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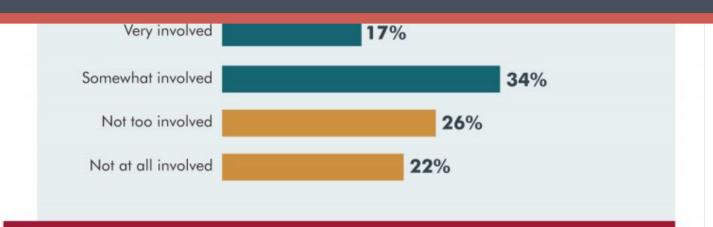
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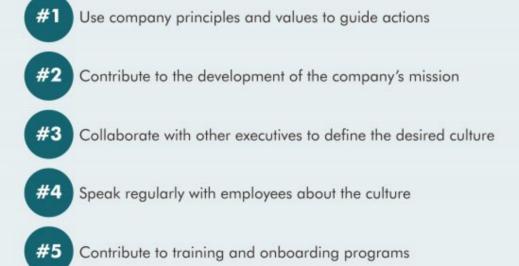
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Ways CFOs are involved in shaping corporate culture



Source: Robert Half Management Resources survey of more than 2,200 CFOs

Responses do not total 100 percent due to rounding



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CFOs were asked, "How involved are you in shaping your company's corporate culture?" Their responses*:

Very involved	17%
Somewhat involved	34%
Not too involved	26%
Not at all involved	22%
	99%

^{*} Responses do not total 100 percent due to rounding.

CFOs who reported being somewhat or very involved also were asked, "How are you involved in shaping your company's corporate culture?" Their responses**:

Use company principles and values to guide actions	83%
Contribute to the development of the company's mission	79%
Collaborate with other executives to define the desired culture	78%
Speak regularly with employees about the culture	76%
Contribute to training and onboarding programs	72%

^{**} Multiple responses permitted

"CFOs enjoy vast influence throughout their organizations - more than many people

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best for the firm."

Robert Half Management Resources offers additional tips to help executives build a strong corporate culture:

- Tell employees why their work matters. Make sure you or management talk to staff about how they contribute to the company's success. People want to know how they make a difference, which will help them stay focused on your firm's key objectives.
- Say "thank you." Foster a culture of appreciation, where people see their work is recognized. In the process, you'll reinforce the level of expected performance.
- **Give people tools to advance.** Invest in training and develop career paths, including identifying specific support the company can offer to help employees meet their individual and team goals.
- **Keep staff updated on financial performance.** Employees are interested in hearing how your firm is doing. Leaving them in the dark can lead to stress, disengagement and speculation.
- Turn jobs into careers. People want to enjoy where they work. Show them how they can succeed at your organization, and conduct team-building activities that allow colleagues to develop stronger ties.

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