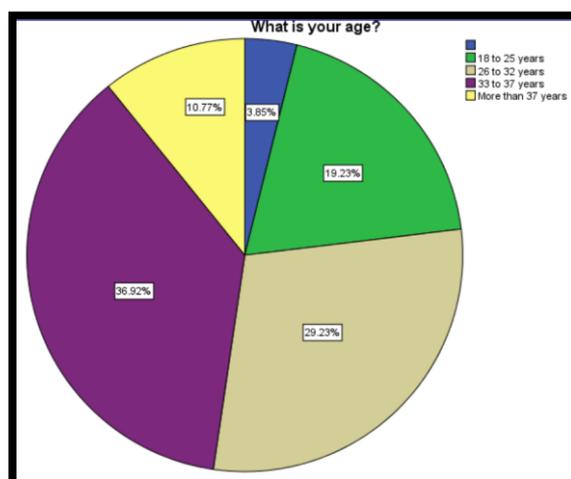
**Demographic analysis**

**Age**

What is your age?				
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	5	3.8	3.8	3.8
18 to 25 years	25	19.2	19.2	23.1
26 to 32 years	38	29.2	29.2	52.3
33 to 37 years	48	36.9	36.9	89.2
More than 37 years	14	10.8	10.8	100.0
Total	130	100.0	100.0	

**Table 1: Age**  
(Source: SPSS)

Table 1 highlights the age of the participants involved in the survey which suggests that there were respondents aged 18 to more than 37. Moreover, the most frequent members were 33 to 37 of age having a frequency of 48.



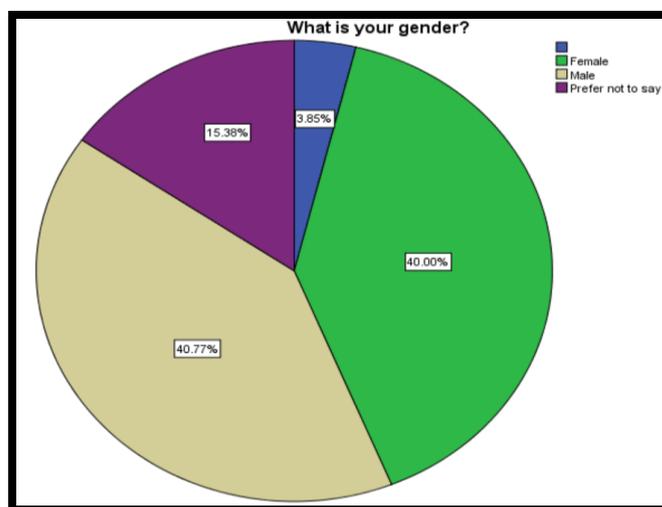
**Figure 3: Age analysis**  
(Source: SPSS)

Gender

What is your gender?				
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
Female	52	40.0	40.0	43.8
Male	53	40.8	40.8	84.6
Prefer not to say	20	15.4	15.4	100.0
Total	130	100.0	100.0	

**Table 2: Gender**  
 (Source: SPSS)

Table 1 highlights the gender of the participants who responded to the survey, there were 52 females, 53 males and 20 did not disclose their gender, which suggests a gender-unbiased outcome.



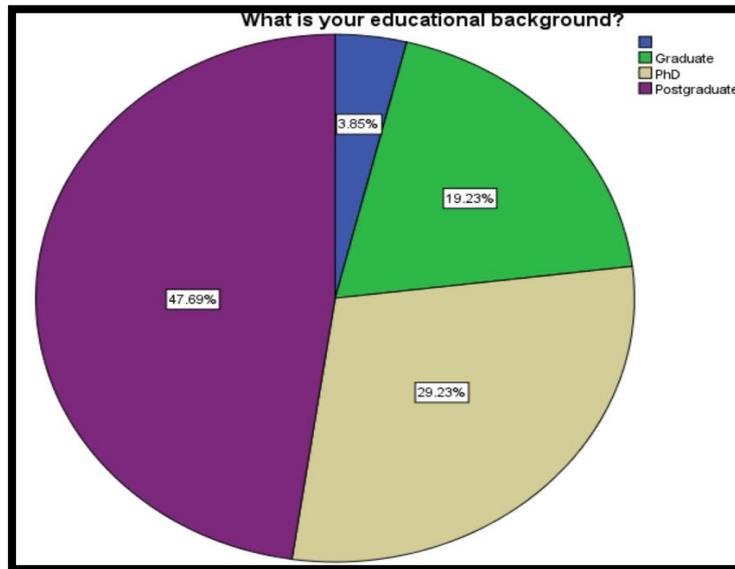
**Figure 4: Gender analysis**  
 (Source: SPSS)

Educational background

What is your educational background?				
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
Graduate	25	19.2	19.2	23.1
PhD	38	29.2	29.2	52.3
Postgraduate	62	47.7	47.7	100.0
Total	130	100.0	100.0	

**Table 3: Educational background**  
 (Source: SPSS)

Table 3 demonstrates the educational background of the individual participants in the survey. There were 25 graduates, 38 Ph.D., and 62 postgraduates having 19.2%, 29.2%, and 47.7% respectively.



**Figure 5: Educational analysis**  
 (Source: SPSS)

**Variable related hypothesis**

**Descriptive analysis**

Descriptive Statistics									
	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation	Skewness		Kurtosis	
	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Std. Error	Statistic	Std. Error
DV	125	3	5	4.06	.681	-.080	.217	-.815	.430
IV1	125	1	5	3.88	.789	-1.885	.217	4.920	.430
IV2	125	2	5	3.70	.862	-.538	.217	-.249	.430
IV3	125	1	5	3.90	.954	-.995	.217	1.170	.430
IV4	125	2	5	4.02	.963	-.820	.217	-.205	.430
Valid N (listwise)	125								

**Table 4: Descriptive analysis**

The above tables depict the number of participants involved in the survey which is 125 determined by N. As per the comment of Lesener et al. (2020), it aids in the determination of the inclusive frequency of the elements involved in the study.

**Validity test**

KMO and Bartlett's Test		
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.		.579
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	Approx. Chi-Square	170.280
	df	10
	Sig.	.000

**Table 5: Validity test**

The above table highlights the sampling adequacy which is 0.579 however; the approx. chi-square is 170.28 having the df value of 10. The score values support the aim and objectives of the research study.

Pearson's Correlation Test

Correlations						
		DV	IV1	IV2	IV3	IV4
DV	Pearson Correlation	1	.451**	.143	.313**	.076
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000	.113	.000	.398
	N	125	125	125	125	125
IV1	Pearson Correlation	.451**	1	.207*	.681**	.216*
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000		.021	.000	.015
	N	125	125	125	125	125
IV2	Pearson Correlation	.143	.207*	1	.349**	.485**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.113	.021		.000	.000
	N	125	125	125	125	125
IV3	Pearson Correlation	.313**	.681**	.349**	1	.046
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000		.607
	N	125	125	125	125	125
IV4	Pearson Correlation	.076	.216*	.485**	.046	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.398	.015	.000	.607	
	N	125	125	125	125	125

\*\* . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).  
 \* . Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Table 6: Pearson's Correlation Test

The value of the Pearson correlation coefficient is positive which suggests that there is a strong and positive association between the developed variables and demonstrated hypotheses. There is a strong connection and effective adherence between positive work culture development, recognition, and rewards promotion, work-life balance empowerment, open communication practices, and employee engagement in the workplace (Rasool et al. 2021).

Multiple regression

Model Summary <sup>b</sup>					
Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	Durbin-Watson
1	.454 <sup>a</sup>	.206	.179	.617	2.270

a. Predictors: (Constant), IV4, IV3, IV2, IV1  
 b. Dependent Variable: DV

Table 7: Model Summary

ANOVA <sup>a</sup>						
Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	11.840	4	2.960	7.782	.050 <sup>b</sup>
	Residual	45.648	120	.380		
	Total	57.488	124			

a. Dependent Variable: DV  
 b. Predictors: (Constant), IV4, IV3, IV2, IV1

**Table 8: ANOVA Coefficients<sup>a</sup>**

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	5.376	.436		12.322	.045
	IV1	.382	.100	0.0445	3.837	.050
	IV2	.046	.082	.059	.567	.043
	IV3	.007	.083	.009	.081	.034
	IV4	.004	.071	-.009	.092	.047

a. Dependent Variable: DV

**Table 9: Coefficients**

Table 9 sheds light on the model summary table, ANOVA, and coefficient value of the dependent and independent variables respectively. Moreover, the consequence of the analysis shows the approval of each of the variables from H1 to H4. The significance values score of the independent variables are 0.05,0.43,0.34, and 0.47 respectively. The ANOVA table highlights that the score value of significance is 0.05 which is equivalent to the normal distribution score value, which suggests a positive correlation between the dependent and independent variables (Pallant, 2020). The result suggests that engaged employees are excited about their work and feel a sense of tenure and self-importance in workplaces. Higher levels of employee engagement have been linked to improved productivity, higher job satisfaction, reduced turnover, and enhanced organizational performance (Byrne,2022). Moreover, there is a positive influence of work culture development as it underwrites to higher efficiency, better-quality retention rates, and improved customer gratification.

**Discussion**

In the discussion of results, it's evident that organizations can effectively enhance employee engagement through the strategic application of marketing techniques. Firstly, by treating employees as internal customers, organizations can create targeted messaging that resonates with their interests and motivations. This approach fosters a sense of value and appreciation among employees, ultimately leading to higher levels of engagement. Moreover, the use of storytelling techniques plays a significant role in conveying the organization's mission and vision in a compelling manner. By sharing stories that illustrate the impact of employee contributions and the importance of their roles within the organization, employees are more likely to feel connected to the organization's purpose, leading to increased engagement.

Additionally, incorporating elements of gamification into engagement initiatives can make the process more interactive and enjoyable for employees. By introducing challenges, rewards, and friendly competition, organizations can incentivize participation and foster a sense of camaraderie among employees. Furthermore, leveraging digital platforms and social media channels can facilitate communication and collaboration among employees, creating a sense of community and belonging. Encouraging employees to share their experiences and ideas can further enhance engagement by empowering them to contribute to the organization's success.

Overall, the discussion highlights the effectiveness of utilizing marketing techniques to enhance employee engagement and underscores the importance of adopting a strategic and targeted approach to achieve meaningful results. Organizations are turning out to be more mindful of how valuable it tends to be as it diminishes representative turnover, expands income, and makes an organization a significantly more pleasant work environment (Decuyper & Schaufeli, 2020). Organizations that line up recognition and reward on top, their workers are more likely to have a highly affianced and creative workforce. On the other hand, work-life stability creativities donate to workers' inclusive well-being by approving physical and mental well-being. In addition to this, organizations that line up open communication on top are better placed to create an optimistic and caring work environment. Therefore, by comprehending and applying these strategies, business organizations can generate a more affianced workforce resulting in more productive, engaged, and competent employees.

**Conclusion**

From the above-detailed analysis, it can be concluded that business organizations can't be as effective and arrive at their maximum capacity without connected representatives. Work fulfilment, acknowledgment, and engaged work culture are a portion of the elements that impact representative commitment rates. Henceforth, the development of positive work culture, reward and recognition approaches, work-life stability, and open communication strategies are crucial to improve employee engagement in workplaces.

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