





## OUTLINE

**UNDERSTANDING THE BEHAVIOR** 

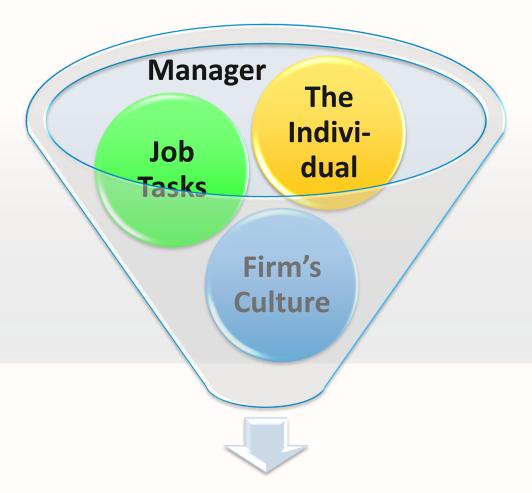
**INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES** 

INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL VARIABLES

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CONTRACT



# Diversity at Work



**Organizational Effectiveness** 

### **Understanding The Behavior**

#### The Behavior Effects



How the customer explained it



How the project leader understood it



How the analyst designed it.

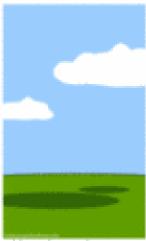


How the programmer wrote it.

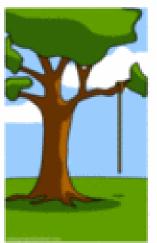




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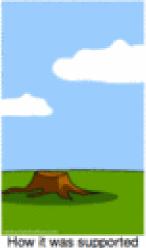
How the project was documented



What operations installed



How the customer was billed





What marketing advertised



What the customer really needed



The Open Source







## Can we change it ???













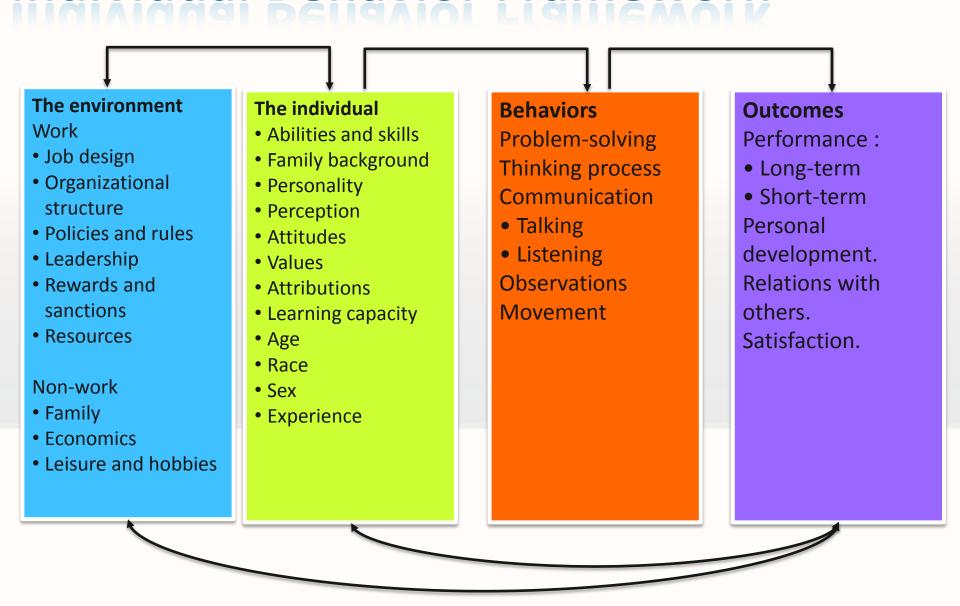


PATIENCE



**BEHAVIOR IS COMPLEX** 

#### **Individual Behavior Framework**



(Gibson et.al., 2012)

#### Behavior is anything that a person does.

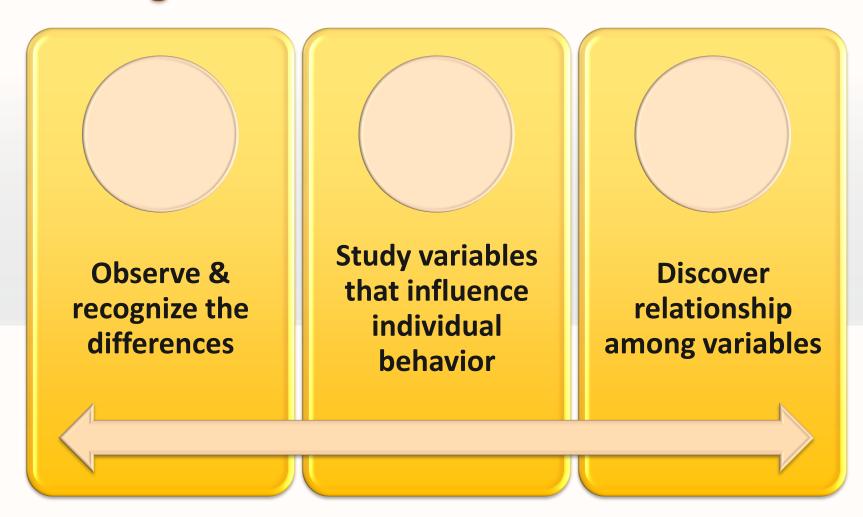
#### **Kurt Lewin:**

$$B = f(I, E)$$

"An employee's behavior (B) is a function of individual (I) and environmental (E) variables."

### **Understanding Individual Differences**

#### Managers must:



# **Performance-related Behavior Performance-related Behavior**

Performance-related behaviors are directly associated with job tasks that need to be accomplished to achieve a job's objective.

Does the employee have the skills and abilities to perform the job?

- 2. Does the employee have the necessary resources to perform the job?
- 3. Is the employee aware of the performance problem?
- 4. When did the performance problem surface?
- 5. How do the employee's co-workers react to the performance problem?
- 6. What can I do as a manager to alleviate the performance problem?

### **Individual Differences**

**Abilities & Skills** 

Demographic

**Ability** 

**Skills** 

Gender

**Culture** 

#### ABILITY



- An ability is a trait (innate or learned) that permits a person to do something mental or physical.
- Example of mental ability :
  - Number facility: the ability to rapidly manipulate numbers in arithmetic operations.
  - Fluency: the ability to produce words, ideas, and verbal expressions.

#### SKILLS



- Skills are task-related competencies, such as the skill to negotiate a merger or operate a computer.
- Example of physical skills :
  - Dynamic strength: muscular endurance in exerting force continuously or repeatedly.

An ideal job is one in which a person's skills and abilities can be applied to produce work that's satisfactory, fulfilling, and challenging.

To be successful in matching <u>a person's abilities and skills</u> to the job, a manager must examine:

Content of the job

**Required behaviors** 

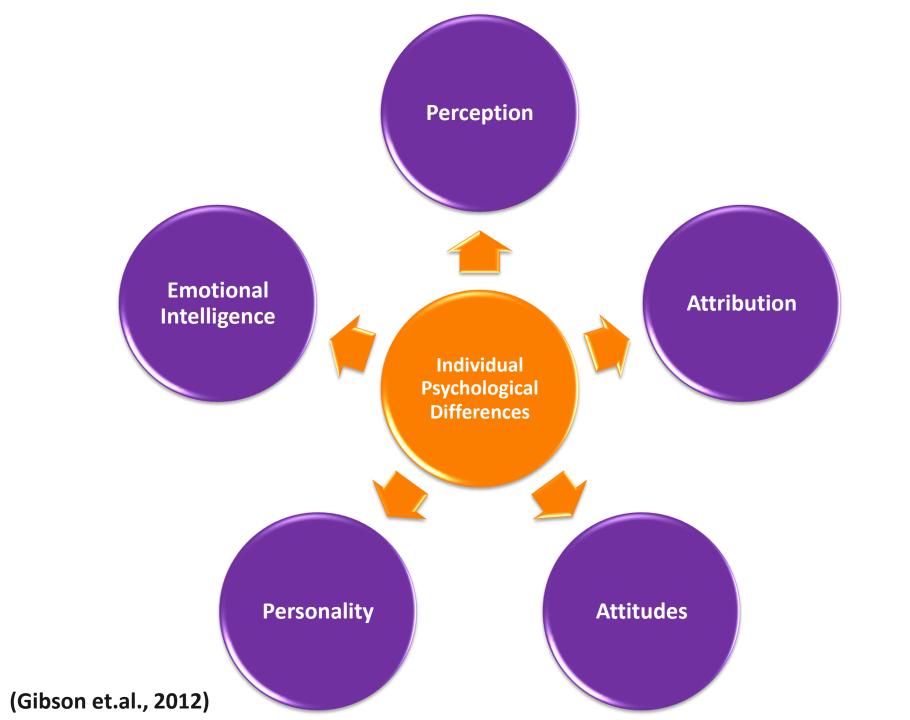
**Preferred behaviors** 

1. ABSENTEEISM

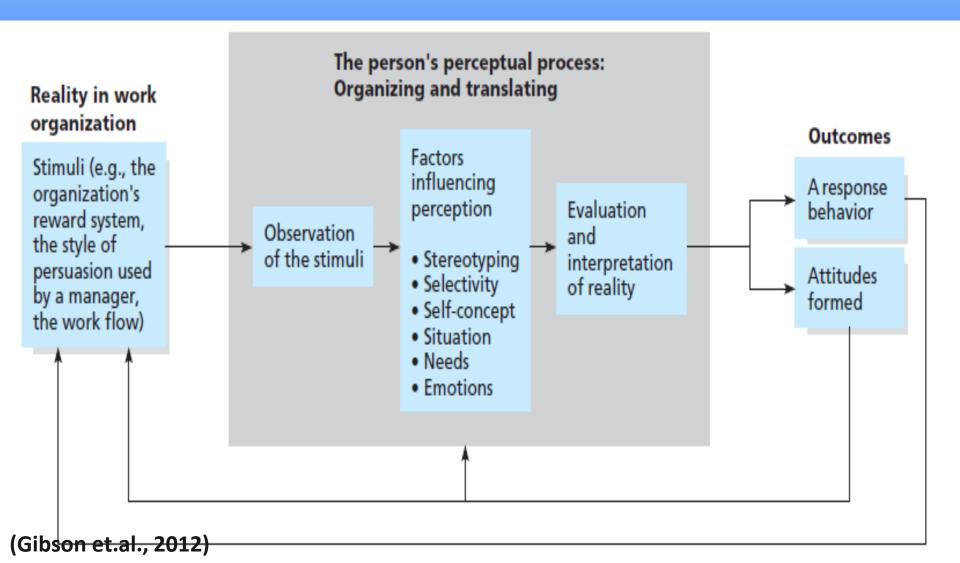
2. LEADERSHIP STYLE



**Communication – Ignorance – Insensitivity** 



**Perception** is the process by which an individual gives meaning to the environment. It involves **organizing and interpreting various stimuli into a psychological experience**.



# **Attribution** is the process of perceiving the causes of behavior and outcomes.

### Dispositional attributions

: emphasize some aspect of the individual, such as ability or skill, to explain behavior.

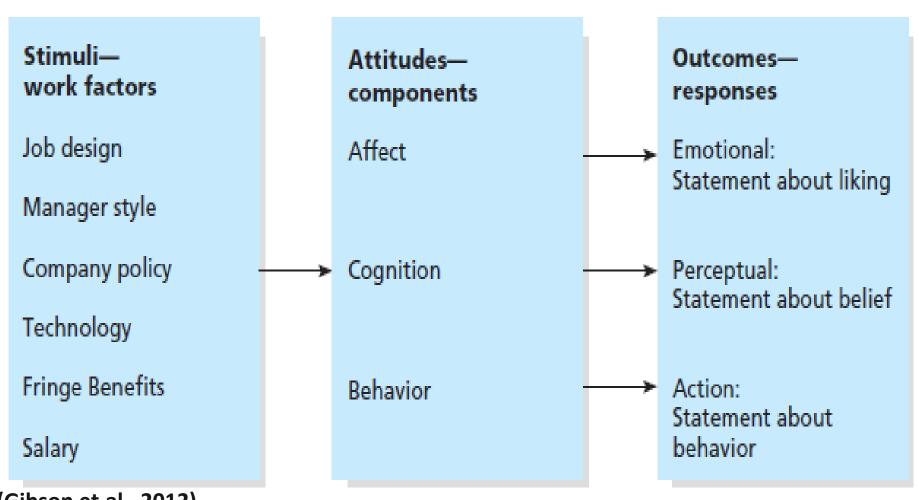
#### **Situational attributions:**

attributions that emphasize the environment's effect on behavior.

An attribution bias is making a judgment with only limited information about the person or situation.

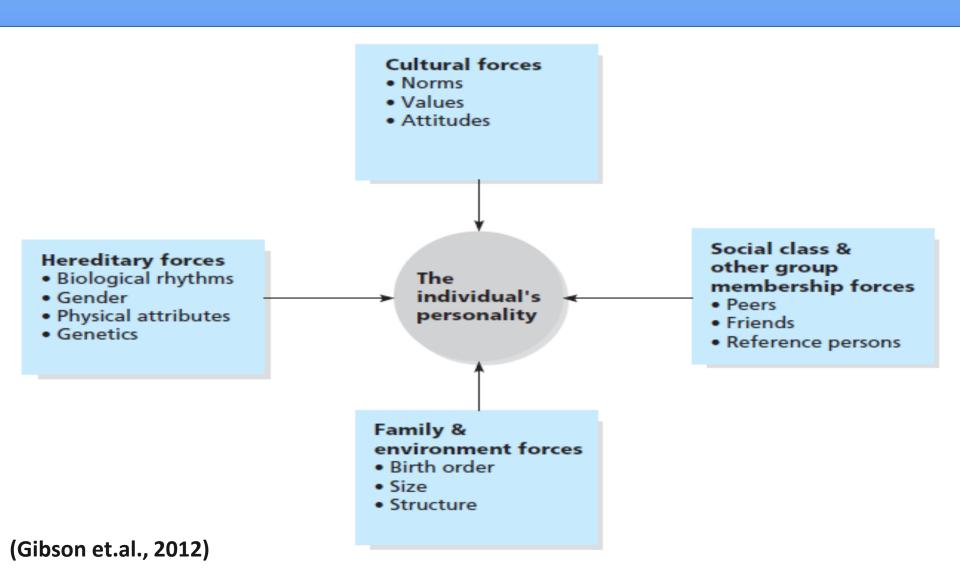
(Gibson et.al., 2012)

An attitude is a positive or negative feeling or mental state of readiness, learned and organized through experience, that exerts a specific influence on a person's response to people, objects, and situations.



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**Personality** is a stable set of characteristics and tendencies that determine commonalities and differences in people's behavior. Personality is **influenced by hereditary**, as well as cultural and social factors.



### The Big Five Model

**Conscientiousness.** The hardworking, diligent, organized, dependable, and persistent behavior of a person.

**Extraversion–introversion.** The degree to which a person is sociable, gregarious, and assertive versus reserved, quiet, and timid.

**Agreeableness.** The degree of working well with others by sharing trust, warmth, and cooperativeness.

**Emotional stability.** The ability a person displays in handling stress by remaining calm, focused, and self-confident.

Openness to experience. A person's range of interest in new things.

# A person's EQ refers to the ability to accurately perceive, evaluate, express, and regulate emotions and feelings.

**Self-regulation**: the ability calm down anxiety, control impulsiveness, and react appropriately to anger.

**Motivation:** a passion to work for reasons that go beyond money or status.

**Empathy:** the ability to respond to the unspoken feelings of others.

**Self-awareness:** an awareness of one's own personality or individuality.

**Social skill:** a proficiency to manage relationships and build networks.

#### **PSYCHOLOGICAL CONTRACT**

An implied understanding of mutual contributions between a person and his or her organization.

#### psychological contracts 'iceberg' model pay work security time/hours safety/care effort/ideas training/dev performance recognition results qualifications commitment workspace/equip loyalty promotion/growth mobility responsibility supervision life-balance/well-being innovation interest/variety/travel management flexibility/tolerance drive change status/respect leadership benefits/pension sacrifice/tolerance control/influence risk/investment ownership/equity employee employer 'inputs' 'rewards'

#### **Psychological Contract Violations**

The perception of the person that his or her firm has failed to fulfill or has reneged on one or more obligations.

voice silence retreat destruction

# MANAGING DIVERSITY

# DIVERSITY POLICY

# THANK YOU!

