Chief Reputation Officer: is effective communication enough for a good reputation?

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The devil is in the details. Success is in the systems.

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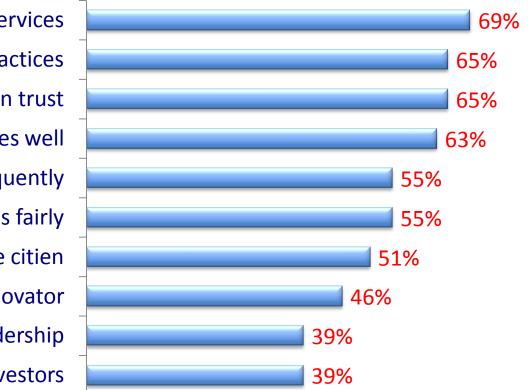


Issues to discuss

- How do we measure our business results?
- Which Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are influencing both sales and reputation?
- Social media's impact on clients and employees satisfaction and reputation
- Mission (im)posibble: How to achieve that KPIs influencing reputation would be included in employees' motivation systems?



Most important factors to corporate reputation



High quality products or services Transparent and honest business practices Company I can trust Treats employees well **Communicates frequently Prices fairly** Good corporate citien Innovator Widely admired leadership Financial returns on investors

How do we measure our business results?

LAG MEASURES

- Show past performance
- Appear too late for course correction
- Are easier to measure

LEAD MEASURES

- Are predictive for future results
- May be influenced in shorter period
- Are conected to the 80/20 activities that drive results
- Are more difficult to measure

All financial indicators are lag measures

Client satisfaction index Employee satisfaction index Sustainability index Others

Do motivation systems contribute to better reputation?

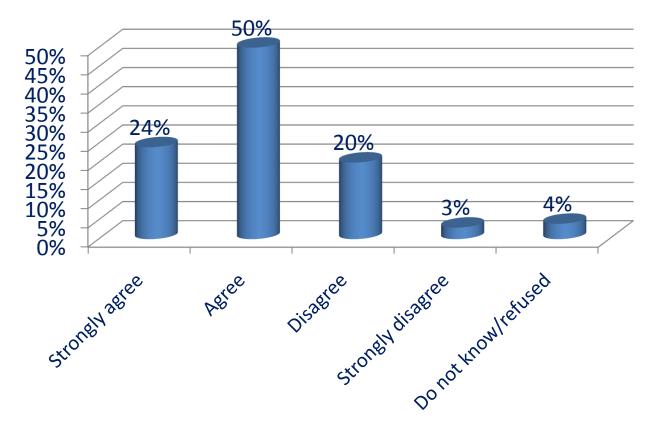
- Most of motivation systems are based on the "pay for performance" principle only.
- This may induce the executives to take company killing risks on the higest level.
- On the sales and client service level it produces bad profits that harm clients' satisfaction, loyalty, future sales and reputation

Average S&P 500 CEO pay to average employee salary went from 40:1 in the 1970 to 325:1 in 2010.

Source: B.S.Frey & M.Osterloh HBR Jan-Feb 2012



It is simple to damage company's reputation on social media – claimed 74 % of surveyed employees



Employee responses

Deloitte LLP 2009 Ethics & Workplace Survey results

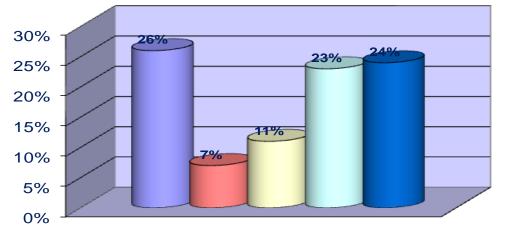
Reputational risk and social networking should be a boardroom issue – claim 58% of executives.

Just 15% of executives claim that it actually is a boardroom issue.

Source: Social networking and reputational risk in the workplace. Deloitte LLP 2009 Ethics & Workplace Survey results



When it comes to employee use of social networking channels, what is your company's official policy?



Employee responses

There are very specific guidelines what you can and can not say online in relation to company and/or client matters

The policy is to use your discretion when it comes to posting comments and opinions on the world wide web and social networking sites

There is a policy, but I do not know what it is

There is no policy

Do not know if there is a policy

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53% of employee respondents claim their social networking pages are none of their employers' business.

61% of employees claim that even if employers are monitoring their social networking profiles/activities, they would not change what they are doing online. Employees have already made significant adjustments to their online profiles because they know it is not private.

Source: Social networking and reputational risk in the workplace. Deloitte LLP 2009 Ethics & Workplace Survey results

- Question: Could a company policy change how you act online?
 "No" say 49 % of employees
- Question: Does your company have a policy on using social networking channels?
 24% of employees don't know
- Question: Would you comment online if your employer did anything that you did not agree with?
 15% say "yes"

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Conclusions

- Reputation is usually suffering if motivation systems of any organization are not aligned to main goals of a company or an organization.
- Client, employee satisfaction and sustainability indexes should be included in motivation systems.
- Social media puts more light on client and employee satisfaction level of any organisation and makes it more visible for other stakeholder groups.
- CRO or other person in charge should be deeply involved in the process of adjustment of motivation systems.

Thank you!

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