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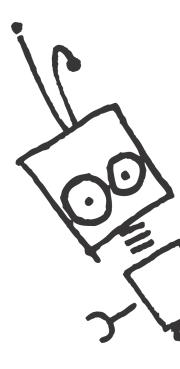
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#### Welcome!

- 1. Unmute yourself if you wish to speak.
- 2. Use the camera unless you have an unstable connection.
- 3. We'll be using the chat throughout. Let's practice. Where are you right now?
- 4. Use the chat if you have a question or comment.





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# LEADING MENTAL WELL-BEING 6-Part Series

Upstream

Mid-Stream

Downstream

- 1. It Starts with You
- 2. Culture First

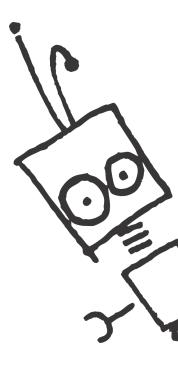
- 3. Oasis of Well-Being
- 4. Safe Harbor

5. One Conversation At A Time



## We All Have A Role To Play, Especially Leaders

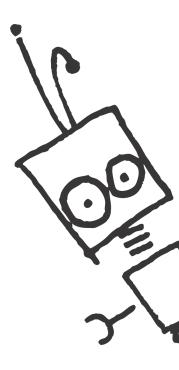
- 1. Trendsetter
- 2. Permission Giver
- 3. Activator
- 4. Self-Starter





## Today's Agenda

- Begin the conversation.
- Reflect on leadership styles.
- Focus on touchpoints.





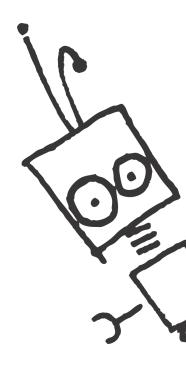
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the conversation.





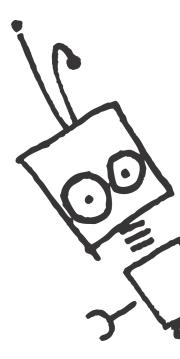
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- 3. **HOW** do we tackle the taboo topic of mental health & well-being at work?





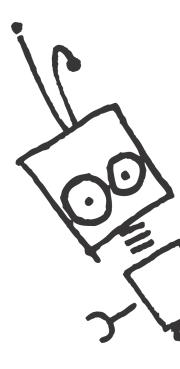
## **Question #1 Poll Options**

- A. Pandemic
- B. Always-on culture
- C. Financial pressures
- D. Political divisiveness





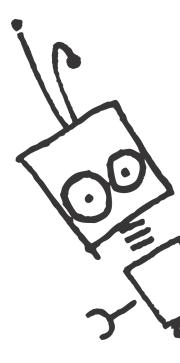
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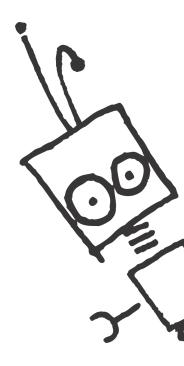
## **Question #2 Poll Options**

- A. Under time pressure to deliver
- B. Away from home for long stretches (resulting in guilt & strained relationships)
- C. Culture in which it's not "OK" to show vulnerability
- D. Hard to prioritize self-care given working conditions





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#### IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO



#### RATES OF DEPRESSION IN THE U.S. HAVE TRIPLED





Original Investigation | Public Health

#### Prevalence of Depression Symptoms in US Adults Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Catherine K. Ettman, BA; Salma M. Abdalla, MD, MPH; Gregory H. Cohen, MPhil, MSW, PhD; Laura Sampson, PhD; Patrick M. Vivier, MD, PhD; Sandro Galea, MD, DrPH

#### **Abstract**

**IMPORTANCE** The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and the policies to contain it have been a near ubiquitous exposure in the US with unknown effects on depression symptoms.

**OBJECTIVE** To estimate the prevalence of and risk factors associated with depression symptoms among US adults during vs before the COVID-19 pandemic.

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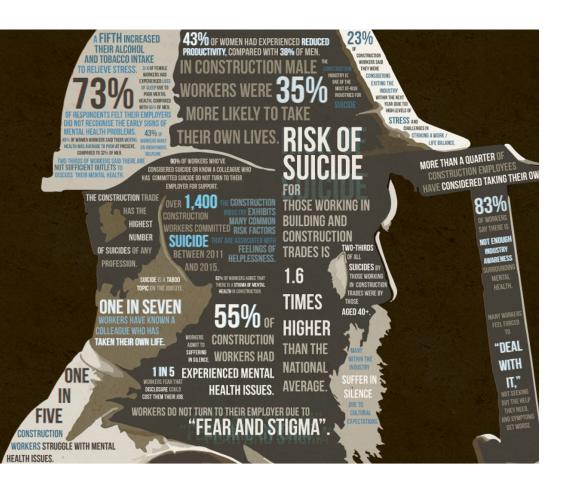
#### **Key Points**

Question What is the burden of depression symptoms among US adults during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic compared with before COVID-19, and what are the risk factors associated with depression symptoms?









## State of Mental Health by the Numbers

- Over 53 suicides per 100,000 workers.
- You're 5X more likely to have a suicide fatality than a jobsite fatality.
- Construction workers are TWICE as likely to die by suicide, compared to any other industry.





#### IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO; IT'S THE SMART THING TO DO



## Workdays Lost Due to Chronic Conditions

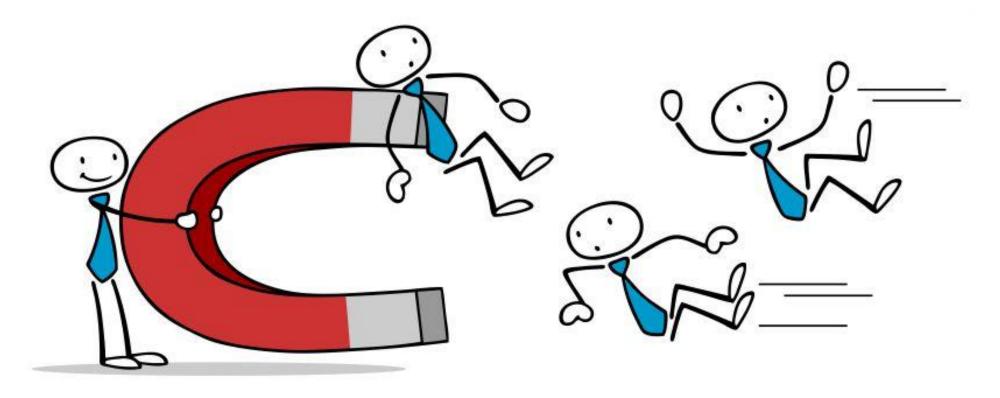
- Heart disease = 6.8 days/year
- Allergies = 8.2 days/year
- Respiratory disorders = 14.7 days/year
- Cancers = 16.9 days/year
- Depression/sadness/mental illness = 25.6 days/year



Source: Ron Goetzel et al, "Health, Absence, Disability and Presenteeism Cost Estimates of Certain Physical and Mental Conditions Affecting US Employers."

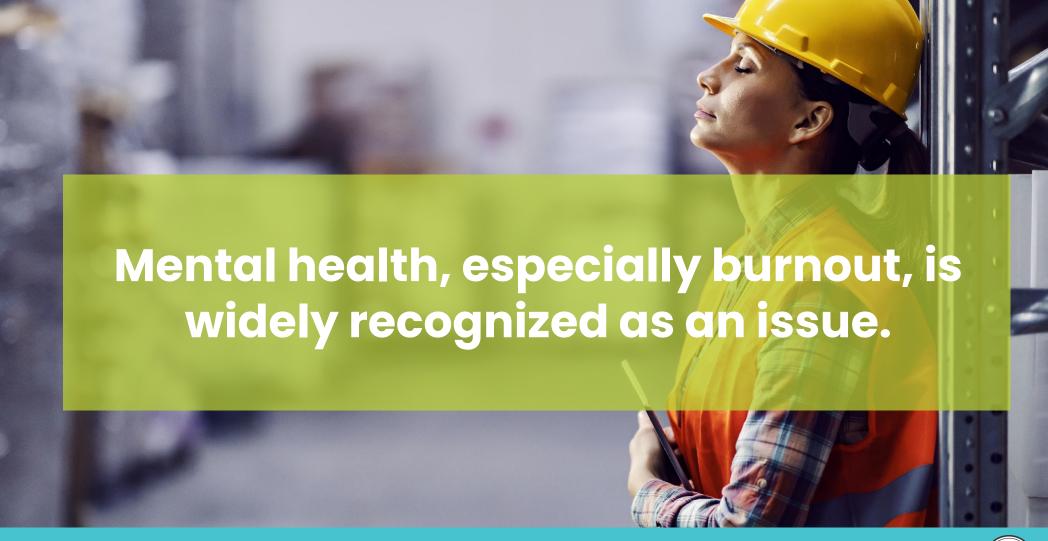


#### THRIVING EMPLOYEES ARE 81% MORE LIKELY TO STAY



Source: Gallup

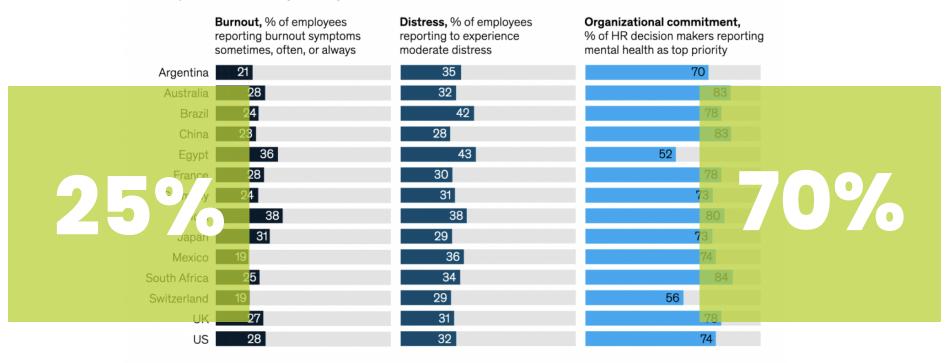






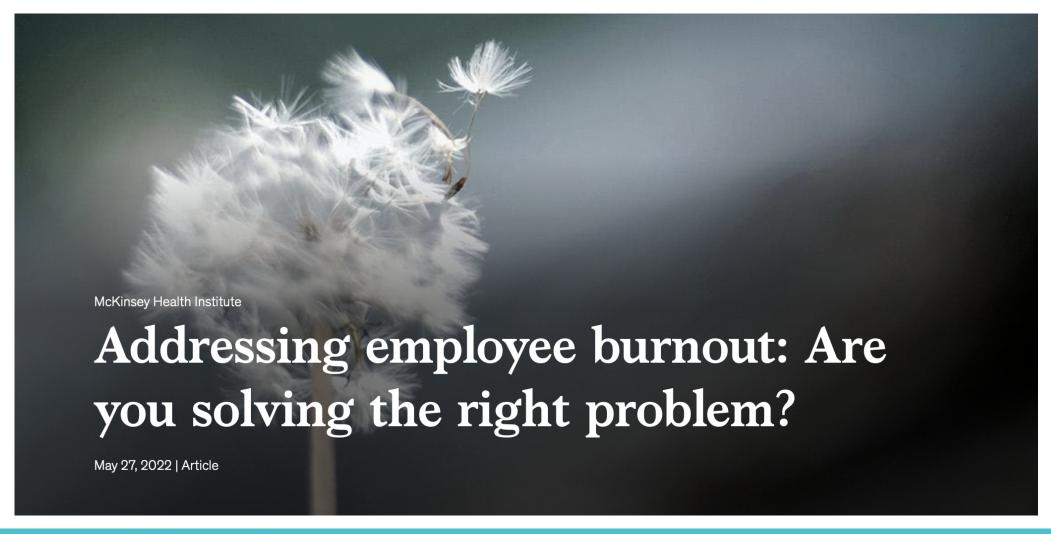
#### Employees report high rates of burnout and distress symptoms, despite organizational commitment to mental health and well-being as a priority.

#### Workplace outcomes by country



Note: Employees and HR decision makers surveyed were not necessarily from the same organizations. Source: McKinsey Health Institute Employee Mental Health and Wellbeing Survey 2022; employee, n = 14,509; HR decision maker, n = 1,389







## THERE IS AN UNMISTAKABLE LINK BETWEEN LEADERSHIP & WELL-BEING, PARTICULARLY MENTAL WELL-BEING.



#### MOREOVER, SPECIFIC STYLES OF LEADERSHIP MAKE A DIFFERENCE – FOR BETTER OR WORSE.





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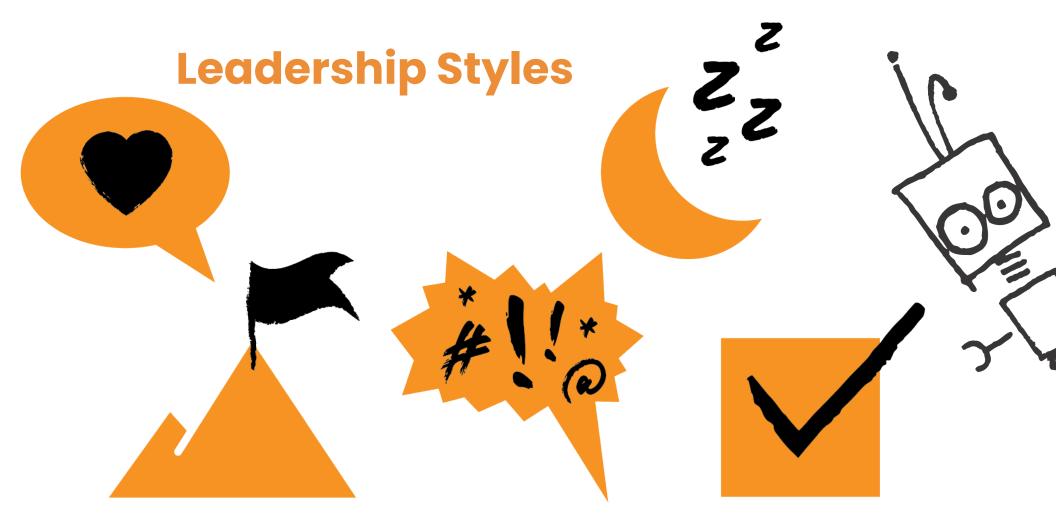


# Reflect

on your leadership style.

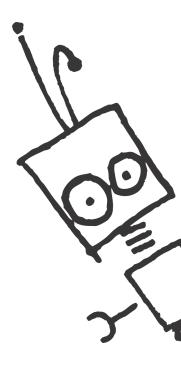






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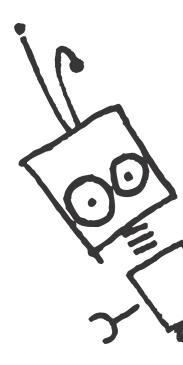
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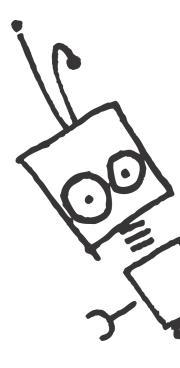
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- D. The Absent Parent
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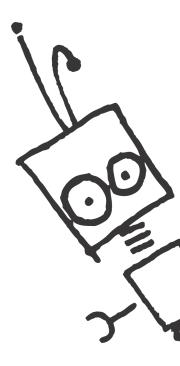
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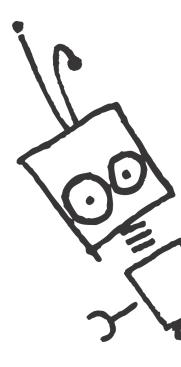
## **Question #2 Poll Options**

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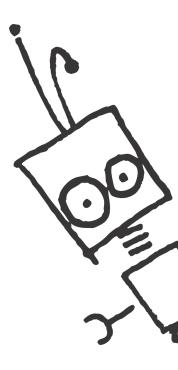


# Focus on touchpoints.



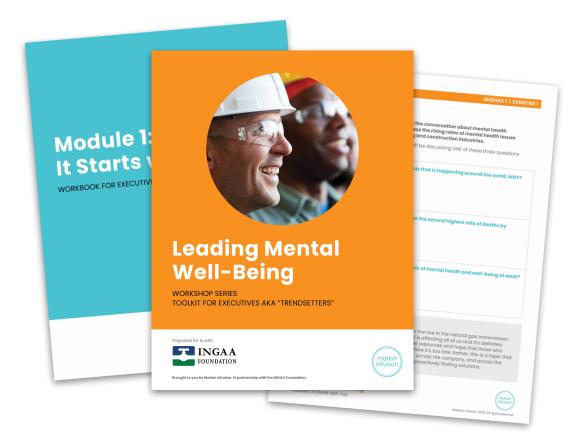


- 1. What are examples of daily touchpoints?
- 2. Think of a recent touchpoint. How did you handle that touchpoint?
- 3. On a basic level: Did you lift up or did you push down?
- 4. On a more complex level: Which leadership style did you exhibit?



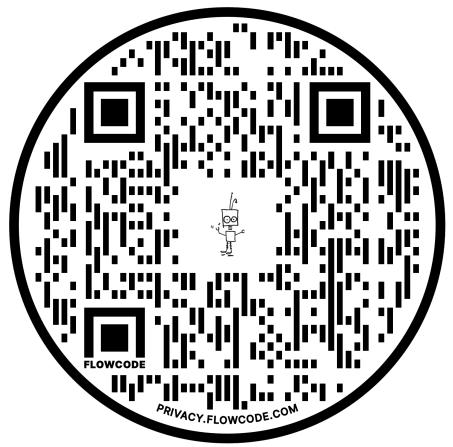


#### What's next?













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