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1.1 INTRODUCTION-

Zara is a fast fashion clothes and accessories retailer based in Spain. Amancio Ortega and Rosella Mara launched the company in 1975. It is a quick fashion retailer that provides clothing, accessories, shoes, beauty goods, and perfumes. Zara stores sell clothing for both men and women, as well as children's wear (Zara Kids). Zara Home designs can be seen in

European shops. The bulk of Zara clients are under the ages of 18 and 35. The majority of the items sold by Zara are made in Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Morocco, for example, Bengal, and, at present, Armenia. While other competitors outsource all of their production to Asia, Zara makes half of its clothing at a dozen business owned companies in Spain (especially in Galician), Portugal (northern section), and Turkey. The way Zara operates differs from the one of the majority of its competitors, and scholars have been intrigued by its business choices and competitive edge.

VISION-"To promote to the equitable advancement of society and the natural resources through how people interact," says the Zara vision statement. The corporate mission statement of an enterprise represents its long-term ambitions along with the way company perceives itself in the far future.

This piece investigates Zara's organization's culture, framework, and management. Most importantly, the paper attempts to respond to the topic of how employees feel about their jobs.

1.2 ZARA'S STRUCTURE AND CULTURE-

It defines as the framework of an organization specifies the way operations like work distribution, collaboration, and monitoring are geared towards achieving organizational goals.

Organizational culture is defined as the set of principles, opinions, mindsets, systems, and norms that guide and affect employee behavior within a company.



A) STRUCTURE-

Facilitates efficient communication-Ortega has a place to work at the business's headquarter and can oversee every stage and engage with the developers, architects, and purchasers. Each store keeps track of what customers have purchased as well as which is tried on without being purchased, and this information is sent to the Spanish its corporate office on a daily basis to attempt to figure out consumer purchasing habits and trends that are emerging or declining out **(Ruddick, 2014)**, allowing designers to "make changes to the first line based on consumer demand" (Inditex). Zara operates under a **HYBRID STRUCTURE** (Individuals within an organization are organized into a typical hierarchical model based on power. A board of directors is at the top, followed by the CEO, and may also act as chairman and president. Other executives, such as financial, information, and operational executives, report to the CEO) with employees reporting to store managers, region managers, and the head. The brand is divided into three divisions: Women, Men, and Children, with three store managers per store. These divisions share overhead resources like logistics, distribution, and accounting.

Control orientation- A structure with levels of authority works well in business-to business enterprises that sell items or provide services. As an instance, should the business you run manufactures high-end clothing, that you could use a structure of hierarchy to make sure that all products meet quality standards.

Open communication -It is simple to determine that is in control and to adhere to the line of direction when using a hierarchical management system. It emphasizes leadership as well as management activities, making it simple for staff to understand which individual they ought to communicate to, as every division has different executives.

B) CULTURE-

Zara's excellent organizational culture supports collaboration, knowledge exchange, and excellent leadership, allowing the company to outperform competitors in the apparel industry. Zara values teamwork, individualism, inclusive work, and employee creativity. **For instance**, culture enhances the framework of an organization, especially when its layout is accepted by society, but it also contradicts its values, particularly should the organization does not suit the demands of the company's members. As a result, it is typically used to manage the variety of corporate members' conduct. Thus enabling Zara to run at its maximum capacity, allowing for speedier expansion.

1.3 CONNECTION BETWEEN STRUCTURE, CULTURE AND PERFORMANCE-

Zara has three main distribution centers in Spain from which shipments to other sites are coordinated. The brand's production, on the other hand, is **DECENTRALIZED**, with plants spread across Europe. The company's main challenge is the various levels of centralization in manufacturing and distribution, which contribute to transportation expenses while also undermining the brand's sustainability approach.

ADVANTAGE	DISADVANTAGE
i. Decentralized organization allows for corporate expansion by freeing up top management for new thinking and ideas, allowing for easier plane expansion. ii. Increased productivity and efficiency because the obligation entails authority and power, everyone who is entrusted with it takes great care to fulfil it to the best of his ability.	i. Decentralization enables highly skilled professionals to lead highly competent individuals. Regardless of the vulnerability of their economic positions, such persons are unlikely to reach an agreement. ii. External influences such as labor organizations, the shifts in the market, politicians, and others frequently make it difficult to reach a resolution through dialogue and agreement.

1.4 LEADERSHIP THEORIES OVERVIEW-

Leadership is a collection of behaviors used to assist people in aligning their collective direction, executing strategic plans, and continually renewing an organization. (Rauch & Behling, 1984)

Amancio Ortega, who is also the founder of ZARA, is an exceptional leader with a compelling mission and a clear purpose. His approach to management moved from authoritarian to **DEMOCRATIC** as his company grew and his track record improved.

Zara's leadership has found it difficult to satisfy expectations due to its business approach, despite its development and attractive elements such as collaborative, democratically elected and goal-oriented management.

IMPORTANCE-

Coordination of people's actions and directing their attempts towards the organization's aims and objectives is an important aspect of organizational conduct.

Teamwork, mentoring, assistance, and empowerment are replacing command and control businesses.

PROS	CONS
i. Effectively addresses complex issues. ii. Strengthens team relationships. iii. Integrating employees in taking decisions can assist to reaffirm the firm's goal. Everyone is an aspect of the team's choice and knows the reasons behind it.	i. It may not guarantee the best solution. ii. These could trigger team members to doubt the leadership's ability. iii. Deciding becomes more difficult-Reaching swift choices may be harder as a decision-making procedure involves everyone's contribution.

1.5 MOTIVATION THEORIES-

The process by which a person's efforts are energized, directed, and sustained toward attaining a goal (**Robbins and Coulter, 2020**).

Zara as well as index generally emerging businesses that hire inventive people; youthful firms rely upon staff demographics as they offer education and rewards for creativity. Zara achieves the intended incentives and includes an impact from having ambitious goals, such as the business's goals and demands, as well as aspirations and growth. Ageing meets even the blessings of old age. As a result, Herzberg's two models can be confirmed. Times demand a demanding work environment that encourages innovation and puts them in command. Zara has a relatively low failure rate. Small losses are counted heavily. However, the corporation appreciates the staff's ingenuity. As a result of parental dominance and senior management in the autonomous space, Zara and the other defendants became able to develop a dictatorial style of rule.

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MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS THEORY –



Figure 1.6 Maslow's hierarchy of needs theory (Mullins, 2019, p.258)

These steps represent the requirements of employees. To begin, the needs at the bottom represent the essential fundamental desires that must be met prior to people can strive to meet demands at the higher levels of the hierarchy. Maslow's hierarchy of needs hypothesis eliminates the final level, self-actualization. As the final step represents humans discovering their greatest potential, Management in ZARA can apply this approach to encourage staff by attempting to meet their requirements in a sequential sequence. Companies, for illustration, should first ensure that fundamental requirements are met before attempting to meet the demands of workers at greater levels.

i. Concise and easy to understand. ii. Recognizes human nature	i. Maslow's hierarchy of needs disregard various cultural and economic origins. ii. Failure to consider that people could be driven by own advantages
MERITS	DEMERITS

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EMPLOYEE INFLUENCE-

The motivation of staff members alludes to the behavioral factors that influence performance ZARA'S organization, such as a person's willingness to attain goals. Workers in all fields are happy and valued which enhances the organization's customer service, productivity, and overall reliability.

DIVERSIFICATION IN WORKING ENVIRONMENT- A

workplace that is diverse is one that gives equal chances and privileges to all employees, irrespective of sex, hues, race, ethnic background, athletic ability, gender identity, belief system, or other factors. Zara is a firm that employs approximately 79% of its female workforce.



Develop a culture of recognition- Recognizing

ZARA personnel for their dedication is critical to their inspiration. Most fashion retail employees need praise, particularly for their work well done. Gratitude can take numerous forms, including verbal, in term of bonus, and rewards. Regardless sort of acceptance company pick, it is unquestionably crucial to acknowledge a clothing store person for all of their work.

Pay attention to the staff on the front lines- Zara is excellent at delivering suitable suggestions on issues such as technical fixes, items, and even their coworkers. In such instances, it is the managerial team's overall responsibility to pay attention while making appropriate adjustments. Employees deal with customers and are typically well-equipped and cognizant of all of the discomfort points, giving them excellent assets to kick off the task to determine all the main areas for improvement.

Reward employees for their outstanding work- Most successful incentives are often personalized by creating a reward system that allows them to select their own choice of prizes. The reward network facilitates the automated acquisition of unique things, gift cards, coupons, and discounts. Employees feel appreciated when they receive these rewards as part of their employment.

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FUTURE CONSIDERATION-

Below are two major proposals that can assist Zara in resolving its major issues. To begin with, Zara may increase distribution by developing regional distribution routes that could acquire items directly from factories rather than three primary distribution facilities in Spain. The suggested action plan is to construct regional distribution hubs in regions of North America and Asia, as well as to develop product transportation from European manufacturing sites. Second, Zara would profit from increasing its internet revenue by differentiating themselves from its main rivals. In order to achieve this, the company must conduct surveys in order to establish the sort of distinctive offering factor that will entice additional consumers to shop at its website.

Each of the planned enhancements will assist the business overcome its key issues. Establishing local shipping centers with locations closely affiliated with manufacturing plants. Furthermore, the business is rapidly improving in terms of interaction with clients and strives to learn and appreciate client feedback and criticism. **For instance**, could shorten operational time, eliminating delay in delivery and shortages. It would also improve online buying through the capacity for speedier deliveries. Furthermore, fewer modes of transport would help Zara achieve her ecological objectives.

1.9 CONCLUSION-

ZARA is a renowned multinational store that has grown themselves being a Spanish local company to a really worldwide company in just over thirty years. Although its native marketplace in Spain remained contributed to about 30% of revenue, the company plans to speed up shop growth overseas in order to lessen its dependency on Spain. ZARA has been building hundreds of stores every year, with more to come as they speed up their pace (**Kenna, 2011**). It will focus on maintaining growth in growing areas such as both India and China. Furthermore, putting money into contemporary technology and boosting marketing spending would help the business expand faster and get greater outcomes. ZARA focuses on the new population and current developments. It incorporates current fashion styles into its retail layouts. The wonderful aspect regarding the ZARA is that instead of attempting to construct a company brand, it focused in creating a customer brand--something that every one of its consumers could identify with and be proud of. Client fulfilment formed a major component of the company's operating model, allowing it to attain unparalleled prosperity and global reputation.

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