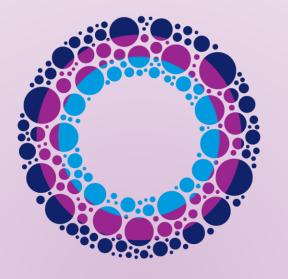
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The Happiness Advantage





POSITIVE PERFORMANCE

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Is happiness a personality trait - something we are born with?

Are happy people luckier or richer?

Is happiness a skill that can be taught?

Why Should we Care?



Happy children and adults have been shown to experience the following:

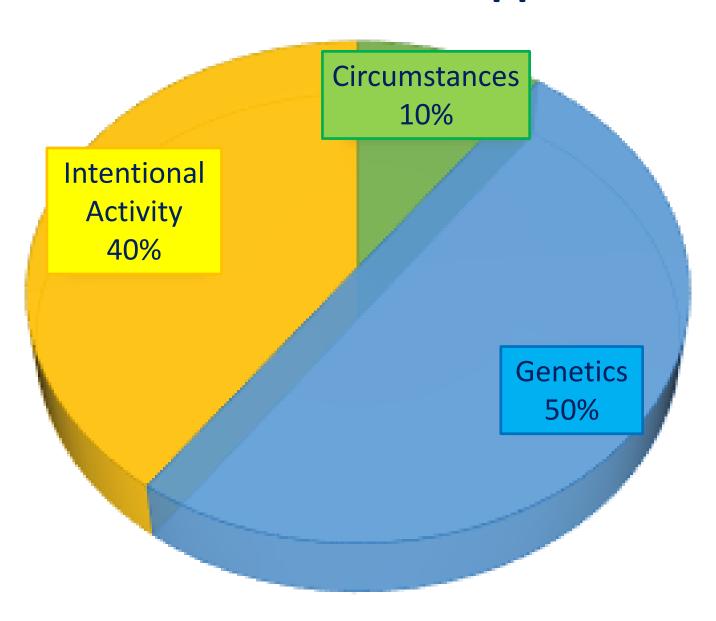
- ✓ Better performance at school
- ✓ Better performance at work
- ✓ Happier and healthier marriages
- ✓ Better physical health
- ✓ Better mental health



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What Determines Happiness?



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A shift in focus from human beings at their worst,

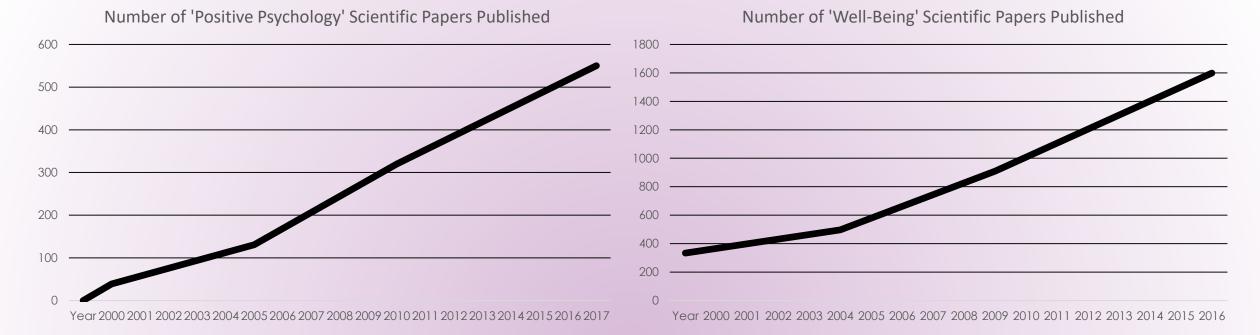
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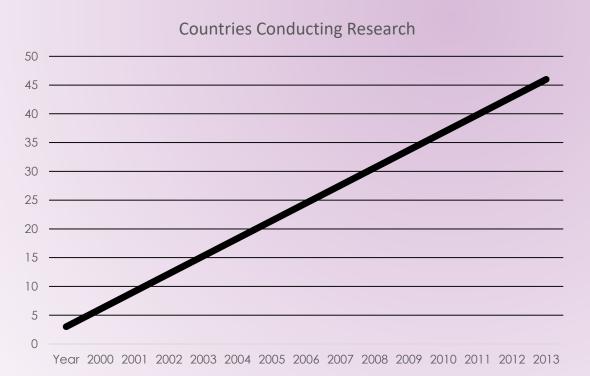
Based on scientific research in the fields of

psychology, sociology, business, management, and neuroscience.

The Science of Positive Psychology



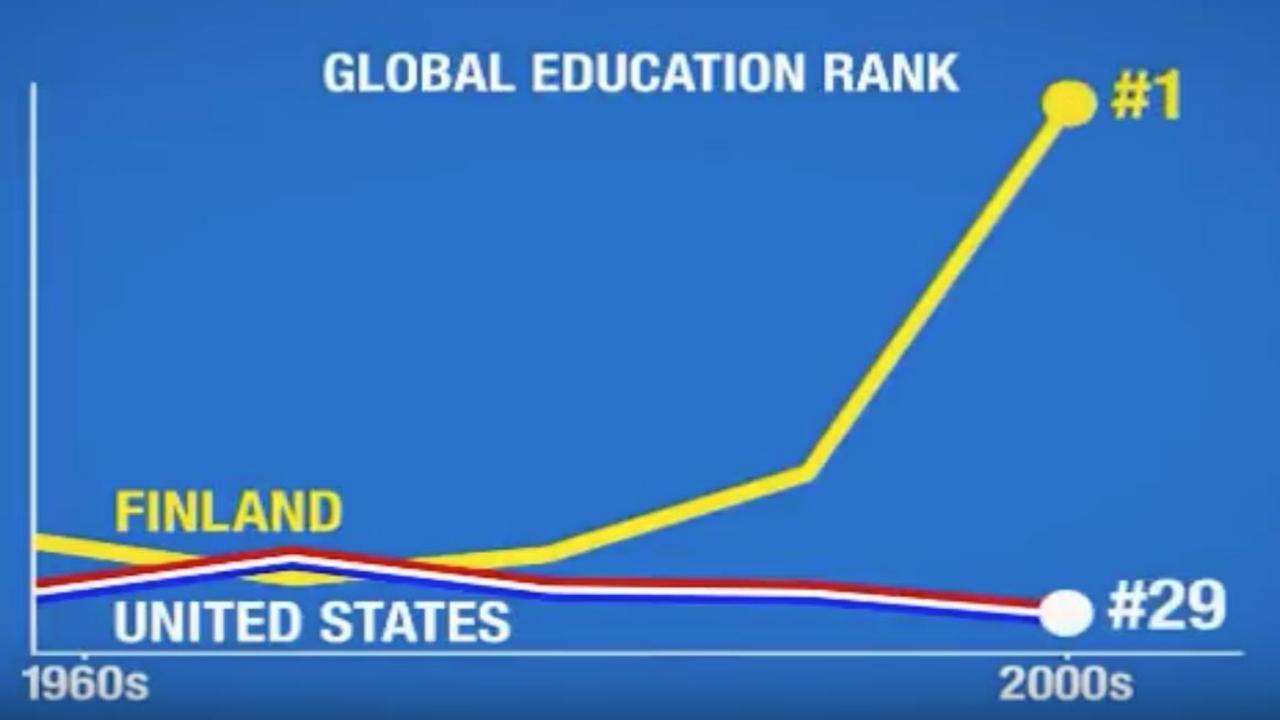




Growth in Scientific Research

- **2008**, the Kingdom of Bhutan stops measuring national development through GDP, and starts using a new measure called the Gross National Happiness Index.
- 2012, the first The World Happiness Report, studying happiness levels of 156 countries.
- **2013**, Finland takes the decision to "move beyond the achievement of test scores to the development of happy and well-adjusted children and adults"
- **2016**, the United Arab Emirates creates a Ministry of Happiness and Well-Being and introduces a national Positivity Programme.
- 2016, Bhutan introduces a Gross National Happiness for Business index.
- 2018 and 2019, Finland ranks the happiest country in the world.
- 2019, Finnish children post the highest scores in the OECD's PISA education rankings again.
- **2020**, India scheduled to open its first school which only measures students' happiness.

Global Trends



"Every organisation is an open system that depends on its human capital to bring its vision and purpose to life.

An organisation will cease to exist without a human system to lead and support it."

David Cooperrider



"It's all about people."

Richard Branson



Top Influencers of Today's Labour Pool

- 1. Workplace Flexibility
- 2. Working with a Purpose
- 3. Commitment to Health and Well-Being

50% employees want a greater focus on well-being at work, including physical, psychological and financial wellness

Only **13%** of surveyed companies offer an employee value proposition differentiated by a purpose-driven mission

84% working parents ranked workplace flexibility ahead of salary

Industry Insights



























































Why?



Happiness at Work Reduces...

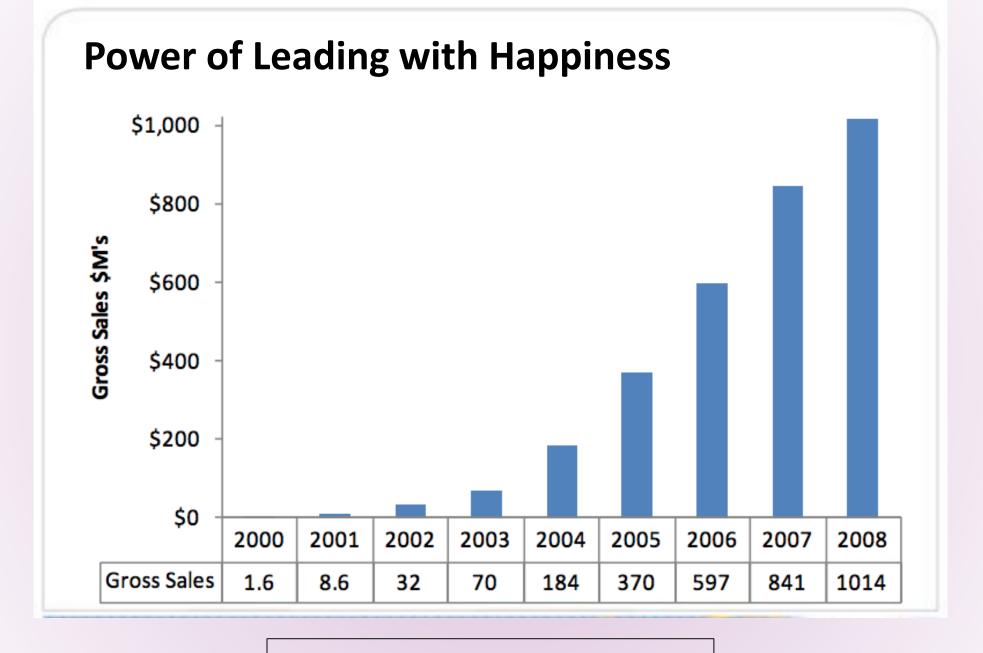
- 1.Stress and burnout
- 2. Physical and mental health challenges
- 3. Withdrawal and disengagement
- 4. Boredom and distraction
- 5. Excessive self-criticism
- 6.Incivility in the workplace
- 7. Mishaps and mistakes on the job



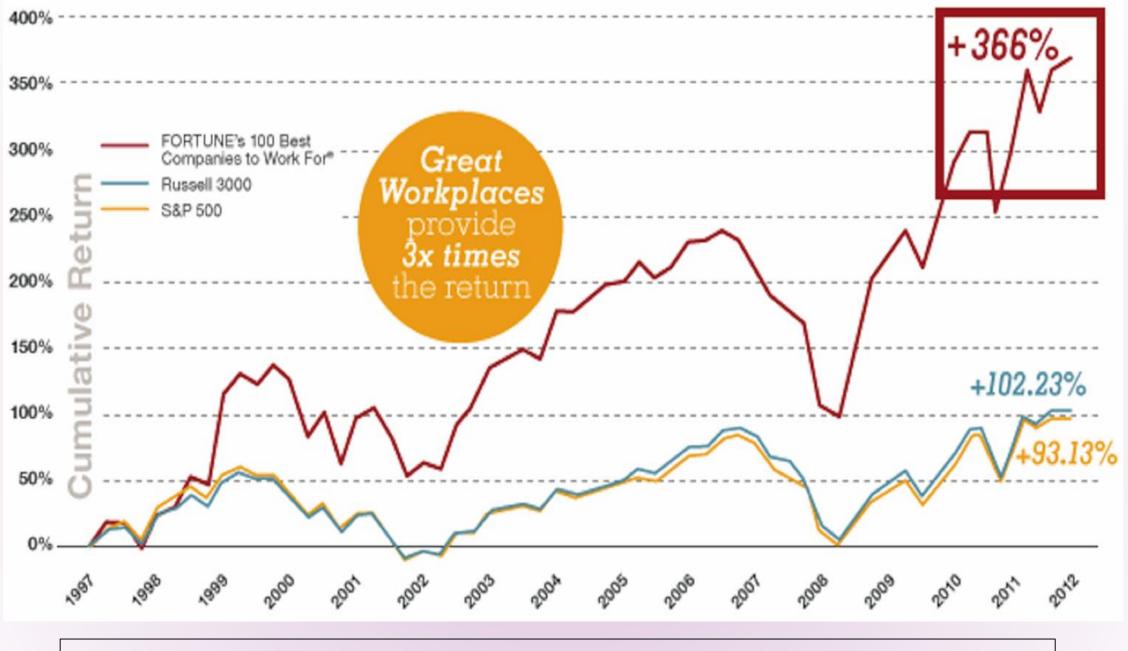
Happiness at Work Improves...

- Productivity
- Performance
- Communication
- Creativity & Innovation
- Employee loyalty

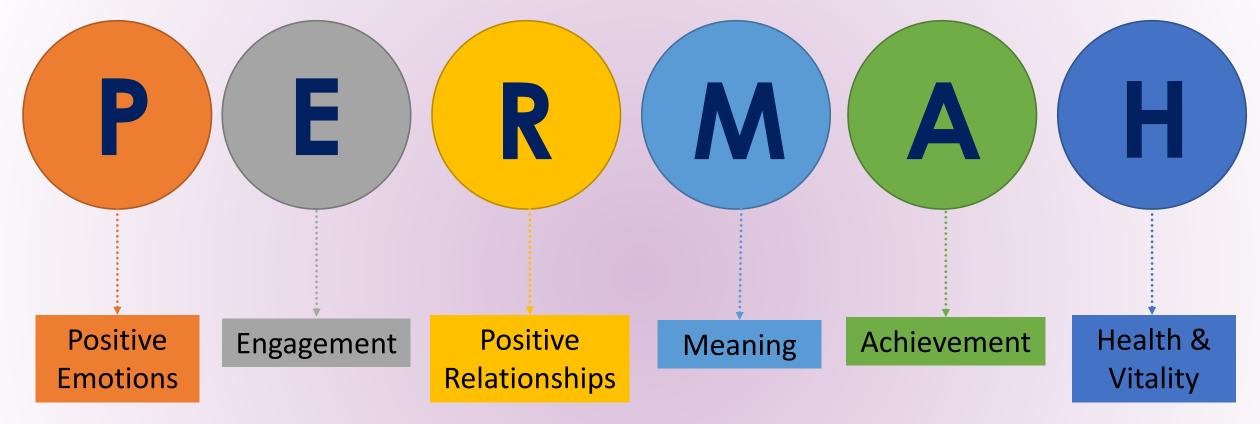
- Employee relationships
- Employee goal setting
- Customer service levels
- Customer loyalty



Case Study: Zappos



Case Study: Success of Best Places to Work



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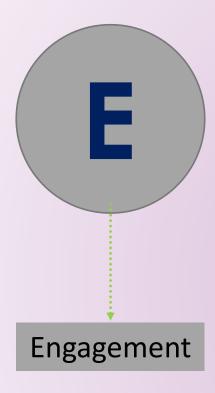
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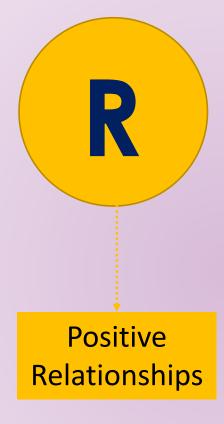
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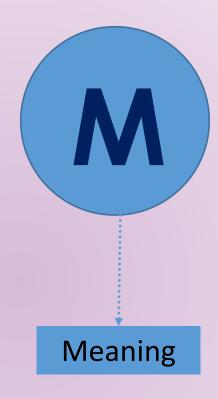
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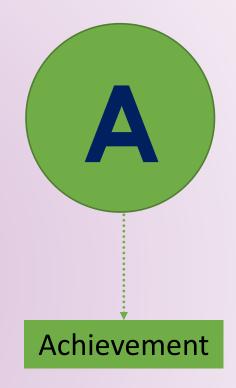
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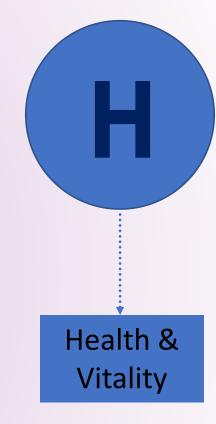
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