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The “quality experts” are pushing companies to make basic changes in recruiting, training, performance appraisals, and merit-pay systems. But before HR executives can become change agents, they may have to take a hard look at practices within their own departments.
How important are human resources issues in creating quality-oriented organizations? Here is Tom Peters’ take on the people-side of quality improvement:

TQM often looks suspiciously like the latest act in a long-running farce called Revenge of the Number Nerds.

But the numbers nuts, despite (or because of) the massive Baldridge application (Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award—or “MBNQA,” as one correspondent lovingly labeled it), do not get it. Real participative management, Baldridge categories notwithstanding, is about elusive characteristics such as dignity and worth, much more than computer-aided suggestion tracking systems. Real customer loyalty is as much or more about listening, listening and then listening harder still than it is about zero-variance manufacturing processes.

One major focus in the quality movement is on upgrading technical systems. This attention to process, product, and information technology (and the accumulation of numerical evidence to document quality upgrades in these areas) is necessary—and often yields quality improvement. But it may not be the key variable in the quality equation. John E. Condon, immediate past chairman of the board, the American Society for Quality Control, said it succinctly: “People really do make quality happen.”

Senior executives across the United States apparently share this belief in the human resources side of the quality equation. Consider the results of a Gallup survey of executive perceptions on a range of competitive issues, conducted for the American Society for Quality Control. The Gallup Organization interviewed some 615 senior executives, 307 representing Fortune 1000 companies, the remainder from smaller firms.

The executives most frequently cited quality (service and product) and productivity as the key competitive issues facing them.
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