Organizational Behavior Case Study 2: The Treadway Tire Company

Job Dissatisfaction and High Turnover at the Lima Tire Plant

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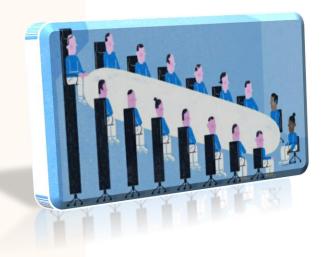
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Plant Manager Operations Director Production Manager **General Supervisor Foremen Line worker**



Focus on this study





02

Line workers

The foremen don't know how to work with and manage us!

No respect!

We have to communicate!

No manner!



Full of negative attitudes!

Bark orders!

Enjoy catching me doing something wrong!

Never say good things!

- Line workers

An example in the plant

A line worker arrived back late from his break, the line foremen went ballistic and started screaming at him.

He tried to explain, but the foremen just kept shouting.

Current Situation (line workers)

Tension between line workers and foremen

Negative Work Environment

Lack of collaboration

Suggestion: Profit-Sharing Plan

Group Performance > Individual Performance

We > Me

> Start avoiding conflict

Collaborative environment



03

Line Foremen

Pulled in different & conflicting direction by workers, management, and the union!

Always get tougue lashing!

No Authority!

Can't control demotion & termination!

We are not satisfied!

Too much responsibility!

Contribution are undervalued!

No training provided!

Supervisors not helping!

Line workers show no respect!

- Line Foremen

Current Situation (line foremen)

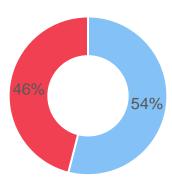
Lots of Responsibility

Limited Authority

High Turnover Rate

Foremen turnover rate in 2007





Suggestion: Employee Involvement

✓ Able to give input into decisions.

Participative Management

A process of involving those who are influenced by decisions (foremen), in making decisions, to satisfy everyone's needs.

Increasing job satisfaction by encouraging participation



Thank you!