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### The Future of Work: Setting the Stage for Disability and The Evolution of Corporate Culture

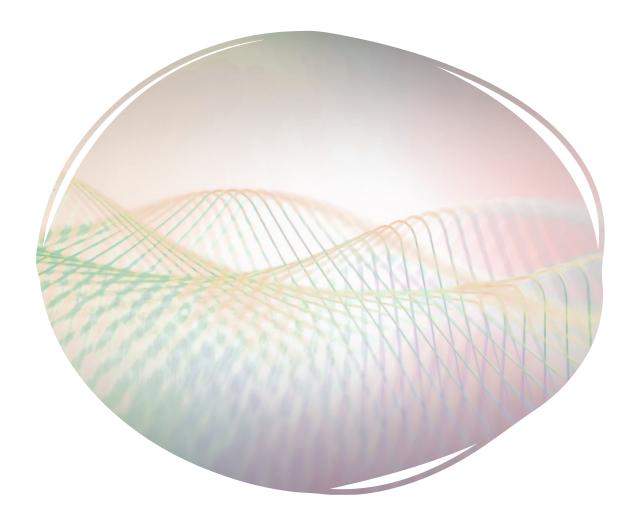


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# The Future of Work

SETTING THE STAGE FOR DISABILITY AND THE EVOLUTION OF CORPORATE CULTURE

## THEMES FOR DISCUSSION

- The definition of a corporation why this matters?
- The 'silver lining' of covid-19 and the impact on corporate culture and persons with disabilities (pwd's)?
- Why remote work is fundamental in reshaping the perception of employees with disabilities in the digital economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century

## Where do we go from here?

## THE DEFINITION OF A CORPORATION

- Over the past decade there has been a seismic shift within the world of work. Technology has been one of the galvanizing forces redefining how we work, where we work & when we work.
- As the technological landscape is reshaping the very processes of workflow, a new philosophical view has emerged redefining the very essence of a corporation.
- The Business Roundtable, an association of CEO's from America's leading corporations and the world economic forum, an international forum that engages with the foremost business, political, and cultural leaders in society have independently released a new statement of the purpose of a corporation.

## THE DEFINITION OF A CORPORATION - 2

- Both the business roundtable and the world economic forum new statements emphasize principles that move away from the primacy of shareholder value and see the role of a modern corporation as something more
- "Major employers are investing in their workers and communities because they know it is the only way to be successful over the long term. These modernized principles reflect the business communities unwavering commitment to push the economy that serves all Americans."

### Highlighting the role of disability in the economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century

## THE "SILVERLINING" OF THE COVID ERA

- Covid-19 has forced organizations to rethink the very nature of work
- Prior to covid-19 companies had begun to move away from centralized workspaces. With the advent of the pandemic companies have been forced to adapt quickly and redefine their business processes across the board.
- The impact of this current adaptation is not only essential for corporate survival but offers a space for pwd to be a critical part of this evolution.
- Importance of remote work for persons with disabilities what is the value add for employee/employer relationships?

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Covid-19 has forced corporate culture to wrestle with new challenges
- How employees with disabilities must redefine their perception and value
- Corporate leadership can use this moment to see the importance of the 'lived experience' of disability as a tool for the culture of reinvention in this new digital economy





## AI in Employment: Are People with Disabilities Falling through the Cracks?



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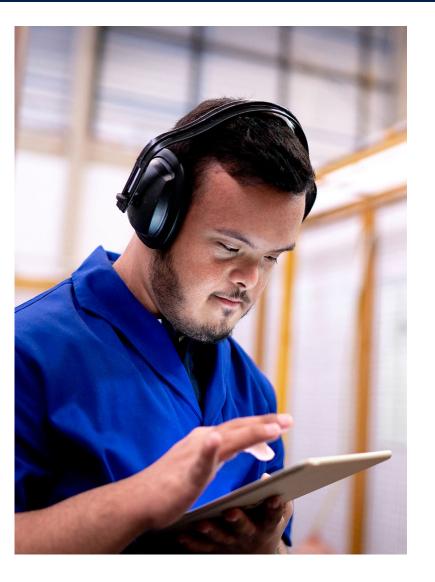
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## AI: It's Here Now...Everywhere



#### It's in every industry:

Agriculture Auto Government Healthcare Finance & Insurance Semiconductor Telecom Industrials Retail Media Real Estate Legal Compliance Human Resources ...plus all over tech





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## AI in Recruiting

- Sourcing
  - Reviewing resumes, candidate profiles, other data
  - Matching candidates to jobs
- Screening
  - Picking a short list of candidates
  - Generating evaluation forms
  - Online candidate screening
- Onboarding
  - Delivering policies/docs
  - Chatbots for questions





## McDonalds and AI



- Writing recruiting emails and job postings
  - Remove gender-biased language (Textio)
- Candidate screening: McHire/Olivia the AI
  - Natural language processing (Paradox), Chatbots for screening (Talkpush)
- Begin a job application by voice
  - Alexa and Google home looking at voice driven devices for all stages of recruitment
- Behavioral assessments
  - Video game-like assessments (Pymetrics)
  - Video interviews (myInterview)
- Replacing employees?
  - At the drive-through can show menu items based on weather, time of day, etc.
  - Could the drive-through become 100% AI-driven?

### Where AI Can Go Wrong: Bias



- AI eats data for lunch
- Are people with disabilities in that data?
- The developers
  - Are they considering people with disabilities?
- The customers
  - Do they know what the algorithms are doing?





### Where AI Can Go Wrong: Biased Recruiting



Amazon scraps secret AI recruiting tool that showed bias against women (Reuters)



### What Should We Do About It?



#### Bias in AI: A problem recognized but still unresolved (TechCrunch)

- Inclusive data
- Inclusive development teams
- Engaged community

Inclusive algorithms







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## Questions & Answers





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