# Rethinking the Workforce:

Managing in an Age Boom

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Recruiting

0800	Registration and Breakfast	
0900	Intros / Networking Exercise	John Sumser
0945	Recruiting Las Vegas	Doug Geinzer
1030	Break	
1045	Effective Online Networking	Richard Becker
1130	Web Recruiting: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow	Don Ramer
1215	Break	
1230	Multigenerational Recruiting	John Sumser
1315	Wrap Up	



# **Structured Networking**

Exercise 1

Exercise 2

Find Five people with your word

Make A Sentence

(Googling)

(Making a Team)



# Agenda

- Kids These Days
- Lively Conversation on Demographic Changes
- Deliver Meaty Demographic Detail
- Define Problem
- Offer Solutions



# Stereotyping

- Generations Are Fluid
- My Perspective Is Just One
- I Deliver Insight
- Undoing Policies
- Learning with Your Legal Team



# **Generations Defined**

Silent	1927-1945 50 Million	<ul><li>95% retired,</li><li>struggle with new technologies</li></ul>
Boomer	1946 – 1964 76 Million	<ul> <li>entrepreneurial, competitive,</li> <li>many never worked for big cos</li> <li>pushed divorce rate to 50%,</li> <li>grew up with tvs</li> </ul>
Gen X	1965 – 1980 50 Million	<ul><li>entrepreneurial,</li><li>technologically comfortable</li></ul>
Gen WHY	1981 – 1995 57 Million	<ul> <li>1/3 consider selves non-white,</li> <li>largest consumer group in US history,</li> <li>technologically savy,</li> </ul>
My Pod	1996 - 2010 52 Million	<ul> <li>internet is natural,</li> <li>as likely to socialize online as off,</li> <li>multitasking, fast paced,</li> <li>most networked generation</li> </ul>



# Stereotypes

	Bridget	John
Silent	Too old to be working	Dad and Other Mentors
Boomer	Have their minds made up, hard working, old hippies	Flexible Leaders With Lots of Wisdom
Gen X	Political gone yuppie	Who?
Gen Y	Social change oriented, tech savvy, need more money to maintain lifestyle raised in	Romantic Liberals with Piercings and Tattoos
Pod	Multitasking communicators all the time	How do they Do All That? Over-gameboyed.



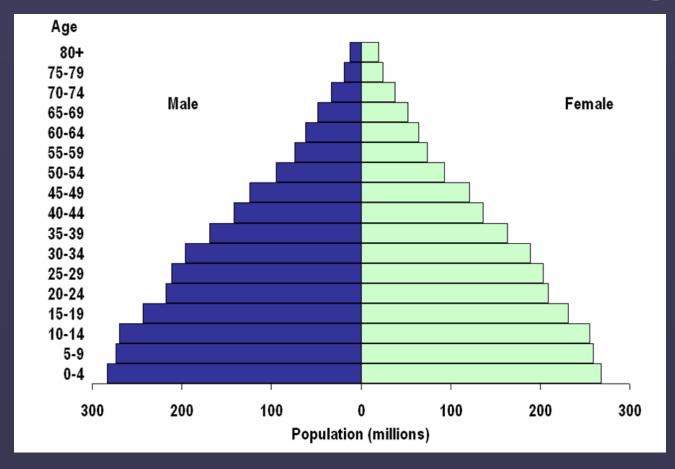


## **Better Understanding**

- Young People Are Entitled
- Old People Never Learn
- Boomers Are Just Waiting It Out
- Working Means Being There
- Diversity Must Be A Policy
- That Was A Senior Moment
- Young People Can't Listen
- Work Must Be Done A Certain Way

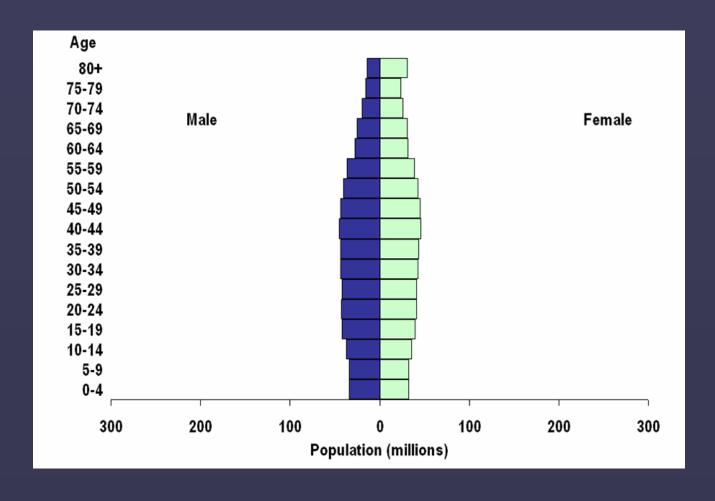


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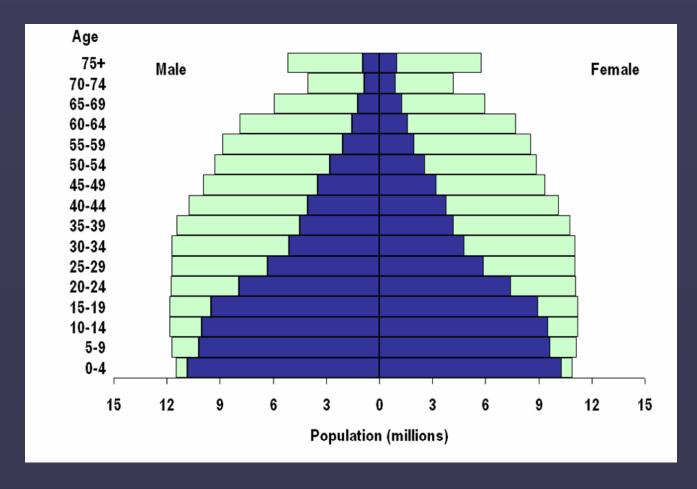


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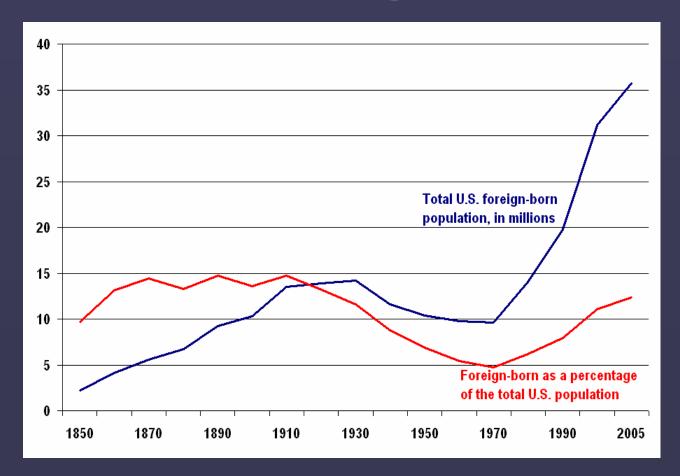


#### Retirement Retired: Pakistan



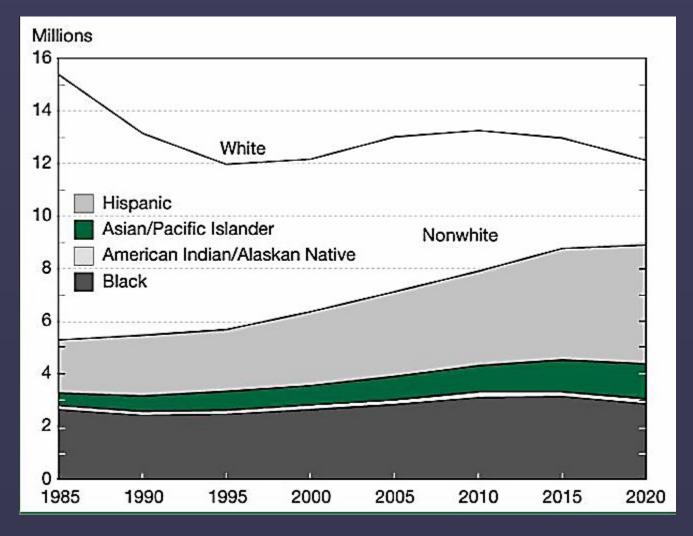


# Perception: Immigration





#### Ethnic Distributions in 20 – 24 Year Olds







#### **Problem Definition**

- Clash of Expectations
- Unforseen Demographic Change
- Rapid Tech Change
- Profound Disagreement
  - What is the Nature of Work



# You Need Both Busy-ness

- Here During Working Hours
- Immediate Email Response
- Manage Your Hierarchy
- Always Available Work Hours
- Web Surfing Is Bad
- Long Term Planning

#### Burst

- Never More Than Necessary
- Appropriate Response
- Manage Laterally In and Out
- Declarative Availability
- Web Use Fertilizes The Mind
- Experimentation-Fast Failure



#### Solutions

- Mentorship / Reverse Mentorship
- Collaborative Communication (Wikki Style)
- Measure Output Not Appearance
- Age Color Gender Choice Physicality
- Age Friendly Certification



## 10 Things To Do

- 1. Transparency, Transparency, Transparency
- 2. Quantify and Test Your Assumptions
- 3. Lead With Like Gets Like (Demographic Recruiting)
- 4. Encourage Collaborative Communications (Wikki)
- 5. Embrace Negative Publicity
- 6. Measure Performance Not Appearance
- 7. Define Workforce Requirements, Flexible Solutions
- 8. Practice Small Group Community Development (Meals)
- 9. Tune Employment Brand To Desired Workforce
- 10. Teach The Problem. Use The Data. Encourage Dialog.

