# Millennial Pay— What Works and What Doesn't





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#### **Talent Trends**

One of the biggest headaches for CEOs is making sure that the organization has the right people to cope with what lies ahead. There's the basic question of planning for the skills that are needed now and in the future: Which roles will be automated? What new roles will be needed to manage and run emerging technology? What skills should the company be looking for, and training their people for? Where will we find the people we need?

PwC's 18th Annual Global CEO Survey

But more importantly, CEOs need to be sure that the business is fit to react quickly to whatever the future may throw at it – and that means filling it with adaptable, creative people, working in a culture where energy fizzes and ideas spark into life. If they can't be found, they must be created.

PwC's 18th Annual Global CEO Survey (continued)

## **Key Prediction**

By 2020, the worldwide shortage of highly skilled, college-educated workers could reach 38 to 40 million, or 13% of demand.

(Source: McKinsey Global Institute)

### **Employee Empowerment**

Employees today have increased bargaining power, the job market is highly transparent, and attracting top-skilled workers is a highly competitive activity. Companies are now investing in analytics tools to figure out why people leave, and the topics of purpose, engagement, and culture weigh on the minds of business leaders everywhere.

Deloitte 2015 Study & Report

## The Irresistible Organization

...The employee-work contract has changed: People are operating more like free agents than in the past. In short, the balance of power has shifted from employer to employee, forcing business leaders to learn how to build an organization that engages employees as sensitive, passionate, creative contributors. We call this a shift from improving employee engagement to a focus on building an irresistible organization.

Deloitte 2015 Study & Report



## The Irresistible Organization

Figure 1. The simply irresistible organization®

What we have learned: Five elements drive engagement

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Meaningful work	Hands-on management	Positive work environment	Growth opportunity	Trust in leadership
Autonomy	Clear, transparent goals	Flexible work environment	Training and support on the job	Mission and purpose
Select to fit	Coaching	Humanistic workplace	Facilitated talent mobility	Continuous investment in people
Small, empowered teams	Invest in management development	Culture of recognition	Self-directed, dynamic learning	Transparency and honesty
Time for slack	Modern performance management	Inclusive, diverse work environment	High-impact learning culture	Inspiration
		A focus on simplicit	ty	

## **Employer Brand**

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- More critical than ever because of social media



## **Employer Brand**



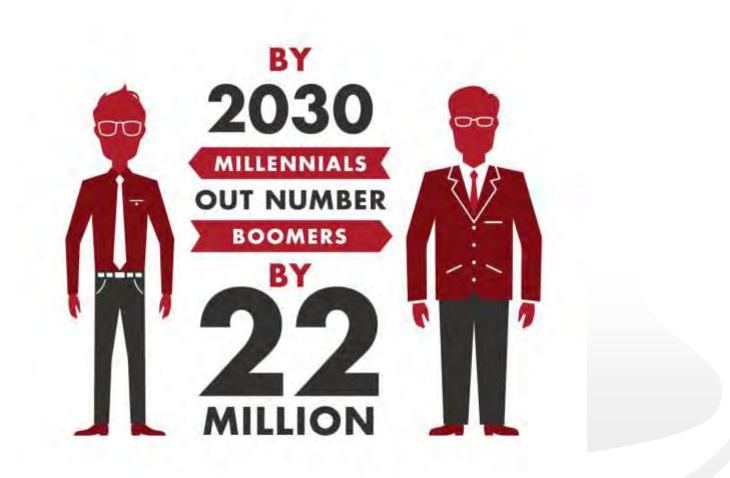
"...some 80% of job seekers today will research an employer online before deciding whether to apply to a position there. When candidates don't find enough information to convince them you're worth working for, they'll pass. That much is obvious, but employers are only now beginning to reckon with the consequences. In other words, job seekers are making a consumer decision, too: If you aren't good enough to work for, why buy anything from you?

"Showing pride and confidence in your company's employer brand sends a strong message: 'These are our employees. See for yourself how they make our company great.' And, like any good brand strategy, **the key is to know how your employees are unique and then flaunt it**." (J.T. O'Donnell, Fast Company)

#### Why Talk about Millennial Pay?

- Largest generation in global workforce (Pew Research) Myths abound
- Unique frame of reference
- Limitless potential impact
- Mystery to business leaders

#### Why Talk about Millennial Pay?



## Who Are Millennials?

Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data:

- 1/3 of Workforce
- Ages 20 to 36 in 2017
- 24% of the US population (77 million individuals)
- The median income:
  - Younger Millennials- \$25k
  - Older Millennials--\$48k



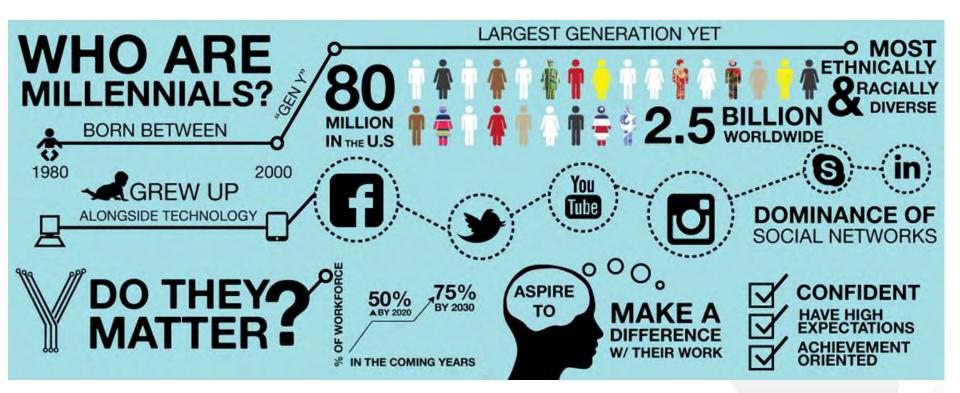
#### Who Are Millennials?



#### 2014 Nielsen Research

- 21% of Millennials are married (42% of Boomers married at same age)
- 23% have a Bachelor's degree or higher (most educated generation)
- Most ethnically and racially diverse generation (19% Hispanic, 14% African-American,5% Asian)
- 36% of women are mothers
- 2 in 3 Millennials are US-born
- 38% of Millennials are bilingual

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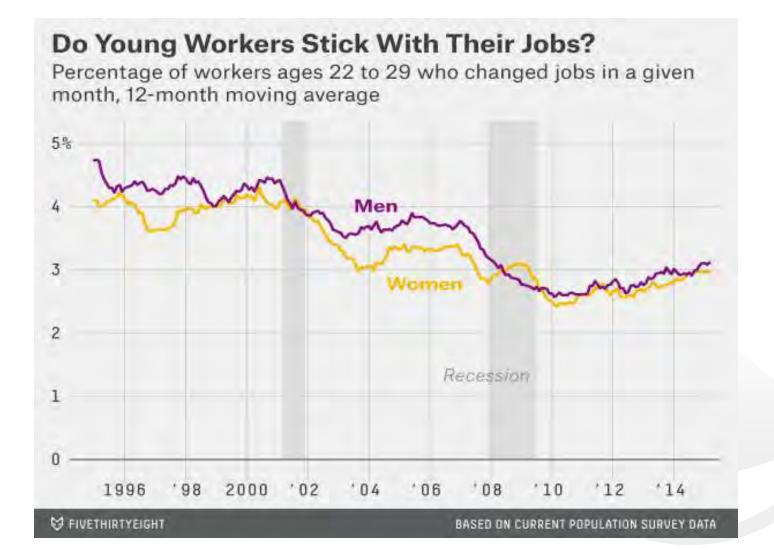


#### Millennial Myths

"...studies have started to dispel the myth of the itinerant millennial. Using data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, for example, the website FiveThirtyEight.com has shown that millennials change jobs less frequently than gen Xers did at the same age....at least 40 percent of millennials see themselves staying at their current organization for a minimum of nine years — a much longer period than the 16 months to three years that's often reported."

Millennials Play the Long Game, Strategy+Business, Jennifer Deal and Alex Levenson

#### **Trend for Job Changes**



#### **Myths Translate into Mistakes**

MYTHS

FACTS

- Using myths as an excuse
- Treating millennials as a monolithic group
- Resisting change
- Making assumptions

Perplexed Business Leader:

"Our company initiated a profit sharing bonus plan and it just bombed."



Perplexed Business Leader:

"Probably between 22 and 31."



All Knowing Business Leader:

"There's your problem. Those are Millennials and Millennials don't care about money."

(Problem solved.)

# **REALLY?**

#### **Eric Rea**

- Graduated in computer engineering
- Offered job with United Nations
- \$100,000 salary non-taxable
- "No one ever leaves the U.N."



#### Podium

### DEAK1000 Utah's Most Inspiring Entrepreneurs TOP 10

#### Millennial Pay Plan as a Marketing Strategy

- Audience
- Do
- Believe
- Know



#### **Identify the Audience**

#### Not All Millennials are Created Equal

- Persona
- Age group
- Career phase
- Family
- Goals
- Living arrangements
- Millennial type
- Free time

#### Identify What You Want them to Do

- Role
- Outcomes
- Impact
- Performance channel
- Unique abilities
- Fit

#### Identify What They Need to Believe

- What's possible
- Who benefits
- Why it matters
- Positive outcomes

Simon Sinek: "Start with Why"



#### Identify What They Need to Believe



#### Focus on Purpose

"The linchpin for connection is a sense of purpose. Most leaders and managers I talk with get this but don't really know what to do about it. A 2015 study by the Harvard Business Review and EY Beacon Institute found that more than 80% of the 474 surveyed executives believe that purpose is important to many key measures of a business and 70% believe it is important to integrate purpose into core business functions. Less than half, however, believe that their organization has a shared sense of purpose or aligns its strategy to a purpose, and fewer than 38% say that employees are clear on purpose or that the business model and operations are well aligned with their purpose. Given my experience clarifying and activating purpose for organizations, I suspect the percentage of companies that have actually aligned their purpose with their business models or processes is likely much lower."

(Ways to Cultivate Purpose in the Workplace, Workspan Magazine, January 2017, pg 21-26)

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### Identify What They Need to Know

- Company vision
- Business model & strategy
- Purpose
- Partnership
- Rewards
- Relevance

### **Millennial Career Segments**



### Launchers

- Young professionals at the start of their careers.
- Just left the university or are within their first few years of graduating.
- Yours is their initial or perhaps second career-related job.
- Most of them are single.

### Accelerators

- Have had some experience with more than one company
- Are now trying to settle in with an organization where they can rise in ability, recognition, contribution and influence.
- Most still single but a growing number are married or have life partners and are starting families.



### Catalysts

- Entering or are well into their 305
- Have gained meaningful experience and possess unique abilities.
- Able to affect significant (positive) change in an organization
- Companies are competing for their talents.
- They have leverage and are in a position to negotiate.
- Many married and have children.

## The Emergence of Catalysts

#### The New Corporate Garage

"...Apple's inventiveness is no anomaly; it indicates a dramatic shift in the world of innovation. The revolution spurred by venture capitalists decades ago has created the conditions in which scale enables big companies to stop shackling innovation and start unleashing it."

## **Catalysts Change Growth Trajectory**

"...entrepreneurial individuals, or 'catalysts,' within big companies are using those companies' resources, scale, and growing agility to develop solutions to global challenges in ways that few others..." (Harvard Business Review, September 2012)



### The Millennial Value Proposition:

### **Total Rewards**

1.Compel	ling	Future
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2.Positive Work Environment

3.Opportunities for Personal and Professional Growth

4. Financial Rewards

### **1.** Compelling Future

- I like the direction the company is headed.
- I embrace the company's values.
- I believe the company can achieve its growth goals.

- I see myself in the company's future.
- I want a "seat at the table" in determining the direction of the company.

### 2. Positive Work Environment

- I like the nature of the work I'm doing.
- I am working within my unique ability.
- My responsibilities have strategic purpose.
- I like the team of people with whom I work.
- There are channels and processes for solving problems and decision making.

### 3. Personal and Professional Development

As a result of my immersion in the culture and resources of this organization, my unique abilities will improve—and I will experience personal and professional fulfillment.

### 4. Financial Rewards

- There is a philosophy that guides pay decisions and I relate to it.
- There is a mechanism for sharing value with those who help produce it.

 I have some control over how much I can earn if I produce.
 I feel a sense of partnership with ownership.

## **Total Rewards Approach**

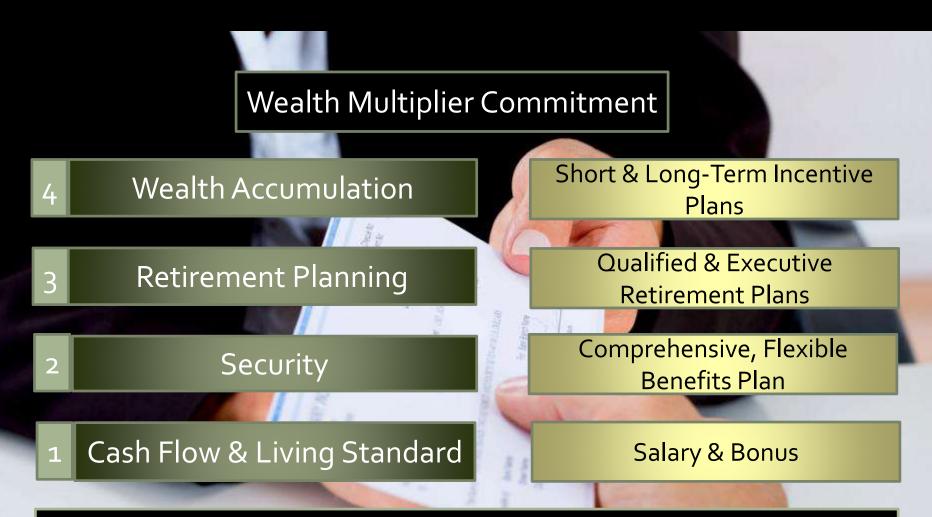
### Compelling Future Purpose

Positive Work Environment Autonomy

Opportunities for Personal and Professional Growth Mastery & Purpose

Financial Rewards Partnership

### Financial "Hierarchy of Needs"



**Clear Pay Philosophy** 

## **Hierarchy & Millennial Segments**

	Launchers	
Area	Orientation	
Cash Flow/Standard of Living	<ul> <li>Pay expectations still being formed</li> <li>Modest needs</li> <li>Competitive salary and mentoring</li> </ul>	
Risk Protection	<ul><li>Basic needs</li><li>Don't want to pay anything</li></ul>	
Retirement	Small or little concern	
VS/Wealth Accumulation	<ul> <li>More concerned about money for this weekend</li> <li>Short-term preferred over long-term</li> </ul>	

## **Hierarchy & Millennial Segments**

### Accelerators

Area	Orientation
Cash Flow/Standard of Living	<ul> <li>Context:         <ul> <li>Experience</li> <li>Peer Pay</li> <li>Life Responsibilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>College Debt</li> </ul>
Risk Protection	<ul> <li>Adequacy of coverage— family focus</li> <li>Cost sensitive</li> </ul>
Retirement	Growing Focus
VS/Wealth Accumulation	<ul> <li>Emphasis on increased cash flow</li> <li>Short-term preferred over long-term</li> </ul>



## **Hierarchy & Millennial Segments**



	Catalysts		
Area	Orientation		
Cash Flow/Standard of Living	• Prefer median of market pay but with high upside potential		
Risk Protection	<ul><li>Want flexibility and options</li><li>Maximum Control</li></ul>		
Retirement	<ul> <li>Two areas of focus:         <ul> <li>Retirement accumulation</li> <li>Current tax savings</li> </ul> </li> <li>Deferred compensation</li> </ul>		
VS/Wealth Accumulation	<ul> <li>Large area of emphasis</li> <li>Focus on long-term opportunity</li> <li>Mirror owner opportunity</li> </ul>		

#### **Salaries**

Salary

Growth

Incentives

Nongualified

Retirement

Plans

Core Health

& Welfare

Plans

Qualified

Retirement

Plans

Executive

Benefit

Plans

Competitive with market standards? Tied to strong performance management process (merit)? Managed within a flexible but effective structure?

#### **Performance Incentives**

Tied to productivity gains? Clear, achievable and meaningful? Self-financing?

#### Sales Incentives

Challenging yet achievable? Reinforcing the right behaviors? Differentiating your offering?

#### **Growth Incentives**

Linked to a compelling future? Supporting an ownership mentality? Securing premier talent?

#### **Core Benefits**

Responsive to today's employee marketplace? Allocating resources where most needed? Evaluated to eliminate unnecessary expense?

#### **Executive Benefits**

Flexible enough to address varying circumstances? Communicating a unique relationship? Reducing employee tax expense?

#### **Qualified Retirement Plans**

Giving employees an opportunity to optimize retirement values? Operated with comprehensive fiduciary accountability? Avoiding conflicts and minimizing expenses?

#### **Nonqualified Retirement Plans**

Performance

Incentives

Sales

Incentives

- Optimizing tax-deferral opportunities?
- Aligning long-term interests of employees with shareholders?
- Structured to receive best possible P&L impact?

### An Aligned Millennial Pay Strategy



## 6 Reasons Millennials Care About Pay

### Personal 1. Lifestyle & Wealth Accumulation 2. Career Measurement

3. Contribution Ambitions

#### Business

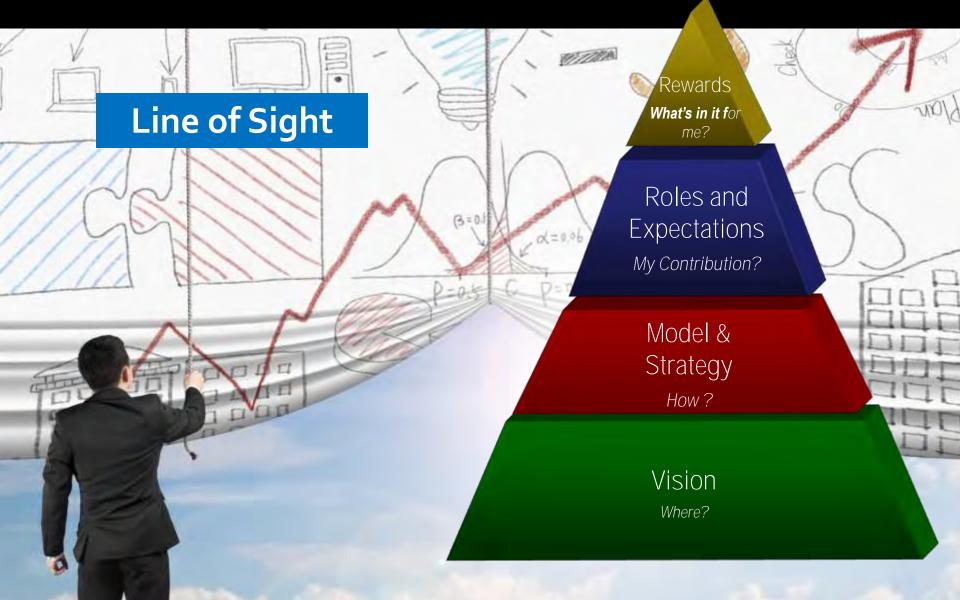
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Roles, Expectations & Priorities Partnership Continuity & Fairness

### What Millennial Pay Needs to Reinforce



## Market a Future that's Relevant

- Communicate desire for a growth partnership
- Demonstrate commitment
  - To the future business
  - To key contributors
- Promote don't just communicate
- Be consistent

### Market a Future that's Relevant

- Here's our future
- Here's how we're going to get there
- Here's the role we
  picture for you
  Here's how we
  encourage our people
  to grow and contribute

Here's our philosophy about pay and rewards Here are our specific pay programs Here's how our pay programs could work for you if we achieve our plan

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- More critical than ever because of social media
- Millennials are most connected generation



## In Summary



- Treat millennial pay like a marketing strategy
- Take a total rewards approach
- Gear pay strategy to career segments
- Reinforce line of sight
- Market a future

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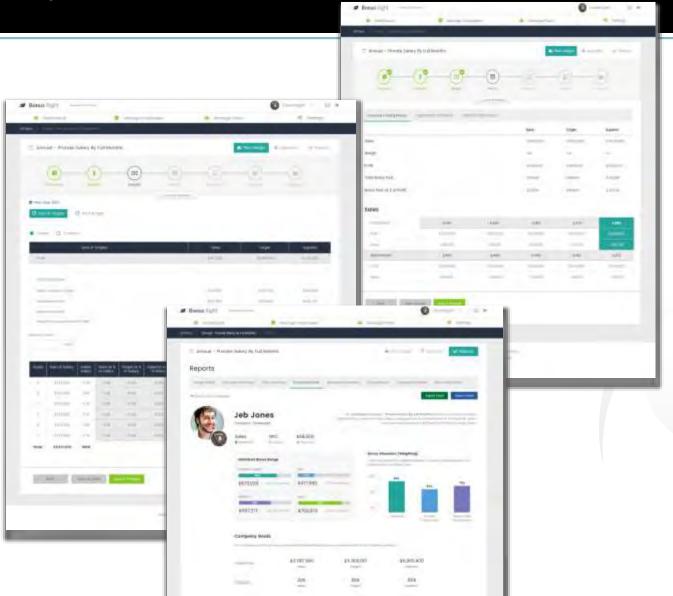
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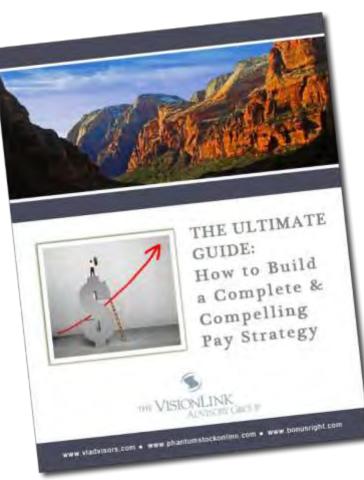
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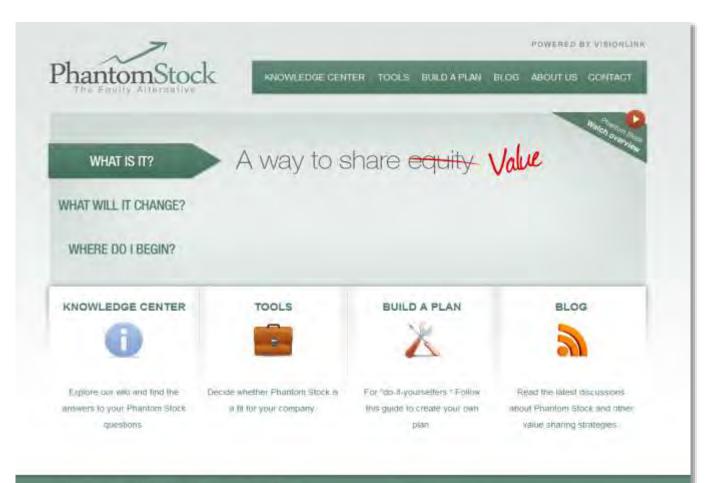
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