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Abstract

Three benefits of humor in the workplace are explored: its promotion of health, mental flexibility, and smooth social relations.

Introduction

The recent surge of theoretical interest in humor has been accompanied by a growing interest in its practical value, especially in the workplace. Over the past decade many trade publications in business, training, personnel, medicine, and education have featured articles on the importance of humor. Several books have appeared on humor in business (for instance, Paulson 1989; Ross 1989; Kushner 1990). There are now dozens of humor consultants working with corporations, government agencies, hospitals, and schools; one of the best established, Joel Goodman, has done programs for over 250,000 people. John Cleese, known for his work in "Monty Python's Flying Circus" and the TV series "Fawlty Towers," has become the world's most successful producer of training films through the skillful use of humor in his ninety films.

All this interest in the value of humor in the workplace represents an important swing away from the traditional assessment of humor as frivolous and unproductive. Humor can be thought of as a kind of play; and for many raised on the work ethic of the industrial era, play was the opposite of work. In this way of thinking, "humor in work" is an oxymoron.

The idea that humor and play are frivolous has been part of informal and formal education for centuries. In the popular "Golden Books"

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