



FW-HTF-P: Connectivity and the Future of Remote Work

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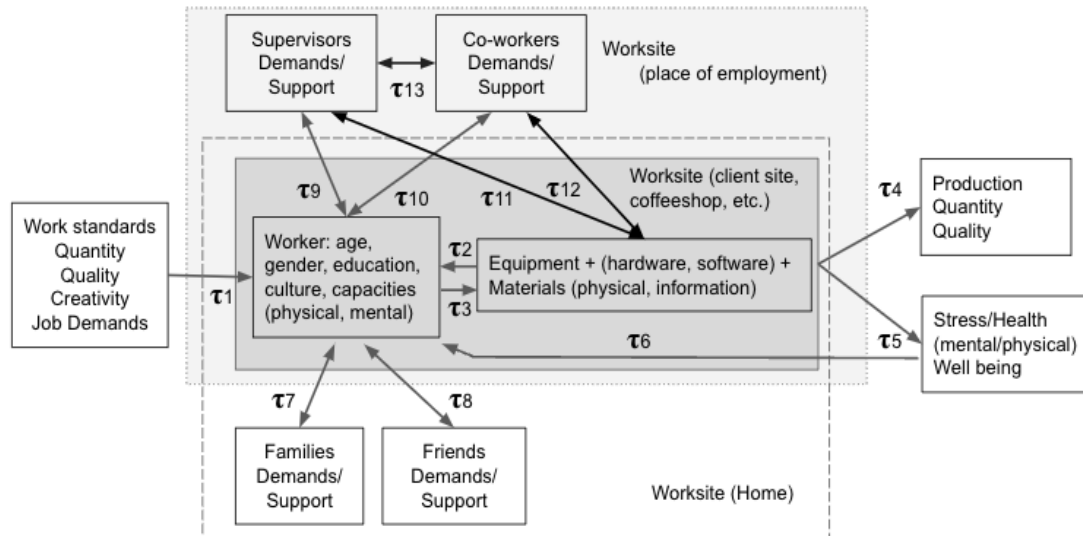
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Objectives:

- Identify characteristics of work that are or can be done remotely;
- Create measures of productivity that flexibly meet the employers' and remote workers' needs;
- Identify the major mental and physical stressors affecting remote workers;
- Identify current and future major technologies that make remote work possible.
- Develop a dynamic model that will maximize benefits and minimize problems in the constantly changing and ever-expanding landscape of work.

Methods:

- A secondary data analysis of a 2020 Pew Survey "How the Coronavirus Outbreak Has and Hasn't Changed the Way Americans Work." (n = 5,858)
- Workshops with employers and interviews with employees, which will touch on similar topics, but from each groups' perspective.
- A quantitative survey instrument, which will then be administered to a nationally representative sample through the University of Michigan's Survey of Consumer Attitudes.



Findings:

- Working from home (WFH) longer work hours: 57%
- WFH greater productivity 63%M, 76%F
- 60-80% able/prefer WFH; no trouble focusing on work
- 92% adequate equipment for WFH (adequate ≠ good)
- 68% Male (M) & 80% Female (F) felt anxious/stressed when WFH
- 28%M & 33% felt isolation when WFH
- 92% felt they had someone they could turn to for support when WFH