



# Motivators

An Evaluation of Motivational Styles

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### Why is Independently Tested Accuracy of this Assessment Important?



A recent review revealed a **significant majority of assessments available today were absent the studies & reporting to confirm their accuracy.** Of the small minority which claimed reporting, the significant majority of those were conducted privately; oftentimes by the assessment provider itself, rather than an objective and scientifically qualified third party. However, we are leading by example in this otherwise unregulated industry. How are we doing this? By submitting our assessments to an objective, independently conducted battery of tests: Construct Validity, Reliability, and Disparate Impact - all by a qualified scientific authority (*Assessment Standards Institute*). Our goal? Ensuring the trust and confidence of our users by producing the industry's most accurate and class protected assessments. Please turn to the last page of this report to learn more on this topic, and the steps we've taken to safeguard the scientific accuracy of this assessment.

## About This Report

Research shows that the most successful people share the common trait of self-awareness. They're able to more quickly recognize situations that will make them more successful. As such, it's easier for them **to find ways of achieving objectives that resonate and align with their motivations**. Those who understand their natural motivators better are far more likely to pursue the right opportunities, for the right reasons, and get the results they desire.

**Motivation helps influence behavior and action.** It is vital for superior performance to ensure that your motivations are satisfied by what you do to drive your passion, reduce fatigue, and inspire you.

The Motivators assessment is the result of Dr. Eduard Spranger's and Gordon Allport's combined research into what drives and motivates an individual. **The dimensions of value discovered between these two researchers identify the reasons that drive an individual to utilize their talents in the unique way they do.** These pages will help you understand your motivations and drivers, providing a clear course on how to maximize your performance by achieving better alignment with your passion for what you do and your behavior.

## The Elements of the Motivation Index

This Motivation Index is unique to the marketplace in that it examines seven independent and unique aspects of motivation. Most similar instruments only examine six dimensions of motivation by combining the Individualistic and Power into one dimension. This assessment remains true to the original works and models of two of the most significant researchers in this field, thus delivering to you a profile that truly helps you understand your own unique drivers.

### The Seven Dimensions of Motivation measured in this report are:

-  **Aesthetic** - A drive for balance, harmony and form.
-  **Economic** - A drive for a return on investment.
-  **Individualistic** - A drive to stand out as independent and unique.
-  **Power** - A drive to be in control or have influence.
-  **Altruistic** - A drive to help others at the expense of self.
-  **Regulatory** - A drive to establish order, routine and structure.
-  **Theoretical** - A drive for knowledge, learning and understanding.

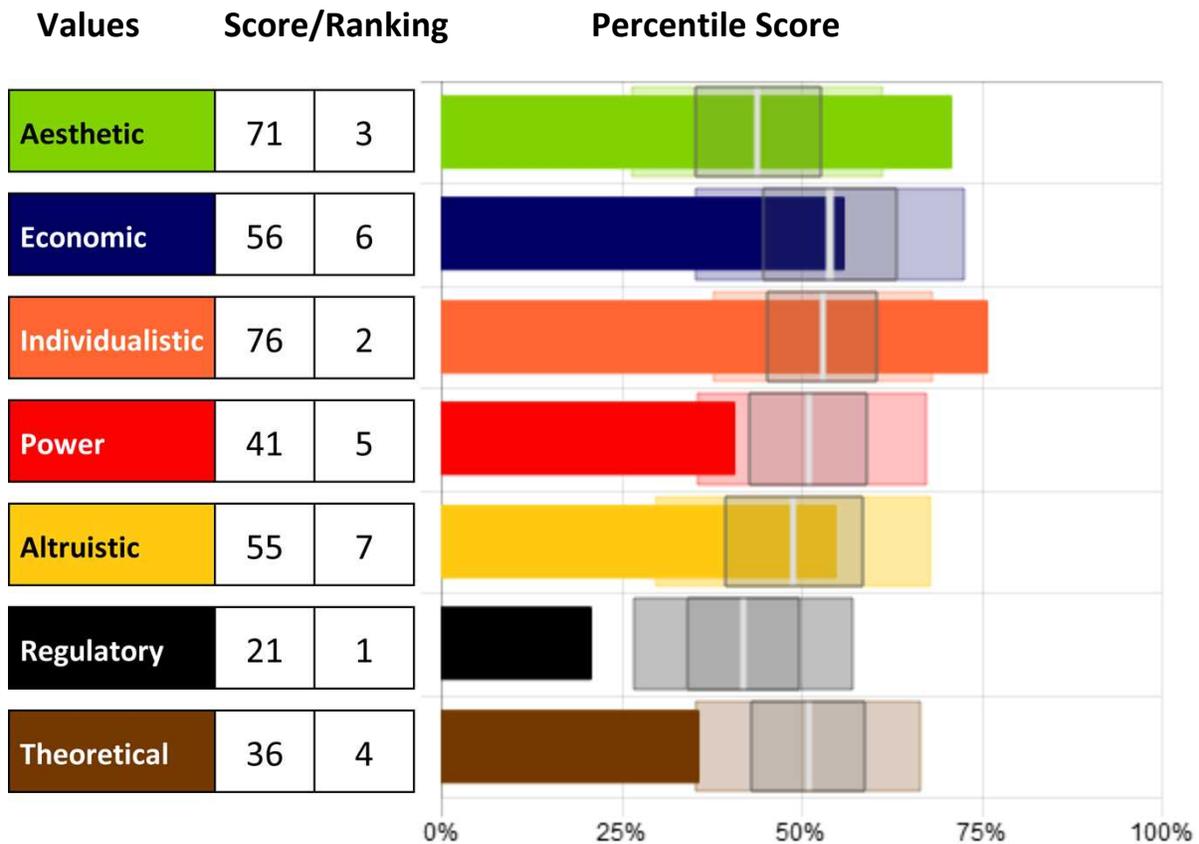
## A Closer Look at the Seven Motivator Dimension Scores

Each descriptor below reveals your preference for shaping behavior and indicates what energizes you.

Motivator	Low Score Energized by...	High Score Energized by...
<b>Aesthetic</b>	<b>Grounded</b> Pragmatic and tangible approaches that bring concrete and reliable results.	<b>Eccentric</b> Achieving equilibrium and harmony between the world around you and yourself.
<b>Economic</b>	<b>Satisfied</b> Less competitive approaches and being more satisfied with what you already have.	<b>Self-Mastered</b> Self-interest, economic gains, and achieving real-world returns on efforts.
<b>Individualistic</b>	<b>Secure</b> Not seeking the limelight, keeping ideas to yourself, and less likelihood of self-promotion.	<b>Unrestricted</b> Expressing your autonomy and freedom from others' ideas and protocols.
<b>Power</b>	<b>Submissive</b> Supporting other people's efforts and a less focused approach to owning your own personal space.	<b>Domineering</b> Directing and controlling people, environments, and personal spaces.
<b>Altruistic</b>	<b>Self-Focused</b> Focusing on personal wants and needs and taking a more suspicious stance towards the moves of others.	<b>Pushover</b> Helping and eliminating pain and suffering of others at personal cost.
<b>Regulatory</b>	<b>Defiant</b> Remaining independent of as opposed to depending on the restrictive ideas of others.	<b>Black &amp; White</b> Establishing routine, order, and setting boundaries for yourself and others.
<b>Theoretical</b>	<b>Disinterested</b> A more dismissive view of gathering new information and discovery while relying more on your natural instincts and past experiences for answers.	<b>Scholarly</b> Activities towards knowing everything that can be known about what you believe to be important and truthful.



## Summary of Sandra's Motivation



1. The **lightly colored, shaded area** for each Motivator highlights **the majority of the population's scores**. This means that if you took a normal sample of motivator scores and ranked the scores from 0 – 100, you can expect that a majority of the scores would fall inside the shaded area. This indicates if most of the population scores higher or lower in the dimension. Are you similarly driven in your Motivators as most others are?
2. The **white, vertical line in the center of the lightly colored, shaded (majority) area** represents the **median score**. Like the median in a road, the median divides the range of scores into equal halves. 50% of the scores are above the median line and 50% of the scores fall below the median line.
3. The **norm box** (small box plot) represents the **AVERAGE** scoring range. The scores inside this box represent the scores of people who are **more like everyone else** (therefore, it is considered **normal**). When your score falls inside the norm box, it is **situational**; you consistently ranked the statements of that dimension **both high and low**.
4. The **colored bar is aligned to your score from 1-100**. These reveal the **level of importance** of that motivator to you. Higher numbers mean you consistently ranked the motivator as **more important** & lower numbers mean the motivator was consistently ranked **less important**. The number also reveals placement in **Very Low, Low, Average, High and Very High**. The people who score within each group share common traits and descriptions (i.e. those who have Very Low scores will share common values with one another).
5. Your **ranking reveals how influential the Motivators are to your behavior and decisions in order from 1-7**. Keep in mind that some Motivators have relationships with other Motivators that strengthen them, but this is a true 1 through 7 ranking based on which are individually most impactful. Rankings are determined by each score's distance from 50. The farther away from 50, whether high or low, the more impact that Motivator will have.



## Details of Sandra's Motivation



### **Aesthetic - Very High**

You tend to think “alternatively” and will likely seek personal fulfillment, creative alternatives, and peace of mind rather than the status quo.



### **Economic - Average**

You will balance yourself between being satisfied with what you have and a need for more.



### **Individualistic - Very High**

You will seek independence, freedom, and positions of autonomy where you can freely express and display your intuitive ideas.



### **Power - Low**

You are a better collaborator and won't likely seek position power or authoritative roles.



### **Altruistic - Average**

You are able to balance your own needs and the needs of others on the team.



### **Regulatory - Very Low**

You may subvert or break the rules you feel don't apply and will attempt multithreaded approaches to solving problems.

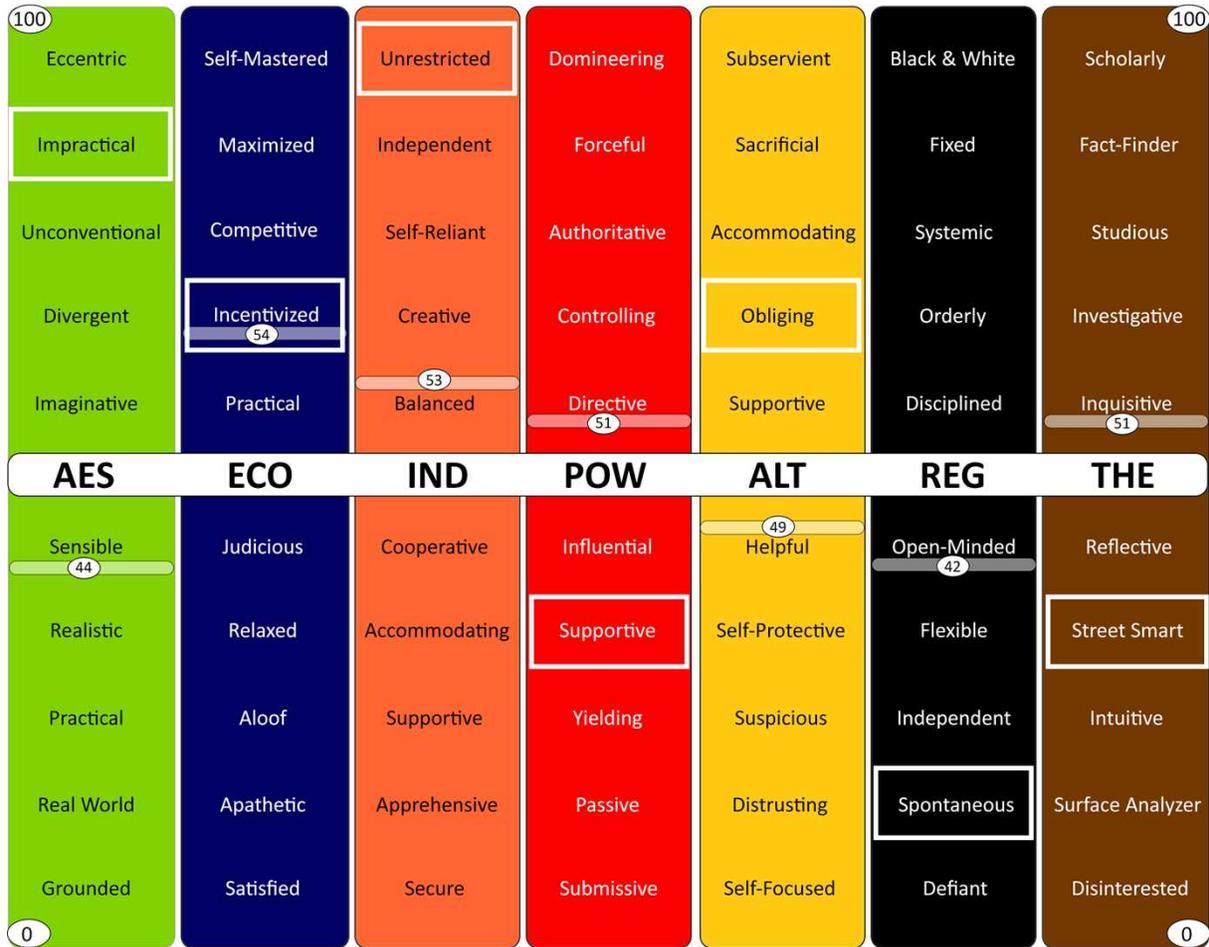


### **Theoretical - Low**

You are more apt to rely on past experiences and intuition when making decisions.

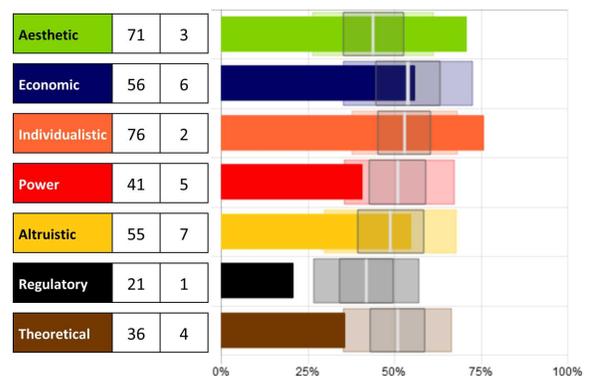
## Sandra's Motivator Word Matrix

The Motivator Word Matrix translates your numeric score into a descriptor in each dimension, and highlights each word relative to other descriptors. By labeling your numeric score, you can better identify, understand, and describe your motivator orientation.

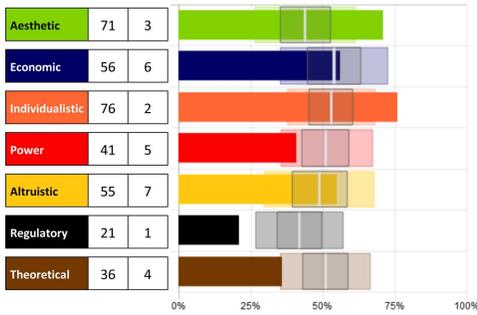


### Important Details:

- Motivators are scored from 0-100, shown in **small circles** at the edges of the Matrix: **0 is very low, 100 is very high**.
- The **shaded line** highlights the **median score** for each Motivator based on the population.
- The highlighted Motivator **descriptor** is representative of *your score* in each Motivator.
- Your score and ranking are **not** noted on the Matrix. Refer to your graph for your specific information.



## Your Aesthetic Motivator - Very High



**The Aesthetic Motivator:** Strong desire and need to achieve equilibrium between the world around us and ourselves (within) while creating a sustainable work/life balance between the two. Creative, imaginative, artsy, mystical and expressive, this style may redefine or resist real world approaches to current challenges.



### Universal Assets:

- To you, feeling "good" and looking "good" are important.
- You are energized when others around share similar level of appreciation for beauty and form.
- You need a strong sense of harmony and balance in professional and personal roles.
- You like helping, teaching, and coaching others, especially in areas of creative endeavors.



### Driving Intuitions:

- You should explore potential of involvement with environmental or 'green' initiatives in the area.
- You should allow ample time for personal life balance.
- You provide an outlet for connecting artistic, balance or environmental benefits to work requirements.
- You ensure that creativity doesn't get in the way of functional results.



### Critical Advantages:

- You will bring new and innovative ideas to the table.
- You have a willingness to think beyond the surface of a problem and bring a creative set of new ideas.
- You are not pacified by traditional rewards only (paycheck), but appreciate more personal rewards.
- To you, any creativity is often only limited by external, not internal boundaries.



### Growth Opportunities:

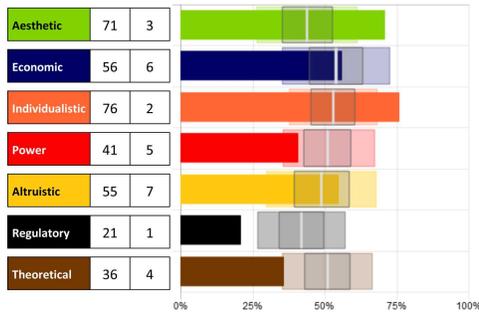
- Remember that it is OK that some don't appreciate artistry, balance or harmony as much as you.
- At times, you may try to be too much of a non-conformist.
- You may end up with your own work behind schedule because of attempts for process over product.
- You need to remember that sometimes function is all there is time for or all that is needed.



### Learning Paths:

- You should link new knowledge to new ways to be creative or achieve better harmony and balance in life.
- You have the ability to connect training and development to other's needs and interests, and to encourage their own imagination.
- To increase the meaning of training programs, you should try to link these to increased understanding of form, harmony, and the big picture.

## Your Economic Motivator - Average



**The Economic Motivator:** The motivation for security from self-interest, economic gains, and achieving real-world returns on personal ventures, personal resources, and focused energy. The preferred approach of this motivator is both a personal and a professional one with a focus on ultimate outcomes.



### Universal Assets:

- This score should not be confused with average economic achievement. Many executives and others who score in this area may have already achieved substantial economic goals of their own. As a result, money itself may no longer motivate like it used to.
- Since the majority of people score near the mean, this indicates an economic motivation much like that of the average American businessperson.
- You have the ability to identify with and understand other individuals who have both a lower or higher Economic drive than your own.
- The drive and motivational factors which tend to lead people who score like you should be measured against other peaks on the Values graph.



### Driving Intuitions:

- Remember that your score range is near the national mean for Economic drive and that you don't score as an extremist on this scale.



### Critical Advantages:

- What motivates people who score like you? It's more than money alone; it's some of the other peaks that occur on the Values graph.
- You are a good team player in helping others with projects and initiatives without requiring an economic return of your own.
- You are not an extremist and therefore a stabilizing force when economic issues emerge.
- You are able to balance both needs and perspectives of those with substantially different economic drives.



### Growth Opportunities:

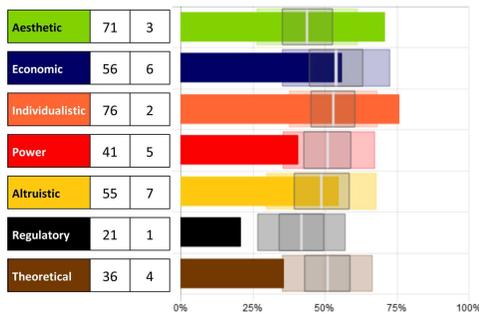
- You should assist in those areas or projects where there may be greater financial reward.
- You should allow space for those with higher economic drive factors to demonstrate their strengths or voice their ideas.
- If there is already a level of economic comfort, you may need to allow greater voice to those who haven't yet achieved their own economic comfort zone.
- There may be times when you may need to take a stronger stand on some issues related to economic drives or incentives.



### Learning Paths:

- You typically don't come to the training session asking, 'How much more am I going to earn as a result of this course?'
- You may be somewhat flexible in preferences both cooperative and competitive learning activities.
- Because your score is near the national mean, please check other Values graph peaks and troughs to obtain additional professional development insights.
- Your score is like those who engage in training and development activities in a supportive manner.

## Your Individualistic Motivator - Very High



**The Individualistic Motivator:** Need to be seen as autonomous, unique, independent, and to stand apart from the crowd. This is the drive to be socially independent and have opportunity for freedom of personal expression apart from being told what to do.



### Universal Assets:

- You bring a lot of energy that needs to be put to good use.
- Your scores are like those who are comfortable being in the limelight, and enjoy demonstrating their uniqueness or creativity.
- You like to have your own niche; the place where you can excel.
- You like freedom in your own work area.



### Driving Intuitions:

- Many people who score like you enjoy making presentations to small or large groups. Explore this possibility.
- You will appreciate 'air-time' at meetings to share ideas with others on the team.
- You may bring a variety of strengths to the team that may not have been utilized; explore the possibilities of expanding these opportunities.
- Be patient in allowing for expression of your uniqueness and sense of humor.



### Critical Advantages:

- You bring a variety of different and energetic ideas to the workplace.
- You enjoy making presentations to small or large groups, and are generally perceived as an engaging presenter by your audiences.
- You desire to be an individual and to celebrate differences.
- You are not afraid to take calculated risks.



### Growth Opportunities:

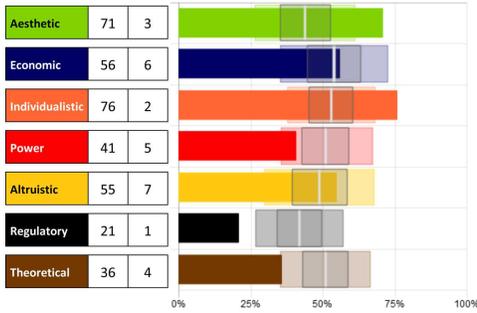
- Sometimes your very unique approaches do not always result in complete success, and may sometimes cause conflict with others if sensitivity is not used.
- Your potential value clashes with others may be reduced through increased awareness and sensitivity to the needs of others.
- You may need to remember that your good ideas aren't the only good ideas.
- You may need to listen more to others and speak less.



### Learning Paths:

- Your learning and professional development activities should be flexible, having a wide variety of options.
- You should attempt to provide enough creative space for you to express your uniqueness.
- You should allow for some experimental or non-routine types of options.
- You should link the benefits of learning new things to a personal ability to enhance your performance.

## Your Power Motivator - Low



**The Power Motivator:** Being seen as a leader, while having influence and control over one's environment and success. Competitiveness and control are often associated with those scoring higher in this motivational dimension.



### Universal Assets:

- You demonstrate flexibility in being able to lead a team when necessary, and to support the team when necessary.
- You may be seen as a stabilizing force in day-to-day team operations.
- Your score in this range is near the typical business professional's score.
- You bring a sense of balance to some power-issues that may emerge occasionally.



### Driving Intuitions:

- Don't forget that you have the ability to be a stabilizing agent between high-control and high-support on special team functions and initiatives.
- You bring a power seeking drive typical of many business professionals, since your score is very near the national mean on this scale.
- Give your input to the team in order to gain a middle-of-the-road insight and understanding of work related issues.
- Review other Values drives that might be higher or lower than the Political score in this report in order to gain a greater understanding of specific keys to managing and motivating.



### Critical Advantages:

- You bring flexibility to the team. Able to lead when asked, but able to support when asked as well.
- You are a stabilizing force on the team.
- You are able to appreciate the needs of both the higher and lower Political individuals on the team.
- You are perceived by others on the team as neither dictatorial nor dependent with regard to team projects and goals.



### Growth Opportunities:

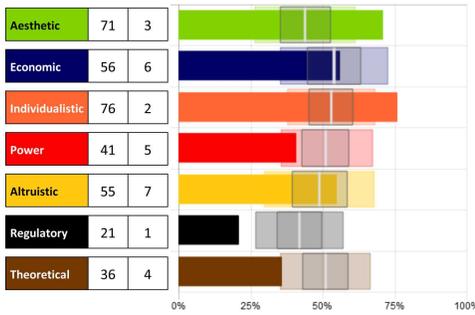
- You may need to shift gears into either a more supportive role or a greater leadership role at times.
- When issues of team leadership emerge, you may need to take a more visible stand on some problem-solving situations.
- Examine other Values drives in this report in order to gain increased understanding of areas for continuous improvement.



### Learning Paths:

- You score like those who are supportive in a variety of work activities and development.
- You will respond with flexibility to either cooperative or competitive team activities.
- You score like those who participate openly in training activities without trying to dominate the event.
- You show ability to lead a training event as well as support and participate.

## Your Altruistic Motivator - Average



**The Altruistic Motivator:** An expression of the need or energy to benefit others at the expense of self. At times, there's genuine sincerity in this dimension to help others, but not always. Oftentimes an intense level within this dimension is more associated with low self-worth.



### Universal Assets:

- You openly share Altruistic love or appreciation for others.
- You like helping, teaching, and coaching others.
- You have a high service-ethic.
- Your philosophy is "Better to give than receive," sometimes even in an organizational environment.



### Driving Intuitions:

- You support the innate willingness to share time and talent with others in the organization.
- You allow ample personal time for whatever giving activities exist outside of work.
- You should seek a professional outlet that allows you to help others.
- You should treat yourself with the same level of sincere concern and interest that you give others.



### Critical Advantages:

- You are good at helping others communicate and respect each other and are a calming influence.
- You are always willing to share time, talent, and energy to help the organization or the cause.
- You are likely to go beyond the call to support or service others.
- You are a very good team player.



### Growth Opportunities:

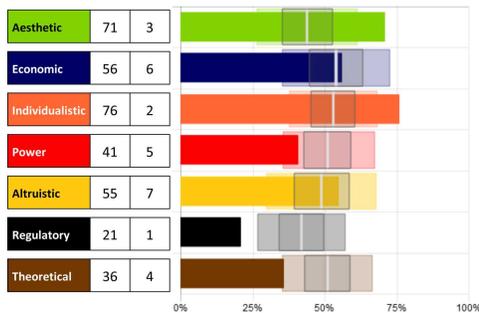
- You could benefit from resisting the urge to go into teaching mode unless clearly desired by others.
- You need to watch to ensure that your giving nature is not abused or taken advantage of.
- You need to remember that support and service efforts need to be practical as well.
- You can lose focus on personal work in favor of helping others with theirs.



### Learning Paths:

- Your learning and development should be linked to the potential to help others.
- You should link courses and training to the knowledge gained that may potentially be shared with others on the team, or externally.
- Your training and professional development will assist in personal growth and development and in being better at any job role.

## Your Regulatory Motivator - Very Low



**The Regulatory Motivator:** A need to establish order, routine and structure. This motivation is to promote a black and white mindset and a traditional approach to problems and challenges through standards, rules, and protocols to color within the lines.



### Universal Assets:

- You dislike overly dogmatic or rigid rules or regulations.
- You dislike allowing existing rules to get in the way of effective solutions to problems.
- You are self-guided and able to self-manage activities to get results.
- You are fine with hard work, as long as it results in practical gains.



### Driving Intuitions:

- Don't impede your flexibility or block your creativity in approaching tasks or solving problems.
- You should utilize your ability for conceptual thinking and big-picture understanding.
- You should play to your flexibility and adaptability strengths.
- You like to be informed and kept in the loop.



### Critical Advantages:

- You are open and receptive to new ways of thinking, new methods, new direction.
- You prefer to consider new and better ways to do things.
- You like to solve problems quickly.
- You have a relatively quick uptake on new concepts or complex problems.



### Growth Opportunities:

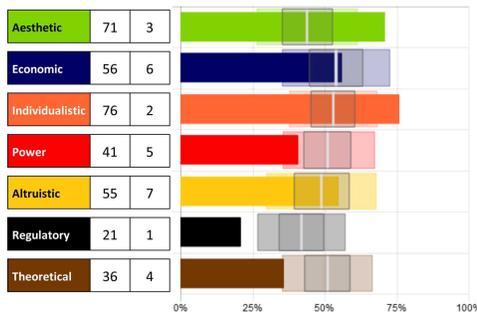
- You should remember to be patient with others who are not as flexible or are more rules-oriented.
- When interacting with others, remember your natural tendency to express thoughts freely (especially dissenting thoughts).
- You should consider resisting the urge to push the envelope just for the sake of pushing the envelope alone.
- You should remember that sometimes rules or procedures exist for good reasons.



### Learning Paths:

- You prefer multiple learning modalities instead of just one.
- You may tend to learn new things in your own way, at your own pace and style.
- You stick to the important details primarily, avoid the minor bits.

## Your Theoretical Motivator - Low



**The Theoretical Motivator:** The desire to uncover, discover, and recover the "truth." This need to gain knowledge for knowledge sake is the result of an "itchy" brain. Rational thinking, reasoning and problem solving are important to this dimension. This is all about the "need" to know why.



### Universal Assets:

- You typically won't get bogged down in minutia, nor will you ignore the details when decision-making.
- Your score in this range is near the typical businessperson's score.
- You bring a sense of balance and stability to a variety of technical issues and features impacting the team.
- You are able to understand the needs of the big picture issues, and appreciate the needs of the minutia issues without being an extremist.



### Driving Intuitions:

- Remember that you have the ability to be a balancing and stabilizing agent on high knowledge-driven issues, without being an extremist toward either side.
- You bring a knowledge-drive typical of many business professionals, i.e., near the national mean.
- Your perspective provides a middle-ground understanding.
- Check for other values drives that may be higher or lower than this one in order to gain a more robust picture of specific keys to your motivation.



### Critical Advantages:

- You will demonstrate awareness of the necessary technical features and an appropriate on-the-job response as needed.
- You bring flexibility to the team, that is, being detail-oriented when necessary, and being practically-oriented other times.
- You are a stabilizing force on the team.
- You are able to appreciate the needs of both the high and lower Theoreticals.



### Growth Opportunities:

- You may need to be a bit more demonstrative on some complex theoretical issues.
- You may be asked to take a firmer stand or position on team initiatives.
- You may need to examine other values' drives to determine the importance of this Theoretical drive factor.



### Learning Paths:

- You are rather flexible and accepting of most training programs offered in the organization.
- You are able to see the need for training and also realize the importance of practical information.
- You understand the needs of the high Theoreticals who want more information and the lower Theoreticals who want only the necessary information.
- Because your score range is near the national mean, please check other areas of higher or lower values drive for additional insight into professional development needs.

## MOTIVATORS ADAPTABILITY

Adapting to another’s Motivational preference can be quite difficult! Sometimes Motivations are not readily observable, or may be disguised in behavior that doesn’t align to them. A key way to understand another’s Motivations is to pay attention to the things they value, the way they speak, and where they spend their time and attention (or other resources). What do you see that drives them? You can use some of these questions to guide your discovery; you may ask them or just observe. Once you know someone’s Motivators, you can interact with them in a more effective way.

**Aesthetic**



- What is beautiful to you?
- How important is it for you that you can express yourself creatively?
- Are form and aesthetics more important, or is functionality more important?
- How important is work/life balance?
- Do you find that you are more “head in the clouds” or more practical?

**Economic**



- How important is winning for you?
- What is a reasonable return on investment?
- Do you generally think people have an agenda or want/need something from you?
- Would you consider starting your own business or being an entrepreneur?
- When you are faced with a situation do you first consider how it will affect you, or how it will affect others?

**Individualistic**



- How important is it for you to be independent and autonomous?
- If you could do anything you wanted today, what would it be?
- Do you think people generally see the world the same way you do?
- How do you feel about teamwork and collaboration?
- What does “freedom” mean to you?

**Power**



- What role do you typically take in a group?
- How important is it for you to be in charge?
- How would you motivate others to take action?
- What kinds of things do you like to have control over?
- Do you take initiative, or do you prefer direction before acting?

**Altruistic**



- Do you have a hard time saying no, or feel overwhelmed and spread too thin?
- What is considered a reasonable amount of assistance or help for others?
- Would you more likely give to anyone who needs it, or only to those who deserve it?
- Do you tend to sacrifice your needs for the needs of others?
- Do you feel like you need to do things for others to be valuable or loved?

**Regulatory**



- Is there a right way and a wrong way, or many ways to accomplish something?
- How important is it for you to be right?
- Are rules and regulations important to you?
- How important is structure and process to you?
- When you solve problems, do you prefer the tried and true approach or are you more flexible and open to options?

**Theoretical**



- How important is it to understand all perspectives and details of a project/problem?
- Do you consider yourself to be an expert in any field?
- Would you rather spend time studying and reading, or just learn as you go?
- What do you love about learning new things?
- What do you think is most important – action or knowledge?

## Guidelines to help you

1. The scores in this report are a snapshot in time. These scores represent your preferences (desires, such as being in control or not) at the time you completed the survey. These are not lifelong motivators from which you have no choice or power to influence.
2. There are no good or bad scores to have, but there are consequences. If you do not like the level of effort you feel toward your goals, how you are behaving toward others or how others are behaving toward you, you can influence them through intended behavior and emotions (with DISC).
3. The key is to understand your motivational preferences so you can move with the situation to encourage your own awareness, intentionality and growth.

## What works?

- Decide what level of effort and intensity (energy) you want to use moving forward.
- Pick one simple behavior to focus on such as how long you take to think through a problem or how you endeavor to get what you need from someone.
- Make it easier to use your motivational orientation you have right now, rather than finding a greater or a more difficult motivational element.
- It is important to develop a practical understanding of your own motivational orientation, so you do not trick yourself into feeling you lack motivation. **We are all motivated**, but we may lack the “energy” (see your DISC graph) for the process of getting what we want.

## What is proven not to work?

- Not starting or giving up. The way to get unstuck is not becoming extreme by exaggerating your efforts or stopping them altogether. Try doing something small and then look at the evidence.
- Getting too much information. Information may help to change your attitude and intention, but information alone does not work well to change your behaviors. Action is key.
- Wanting to get better at something is easy. Sticking with small changes is a different story.
- Avoid pursuing “ideal motivational activities or work.” Instead, improve your pursuit of vital work/activities using your natural motivational orientation within this report.

## Tiny Steps, Big Results Plan

**You are only a few behaviors away from making progress.**

Where do I currently excel at work and what motivators are in play already?

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Which motivators don't need any additional attention?

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With which motivators am I currently struggling and need an extra boost?

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Using my understanding of my motivational orientation, which types of additional motivations would work best for me right now?

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Using my understanding of my motivational orientation, which types of additional motivations would not work for me right now?

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Choose one harmful influence on your motivational orientation (take in small steps) to act on today. Then, practice and repeat.

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Choose one positive influences on your motivational orientation (take in small steps) to act on today. Then, practice and repeat

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We all are motivated to get better but we get stuck with the process we must go through to move toward what we want. How can I make the process of making progress smaller and simpler? List up to three (3).

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## So Now What?

This report is filled with information about your seven independent and unique aspects of motivation. You have a profile that truly helps you understand your own unique motivations and drivers and many suggestions in each of the seven motivators sections of this report, particularly the *Growth Opportunities*, for you to apply this valuable information.

Take the next step and begin with the actions outlined to make improvements in the specific motivator sections most important to you and your success. Do not put this report on a shelf or in a file. Use this report as a reference tool. There is a lot of information in it and it is not meant to be digested in just one reading.



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## **How to Assure Assessment Accuracy? Independent & Qualified Testing at Standards Set by the [APA](#) and [EEOC](#)**

*“...we applaud your efforts at making Motivators reliable and valid...” - Assessment Standards Institute*

### **The Assessment Industry’s Past and Present**

Assessments have been used since the mid-20th century, initially relied upon by Fortune 500s, calculated by highly skilled PhDs and produced by only a handful of trusted developers. With the advent of the internet in the 1990s, the ability to produce, market, and sell assessments became exponentially easier and less expensive. Since then, it has developed into a kind of “global cottage industry” with hundreds of new assessment developers, producing thousands of different assessments. Each developer purporting its assessments to be scientifically accurate instruments - sold, resold and used by individuals and organizations of all kinds; including many of our largest institutions like Fortune 500s, major universities, world governments, and even military. Frighteningly, this “global cottage industry,” which produces data relied upon by millions, is entirely unregulated with nothing to ensure its consumers are receiving what they are being told and sold. There are zero requirements, safeguards, laws or regulations ensuring the consumer receives a scientifically accurate instrument - or even what the developers and sellers claim.

### **The Solution? Independent & Verifiable Testing by a Qualified Institution**

The *Assessment Standards Institute (ASI)* provides our assessments with verifiably objective testing and reporting that meet standards set by the [American Psychological Association \(APA\)](#) and the [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission \(EEOC\)](#). This battery of tests is both voluntary and verifiably transparent. Our goal? To ensure this assessment’s professional merit and scientific accuracy for you, the user. These reports are readily available upon request and include:

#### **Construct Validity ([APA Standards](#))**

Construct validity is one of the most central concepts in psychology. It is the degree to which a test measures what it claims, or purports to be measuring. Researchers generally establish the construct validity of a measure by correlating it with a number of other measures and arguing from the pattern of correlations that the measure is associated with these variables in theoretically predictable ways.

#### **External Data Reliability ([APA Standards](#))**

The term reliability in psychological research refers to the consistency of a testing or assessment method. In this case we are measuring the reliability or consistency of assessment measures over time. External Reliability measures the extent to which assessment measure varies from one use to another. In this analysis we are measuring reliability from the use of a test at one time as compared to another time. The comparison is using a mean variance measure referred to as the mean value ratio. The mean value ratio measures the external or time consistency of an assessment.

#### **Disparate Impact ([EEOC Guidelines](#))**

Employers often use tests and other selection procedures to screen applicants for hire and employees for promotion. The use of tests and other selection procedures can be a very effective means of determining which applicants or employees are most qualified for a job. However, use of these tools can also violate the EEOC Guidelines if they disproportionately exclude people in a protected group by class, race, sex, or another covered basis. Importantly, the law does allow for selection procedures to select the best candidates based on job related requirements. If the selection procedure has a disparate impact based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, the employer is required to show that the selection procedure is job related and consistent with business necessity. If discrimination exists, the challenged policy or practice should therefore be associated with the skills needed to perform the job successfully.

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