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# **Equity in Compensation**

**Navigating Compliance and Opportunity** 



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### **Outline**

- 1. The Clear Imperative for Change
  - a) How did we get here
  - b) Landscape
- 2. Intersection Between Pay Equity, Opportunity Equity and Pay Data Compliance
- 3. Actionable Strategies to Address Pay Disparity, Ensure Opportunity Equity and Global Regulatory Compliance
- 4. Success Stories
- 5. Questions

"The time is always right to do what is right."

**Dr. Martin Luther King** 



## Purpose is in Our DNA

#### **Purpose is in Our DNA**

We solve our clients most complex **Technology**, **Data**, and **Compliance** challenges.

- Trusaic specializes in:
- Workplace Equity Software
- ACA Compliance

#### Trusaic

- ✓ Founded in 1999, based in Los Angeles, CA
- ✓ EDGE certified-independent verification of Workplace Equity global standards
- ✓ Regulatory attorneys, accountant and data science expertise



## The Journey: March is Women's History Month – Since 1987

- 1920 Women get to vote-19th Amendment
- 1961 Esther Peterson: Head of the Women's Bureau in the DOL-Author of EPA
- **1963** Equal Pay Act
- 1964 Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
- 1967 The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA)
- 1972 Title IX of the Education Amendment-Basis of Sex
- 1978 The pregnancy Discrimination Act
- 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)

#### **Pew Research Center**

- Women make up 47% of the non-gov workforce

#### **College Educated Workforce**

- 51% women

"If a man fights his adversaries, he's called determined. If a woman does it, she's frustrated."

Esther Peterson





## We Hear a Lot About Pay Equity...

"In 2022, US women on average earned about 82 cents for every dollar a man earned"

Source: https://www.cnn.com/2023/03/01/success/gender-pay-gap-pew/index.html

Equal Pay Day - March 12<sup>th</sup> how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year!

Source: equalpayday.org

"Black Women's Equal Pay Day is on July 9<sup>th</sup> this year, and means Black women must work an additional 190 days to catch up to what white, non-Hispanic men made the year before"

Source: equalpayday.org

"Latina's Equal Pay Day is on October 3rd this year, about 57 cents for every dollar a man earns-276 days!

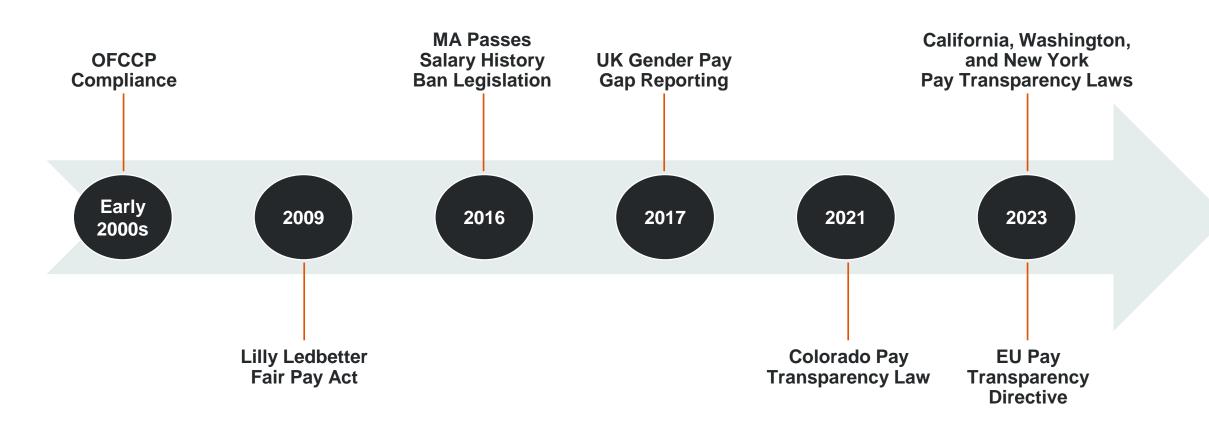
Source: equalpayday.org

The gender gap has narrowed for younger women as they increase their education level and break into occupations traditionally dominated by men.

www.conference-board.org



## **How Did Pay Equity Become Top of Mind?**



## What Is Pay Equity?



Pay equity is the practice of ensuring employee compensation is based on legitimate, non-discriminatory factors, such as skill, effort, responsibility level, and working conditions.

**Equal Pay for Equal Work.** 



## ...But What Do We Mean by Pay Equity?

"Raw" Pay Gap

How average or median pay differs by demographic group (e.g., women vs. men; Black vs. White) "Explained" Pay Gap

How pay differs
by demographic group
due to differences in
compensable factors
such as occupation,
role, education, and
experience

# "Unexplained" Pay Gap

Residual pay gap that cannot be explained and may be due to pay inequities; also referred to as the "adjusted" or "controlled" pay gap



### **Illustrative Example of Pay Gaps**

Avg. Men's Pay \$100,000 Unexplained Pay Gap (\$5,000)

Explained Pay Gap (\$15,000)

Avg. Women's Pay

\$80,000

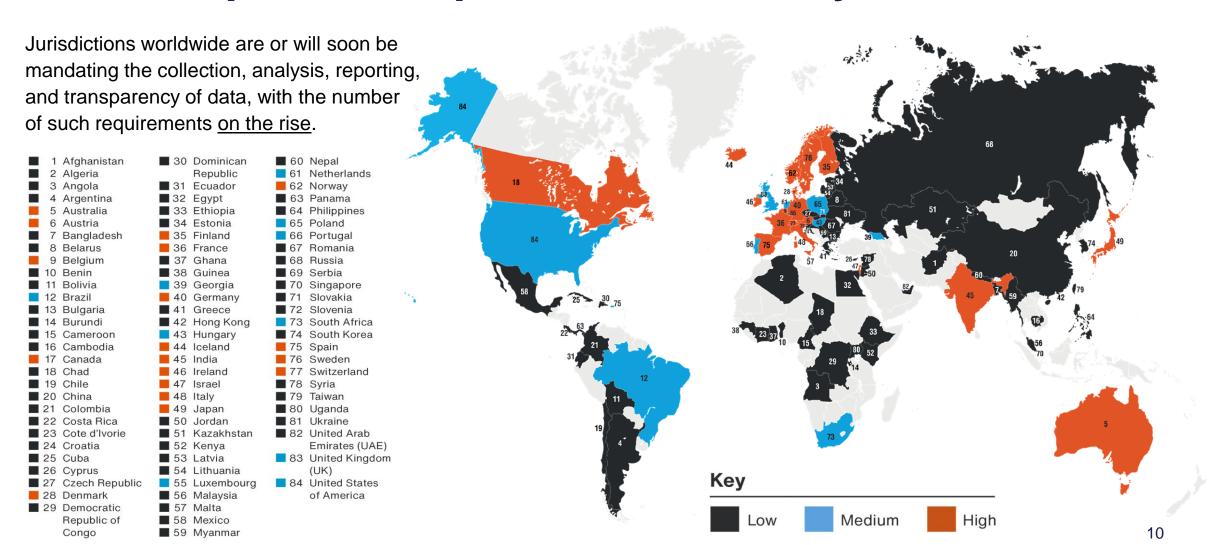
Raw Pay Gap (\$20,000 or 20%) a.k.a. "women earn 80 cents for every dollar a man earns"

In this hypothetical example, the raw pay gap between men and women is driven mainly by the explained pay gap (\$15,000), with a smaller portion (\$5,000) left unexplained.

The primary objective of a proactive pay equity analysis is to measure an organization's unexplained pay gap and close it where appropriate



## **The Compliance Imperative - Globally**



## The Compliance Imperative - U.S.

In the United States, various jurisdictions, WA including federal agencies like the MT ND OFCCP, such as Illinois and California, as MN OR WI SD ID well as cities and municipalities like New WY York, have implemented stringent pay IA NE OH NV data compliance requirements. UT CO MO CA KS NC TN OK SC AZ AR NM GA MS AL TX Key Medium High

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## Global Pay Data Reporting Compliance Calendar

#### **Compliance Calendar**

Jurisdictions with specific deadlines for all employers

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
		France Date: March 1 Cadence: Annual	United Kingdom Date: April 4 Cadence: Annual	U.S California <u>Date:</u> May 8 (2024) <u>Cadence:</u> Annual	Israel Date: June 1 Cadence: Annual			Canada - Federal (Pay Equity Plan*) Date: September 3 Cadence: Every 5 Years	South Africa** <u>Date:</u> October 1 <u>Cadence:</u> Annual	Canada - British Columbia Date: November 1 Cadence: Annual	Denmark Date: December 31 Cadence: Annual
		Belgium Date: March 31 Cadence: Every 2 Years	Portugal Date: April 15 Cadence: Annual	Australia Date: May 31 Cadence: Annual	U.S Federal (EE-O1) <u>Date:</u> June 4 <u>Cadence:</u> Annual			Brazil Date: September (TBD) Cadence: Semi- Annual			Iceland Date: December 31 Cadence: Annual
		Austria Date: March 31 Cadence: Every 2 Years	Italy Date: April 30 Cadence: Every 2 Years		Switzerland Date: June 30, 2025 Cadence: Every 4 Years						Ireland Date: December 31 Cadence: Annual
		U.S New Jersey Date: March 31 Cadence: Annual			Canada - Federal (Annual Statement) Date: June 30 Cadence: Annual (begins 2025)						
		Brazil Date: March (TBD) Cadence: Semi- Annual									

<sup>\*</sup>Canada - Federal Pay Equity Plan dates for most employers will land in earl September, but will depend on the trigger date for each employer.

<sup>\*\*</sup>South Africa: manual filings are due in October, electronic filings are not due until January.

## **Workplace Equity**

substantially equal. Job content (not job titles) determines whether jobs are

substantially equal. All forms of pay are covered by this law, including salary, overtime pay, bonuses, stock options, profit sharing and bonus plans, life

insurance, vacation and holiday pay, cleaning or gasoline allowances, hotel

inequality in wages between men and women, employers may not reduce the

wages of either sex to equalize their pay.

accommodations, reimbursement for travel expenses, and benefits. If there is an



Goldman Sachs pays \$215m to settle female employees' discrimination claim

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Pay Transparency Is Not Enough But it is a start. Here's how to make your workplace more equitable and attract top talent.

# Google Agrees to Pay \$118 Million to Settle Pay Equity Suit Deal reached the some divided to the some div

Deal reached the same day a judge decertified an Oracle suit
 Preliminary approval hearing is scheduled for June 21

## U.S. Soccer and Women's Players Agree to Settle Equal Pay Lawsuit

Under the terms of the agreement, the athletes will receive \$24 million and a pledge from the soccer federation to equalize pay for the men's and women's national teams.

**Employer Coverage** 

15 or more employees under Title VI

Why New Pay Transparency Laws Are Good For Recruiting



## Pay Equity Its Good for Companies...

Companies that make rewards and recognition fair and equitable are:

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More likely to have outstanding financial and customer service

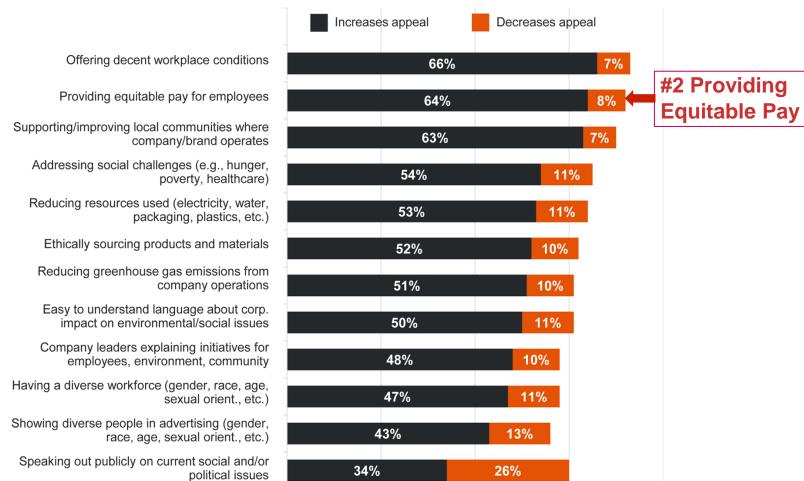
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More likely to accomplish outstanding people outcomes (retention and engagement)

More likely to innovate and adapt well to change

Source: The Josh Bersin Company, 2022

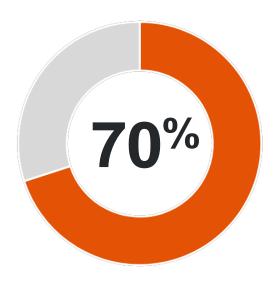
Q. How do the following actions by a company/brand change its appeal for you? Decrease a lot, decreases a little, doesn't change, increases a little, increases a lot?



**Note**: Numbers show the aggregate of "a little" and "a lot" responses for "increase" and "decrease." Source: The Conference Board Consumer Confidence Survey, Sept. 2023, n=3,000 U.S. respondents.



## We're Seeing More Organizations Act On Pay Equity

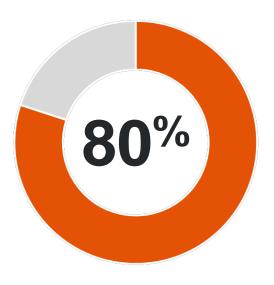


According to a 2022
WorldatWork survey,
70% of organizations
reported taking action
on pay equity



This represents a

10-percentage
point increase
from WorldatWork's
2019 survey



Of those taking action on pay equity,

80% have an ongoing process for conducting a pay equity analysis



## What are the Challenges to Achieving Pay Equity?

- By In from the Top
- Legal Risk
- Cost-Resources-Expertise
- Inaccurate Data-job descriptions, etc....
- Lack of Transparency
- Implicit bias in corporate culture
- Understanding how managers hire negotiating skills
- Global workplace regs
- Market Trends
- Hiring practices, performance, promotions, succession planning, training, development
- The Industry
- What else??



## **Starting Point....**

#### **Pay Equity Audit**

#### Who is on the team?

HR, Comp, Finance, Legal, Regulatory, Statisticians

#### How do we begin?

There are essentially three different options for conducting a pay equity audit:

- **Do it yourself:** Try to conduct the pay equity audit on your own, within your organization, using spreadsheets or general analytical tools.
- Legal or consulting support: Bring in a consulting and/ or law firm periodically to conduct the pay equity audit for you.
- Specialized software: Leverage specialized software like Trusaic's PayParity® to conduct the pay equity analysis-Experts
- and Technology.



## Simple in Concept, Complex in Application

## Setting the Foundation

- Attorney/client privilege protocols
- Compensation philosophy review
- Define scope (e.g., omitted employees, compensation types, protected factors)
- Wage Influencing Factor (WIF) Identification (populate WIF matrix
- Data identification and acquisition

#### Model Development



- Data consolidation (data quality and data validation)
- Pay Analysis Group (PAG) formation and testing
- Wage Influencing Factor (WIF) selection and consolidation
- Conduct multiple regression analysis

## Preliminary Results



- Review Wage Influencing Factor (WIF) adequacy assessment
- Review tainted variable analysis
- Review reliability and robustness testing
- Evaluate initial modeling results
- As needed, consider updates to data or models
- Finalize models
- Review report summary

#### Fair Pay Strategy



- Develop remediation strategy
- Based on selected strategy, identify employees potentially requiring pay adjustment
- Conduct "Root Cause" review and identify policy implications
- Stakeholder communications support

## **Ongoing Monitoring**



- Conduct ongoing data refreshes
- Implement Salary
   Range Finder® to
   assist with setting fair
   pay for new hires and
   promotions



## Leveraging Your HRIS System to Capture Data



#### **Setting the Foundation**

- \* Scope (omitted employees, compensation types, protected factors)
- \* Attorney / Client privilege
- \* Compensation Philosophy Review (WIF Matrix)
- \* Employee Data Identification



#### **Model Refinement**

\* Evaluation to review initial model results and make any required updates to data/factors/employees.

- These two steps can result in identifying data fields necessary for ongoing pay equity monitoring
- Moving forward making sure there is a process for capturing, storing and aging all necessary data in your HRIS
  - E.g. if performance ratings are not captured in the system, working with your HRIS specialist, managers and HR business partners to capture

## A Note on Leveraging Your HRIS System for Seamless Remediation

Key component of achieving authentic pay equity is making sure you follow through with the remediation, even if it means you're chipping away at it.

With the remediation amounts in your HRIS system:

- Remediation during annual or semi-annual comp planning/cycle (Comp Team Role):
  - Comp team members can tag the HR business partner / manager asking if there is a reason why a certain employee shouldn't receive an adjustment
  - Approve adjustments in your HRIS system
- Remediation during annual or semi-annual comp planning/cycle (Manager Role):
  - During annual comp cycle / calibration window, managers can see the remediation amounts while making pay adjustments, thereby accounting for this information during the calibration process
  - Request/Approve adjustments in your HRIS
- Remediation during annual or semi-annual comp planning/cycle (HRBP):
  - HRBP's can provide feedback to the comp team on (a) why in their opinion was that employee's pay a certain amount and (b) provide any information as to why this employee shouldn't receive an adjustment in a particular cycle

# Leveraging Your HRIS System for Making Fair Offers

Key component of achieving authentic pay equity is to stop the bleeding....

With the statistically calculated **Equitable Pay Ranges**:

- During recruiting of candidates (Talent Acquisition):
  - Can see this range in context with the internal approved range (function of the market data) and make fair and market competitive offers during the recruiting process for a candidate
  - If TA needs to go outside of a range for a particular candidate, can they trigger an approval flow. Going outside of the range for a candidate could have a negative or a positive impact on an organization's pay equity status.

You are not building out an approval flow in a new system but either leveraging an existing approval flow or building one in the system itself.

- During merit cycles for employees (Manager Role):
  - During annual comp cycle / calibration window, managers can see the equitable pay range for that position and all other positions that the manager can promote/transition an employee into

# Challenges of the Old Approach: Pay Equity Without Modern Solutions

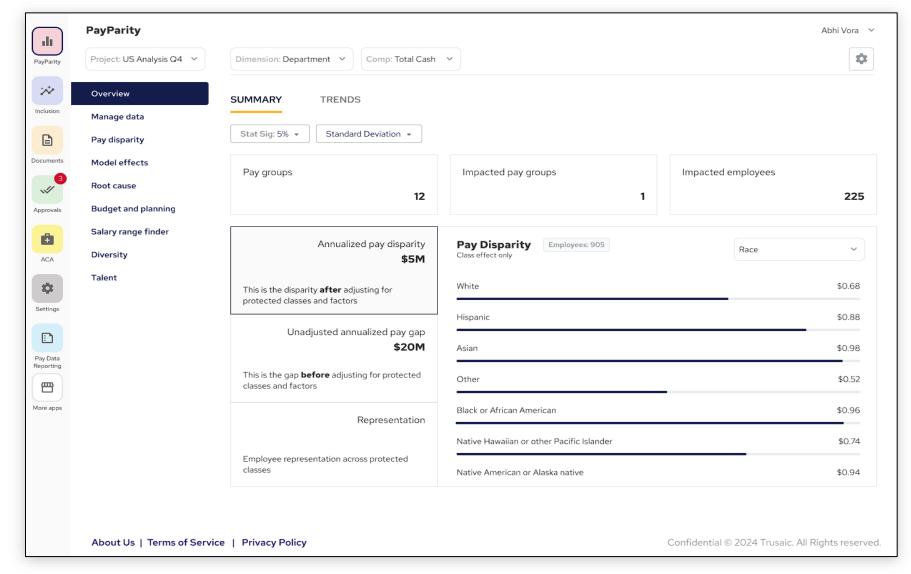


- Reliance on consultants/law firms
- High cost
- Spreadsheetbased
- Quickly outdated analysis
- Lack of visibility into analysis details
- Difficult to directly use results to fulfill compliance requirements

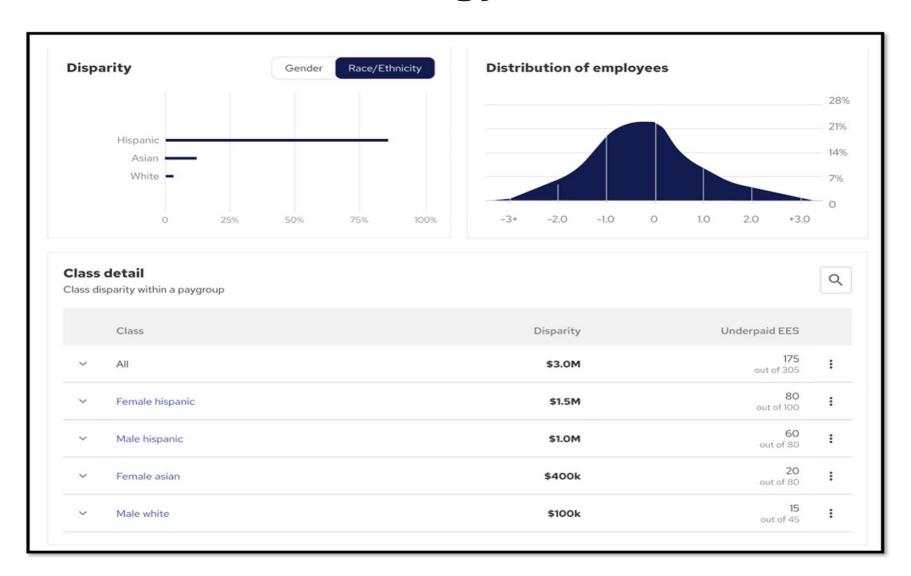




## **Empower With Technology**

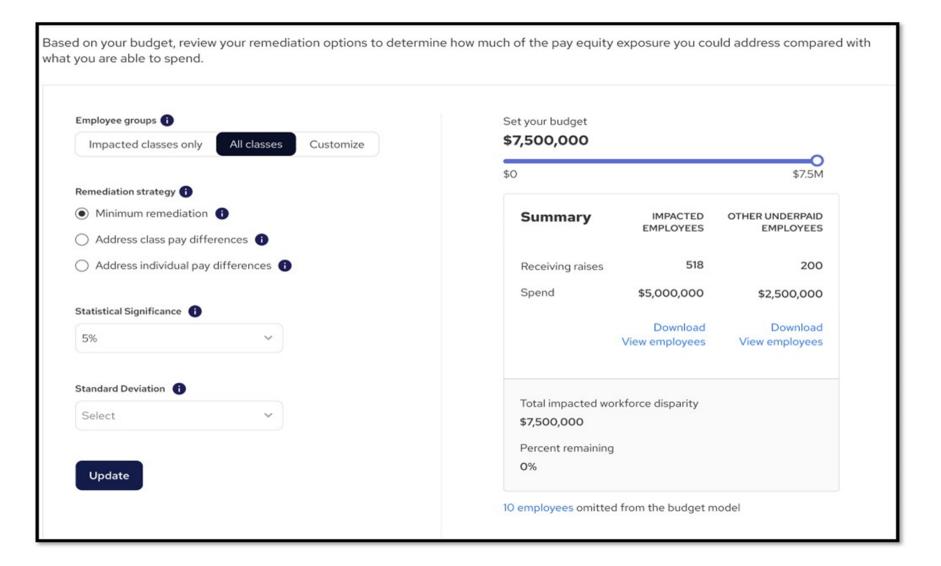


## **Empower With Technology**





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## **Embracing the CART Framework for Compliance**

Collection

Collection of employee pay and/or representation data for the purpose of either storing and/or filing data with governing body.



Raw Pay Gap
Analysis

Pay Equity
Analysis

Equal Value Pay
Equity Analysis

Opportunity/
Representation
Equity Analysis



Internal
Disclosure

External Posting

Regulatory Filing

Deadline

Cadence/ Frequency



Salary Transparency

Additive Transparency

Subtractive Transparency

Career Progression Transparency

## **Principles for Success**

- 1. **Be Objective.** Work to identify and fix issues.
- 2. **Don't Wait for Data to Be Perfect.** Rely on all relevant data and information you have, for whomever you have it. If your assessment identifies important unaccounted for factors, consider collecting and incorporating into future analyses.
- 3. **Support Your Pay Philosophy.** Ensure your pay equity strategy does not unwittingly undermine your pay philosophy (e.g., no pay adjustments for poor performers; pay changes constrained by the official range for the role).
- 4. **Manage Risk:** The actions you take regarding pay equity should consider their potential legal impact.
- 5. **Consider Systemic Solutions.** Embed systemic solutions to ensure issues do not arise again. Implement processes and tools with the aim of preventing pay inequities throughout the employee lifecycle (e.g., hire, promotion, off-cycle adjustments).
- 6. **Connect to Related Initiatives.** Ensure clear linkages to other major compensation-related initiatives (e.g., career architecture).
- 7. **Keep It Up!** Workforces are dynamic—with hires, exits, promotions, transfers, reorganizations, and pay changes—so pay equity needs to be an on-going process (not "one and done"). Changes to the workforce and related pay programs could easily disrupt or change a seemingly strong pay equity position.

#### **Success Stories**

#### **Major Insurance Company**

- 95K employees
- Efforts to build their own tool fell short
- PayParity® for identifying, remediating, and preventing pay inequity
- Replacing outside consultant's spreadsheet-based approach
- Continuous pay equity monitoring
- Transparent progress communication
- Attorney-client privilege maintenance
- Built in compliance with pay equity, transparency, and data reporting laws



"With Trusaic, we now have the right tools and the right partnership to solve pay equity and pay transparency from start to finish."

#### **Major Airline**

- 30K employees
- Experts in compensation
- Desire for a proactive pay equity solution
- Shift from annual audits to continuous prevention with Trusaic's Salary Range Finder®
- Hungry for a better way
- Trusaic's answers: pay equity, opportunity equity, ESG/CSR reporting
- Confidence in results and pay equity maintenance



We finally have the system and partnership in place to be able to confidently go out to our shareholders, employees, potential candidates and feel really good about the results and the processes in place to maintain pay equity."



## **Workplace Equity**

Global Employer	Requirements	Key Employer Action Items	_	Trusaic Products		
Opportunity Equity	Address Diversity Representation Differences	Identify differences in rates of hiring/promotion/retention across protected demographic groups.  Determine the <i>drivers</i> of differences in rates.  Standardize processes to ensure they are free of bias.	9	OpportunityParity <sup>TM</sup> Ensure workforce diversity		
	Ensure Equal Pay for Comparable Work	Identify employees in protected demographic groups that are paid less on average at a statistically significant level.  Make Individual Pay Adjustments if applicable.  Standardize processes to ensure they are free of bias.		PayParity <sup>®</sup> Resolve pay disparities		
Pay Equity	Ensure Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value	Perform Job Evaluation to determine whether there are Job Roles that need to be adjusted (in terms of pay ranges, job levels).  Identify employees in protected demographic groups that are paid less on average at a statistically significant level.  Make Individual Pay Adjustments if applicable  Standardize processes to ensure they are free of bias.		Salary Range Finder® Stop pay inequity		
Global Pay Data Reporting	Fulfill jurisdiction specific data reporting requirements.	Fulfill jurisdictional requirements and meet disclosure, posting and regulatory filing deadlines.		Global Pay Data Reporting Ensure jurisdictional reporting compliance		

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