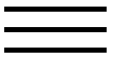


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New research reveals the ties between human resources practices and customers' ratings of service quality.

The Service Organization: Human Resources Management Is Crucial

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Let's take a close look at what appears to be an intuitively obvious proposition:

- When employees see their organization as having a strong service orientation, customers report more positive service experiences.

This correlation emerged from a study of the banking industry, conducted a decade ago and published in an article entitled, "The Service Organization: *Climate is Crucial*." Service climate was defined as employees' perceptions that (a) practices and procedures were in place to facilitate the delivery of excellent service, and (b) management rewarded, supported, and expected excellent service.

We need to examine this finding, not because the correlation is invalid (the relationship, in fact, has been validated repeatedly since the seminal study), but because further probing may yield useful information.

Why does this happen? Why would service employees' perceptions of their organization's service climate correlate with customers' perceptions of the quality of service?

Part of the answer is that the internal organizational climate visible to employees "spills over" on external customers, a consequence of the psychological and physical closeness that

exists between employees and customers in service encounters. Services are frequently exchanged face-to-face, with the service being produced and consumed simultaneously. A bank teller, for example, produces a deposit for a waiting customer, who walks away with a deposit slip. Moreover, the customer actually helps to co-produce the service by filling out a portion of the deposit slip before approaching the teller, thus reinforcing the closeness.

It is inherent in many services, then, for customers to have some exposure to the organization's climate. But why does this strongly influence their perceptions of service quality? We reason that because services like banking are experiences, it is the *way, style, or manner* with which a service is delivered that contributes to customers' overall impression of service quality. Being served (versus purchasing a product) is not only a consumptive act but a personal and psychological experience. Many services, then, are judged for quality based on *seemingly* tangential cues experienced during the delivery process. The service climate is the source of many of these cues.

The results of the earlier bank study (and how we made sense of it) have deepened our conviction that the customers' *experience* is the

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