## **Racial Equity Assessment** Understand and transform your company to meet this moment.

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## What is the Goal of a Racial Equity Assessment?



#### What is a Racial Equity Assessment?

# Understand the state of racial equity in your company and the roadmap to build opportunity.



### The case for racial equity assessment

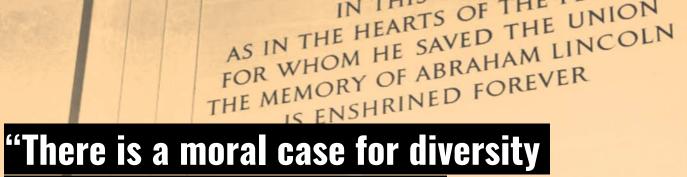
Long term financial performance

# Increased innovation

Customer, shareholder, employee expectations

# Align values and actions





and inclusion. And there's a

business case. . .

But the last few years have told us there is a democracy case, too." -- Cyrus Mehri, Wall Street Journal 01/09/21



Defining and measuring success Use assessment to set your goals for diversity, equity and inclusion --



"The Coca-Cola Company recognizes that diversity is a fundamental and indispensable value and that the Company, its shareholders and all of its employees will benefit by striving to be a premier "gold standard" company on diversity...

... The Company will set measurable and lawful business goals to achieve these objectives."



# How Should You Conduct a Racial Equity Assessment?

### Define the scope.

Evaluate your business practices and engage key stakeholders





Investors

Customers



Employees



**Suppliers** 

Community Stakeholders



Apply the diversity principle

# Identify all the capacities and perspectives you need to meet your goals.



#### Vorking IDEAL and Mehri & Skalet Assessment Team



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# Start with leadership and work at all levels

## Identify and engage the process owners



# Use a robust, multiple method approach to collect & analyze data

Anonymous and online (survey) Private and interpersonal (interviews, focus groups)

**Existing historical record** (data, documents) Baseline and Benchmark (current levels, goals)





Third party direct an interactive process

Assessment team has valid methodology Findings are objective and independent

Consider all perspectives and contexts



### **Build Trust Through Transparency**

Explain process and roles Commit to share results and roadmap

Clarify what can and cannot be shared & why Demonstrate process is safe and trusted



## **The Cost of Not Doing Enough**

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"Institutional Courage" is the willingness to hear the truth and do what is right, even if it involves some challenge.

Meeting the requirements is not good enough. We need new strategies. Better ideas. Leadership, vision, and action.

Substance, not symbols.



### **Case Study: The Rooney Rule Diverse Slate Policy**

A good policy is a first step Implementation matters: Support and Accountability

Research drives new best practices Ongoing evaluation to understand, adapt, improve



#### **Inclusive Prosperity**

## Making a clear commitment to equity for all

We urge leading investors to support companies that build long-term value by investing in their employees and communities -- Business Roundtable 2019



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