

2016 Edenred-Ipsos Barometer

The Millennials generation in the working environment

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THE 2016 EDENRED-IPSOS BAROMETER

+ 14,000 employees interviewed by Ipsos in January 2016* including 3,552 employees under 30 or born after 1986**...

...in **15 COUNTRIES** among the largest economies in the world: Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, USA

1. USA 2. China 3. Japan 4. Germany 5. UK 6. France 7. Brazil 8. India 9. Italy and Spain (14*) Mexico (15) Turkey (18) Poland (23) Belgium (25) **Chile (38)**



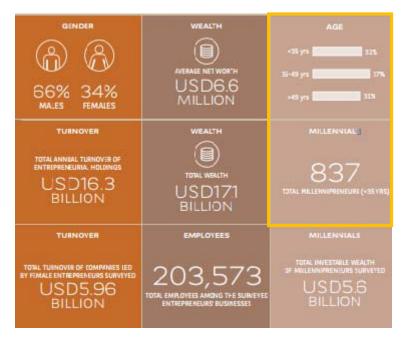
^{*}Online survey undertaken in January 2016 by Ipsos

^{**}In our Barometer, employees born after 1986 are considered as "Digital Natives"; they belong to the Millennium generation ("Millennials").

REMINDER: THE BAROMETER DOESN'T INCLUDE THE 'MILLENNIPRENEURS'

Entrepreneurship is growing at an exponential rate worldwide - particularly among young people

→ Emergence of "Millennipreneurs"



(2016 BNP Paribas Global Entrepreneur Report)

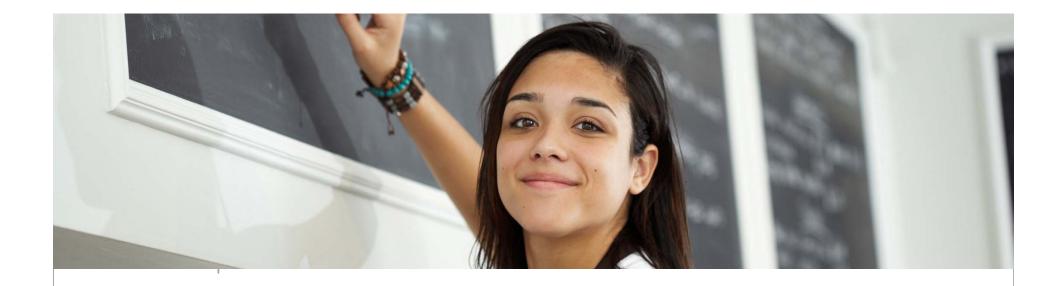
APPROACH

Engaging the Millennials: perceptions of the workplace

Attracting the Millennials: employer's future HR challenges

Attracting the Millennials: the 'ideal employer'

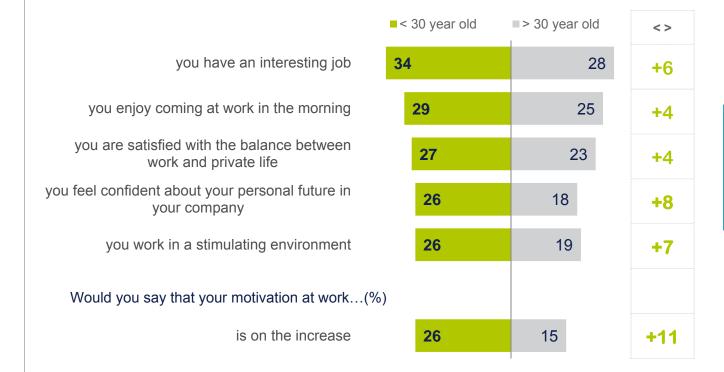
Managing the
Millennials:
expectations toward
managers



Key results

LIFE IN THE WORKPLACE (1/2)

Do you agree with the following statements ...(% absolutely)



FINDINGS

Compared to their elders, Millennials are much more enthusiastic and motivated

LIFE IN THE WORKPLACE (2/2)

Do you agree with the following statements ...(% absolutely)

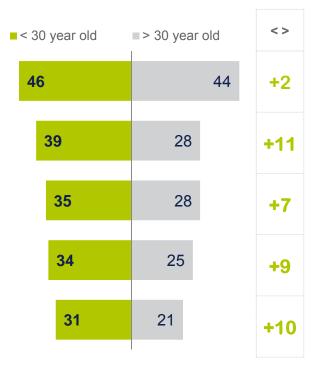
you have a clear idea of what is expected from you on the job

if you have problems, you can count on colleagues to support

you feel respected by your management

your equipment and materials at your disposal are suitable

your management pays attention to your skills and training

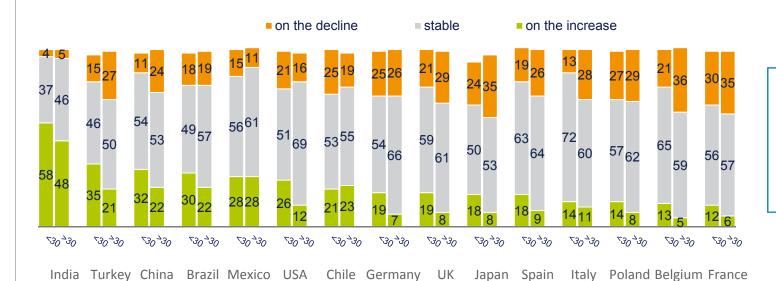


FINDINGS

- Under 30s employees also have the feeling to work in a more trusty and supportive environment
- They feel better managed and trained

MOTIVATION [COUNTRIES]

Your motivation at work is... (%)

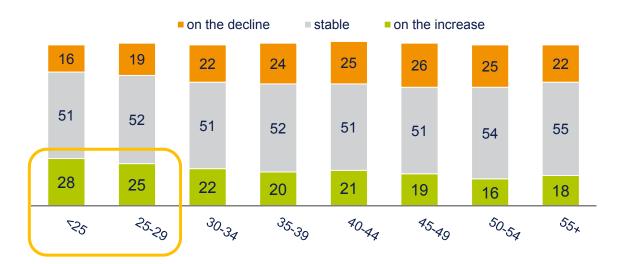


FINDINGS

In all countries (exc. Chile and Mexico),
Millennials are more motivated than their elders

MOTIVATION... 10 YEARS AGO*

Your motivation at work is... (%)



FINDINGS

- 10 years ago, under 30's were also more motivated
- These more positive results among Millennials more reflect classical attitudes of new joinders on the job market rather than a "generation effect"

(worldwide perimeter)

*Results extracted from Ipsos Red© Survey 2006

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

In your opinion, what are the main challenges your company will face in the coming years? (%) (several answers possible)

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-1

-2

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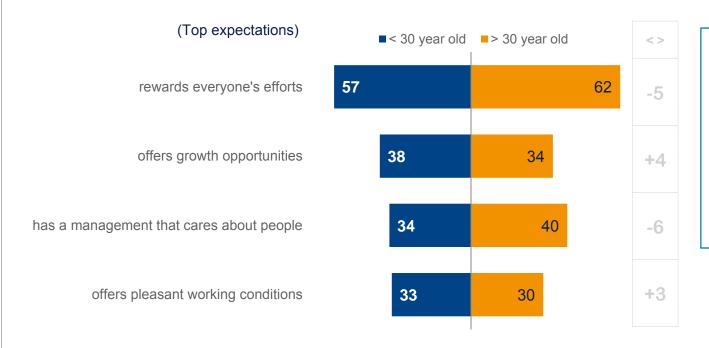
	■ < 30 year old	> 30 year old
Retaining 'talents'	32	35
Recruiting 'talents'	29	26
Work-life balance	28	29
Prevention of psycho-social risks	27	29
Change management	27	29
Changing managerial behaviour	26	28
Teams engagement	25	24
New ways of working	24	24
The digitalisation of work	24	24
Individual performance management	20	20
Consideration of social and environmental issues	20	18
Strengthening the corporate culture	17	16
Teams diversity and mixity	15	13
Intergenerational management	15	14

FINDINGS

- Perception of the potential challenges faced by companies are also similar between Millennials and their elders: managing talent, taking care of employees and managing change
- Diversity, intergenerational relationships or digitalization appear to be less critical challenges even among the under 30s.

THE 'IDEAL' COMPANY (1/2)

What are the main qualities of an 'ideal company'? (%) (up to 3 answers) It is a company that...



FINDINGS

The hierarchy of responses is almost identical between age categories: reward, opportunities for growth and care are ranked as the top 3 expectations among Millennials, as well as for older employees

THE 'IDEAL' COMPANY (2/2)

What are the main qualities of an 'ideal company'? (%) (up to 3 answers) It is a company that...

offers greater flexibility in terms of work organisation

develops skills

communicates transparently

encourages individual initiatives

takes into account diversity

has a less hierarchical structure

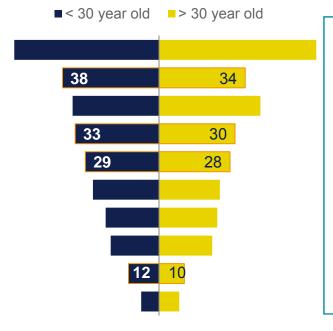


FINDINGS

Diversity, intergenerational relationships or organizational issues linked to digitalization (flexibility, less hierarchy...) appear to be less critical challenges, even among the under 30s.

THE 'IDEAL' COMPANY [COUNTRIES]

rewards everyone's efforts
offers growth opportunities
has a management that cares about people
offers pleasant working conditions
offers greater flexibility in terms of work...
develops skills
communicates transparently
encourages individual initiatives
takes into account diversity
has a less hierarchical structure

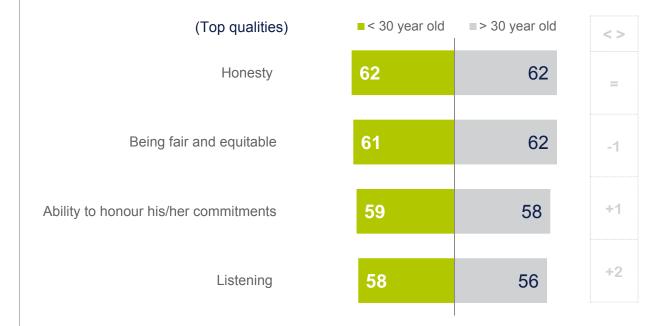


FINDINGS

- Within the 15 countries of the barometer, some qualities are significantly more expected by Millennials than their elders:
 - Growth opportunities and skills in the US, UK + Belgium and Poland
 - Pleasant working conditions in Brazil
 - Organization flexibility in India, China or Japan
 - Diversity in France and Spain

EXPECTATIONS RE. MANAGERS (1/2)

More specifically, in your opinion, is each of the following qualities important to be a good manager today? (% very important).



FINDINGS

For most employees
(Millennials as well as > 30
year old), fairness, honesty
+ listening are the main
qualities when describing
the 'ideal manager'

EXPECTATIONS RE. MANAGERS (2/2)

More specifically, in your opinion, is each of the following qualities important to be a good manager today? (% very important).

Other qualities mentioned:

Leadership

Ability to trust and delegate

Support in difficult situations

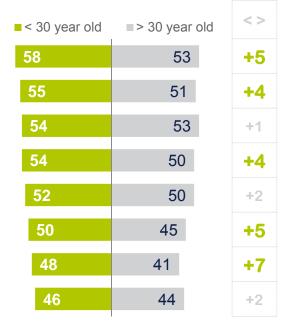
Setting an example

Technical knowledge of the business

Ability to pass on his/her knowledge

Ability to generate new ideas

Ability to question himself/herself



FINDINGS

- Millennials add a supplement of leadership, trust, ability to generate new ideas and share knowledge
- Millennials desire for a more engaging management style
- Impact of the level of occupation (see below)
- No strong differences between Millennials of all countries → adapting managerial behaviors, a global issue in a digitalized world?

EXPECTATIONS RE. MANAGERS [LEVEL OF OCCUPATION]

More specifically, in your opinion, is each of the following qualities important to be a good manager today? (% very important)



Key findings

KEY FINDINGS (1/2)

- Millennials: more enthusiastic and motivated, work in a more trusty and supportive environment and feel better managed and trained.
 - However is it a generation effect or just the classic attitudes of new joiners on the job market? Actually ten years ago, under 30s were also more motivated than their elders.
- About employees expectations: **reward, opportunities for growth and care** are ranked as the top 3 expectations among under 30s as well as for older employees.
- Perception of the potential challenges faced by companies: **managing talent, taking care of employees and managing change** are the most frequent challenges. Diversity, intergenerational relationships or digitalization appear to be less critical challenges even among the under 30s.

KEY FINDINGS (2/2):

- A digital native is someone who was raised in a digital, media-saturated world, Marc Prensky
 - Is the Millennials as a disruptive generation, a myth?
 - Millennials' early experiences with digital probably shaped their behaviors but **not to the** extent that they are radically different at work from older employees.
 - Edenred-lpsos barometer identifies adaptation of managerial behaviors to the digital world as the real challenge: fairness and honesty are the main qualities when describing the 'ideal manager'. It is also true for Millennials who add a supplement of leadership, trust, ability to generate new ideas and share knowledge.

CONCLUSION: MANAGING IN DIGITAL TIMES RATHER THAN MANAGING MILLENNIALS?

- For motivation, Millennials desire for a **more engaging management style** is not a surprise and reflects what is commonly expected by young / "fresh" employees.
- However in a workplace under accelerating digitalization, it is clearly more challenging for managers. HR Directors also have a key role to play in this transformation.
- More than having to deal with a generational related issue, the challenge that managers face from now is about developing leadership capabilities in a new, virtual, horizontal, multi-tasks working environment.

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