Workplace Gender Sensitivity Workshop

# A MEN ARE FROM <br> OVENUS <br> WOMEN ARE FROM MARS ${ }^{\text {F }}$ 

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# Workplace Gender Equality 

A Reality Check!

## Dipstick opinion survey

- Opinion about gender equality in their current organisation
- A survey to find out what employees think about issues that affect women and men in the workplace
- An online anonymous industry survey
- Powered by Google forms


## Opinion On...




Sample Size: 130

## Ad \& Media World, Mumbai



Total Sample : 130

## Ad \& Media World, Mumbai

- Mid to Senior level employees
- Advertising agencies
- Media agencies
- Media Houses (Channels, Publications \& Radio stations)

Roles


Media Roles
47\%

## Other Roles <br> 23\%

Total Sample : 130
HR, PR, IT, Finance, etc.

## Ad \& Media World, Mumbai

- Well qualified
- $73 \%$ of respondents hold either a PG degree or PG diploma
- Spent a fair number of years in the industry
- $50 \%$ of respondents have over 10 years of work experience
$-89 \%$ respondents are full time, permanent employees of their current organisations


## Let's look at some findings

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## 91\%

## feel I am valued as an employee

Significant $40 \%$ between 35 to 55 years strongly agree, with closely comparable male/female scores

## 88\%

# feel most senior managers genuinely support equality between women and men 

32\% strongly agree

## Take a closer look

## 'Men’ agree more while 'Women' disagree

Most senior managers genuinely support equality between men and women
$\square$ Female $\quad$ Male


## -pay <br> 91\%

## Men believe women and men

## at similar positions are paid equally

## A significant $35 \%$ women disagree

believe their organisation DOES make assumptions about people's capabilities based on gender, age, pregnancy or family responsibilities

## 'Women' feel this more than 'Men'

I believe the organisation does not make assumptions about people's capabilities based on gender, age, pregnancy or family responsibilities

- Female
- Male




## 48\%

feel flexible working hours are actively encouraged in my work area

## A large majority in the younger age group disagree

Flexible working hours are actively encouraged in my work area


## ony 35\%

feel that MEN are actively encouraged to adopt flexible work arrangements in this organisation

## A large majority disagrees



## 60\% women

feel my commitment to this organisation would be questioned if I chose to use flexible work options

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\text { A significant } 56 \% \text { of men feel the same way too }
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## 55\%

- a significant majority feel
they have NOT been actively encouraged
to apply for other positions in this organisation


## Media \& support roles rotate

## easily as compared to creative roles

I have been actively encouraged to apply for other positions in this organisation



Leave arrangements are sufficiently flexible to enable me to handle important caring issues

## Though 25\% men still disagree

However the disagreement drops to $22 \%$ amongst women

# Let's look at more serious topic 

Note: samples are low

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## 9\%

# People you work with having inappropriate physical contact with you 

7\% women claim to have been subject
to improper sexual advances
$\mathbf{9 \%}$ men are not sure
if the physical contact was inappropriate

## Is it harassment?

| People you work with | Displaying or sending you pictures or jokes of a sexual/sexist nature which you found offensive |  |  | Making repeated and unwelcome remarks, suggestions or jokes to you of a sexual/sexist nature |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Often | Sometimes | Not Sure | Often | Sometimes | Not Sure |
| Female | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 2 |
| Male | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 5 |

The incidence is high amongst women,

## Uncertainty high amongst men



## 17\%

## Have you observed someone else in this

 organisation being sexually harassed?
## Did you?

|  | Did you know what to do about it, <br> who to talk to about it etc.? |  | Did you report the incident to someone in this <br> organisation? |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Yes | No |
|  | 13 | 6 | 5 | 9 |
| Male | 13 | 9 | 2 | 10 |

## Few know what to do about it,

## And fewer report it

## Only $50 \%$ companies have

## a committee to address harassment

## What are the opinion trends stating?

## To sum it up...

- High energy and moral amongst employees of this industry
- Women in this industry feel
- Top management is NOT supportive of Gender equality
- Face a bias due to gender, age, pregnancy or family responsibilities
- A significant number of women also feel they are not paid at par with Men


## To sum it up...

- Though the industry is accommodative and flexible to enable employees to handle important caring issues
- Both, men and women feel their commitment to the organisation will be questioned if they chose flexible work options
- Men NOT encouraged to chose flexible work arrangements


## To sum it up...

- Sexual harassment incidences are high
- Reporting is low, rather there is little or no knowledge about reporting amongst employees

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## Thank You

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