

# Major Disruption Ahead as Organizations Struggle with Impact of AI, Return-to-Office Mandates, Employee Disengagement

*Team Flow Institute 2025 Workplace Forecast: Major Disruption As Organizations Struggle with the Impact of AI, Return-to-Office Mandates, Employee Disengagement*

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A new report from the [Team Flow Institute](#) predicts significant shifts in the workplace landscape for 2025, highlighting the need for organizations to adapt to address significant

challenges, including increasing worker disengagement and distrust, AI's transformative impact, the emergence of new work paradigms and workers' search for meaning and value in their work.



The World of Work in 2025

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The report, titled "[The World of Work in 2025 and Beyond](#)," draws on insights from the Team Flow Institute's Fellows and reveals several key trends. The Team Flow Institute Fellows' top predictions include:

- Employee disengagement, distrust, and dissatisfaction will continue to increase. The Team Flow Institute Fellows note a concerning rise in employee disengagement and distrust. With disengagement already at a 10-year low, the Fellows predict that new widespread return-to-office mandates and employers' abandonment of their

commitment to creating more diverse, equitable, and inclusive work environments will result in an exodus of top talent and a further disengaged and distrustful workforce in 2025.

- Growing economic uncertainty, compounded by AI adoption and geopolitical unrest, will

challenge organizations and workers. Workers, managers, and companies will seek safety and stability. According to the Fellows, the job market will not be good. It's going to be a very tough year for workers and organizations.

- There will be a rise in purpose-driven entrepreneurship and passion-driven work. The Fellows forecast an increase

in passion-driven work opportunities as workers search for meaning and value in their work and traditional corporate positions decrease due to AI and downsizing. This shift, coupled with entrepreneurs' adoption of AI tools, which lower the barriers of cost and investment to innovation and entrepreneurship, is expected to enable more individuals to pursue meaningful work in both for-profit and non-profit sectors and allow humans to tackle global challenges more effectively.

- Traditional organizational structures, governance, values, and metrics need to evolve in order for organizations to survive and succeed. The Fellows predict that organizations must shift away from traditional productivity and efficiency metrics as agentic AI assumes routine, repetitive tasks. Traditional organizations must fundamentally rethink their structures and governance to better engage, recognize, support, and value human excellence to survive and compete in this new world of work.

"The Team Flow Institute Fellows' predictions point to the nature of work undergoing a fundamental transformation – affecting where, how, and why work is done," says [Jen McClure](#), Senior Fellow and editor of the report. "The challenges ahead are significant, from managing the impact of AI to addressing workers' lack of engagement and trust to economic, political, and societal uncertainty. However, these changes also present opportunities for innovation in how we structure work, measure success, and create value – and the role that organizations can play in society."

"Organizations that embrace the holistic approach of the Team Flow model will be better able to successfully navigate these transitions while focusing on value creation and the well-being of their people. This will make them positioned for success in 2025 and beyond," concluded Chris Heuer, co-founder and managing director of Team Flow Institute.

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