WOMEN OF THE CHANNEL*



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BEGINS AND ENDS WITH LEADERSHIP



Head count L

Heads that count

Know Your Power

Diversity is good business

Companies in the top quartile for racial and ethnic diversity are 35 %more likely to have financial returns above their respective national industry medians

(Ernst and Young 2018)

Difference breeds Innovation

The Boston Consulting Group found that companies with a Blau Index (a measure of diversity) above the median experienced "38% more of their revenues, on average, from innovative products and services when compared to those companies below the median."

Gender Diversity is Good Business

Research continually shows that gender diversity results in increased productivity, greater innovation, better decision-making, and higher employee retention and satisfaction which leads to increased revenue.

Having more females in executive roles is not only fair, but it's good for business and employees.

Diversity has also been linked to employee retention

What's your company's definition of Diversity

<u>diversity</u>

race, sex or physical appearance and abilities, cultural differences, lifestyle, age, background, experience, religion, economic and social status, sexual orientation and marital status.

Diversity= who you are

Inclusion = what you do (we will get to that in a few)

The Background

WIGDOR LLP

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It's Ridiculous!

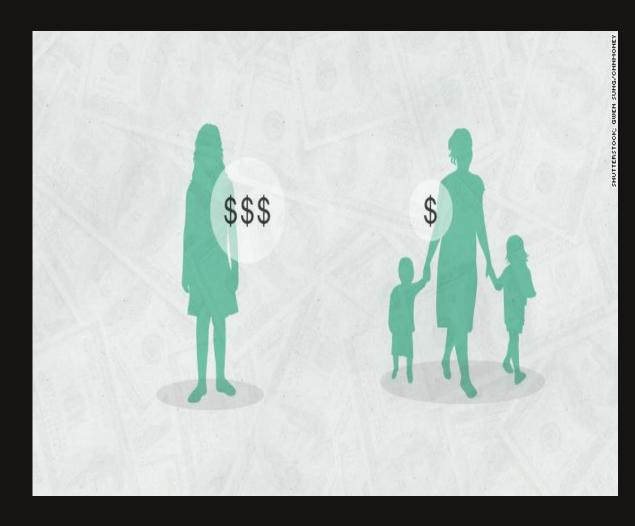
- •Women still make just **78 cents** for every dollar earned by men. Black women earn only **64 cents** and Latinas only **54 cents** for each dollar earned by white men.
- •The U.S. Department of Justice reports that approximately 1 in 4 homeless women is homeless because of violence committed against her.
- •Over 1,000 public K-12 schools in the United States have single-sex education programs. Many rely on discredited science and gender stereotypes.

Women are paid less coming out of college

Women are nurses/teachers and men are in sales/ managers

Women are paid less in every field

Our Money!





MY JOURNEY

1992

26yrs old cleaning homes and enrolled in college

1997

Lost my dad to cancer and made him a promise

2008

Created CNN advantage

2019

Joined Endeavor as EVP, Business Development



1996

Graduated from college at the age of 30

2000

Entered the cable business with the weather channel

2015

Transitioned Centric into BET Her



A Catalyst for Increasing Diversity

Advancing the Contributions of Women and Multi-Ethnic Professionals in the Telecommunications Industry







THE ROI OF DIFFERENCE

CNN Advantage \$30M

Centric TV into BET Her –The 1st and only network for Black women.

\$60M

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14 Companies

Passed on Me!

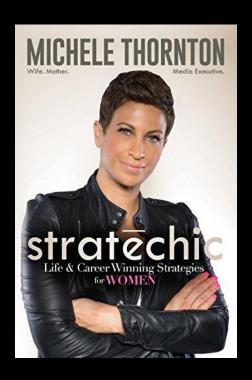
Build Capacity (Learn from your failures)

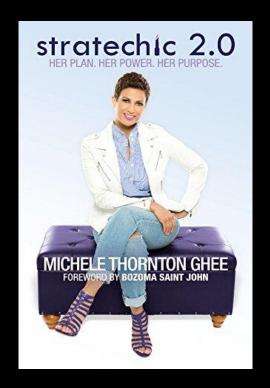
<u>WHY</u>

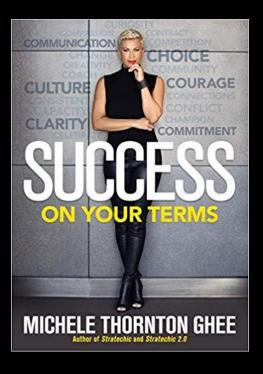
- Gender (not racial)
- Protecting generations
- Hiring people we feel comfortable with
- The most qualified (to them)
- Looking for friends
- That's how it's always been and it works
- Nothing in common
- It's Risky
- Too much work

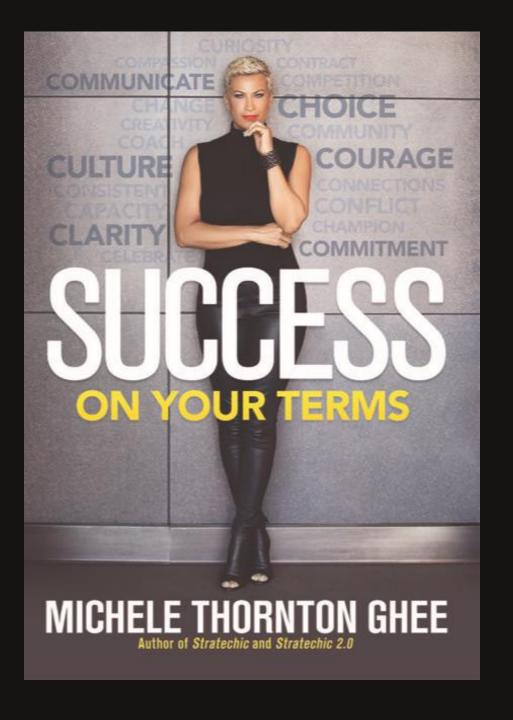
I cant find diverse talent

Do More (It's undeniable)









Change Agent Author Speaker Community Activist Wife Mother **Honorary Doctorate Board Member Inclusion Activist**

Find a Champion & Ask For What You've Earned

Executive Vice President ENDEAVOR

























Be Informed (and take action)

The New Diversity Their Power





- Most ethically diverse generation in U.S. history (40% record high: non-white according to Census)
- > 92% growth from 2000 2010 attributed to Multi-Culturals
- New Face of America

 1 out of every 3 people are Multi-Cultural [population would rank as #12 country]

\$2.5 Trillion Dollars of Buying Power







Implications for all

Reflecting & Understanding Your Employees (and Consumers)

Representation in ideation ls critical



UNconsciousBIAS

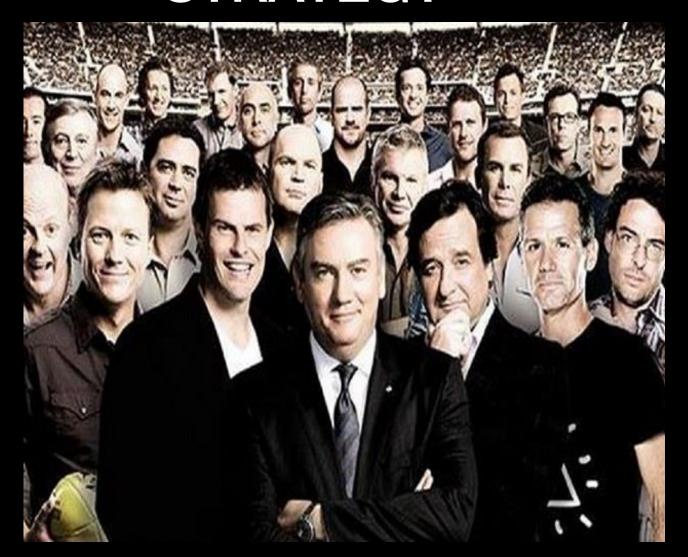


LAST BUT NOT LEAST

DIVERSITY IS NOT SUSTAINABLE WITHOUT INCLUSION

CULTURE EATS STRATEGY











The List

- Understand your companies definition of diversity.
- Know the/your stats.
- Understand the culture.
- Join or start and ERG and tie all of your initiatives back to the business.
- Do more (and be the best).
- Walk with self awareness.
- Find a champion (or advocate).
- Have a written plan for advancement.
- Know if your company has a high potential list and how you get on it.
- Volunteer/ Give back to your community.
- Have the Courage to ask the right person at the right time for what you've earned (in writing).

DVERSITY & INCLUSION REQUIRES



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