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### MANAGERIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL STYLE

### **Preferred Style when Planning:**

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- Remains independent of group values and pressures
- Applies authoritarian methods as base of company policy and planning
- Emphasizes competition, individual resource and reward by merit
- Ensures a high degree of personal achievement
- Bases planning on individual prerogative

## **SETTING OBJECTIVES**

- Emphasizes competitive advantage as a desirable basis for adopting company objectives
- Provides personal, emotional challenge with difficult, definite goals

#### IMPROVING OPERATIONS

- Encourages individual initiative and ideas in improvement planning
- Emphasizes personal direction of individuals
- Emphasizes financial incentive as the basis for improvement



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#### **Preferred Style when Planning (cont.):**

Emphasizes individual thinking and an unstructured background for problem-solving

# **Preferred Style when Organizing:**

# **ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS**

- Carefully defines respective boundaries of authority and encourages direct debate
- Emphasizes competition as best means of establishing practical relationships
- Exercises a loose control over liaison; emphasizes creative contribution of individuals

## PROMOTING TEAMWORK

Organizes teams as loose confederations of individuals

#### **COMPENSATING**

- Bases compensation on immediate and practical results and tangible benefits
- Considers demanding work to be largely its own reward

#### ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITIES

Allocates tasks to individuals in each team, making them personally responsible



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### **Preferred Style when Organizing (cont.):**

- Places precise limits on areas of authority when allocating responsibilities. Allocates to those willing to speak up
- Bases assignments on the assumption that good staffing is a highly complex and demanding process

#### **DELEGATING**

Formally defines chain of command by personal, one-on-one delegation of responsibility

#### **IMPLEMENTING**

- Initiates action with the support of superior authority
- Sets projects in motion without concern for the status quo

## **Preferred Style when Directing:**

#### **COMMUNICATING**

Emphasizes personal authority and influence in communicating

#### **MOTIVATING**

- Views teams as separate from personal effort
- Gives individuals close, firm direction
- Motivates through competitive advantage, rivalry and the power of money



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### **Preferred Style when Directing (cont.):**

- . Motivates employees by demands of emotionally challenging tasks
- . Allows employees to express individuality without undue structural constraints

#### NEGOTIATING

- . Emphasizes face-to-face debate, gaining edge on opponent
- . Emphasizes financial gains and spirit of competition in negotiating
- Combines ability to hold firm position with awareness of personal deficiencies
- Places emphasis on being individualistic and unorthodox in dealing with opponents

#### **CORRECTING**

- . Regards problems as the result of individual mistakes
- . Solves problems by open debate and airing of disagreement and conflict
- Encourages competition and financial incentives as means of diverting employees from unprofitable practices
- . Sees own mistakes and encourages remedial action



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### **Preferred Style when Directing (cont.):**

#### **DEVELOPING PERSONNEL**

- Gives personal assignments and rewards
- Achieves effective performance as a by-product of high morale coupled with high expectations
- Emphasizes uniqueness, individuality and diversity

# **Preferred Style when Controlling:**

#### REVIEWING PERFORMANCE

- Makes outspoken evaluations of performance
- Views performance in terms of ability to respond positively to difficult, emotionally challenging situations

#### **DISCIPLINING**

- Enforces rules on an individual level
- Defines and limits freedom by imposing authority directly
- Enforces strict rules to achieve maximum compliance with management's objectives

## SETTING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Evaluates individual responsibility and initiative when setting standards and determining expected compliance



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# **Preferred Style when Controlling (cont.):**

- Links standards to financial rewards and personal advancement
- Sets up a standard of performance that demands strong personal response

#### **CONTROLLING COSTS**

Evaluates procedures rigorously to determine better ways of doing things

#### REPORTING

- Centers authority and accountability in spoken, personalized reporting on a person-to-person basis
- Assesses individuals on the basis of unique contributions to the corporate effort

#### MAINTAINING QUALITY/QUANTITY PERFORMANCE

- Maintains performance by personal face-to-face supervision
- Focuses attention on high, but realistic, standards of service and performance

#### MANAGING CHANGE

- Takes appropriate individual action when changes in circumstances necessitate it
- Allows employees to adapt themselves individually to changes in circumstances

