

# Driving Growth in R&D and Manufacturing via LGBT Inclusion



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Which best describes your company?

**Business to Business (B2B)** 

**Business to Consumer (B2C)** 

https://api.cvent.com/polling/v1/api/polls/sp-bmhbvb



Which best describes your company's DSI program?

**Nonexistent** 

Have an anti-discrimination or a respect and responsibility policy only

Have small ERGs with minimal management support

**Have large ERGs with Executive Support** 

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Which best describes your ERGS demographics?

**Primarily LGBT only with a few allies** 

Ally Heavy with Majority in corporate

Ally heavy with majority in corporate and R&D

Ally heavy with majority in Manufacturing

Ally heavy spread evenly across all divisions

https://api.cvent.com/polling/v1/api/polls/sp-txk6zs

None of the above



Which best describes your LGBT and ally ERG's activities

**Primarily social activities** 

Provides employee development opportunities

Integrated into our company's work structure to provide value and marketing opportunities

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How does your company measure employee engagement?

It doesn't

**HR or management reports** 

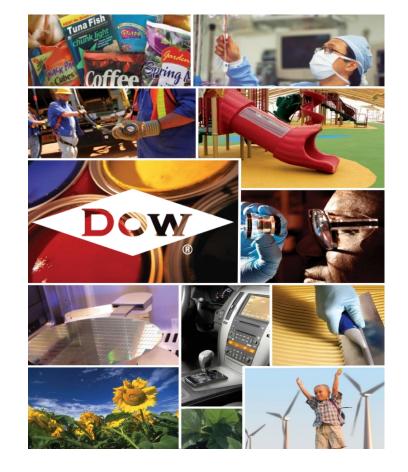
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# **The Dow Chemical Company**

- Annual sales of more than \$48B, globally
- Deliver a broad range of technology-based products and solutions to customers in approximately 175 countries
- Employ approximately 56,000 people worldwide & manufacture more than 7,000 products at 201 sites in 36 countries across the globe



"When you work at the intersections of science and society, you cannot afford to have a narrow view of the world. By reflecting the differing experiences, backgrounds and perspectives of the world in which we operate, we can bring a total view to the solutions table, unleashing the power of the human element and enabling us to recruit and retain the best and the brightest."



Andrew N. Liveris
Dow Chairman and CEO



- One of eight D&I networks at Dow
- Network formally recognized in Sept 2000
- >3300 Participants at 142 Dow sites in 34 countries with 25 active chapters
- >80% of participants are heterosexual employees/allies who support our LGBT coworkers



Team Dow at Out & Equal Summit in Dallas, Texas 2015 - Howard Ungerleider accepting Champion Award

# Why D&I Matters at Dow: Business Drivers for Diversity & Inclusion

To solve the world's most pressing issues, we must reflect the world.

- Source and develop the best talent from an increasingly diverse, global talent pool.
- •Reflect the diversity of the markets and customers we serve, as well as our suppliers and strategic partners, today and tomorrow.
- •Create an inclusive culture that is essential for innovation to thrive, diversity to add bottom-line value, and employees to be fully engaged.
- Deliver leaders with world-class cross-cultural competencies to thrive in a global economy.
- Contribute to Dow's reputation as the world's most respected chemical company.



# Why Should Diversity Matter to Your Organization?

What are the Business Drivers?

### Many businesses focus on the potential differentiators that can translate to:

- · Improved workplace Culture
- Representation reflective of customers
- · Increased sales revenue

- · Larger customer base
- · Greater market share
- · Greater relative profits

To connect to the business and elevate as a priority, you must clearly align the reasons you have to focus on Diversity & Inclusion and/or Employee Resource Groups.



# Translating the Business Case to Growth in R&D and Manufacturing

- Focus on Allies for wide acceptance
- Obtain / Utilize upper management support
- Tailor messaging for your audience
  - Start with a good foundation (SOGI education)
  - Balance of data, emotion and audience engagement
    - · Reality of LGBT workplace climate
    - · Business incentives
    - · Relate it to audience situations / encourage interaction
  - Give action items and ways to make a difference
- Showcase success



# **Driving the Business Case at Dow**



Inclusion. It's Elemental.

Driving Growth at Dow through LGBT Inclusion

Trevor Ewers, Associate Research Scientist, Dow Coating Materials Robbyn Prange, Core R&D Program Leader, Packaging & Specialty Plastics GLAD, Midland Chapter Site Implementation Leaders

Companies that are diverse and inclusive obtain better profits and other outputs, thanks to improved team collaboration and commitment.

Ally

Certification

Program

- Amicus Brief to SCOTUS, signed by Dow Chemical al







Main Concepts & Pre-conceptions

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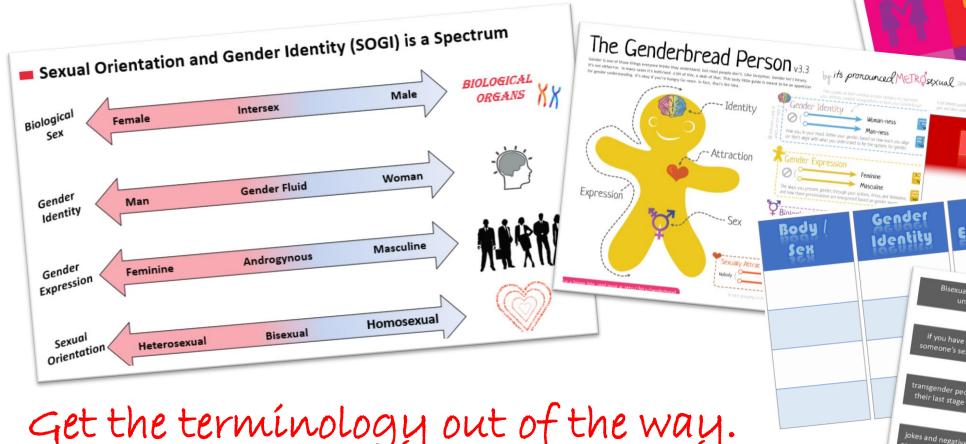
Get it started and watch it grow!



DOW RESTRICTED

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# Start with a basic education



Get the terminology out of the way. You can make it a game!





Gender

Identity

Sexual

Orientation

In GLAD, more than 75% of its

Gender

Expression

if you have doubts about

meone's sexuality, just ask

# Showcase the reality

Why is LGBT inclusion needed?

### Both the good...

- 92% of Fortune 500 companies provide protections against workplace discrimination
- 81% say LGBT shouldn't hide at work

### And the bad!

- 70% say it is "unprofessional" for LGBT to talk about their personal lives at work
- Closeted employees are 73% more likely to quit in the first 3 years than out employees

The Facts about LGBTs in the Workforce

### 1 out of 2

LGBT Americans say that they are closeted or mostly closeted at work.<sup>1</sup>

Work Climate Reality for Many LGBTs<sup>1-3</sup>



• 62% hear jokes about lesbian or gay people



• 4x more likely to hear comments about the way they dress



- 35% lie about their personal life
- 30% feel distracted from work
- ~40% feel depressed



• 73% higher attrition for closeted employees in their first 3 vrs

Let's ensure this isn't the work climate for Dow's LGBTs.

Human Rights Compaign Cost of the Closet (2014) 2 Human Rights Compaign Degrees of Equality (2009) 2 The Williams Institute Rigs in the Workplace (2007)



# What is the business case?

AS OF 2015, 89% OF FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES PROVIDE NON-DISCRIMINATION PROTECTION Why would you care? FOR THEIR LGBT EMPLOYEES, AND 66% OFFER BENEFITS TO SAME-SEX PARTNERS An Inclusive Work Climate Drives Performance 22% 26% Teams with open LGBTs outperform teams with closeted LGBTs. 1,2 Look to Leave Employee engagement Stay With Job Human Rights Campaign (2014 report) 30% increase Lost Employee Engagement Human Rights Campaign (2014 report) Cognitive tasks Employee trust 72% 2X improvement 32% higher 38% Non-LGBT Consideration Williams Institute (2013 report) Productivity Sensory-motor tasks LGBT Out to All in Workplace 20-30% increased Out Now Global LGBT 2020 Study 20% better **RECRUITING &** PERFORMANCE & RETENTION Inclusivity is a powerful element of Dow's work climate. **PRODUCTIVITY** 



Pull out the stats on performance and safety!



Relate it to the audience's business!

# How can they help?

Tailor your asks for your audience!



#### How to be a Trans-Ally

- Treat them like any other person
- Use their new name and pronouns, especially when the
  - Don't draw attention to mistakes; keep apologies small and/
- · Complement them on their presentation like any other
  - "You look pretty today", as apposed to, "You look li
  - Don't say "gosh, you look almost real; you nearly f/
- Defend them against gossip. They have a right to re
- · Use "When you presented as ..." as apposed to "W trans woman was always a woman, even when the
- Don't ask about genitals/surgery or any other privil
- · Don't disclose anyone's transgender status
  - Considered medically privileged information; it
- Out'ing a trans person actively undermines their identity and lead a normal life
- · And do keep a sense of humor it's new for everyone!



DOW CONFIDENTIAL - Do not share without permissio

 Create opportunities for inclusive discussion • Acknowledge LGBT employees and treat them like everyone else Display GLAD items in your office & around your work space • Attend GLAD and other diversity events and encourage employees to

Invite us to speak to your extended leadership team

Address behavior & language that go against Dow's policies or

Don't underestimate the impact of small gestures and visual cues.

• Lead by example - join GLAD

**Electronic Materials** 

Make LGBT Inclusive Happen

DO IT

SAY IT

SHOW IT

JUST DO IT



# GLAD has seen growth through reinvention!



Confidential data showing dramatic rise in ERG participation

Confidential data showing increase in employee engagement

Through a series of strategic initiatives and events, the GLAD network has enabled greater engagement of our LGBT colleagues. That's culture change!





























\*Whirlpool Corporation ownership of the Hotpoint brand in EMEA and Asia Pacific regions is not affiliated with the Hotpoint brand sold in the Americas.



















### Building a Business Case

### **Buying Power**

- More than \$917 Billion for LGBTQs
- More than \$4.5 Trillion when you add in Allies\*

### Brand Loyalty among LGBTQA

- 71% of LGBTQ adults said they are likely to remain loyal to a brand they believe to be very friendly to the LGBTQ community even when less friendly companies may offer lower prices
- 75% of straight allies and 87% of LGBTQs said they would consider choosing a brand known to provide equal workplace benefits.\*\*



















Love is love, no matter how you

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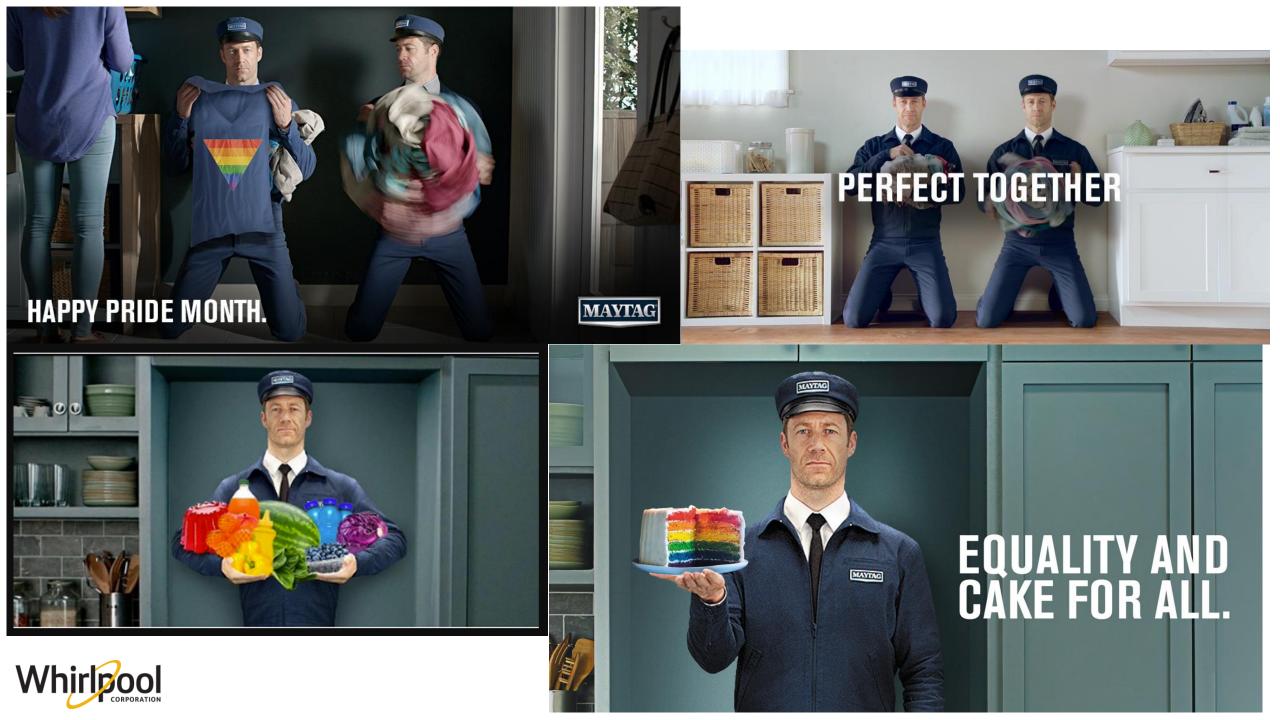


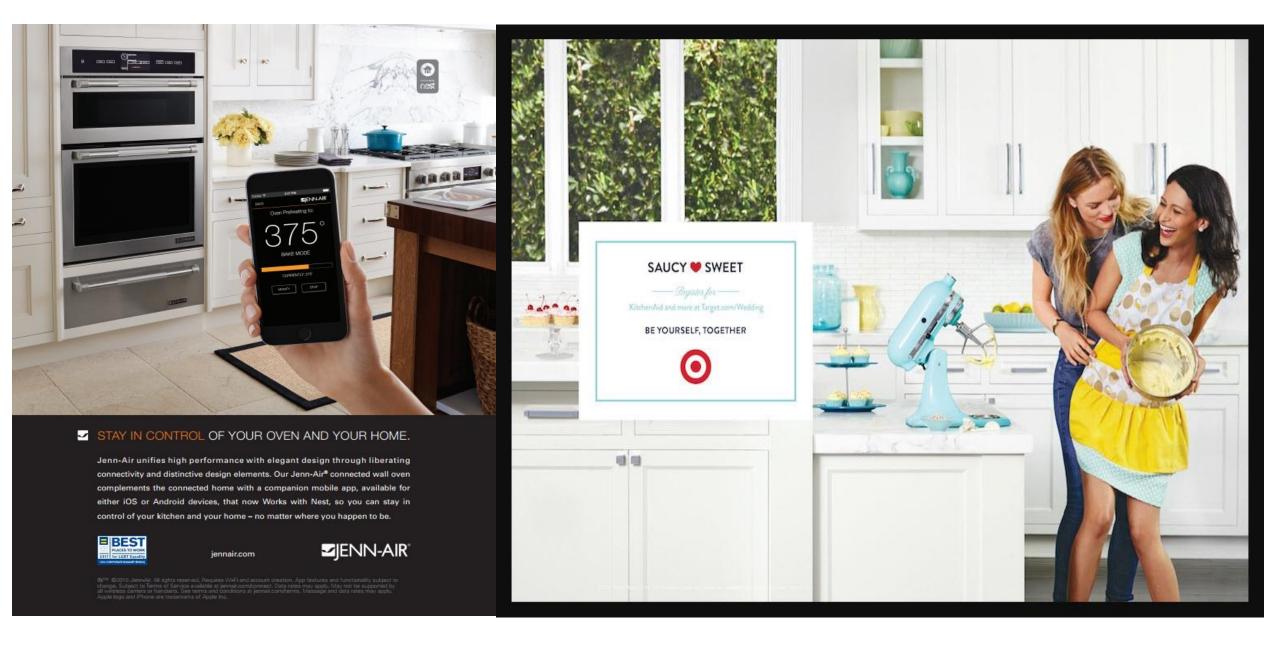


























## Drive ERG and Community Relationships

















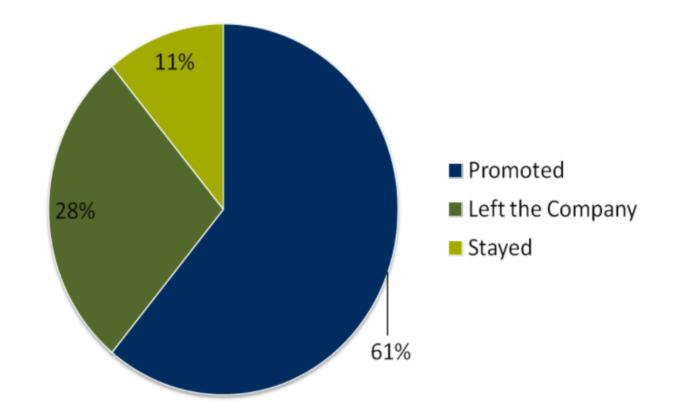




### ERG Involvement = Career Advancement

#### Talent Promotion Breakdown included:

- Senior Analysts
- Managers
- Senior Managers
- Directors





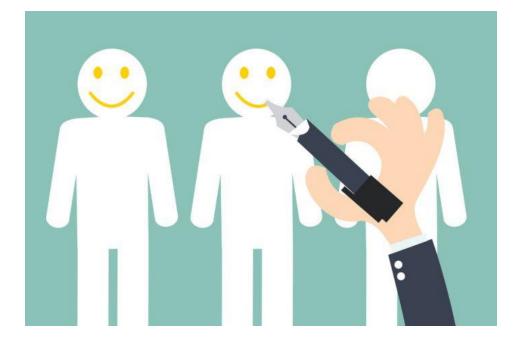


### ERG Involvement = Talent Retention

### Polled our ERG Membership

- 25.4% researched Whirlpool PRIDE ERG before joining Whirlpool
- 28.8% would not have applied for a job at Whirlpool if the company did not have an LGBTQ ERG
- 61.4% attributed at least 50% of their retention on their involvement with the Pride ERG

Turn-over cost per employee = 6 - 9 months salary





# Where Did They Go?













United Technologies

### Celebrate - Communicate - Sponsor Pride!











## Engage Beyond Current Circle of Influence

Focus on Internal and External Company Employees

- Contract employees need ERG love too
- Be prepared to be creative

Uncover Specialized Needs within your Business

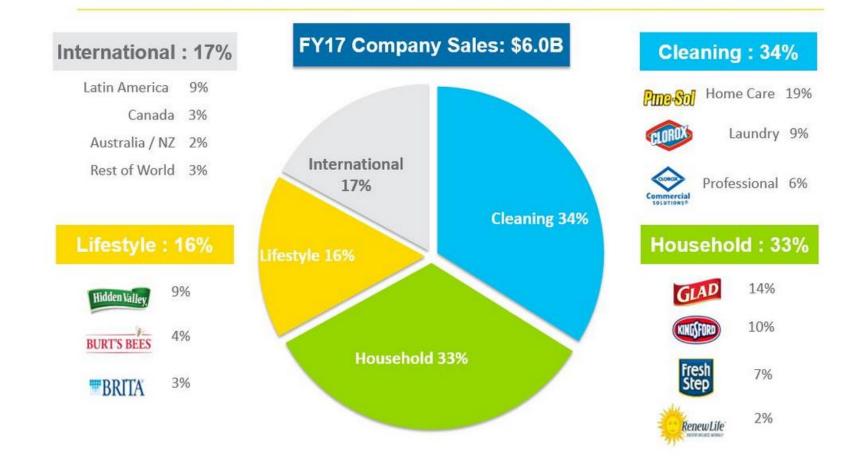
- Concierge Team
  - Education
  - Legal expertise
- Summer Interns
  - Prepare new talent for inclusive environment



### The Clorox Company



# Advantaged Portfolio Over 80% of Sales From #1 or #2 Share Brands



### The Clorox Puzzle



Diversity & Inclusion





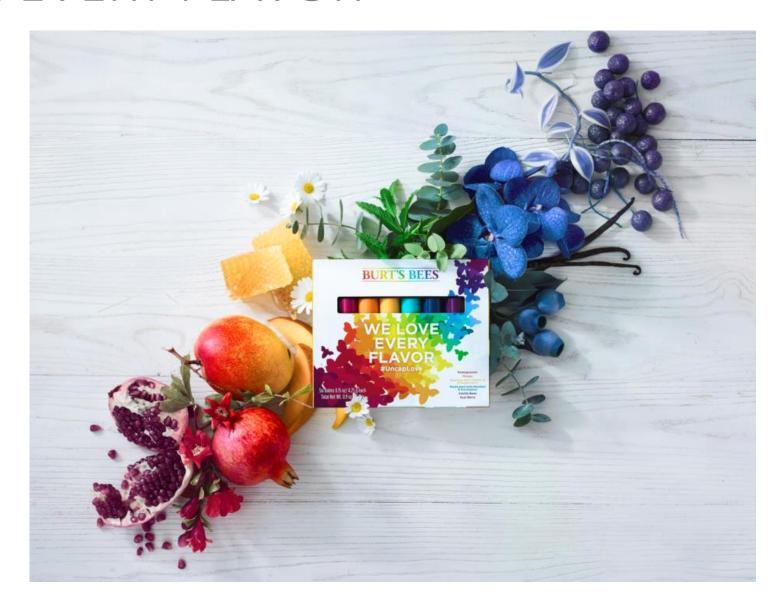
# Building a Toolkit...





# WE LOVE EVERY FLAVOR





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