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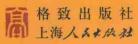
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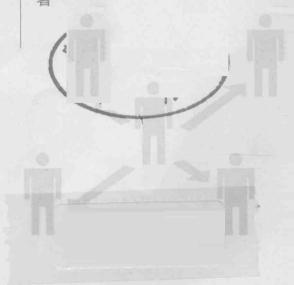
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Preface—Welcome to the World of Organizational Behavior

Over the years, we've taught untold thousands of college students not only facts and figures but, more importantly, how to be critical thinkers and impartial analysts of behavior in organizations. In so doing, we've also learned a great deal from them. By listening carefully to their insights, drawing on their experiences, and discussing the world of work with them, we've come away with a strong sense of what they want to know about human dynamics in the workplace. After all, most of today's students already have held jobs, or are working while completing their studies, and chances are that they have given more than passing thought to jobs they will be performing in the future. As it becomes apparent to students that knowing about the field of organizational behavior (OB) can provide valuable insight into behavior on the job, we have been there to guide them.

Fortunately, we've been able to draw on our experiences as active scholarly researchers, journal editors, involved members of professional groups, and consultants to and trainers of people in a large number of organizations to offer students the guidance they require. From our vantage points as educators and working professionals, we've been able to give students both what they want to know and what they need to know. Indeed, our efforts to accomplish this are reflected in the pages of this book. Critical insight into individual processes (i.e., what "makes people tick"), social dynamics (i.e., how groups and teams operate), and organizational practices (i.e., the activities of companies as whole entities) combined with knowledge of real world sensitivities, demands, and practices—that's the focus of the field of OB. Not coincidentally, this is also what this book is all about.

Our Major Objective: To Spotlight Organizational Behavior

People enjoy learning about behavior in organizations. It gives us unique insight into everyday processes and phenomena we often take for granted. After all, such knowledge helps us understand a key part of the world in which we live. For a book such as ours, the implications of this assumption are threefold: (1) It must be accessible to readers, (2) it must provide added value by focusing on unique insight, information that goes beyond what common sense would suggest, and, of course, (3) it must be relevant to readers. We have gone out of our way to incorporate these qualities into this book.

Accessibility to Readers

- We use a friendly and approachable writing style, speaking directly to readers in straightforward prose. Hopefully, we have refrained from the condescension of speaking down to readers and the elitism of going over their heads.
- By carefully selecting material to which students can relate—such as accounts of organizational practices in companies with which they may be familiar—they are likely to find the material engaging.
- Key points are easy to find because of the way the book is designed and by features such as key terms appearing in margins and a "Summary and Review of Learning Objectives" appearing at the end of each chapter.

Graphics are used to enhance explanations of material for visually oriented learners. For example, our "talking graphics" help readers take away the key findings of research.

These are among the several key features of this book that help bring the material to life for students by making a fascinating topic readily understandable.

Unique—Beyond Common Sense—Insight

As authors, we are highly sensitive to the need to help students understand "what's under the hood?" of behavior in the workplace. In this book, we provide that information in the form of a feature entitled, "OB: Making Sense Out of Common Sense." These are special sections in each chapter that explain OB phenomena that shed new light on seemingly commonsensical beliefs about behavior in organizations, offering deeper-than-usual insight into that behavior. Here are just a few such examples.

- Autonomy in the Orchestra Strikes a Sour Note (Chapter 5)
- Organizational Development Is Inherently Unethical—Or, Is It? (Chapter 13)

When reading these and similar sections in this book, we hope students will think to themselves, "Hmmm, that's interesting; I didn't know that." After all, inside knowledge into behavior in organizations is likely to be fascinating.

Focusing on Relevance

The field of OB is *not* about curiosity for its own sake. Rather, it's about finding real, scientifically based answers to practical questions. Thus, relevance is vital. "Theories and research are important," many students believe, so long as they offer insight into appropriate action, what to do. In preparing this book, our mission was to spotlight this relevance in a form that could enlighten our target audience—college students who desire to learn about the complexities of human behavior in organizations. We do this in three ways.

First, we provide concrete information on putting OB to practical use in special sections in each chapter entitled, "How to Do It." These features present several concrete tips for readers to follow when attempting to carry out some practice related to the field of OB. Examples include:

- Telecommunicating as a Business Communication Strategy (Chapter 1)
- How to Inspire Innovation (Chapter 11)

A second way in which we promote relevance is by identifying practices in real organizations that demonstrate how OB principles are put to use. Such examples are incorporated everywhere throughout this book. By weaving such examples throughout this book we are attempting to bring OB to life for readers by illustrating how what might be seen as arcane and irrelevant academic concepts are, in reality, quite the opposite—namely, the basis for real, organizational practices in today's organizations. Examples include:

- Using feedback to promote self-efficacy at CHP (Chapter 2)
- Unisys employees learn good listening skills (Chapter 7)
- Practices used to "make organizational changes stick" at Sears, Royal Dutch Shell, and the United States Army (Chapter 13)

A third way in which we emphasize relevance is by highlighting diversity as a feature of today's workplace. Our most ostensible effort in this regard comes in the form of a spe-

cial feature entitled, "OB in a Diverse World." These are sections within each chapter that highlight ways in which differences between individuals with respect to their race, gender, sexual preference, or nationality impact various OB phenomena. Examples include:

- Inequity in Housework: Comparing Married Women and Men (Chapter 5)
- Joint Ventures in China: Beware of Obstacles (Chapter 12)

Balancing Basic Science and Practical Application

Because the field of OB is a blend of research, theory, and practical application, so too, quite deliberately, is this book. Indeed, we have taken extensive steps to ensure that it is the best of these seemingly disparate worlds. Consider just a few examples.

- In Chapter 2, we cover both theories of learning and how these theories are involved in such organizational practices as training, organizational behavior management, and discipline.
- In Chapter 4, we identify specific ways in which the various theories of motivation can be put into practice.
- In Chapter 8, it is not only various scientific studies of decision making that are identified, but also various practices that can be, and are being, followed to enhance the effectiveness of group decisions.

More than simply indicating how various theories *may be* applied, we identify precisely how they *are being* applied in today's organizations. In addition to the many in-text examples noted in conjunction with our earlier discussion of relevance, we also should note our widespread use of tables listing organizational examples.

Another place in which we highlight organizational practices is in extended figure captions. Many of these may be considered to be micro-cases illustrating key points made in the text.

Balancing Knowledge and Skills

Educators tell us that there is a fundamental distinction between teaching people about something—providing *knowledge*—and showing them how to do something—developing their *skills*. In the field of OB, this distinction becomes blurred. After all, to fully appreciate how to do something, you have to have the requisite knowledge. For this reason, we pay attention in this book to both knowledge and skills. Consider the following illustrations:

- In Chapter 7, we describe not only the process of listening, but also ways of enhancing listening skills. Then, to help readers become effective listeners, we present an exercise designed to promote active listening skills.
- Chapter 13 explains not only the reasons underlying people's resistance to organizational change but also various ways in which this resistance may be overcome. We then give students an opportunity to practice doing this in an exercise.

By doing these things—not only in these examples, but throughout the book—we intend not only to enable readers to understand OB, but also to help them practice it in their own lives.

New Chapters and Coverage

In the course of revising this book we made many changes. Some of these came in the process of seeking that balance to which we just referred, and others were necessitated by our ongoing commitment to highlighting the latest advances in the field. Many of the changes we made are subtle, referring only to how a topic was framed relative to others. A good many other changes are more noticeable and involve the shifting of major topics into new places and the addition of brand new topics. Doing this required the creation of a new chapter and the addition of several new features. Highlights of new coverage include the following.

- Engagement (Chapter 1)
- Stereotype threats (Chapter 2)
- Core self-evaluations (Chapter 3)
- Religious intolerance (Chapter 4)
- Horizontal and vertical stretch goals (Chapter 5)
- Faultlines (Chapter 6)
- Pipedreams (Chapter 7)
- Defensive avoidance (Chapter 8)
- OCB-I and OCB-O (Chapter 9)
- Authentic leadership (Chapter 10)
- Hierarchy, market, clan, and adhocracy cultures (part of expanded coverage of organizational culture in Chapter 11)
- Vertically integrated organizations (Chapter 12)
- Offshoring (Chapter 13)

End-of-Chapter Pedagogical Features

At the end of each chapter, two groups of pedagogical features may be found. The first, named "Points to Ponder," includes three types of questions:

- Questions for Review. These are questions designed to help students determine the extent to which they picked up the major points contained in each chapter.
- Experiential Questions. These are questions that get students to understand various OB phenomena by thinking about various experiences in their work lives.
- Questions to Analyze. The questions in this category are designed to help readers think about the interconnections between various OB phenomena and/or how they may be applied.

The second category of pedagogical features found at the end of each chapter is referred to as "Experiencing OB." This includes the following three types of experiential exercises.

- Individual Exercise. Students can complete these exercises on their own to gain personal insight into various OB phenomena.
- Group Exercise. By working in small groups, students completing these exercises will be able to experience an important OB phenomenon or concept. The experience itself also will help them develop team-building skills.
- Practicing OB. This exercise is applications-based. It describes a hypothetical problem situation and challenges the reader to explain how various OB practices can be applied to solving it.

Case Features

Each chapter contains two cases. Positioned at the beginning of each chapter, a **Preview Case** is designed to set up the material that follows by putting it in the context of a real organizational event. These are either completely new to this edition or updated. Just a few examples of new Preview Cases include the following:

- Southwest Airlines: Employee Relations Back on Time (Chapter 9)
- Commercial Metals Company "Steels" the Show (Chapter 12)

The end-of-chapter case, Case in Point, is designed to review the material already covered and to bring that material to life. Specific tie-ins are made by use of discussion questions appearing after each Case in Point feature. These also are new or updated for this edition. Several examples of new cases include the following.

- The Scoop on Communications at Cold Stone Creamery (Chapter 7)
- Amazon.com: Innovation via the "Two-Pizza Team" (Chapter 11)
- Royal Bank of Canada: Changes You Can Bank On (Chapter 13)

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incorporate lecture notes, and bookmark important passages for later review. For more information, see: www.safarix.com.

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