

# A Literature Review on the Conceptual Framework of Employee Engagement

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## Abstract

Employee engagement has turned out to be an essential driver for the development of organization. As competition increased, employers recognized the prominence of employee to retain and grow in the knowledge economy. The purpose of the article is to give a conceptual framework of employee engagement with regard to service industry. As well as to highlight the numerous aspects that drive employee engagement. The article is completely based on a review of past literature on employee engagement. A framework was designed bearing in mind employee's engagement with the task, with team and with the company-related variables. Employee involvement as depicted in this study is ideally suited for usage in the organization. Further empirical study should be taken on to determine the effect of the suggested framework.

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## Introduction

With mounting steady loss and the 'battle for ability' for brilliant people in many organizations, enthusiasm for employee involvement has been growing. Employee engagement and better results are desired by organizations, for example, execution, profitability, work fulfillment, reduced wear and tear, and consumer loyalty, to name a few. In previous studies, the phrase "employee engagement" has been defined in a variety of ways. Employee engagement, according to recent consensus, refers to a person's willingness to commit a considerable amount of physical, intellectual, and passionate resources to the work errands associated with a job (Christian, Garza, & Slaughter, 2011). Employee engagement has also been defined as the degree to which employees are satisfied with their jobs, feel valued, and experience shared effort and trust (Cattewu et al., 2007). While managing employee engagement is critical for every company's success and growth, it takes on even more relevance in the services industry. The leadership's company is tremendously dependent on the employees. As evidenced by research conducted in a few countries, many businesses lose a significant amount of money because of the reduced profitability of their workers (Gopal, 2003). Many of the withdrawn personnel will eventually

depart the company. Low employee engagement has been linked to high representative turnover in previous studies (Harter et al., 2013). This elevated level of wearing down is a tremendous weight due to related costs that incorporates re-procuring, preparing, income lost in increase time and so on. We battle that in the event that organization can proactively take important activities to improve employee engagement, at that point the low profitability and steady loss issue can be dealt with somewhat.

Notwithstanding, the key issue is that at present employee engagement is estimated by means of (mysterious) studies that give an employee engagement rating at a Business Unit level. Besides, because of Information Technology and regulatory expenses related with reviews, they are turned out a few times to entire or examined populaces. Because of these issues, the deliberate employee engagement just gives a sign of the atmosphere of the organization at the hour of moving of review. This technique can't be utilized for persistent checking of employee engagement and activating customized Human Resource programs for every worker. In this way, we firmly accept that a computerized framework for estimating representative commitment combined with solid Human Resource projects to ensure that remedial moves are made for workers with low employee engagement can enormously help improve the atmosphere and resolve of organizations. In the administrations business, the employees are a basic component of organization. In contrast to machines, people have various objectives, yearnings, individual and expert factors that may be unique in relation to those of others. We accept that any calculation or estimation of employee engagement should accept such close to home just as employment related elements into represent estimating employee engagement. It is exceptionally difficult to consolidate these heap singular factors in a review based way to deal with estimating employee engagement. Utilizing our proposed mechanized methodology, these elements can be effectively joined in the framework.

To be clear, the following are the major commitments of this project:

- To provide a comprehensive employee engagement model that combines existing metrics into a theoretical system.
- To propose the concept of instantaneous and detectable data. The data is currently available in large business data sources or has been generated by computerised impressions.
- To present a computational methodology for calculating a personalised score for employee engagement that takes into account both personal and work-related factors.

## **Review of literature**

Employee engagement has recently become a contentious topic. Despite this, there is a paucity of basic scholarly research on the subject, and only a little amount of effort is given to how CEOs might influence employee engagement. Despite the fact that there is a great deal of enthusiasm for participation, there is also a great deal of apprehension. There is currently no agreement in definition, with engagement being operationalized and estimated from a variety of perspectives.

It should be noted that the term "employee engagement" has been referenced in the writing by a variety of terms, including "work engagement," "personal engagement," "task engagement," "job engagement," and so on. Different predecessors of engagement distinguished in past investigations incorporate worth coinciding, saw authoritative help and center self-assessments (Rich, Lepine, & Crawford, 2010).

Kahn (1990) defines employee engagement as *"the harnessing of organization members' selves to their work roles; in engagement, people employ and express themselves physically, cognitively, and emotionally during role performances"*(p.694).

Employee engagement is most commonly defined as employees' emotional and intellectual commitment to the company (Baumruk 2004, Richman 2006, and Shaw 2005) or the amount of voluntary effort they put in at work (Frank et al 2004). Despite the fact that employee engagement is a multi-faceted construct, as recently proposed by Kahn (1990), Truss et al (2006) characterise employee engagement as 'energy for work,' a mental state that appears to encompass the three components of commitment discussed by Kahn (1990), and catches the average subject going through all of them.

The inclusion of many definitions makes determining the state of information on worker commitment difficult, as each examination examines representative commitment according to a different convention. Furthermore, until employee involvement can be broadly identified and measured, it cannot be monitored, nor can it be determined whether efforts to improve it are effective (Ferguson 2007). This focuses on equivalency concerns caused by definitional differences. Furthermore, while it is acknowledged that employee engagement has been defined from a variety of perspectives, it is also argued that the definitions are frequently solid like other more commonly used and established constructs, such as "organisational commitment" and "organisational citizenship behaviour" (Robinson et al 2004). As a result, Robinson et al (2004) defined commitment as "one step above commitment." As a result, employee engagement mimics another another pattern, or what some may refer to as "old wine in a new jug".

Robinson et al (2004) state that *"engagement contains many of the elements of both commitment and OCB but is by no means a perfect match with either. In addition, neither commitment nor OCB reflect sufficiently two aspects of engagement - its two way nature, and the extent to which engaged employees are expected to have an element of business awareness."*

Organizational commitment, according to Saks (2006), differs from engagement in that it refers to an individual's mentality and connection to their organisation, whereas engagement isn't just a state of mind; it refers to how much an individual is mindful of their work and retained in the presentation of their job. Similarly, while organisational citizenship behaviour involves both conscious and unintentional actions that can benefit leadership and the organisation, the focus of engagement is on proper work execution rather than completely extra-job and intentional behaviour.

According to May et al (2004), the development of job involvement and 'flow' is most closely linked to engagement (Csikszentmihalyi 1990). An intellectual or conviction condition of mental distinguishing proof according to the definition of employment inclusion (Kanungo 1982:342). This differs from involvement in that it focuses on how an individual uses himself or herself during the presentation of his or her activity.

It is reflected in significant levels of individual interest in the work errands performed at work (Khan, 1990). It has been characterized as a generally suffering perspective alluding to the concurrent venture of individual energies in the experience or execution of work (Christian, Garza, & Slaughter, 2011). As a feature of the person's involvement with work, work culture, authoritative help, work conditions, initiative, mental wellbeing, and organizational commitment are key viewpoints that shape his/her engagement. Organizational culture is a common method for seeing life and enrollment in the organization that ties individuals together and impacts their opinion of themselves and their work (Wagner & Hollenbeck, 2010). Being a piece of an organization whose culture advances engagement by encouraging open communications among representatives, described by formal and casual occasions, gatherings, and workshops, for instance is a key factor impacting the employee engagement with their activity. A key part of an open organization culture is mental security. Mental wellbeing is the recognition that one's workplace is alright for relational hazard taking, with the end goal that proximal others won't dismiss or humiliate the individuals who commit errors or make some noise about troublesome issues (Edmondson, 1999). In authoritative societies that are described by mental security, employees are probably going to feel enabled to take on new difficulties, in this manner empowering business related engagement to flourish. Another key empowering agent of business related engagement is leadership, which has been characterized as the utilization of impact to immediate and arrange individuals' exercises towards the achievement of gathering goals (Wagner & Hollenbeck, 2010). Under a successful pioneer, employee engagement will undoubtedly prosper, as the destinations and objectives of the activity and the association everywhere are firmly lined up with that of the person. Hence a viable pioneer is one who can obviously impart the organization's needs such that would guarantee fruitful results. Like culture, an organization's steady environment and sound work conditions go far in encouraging employee engagement. A positive organizational commitment has been connected to significant authoritative results, for example, consumer loyalty (Ashkanasy, Wilderom, & Peterson, 2000).

The key variables identified with the director or chief that effect employee engagement. Backing from the chief or administrator have been appeared to prompt positive individual results, for example, lower turnover expectation (Kuvaas & Dysvik, 2010). Clarity in objective setting, responsibility, trust, regular qualities and correspondence have additionally been featured to be significant parts of a sound senior- subordinate relationship.

Personality explore has featured that attributes, for example, appropriateness and principles anticipate singular results at work (Barrick & Mount, 1991). In any case, it isn't clear how these character attributes are identified with engagement. In view of past character look into, it might

be suggested that character attributes anticipate employee engagement. So also, in light of past research, positive effect, inspiration, learning, trust and work-life balance are not many of the basic individual factors that are identified with a person's degree of engagement with the activity, group and the organization.

Substantial parts of the activity, specifically pay, prizes, acknowledgment, and advancements just as immaterial factors, for example, the multifaceted nature of work, its quality, task hugeness and self-sufficiency are basic indicators of individual and authoritative execution. Be that as it may, it is hazy how these components identify with employee engagement. Accordingly we recommend that the above activity related components are huge indicators of employee engagement.

Communication, team diversity, team support, group dynamics are the significant team-level factors that are proposed to impact employee engagement in this paper. A significant part of the examination on employee engagement has concentrated on factors that are interior to the individual and the organization. Moderately less is centered on how outside powers, for example, rivalry, showcase rebuilding by means of mergers and acquisitions influence the degree of commitment of the worker. In this way our paper proposes outer components to be a key indicator of employee engagement. As talked about employee engagement has been shown to foresee individual (Rich, Lepine & Crawford, 2010). Therefore we think about individual execution, authoritative execution, work fulfillment, profession development, efficiency and effect on business and society, as key results of employee engagement.

## Methodology

The paper is totally review based. After doing extensive review of literature the research is able to find the key important factors that affect the employee engagement in service sector. The major objective of the research is to provide a conceptual framework of employee engagement with regard service sector. The major variable is employee engagement and researcher is find out the factor that majorly influence the service sector.

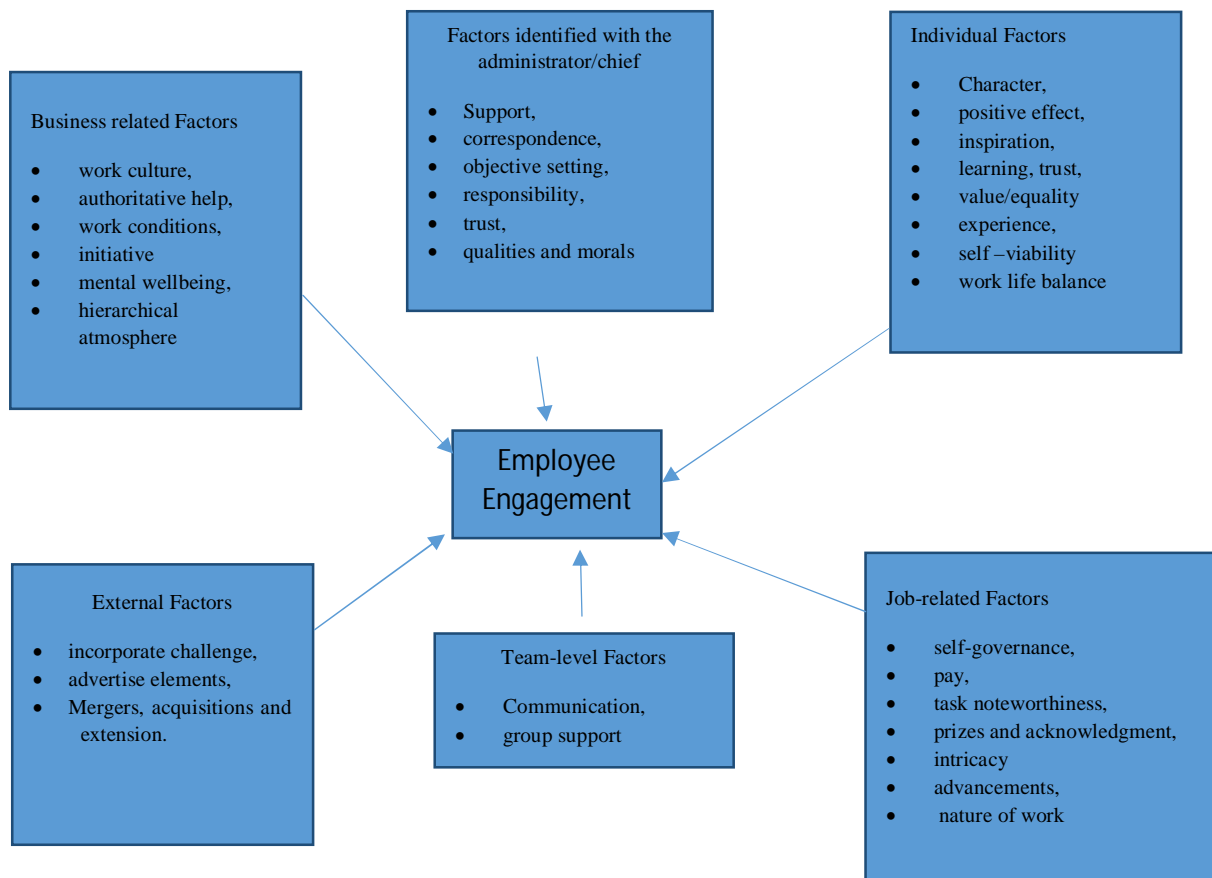
## Conceptual framework of Employee Engagement

The following part elaborates on the framework of employee engagement given in Figure 1 based on the foregoing examination of employee engagement in several research streams. Employee engagement is studied in this study in terms of the employee's involvement with his or her job, team, and company. This idea is consistent with previous interaction methods, such as enquire about in. To predict employee involvement, consider the following factors:

- **Administrator/chief factors:** support, correspondence, goal setting, responsibility, trust, qualities, and morality
- **Individual Factors:** Character, positive influence, inspiration, learning, trust, value/equality observations, aptitudes and experience, self-viability, and work-life balance are all factors

identified with the individual representation and recommended to predict worker commitment.

- **Job-related Factors:** Self-governance, compensation, task significance, rewards and recognition, intricacy, advancements, job requests, nature of job, want arrangement, and criticism are some of the key elements associated with the activity that are thought to effect employee engagement.
- **Factors at the team level:** communication, group diversity, group support, and group elements
- **External Factors:** notwithstanding the above mentioned, macroeconomic occasions and economic situations are likewise proposed to affect representative commitment. These elements incorporate challenge, advertise elements, mergers and acquisitions and extension



**Figure 1. Factor affecting Employee engagement**

## Conclusions

One of the most important attempts in linking various aspects of employee engagement into a single paradigm is our study. The focus of the study is on the individual's involvement with the activity, companion, and association. In our paradigm, innovation is suggested as an empowering agent of employee engagement. This is a mathematical model that has been validated through roundtable discussions and meetings. The hypothetical model presented in this study can be



examined in detail in future study to determine the impact of the elements plotted in it on employee engagement and its outcomes. To be progressively illustrative of employee engagement in the administrations division, the study should be replicated using a larger, increasingly various case. Furthermore, the current work is hypothetical, and the assessment of the recommendations outlined in the paper for a situation study would be beneficial. In the future, we may want to use the system to calculate employee engagement for a subset of employees in order to assess the link between employee engagement and profitability/weakening.

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