ISRG Journal of Education, Humanities and Literature (ISRGJEHL)





ISRG PUBLISHERS Abbreviated Key Title: ISRG J Edu Humanit Lit ISSN: 2584-2544 (Online) Journal homepage: <u>https://isrgpublishers.com/isrgjehl/</u> Volume – I Issue-I (January- February) 2024 Frequency: Bimonthly



Creating the Future: The Essential Function of Leadership Styles in Determining the Achievement of Organizations

Ain Najihah

Faculty of Business and Management, Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin, Malaysia.

| **Received:** 07.01.2024 | **Accepted:** 10.01.2024 | **Published:** 18.01.2024

*Corresponding author: Ain Najihah Faculty of Business and Management, Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin, Malaysia.

Abstract

This research provides a comprehensive examination of various leadership styles and their impact on organizational success. The study delves into the characteristics and effects of transformational, transactional, autocratic, democratic, authentic, spiritual, knowledge-oriented, and leadership commitment styles on key organizational outcomes such as employee satisfaction, innovation, and financial performance. Transformational leadership is highlighted for its ability to inspire and engage employees, fostering an environment conducive to innovation and adaptability. Transactional leadership, while effective in stable and predictable environments, shows limitations in dynamic settings requiring creativity. Autocratic leadership, often associated with diminished employee morale, contrasts with democratic leadership, which promotes employee participation and satisfaction. Authentic leadership emerges as a significant contributor to a positive organizational values, enhancing job satisfaction and organizational commitment. Knowledge-oriented leadership is identified as crucial in technology-driven sectors for fostering innovation and managing complex information flows. Leadership requires adaptability and contextual awareness, with no single style being universally effective. The findings suggest that a blend of leadership styles, tailored to specific organizational contexts, can lead to enhanced organizational performance and success. This research contributes to the field of organizational behavior by providing insights into the effective application of diverse leadership styles in varying organizational contexts.

Keywords: Leadership Style, Management Approaches, Organizational Success, Organizational Dynamics.

Introduction

Leadership, a crucial aspect of organizational management, has attracted considerable attention and generated extensive discussions regarding the successes and results of organizations (Abousweilem et al., 2023; Alzghoul et al., 2018). The central

focus of these discussions revolves around a thorough investigation: How do various leadership styles impact the effectiveness and achievements of organizations? Leadership style, as defined by Northouse in 2016, pertains to the unique approaches

Corresponding author: Ain Najihah

and tactics used to guide, implement plans, and motivate individuals. This aspect of leadership is crucial in shaping the culture within an organization, guiding its strategic direction, and having a significant impact on the behavior, attitudes, and motivation of its employees. Furthermore, the selection of a leadership style can have a substantial impact on team dynamics, decision-making procedures, and the overall ability of an organization to adjust to evolving market conditions and challenges (Al-Husseini et al., 2021; Abueid et al., 2018; Alzghoul, 2017). Organizations can achieve goal alignment, operational efficiency improvement, and create an environment that promotes innovation and growth by comprehending and utilizing different leadership styles (Yamin et al., 2023).

The significance of leadership in propelling organizational success cannot be overstated, as its influence permeates every aspect of the organization (Alsheikh et al., 2023; Khaddam et al., 2023). Bass and Bass (2008) have highlighted the correlation between effective leadership and positive employee satisfaction, increased productivity, and improved financial results. Conversely, a dearth of competent leadership can lead to a state of inertia within the organization, resulting in diminished employee motivation and a decline in financial well-being (Al-kasasbeh, 2022). The range of leadership styles is vast, including approaches such as transformational and transactional, knowledge-oriented, authentic, spiritual, as well as autocratic and democratic models. Every style has its own distinct attributes and has a profound impact on how an organization functions (Al-Mansoori & Koç, 2019).

Transformational leadership is characterized by its capacity to inspire and motivate employees, resulting in the cultivation of innovative thinking and facilitating change. Transactional leadership, on the other hand, centers around the interaction between the leader and follower, placing emphasis on performance and rewards. Autocratic leaders exercise unilateral decisionmaking, which may result in prompt decision-making but potentially at the expense of employee morale. Democratic leadership promotes engagement and agreement among team members, creating a more inclusive atmosphere but potentially impeding the speed of decision-making. The selection of a leadership style can significantly influence an organization's culture, employee motivation, decision-making, and ability to adapt to change (Alzghoul et al., 2022; Elrehail et al., 2018). Leaders who aspire to steer their organizations towards enduring success and expansion must grasp the intricacies of these styles and their influence on organizational dynamics. Although there is a considerable amount of research exploring various leadership styles, there is a significant gap in understanding how these styles specifically affects the success of organizations.

The significance of leadership in facilitating organizational success is of utmost importance, and its influence extends extensively (Alsheikh et al., 2023; Khaddam et al., 2023). Bass and Bass (2008) have emphasized the correlation between effective leadership and increased employee satisfaction, improved productivity, and enhanced financial results. Conversely, inadequate leadership can cause the organization to become stagnant, reduce employee engagement, and lead to a decline in financial well-being. The range of leadership styles is extensive, including approaches such as transformational and transactional, knowledge-oriented, authentic, spiritual, as well as autocratic and democratic models. Each of these styles possesses distinct attributes and has substantial implications for the functioning and organization of a system (Al-Mansoori & Koç, 2019). This paper aims to address this gap by systematically investigating the relationship between various leadership styles and crucial indicators of organizational success, such as employee satisfaction, innovation capacity, and financial health. The purpose of this investigation is to enhance the current discussion on successful leadership in organizational settings. The paper aims to provide a more detailed understanding of how leadership influences an organization's trajectory by analyzing and comparing the effects of different leadership styles on success metrics. The analysis will examine diverse organizational contexts and industries to offer a comprehensive overview. This study is valuable for both academic researchers exploring organizational behavior and leadership theories, as well as practitioners in the management field, as it provides practical insights. By illuminating the concrete effects of different leadership styles, this can assist leaders in making wellinformed choices regarding their approach to leadership, ultimately directing their organizations towards greater levels of achievement. The findings of this paper could serve as a resource for leadership development and inform policy-making in organizational governance, contributing to the broader field of management and organizational studies.

Literature review

A central focus of management research has been the investigation of leadership and the influence it has on the accomplishments of an organization. This has resulted in a wide range of perspectives and discoveries. This literature review investigates the most common leadership styles and investigates the impact that these styles have on various aspects of organizational success, such as the level of satisfaction experienced by employees, the level of innovation, and the financial performance of the organization.

Transformational leadership, which involves inspiring and motivating followers to prioritize the organization's goals over their own, has been associated with higher levels of employee satisfaction and commitment to the organization (Bass & Riggio, 2006). According to Avolio and Bass (1995), transformational leaders create an atmosphere of trust and respect by utilizing their charisma. intellectual stimulation, and individualized consideration. This, in turn, leads to increased employee engagement and productivity. Additionally, research conducted by Judge and Piccolo (2004) revealed a direct relationship between transformational leadership and various measures of organizational performance. The impact of transformational leadership extends beyond the immediate outcomes of employees. The study conducted by Zhu, Chew, and Spangler (2005) demonstrated that this particular leadership style promotes organizational innovation and adaptability. The visionary and inspiring qualities of the transformational leader foster an organizational culture that welcomes change and promotes innovative thinking. This is especially pertinent in industries where flexibility and ongoing innovation are imperative for achieving success. Furthermore, a study conducted by Barling, Weber, and Kelloway (1996) provided evidence that transformational leadership has a substantial positive impact on team performance. This suggests that transformational leadership is effective in both individual and group settings.

Transactional leadership, in contrast, centers on the reciprocal relationship between the leader and follower, wherein rewards and punishments are contingent upon performance (Burns, 1978). However, its effect on organizational success is more varied. Although it is successful in attaining immediate objectives, its drawback lies in its inadequate capacity to sufficiently inspire and involve employees in long-term goals (Bass, 1985). Howell and

Avolio (1993) proposed that in dynamic and uncertain environments, transactional leadership may be less effective in comparison to transformational leadership. Transactional leadership has been found to be effective in stable environments characterized by routine tasks and clear-cut goals (Bass, 1985). Within these particular contexts, the explicitness of the reward systems and the emphasis on established protocols can result in effective and foreseeable results. Nevertheless, this particular style may be inadequate in settings that demand ingenuity and adaptability. Bass and Avolio (1994) contend that in dynamic environments, transactional leaders may encounter difficulties in motivating and retaining high-performing employees. This is because their primary concern is preserving the existing state of affairs rather than instigating transformative change.

Autocratic leadership, which involves sole authority in decisionmaking and minimal involvement from group members (Lewin, Lippitt, & White, 1939), has been shown to occasionally have adverse effects on employee morale and creativity, resulting in increased turnover rates (Chen, 2004). In contrast, democratic leadership, characterized by the involvement of group members in decision-making, has been found to have a positive correlation with employee satisfaction and innovation (Gastil, 1994). The autocratic leadership style is recognized for its efficiency in making decisions and providing clear guidance (Lewin et al., 1939). Nevertheless, implementing it can result in reduced employee morale and inhibited creativity, as it frequently disregards employee input and restricts autonomy (Chen, 2004).

Tannenbaum and Schmidt (1958) noted that in highly autocratic settings, there is a tendency for higher rates of absenteeism and turnover. This is because employees may perceive themselves as undervalued and restricted. Although this leadership style is efficient in urgent circumstances that demand prompt decisionmaking, it may not be viable for ensuring the long-term well-being and prosperity of the organization. In contrast, democratic leadership, which prioritizes collaboration and employee participation, has been associated with increased job satisfaction and employee empowerment (Gastil, 1994). According to Kim's (2002) research, implementing democratic leadership practices can enhance problem-solving abilities and foster innovation. This is because employees feel appreciated and are more inclined to share their ideas. This approach cultivates a feeling of possession and responsibility among staff members, resulting in a more involved and efficient labor force. Nevertheless, this approach can result in slower decision-making processes due to the need to consider multiple perspectives before reaching a consensus.

Authentic Leadership is a concept that is based on the genuine and sincere qualities of leaders. It relies on several important characteristics, including self-awareness, transparency, ethics, morality, and a strong focus on building trust. This leadership style emphasizes the significance of leaders adhering to their own principles and convictions, while also maintaining transparency and integrity in their interactions. According to George and Sims (2007), authentic leaders not only stay true to themselves but also cultivate genuine relationships with their followers, resulting in a reliable and transparent organizational atmosphere. Walumbwa et al. (2008) enhance our comprehension by emphasizing the concrete advantages of Authentic Leadership in the workplace. It is observed that this style of leadership greatly improves employee engagement and organizational commitment. This can be mainly attributed to the establishment of a trusting atmosphere, in which employees feel appreciated and comprehended, resulting in increased levels of job contentment and psychological welfare. According to the theory, when leaders exhibit authenticity, they encourage others to also be authentic, which in turn promotes a culture characterized by honesty and transparent communication.

Building upon these ideas, studies suggest that Authentic Leadership not only enhances individual employee outcomes but also fosters a more favorable organizational climate. This can lead to heightened innovation, improved problem-solving capabilities, and increased adaptability to change. Employees working under genuine leaders are more inclined to experience a sense of empowerment, demonstrate enhanced creativity, and display a more pronounced alignment with the values and objectives of the organization. Moreover, in a time when the ethical conduct and social obligations of businesses are subject to growing scrutiny, Authentic Leadership provides a structure for leaders to exemplify ethical actions, fostering a culture of responsibility and ethical decision-making across the entire organization. The importance of this facet of leadership is especially crucial when dealing with intricate ethical quandaries and upholding the confidence of stakeholders during difficult periods. Authentic Leadership surpasses conventional leadership theories by prioritizing the leader's personal integrity and ethical responsibility, resulting in a ripple effect that has a positive impact on the entire organization.

Spiritual Leadership, as defined by Fry (2003), is a comprehensive form of leadership that combines personal and organizational values, attitudes, and behaviors to cultivate intrinsic motivation based on a profound understanding of spiritual existence. This leadership style does not pertain to religion or religious rituals. Rather, it centers around the cultivation of a collective vision and a culture infused with selfless principles and a sense of elevated significance. Spiritual leaders endeavor to foster an atmosphere in which selfless affection serves as the foundation, fostering a robust sense of camaraderie and interdependence among employees. The core of Spiritual Leadership resides in its capacity to infuse the workplace with a profound sense of significance and direction that surpasses conventional organizational objectives.

Fry et al. (2005) have emphasized the favorable effects of this leadership approach, highlighting its strong association with improved organizational commitment and heightened job satisfaction. Spiritual leaders can cultivate a highly committed and unified workforce by harmonizing the individual spiritual beliefs of employees with the overall goals of the organization. Elaborating on these concepts, it becomes apparent that Spiritual Leadership can have a pivotal impact in today's dynamic and frequently demanding work environments. Amidst a time characterized by widespread employee burnout and disengagement, this leadership style presents a means to revive enthusiasm and drive among employees. Spiritual leaders can effectively address the emotional and psychological needs of their team members by emphasizing a shared vision and collective well-being. This can lead to a more resilient and adaptive organization.

Furthermore, Spiritual Leadership exerts its influence beyond the confines of internal organizational dynamics. It fosters ethical decision-making and social responsibility by aligning business practices with the overall well-being of society and the environment. This leadership approach can be highly effective in promoting a sustainable business model, where the goal of generating profit is harmoniously aligned with the imperative of making positive contributions to society and the environment. To summarize, Spiritual Leadership offers a thorough structure that

not only improves the performance of individuals and organizations, but also helps establish a business culture that is more ethically responsible and socially aware. The leadership style, which emphasizes purpose, significance, and community, is becoming more pertinent in tackling the intricate challenges of the contemporary business environment.

Knowledge-Oriented Leadership is a proactive strategy that focuses on the crucial significance of knowledge in the progress and advancement of an organization. It encompasses not only the process of gaining knowledge, but also the efficient distribution and implementation of that knowledge throughout the organization. Bollinger and Smith (2001) define Knowledge-Oriented Leadership as the ability to create a knowledge-rich environment that promotes ongoing learning. The leadership style mentioned is especially crucial in technology and innovation-driven industries, as it plays a significant role in promoting creativity, stimulating innovation, and improving overall organizational performance, as noted by Darling and Beebe (2007). Building upon this notion, Knowledge-Oriented Leadership surpasses conventional leadership frameworks by emphasizing the dissemination of information and ideas. Leaders who embrace this approach fulfill the dual role of decision-makers and facilitators of knowledge dissemination. They establish systems and procedures that promote unrestricted sharing of ideas and guarantee that valuable information is readily available to all members of the organization. The utilization of this method is crucial in contemporary, rapidly evolving business settings that are abundant in information. The ability of an organization to effectively harness collective knowledge and expertise often determines its ability to maintain a competitive edge.

Furthermore, Knowledge-Oriented Leadership entails a dedication to ongoing education and growth, both on an individual and organizational scale (Alzghoul et al., 2023a; Alzghoul et al., 2023b). Leaders who exemplify this approach allocate resources towards training and development initiatives, cultivate an environment that promotes inquisitiveness and trial-and-error, and motivate their teams to actively seek out fresh knowledge and enhance their abilities (Alshaar et al., 2023). This not only facilitates the workforce in staying current with the latest industry trends and technologies but also enhances employee retention by showcasing a dedication to their professional development. Furthermore, these leaders possess the skill to recognize and take advantage of the varied knowledge and abilities that exist within their teams. They acknowledge that a workforce composed of individuals from various backgrounds and experiences can contribute a wide range of viewpoints and concepts, leading to significant advancements in innovation and effective resolution of problems. Knowledge-Oriented Leaders can improve the organization's capacity to adjust to shifting market conditions and capitalize on new opportunities by valuing and incorporating diverse perspectives. Knowledge-Oriented Leadership is a flexible and responsive approach that closely aligns with the requirements of modern organizations. Leaders can propel their organizations towards long-term growth, innovation, and competitiveness in a complex and knowledge-driven world by prioritizing knowledge management, continuous learning, and the utilization of diverse expertise.

Leadership Commitment is an essential aspect of successful leadership, representing a leader's profound devotion to the organization's goals, principles, and future direction (Alzghoul et al., 2024; Jayeola et al., 2022; Yamin et al., 2023). This type of

commitment entails not only adhering to goals, but also being willing to dedicate significant time and resources to achieve organizational success. Meyer and Herscovitch (2001) explore the notion of 'commitment to leadership,' highlighting its crucial function in driving organizational change and improving overall efficiency. Leaders who demonstrate a strong level of dedication are frequently seen as outstanding role models, with their unwavering commitment motivating employees to show similar levels of loyalty and dedication. According to Avolio, Walumbwa, and Weber (2009), this can result in enhanced organizational performance. To elaborate, Leadership Commitment can be regarded as a catalyst for the establishment of a favorable and efficient organizational culture. Dedicated leaders actively exemplify the values and principles they desire to observe in their organization, establishing a benchmark for others to emulate. The team's consistent adherence to organizational goals through their actions and decisions strengthens a sense of purpose and direction.

Furthermore, these leaders play a crucial role in establishing trust and credibility within the organization. Their unwavering dedication is frequently infectious, cultivating a professional atmosphere in which employees feel appreciated and driven to offer their utmost efforts. This can result in increased employee engagement, decreased turnover, and a stronger team dynamic. Leadership Commitment entails a proactive stance towards addressing challenges and capitalizing on opportunities. Dedicated leaders are usually proactive, not avoiding innovation or change, but instead embracing it to foster organizational development. They are committed to the organization's success and consistently strive to enhance, adjust, and develop in response to shifting market dynamics and internal organizational requirements. Moreover, leaders who possess a resolute dedication to their position and organization frequently partake in ongoing education and self-enhancement. They recognize that in order to lead with effectiveness, they must consistently evolve and adapt their skills and knowledge. Adopting this mindset not only advantages the leader but also establishes a compelling model for ongoing personal and professional growth within the organization. Leadership Commitment is a complex concept that significantly influences an organization's culture, performance, and work environment. It promotes trust, engagement, and a shared sense of purpose. The unwavering commitment of leaders to their responsibilities, principles, and the organization's long-term goals is what ultimately results in enduring achievement and expansion.

Every leadership style possesses its own set of advantages and disadvantages, which have distinct effects on the success of an organization. Hence, it is crucial to possess the ability to adjust leadership styles based on the specific organizational context, culture, and employee dynamics (Goleman, 2000). Comparative analyses of leadership styles demonstrate that there is no universally effective style. According to Yukl (2002), the context in which a leader works, including factors like the organizational culture, industry norms, and external environment, greatly influences the suitability and effectiveness of a leadership style. Hence, the flexibility and perceptiveness of leaders are vital. Furthermore, recent research indicates that a combination of leadership styles, known as situational leadership (Hersey and Blanchard, 1969), may yield better results. This approach promotes the adaptation of leadership style according to the task, maturity of the team, and organizational context.

The leadership styles of Authentic, Spiritual, Knowledge-Oriented, and Leadership Commitment offer unique approaches to guiding

and influencing organizational dynamics. The vast literature on these styles reveals that the effectiveness of a particular leadership approach is not universally applicable, but rather depends on several crucial factors. These factors encompass the dominant culture within the organization, the particular sector or industry in which the organization operates, and the distinct challenges and opportunities that the organization faces. To elaborate on this comprehension, it is evident that there is no one leadership style that can solve all problems; instead, successful leadership necessitates the ability to adapt and be aware of the context. In a dynamic technology industry, a leadership style that prioritizes knowledge could be more successful in promoting innovation and handling intricate information exchanges. Conversely, within an organization experiencing substantial transformation or confronting ethical dilemmas, Spiritual or Authentic Leadership may have a greater influence in harmonizing employees with the organization's fundamental principles and future direction.

Furthermore, the alignment between a leadership style and the organization's culture is of utmost importance. Aligning the leadership approach with the organization's values and beliefs can bolster employee engagement and motivation. In contrast, a discrepancy can result in opposition, diminished motivation, and potentially even internal strife within the organization. Hence, it is imperative for leaders to be aware of the cultural aspects of their organizations and select a style that aligns with or has a positive impact on this culture. Moreover, the unique obstacles encountered by an organization can determine the most appropriate leadership approach. During periods of crisis or uncertainty, the importance of Leadership Commitment becomes crucial in guiding the organization through challenging circumstances. Conversely, when experiencing growth or expansion, it may be essential to employ a combination of leadership styles to effectively manage various aspects. Consequently, it is imperative for practitioners and scholars to perceive leadership as a range of strategies that can be customized to suit the specific circumstances of each organization, rather than as a universal solution. Leaders must possess versatility, self-awareness, and a constant willingness to learn and adjust their approach. Furthermore, it necessitates a comprehensive comprehension of the internal workings and external circumstances of the organization in order to make well-informed decisions as a leader. The essence of effective leadership lies in the astute selection and harmonious integration of various leadership styles, in accordance with the changing requirements of the organization. Having a sophisticated comprehension of leadership can enable individuals and researchers to create more efficient leadership approaches, ultimately resulting in improved organizational performance and achievement.

Research Method

The main objective of this study is to conduct a comprehensive review and analysis of current research literature in order to investigate the influence of different leadership styles on the achievement of organizational goals. The main objective of this review is to analyze and combine information from reputable sources such as peer-reviewed articles, authoritative books, and credible online sources. The focus will be on examining various leadership styles and their relationship with the outcomes of organizations. The literature search will be performed on various academic databases including JSTOR, PubMed, PsycINFO, and Google Scholar. Relevant search terms will encompass "leadership", "transformational leadership", "autocratic leadership", "democratic leadership", and similar phrases. The criteria for article selection will prioritize peer-reviewed studies that are published, written in English, and specifically focus on the correlation between leadership styles and organizational success. On the other hand, studies that do not meet these criteria or are not directly relevant to the main research objectives will be excluded. The examination of the gathered literature will utilize a thematic methodology. This process entails the identification, analysis, and reporting of patterns or themes present in the data. Every article will be classified according to the leadership style it examines, the specific metrics used to gauge organizational success, and the contextual framework of the study. A narrative synthesis will be performed to amalgamate the findings from multiple sources, thereby offering a comprehensive overview of the present research landscape in this particular domain.

Results and Discussion

Different leadership styles exert diverse effects on the achievement of an organization. Transformational leaders elicit inspiration and motivation in employees, resulting in elevated levels of performance and job contentment. Transactional leaders prioritize establishing explicit objectives, dispensing rewards and penalties based on achievement, and upholding the existing state of affairs. Laissez-faire leaders employ a non-interventionist approach, granting employees independence and authority in making decisions. There is a strong positive relationship between ethical leadership and job satisfaction, and servant and transformational leadership also have a positive impact on job satisfaction. The selection of a leadership style has a substantial impact on the performance metrics of middle-level employees, encompassing productivity, job satisfaction, and motivation. Examining the disparities in leadership approaches employed by public and private sector banks is essential for comprehending their influence on organizational performance. Efficient leadership plays a crucial role in attaining organizational objectives, accommodating to alterations, and enhancing procedures.

The review concluded that transformational leadership has a significant impact on employee satisfaction, organizational commitment, and overall performance. This approach, as examined by Bass & Riggio (2006) and Avolio & Bass (1995), highlights the importance of inspiring and motivating employees beyond their own personal interests, while also cultivating an environment characterized by trust and respect. Transformational leadership significantly improves team performance and promotes organizational innovation and adaptability, which are vital in rapidly changing industries (Zhu, Chew, & Spangler, 2005; Barling, Weber, & Kelloway, 1996). Transactional leadership, as studied by Bass in 1985, has been found to be effective in stable environments with well-defined objectives. However, its performance in dynamic settings is inconsistent. Howell and Avolio (1993) propose that the emphasis on rewards and punishments based on performance may not effectively motivate employees towards long-term goals, especially in environments that demand creativity and adaptability.

According to the review, autocratic leadership has a detrimental effect on employee morale and creativity, which can result in increased turnover rates (Chen, 2004). Conversely, democratic leadership, which entails involving employees in the decision-making process, is linked to increased levels of job satisfaction and innovation (Gastil, 1994). Nevertheless, this approach has the potential to impede decision-making processes due to its comprehensive nature. Authentic leadership is characterized by a

Corresponding author: Ain Najihah

focus on the leader's genuineness and ethical conduct. It promotes a workplace environment built on trust, which in turn improves employee engagement and commitment. This concept has been emphasized by George & Sims (2007) and Walumbwa et al. (2008). This leadership style fosters a favorable organizational climate, promoting innovation and ethical decision-making. Fry's (2003) notion of spiritual leadership underscores the importance of values and a collective vision, harmonizing individual and institutional objectives. This approach successfully caters to emotional and psychological requirements, thereby improving job satisfaction and fostering organizational commitment (Fry et al., 2005).

Furthermore, it fosters ethical decision-making and social responsibility, thereby enhancing a sustainable business model. Knowledge-oriented leadership, this leadership style, crucial in technology-driven industries, emphasizes the acquisition and distribution of knowledge (Bollinger & Smith, 2001; Darling & Beebe, 2007). It cultivates a culture that promotes ongoing learning and innovation, thereby improving the adaptability and performance of the organization. According to Meyer and Herscovitch (2001) and Avolio, Walumbwa, and Weber (2009), leadership commitment is crucial in motivating organizational change and enhancing performance. Dedicated leaders, by their unwavering commitment to the goals and values of the organization, cultivate a favorable culture and promote strong employee involvement.

The review highlights the importance of being able to adjust leadership styles according to the specific organizational context, culture, and challenges encountered (Goleman, 2000; Yukl, 2002). In certain contexts, a combination of different leadership styles, also known as situational leadership (Hersey & Blanchard, 1969), can be more effective. This analysis confirms that effective leadership cannot be universally applied but necessitates a sophisticated comprehension of diverse styles and their suitability in different organizational contexts. Leaders must possess the ability to adapt and tailor their approach to suit the specific requirements and dynamics of their organization, while also being self-aware and versatile. Comprehending this knowledge is crucial for professionals and researchers in formulating efficient leadership tactics, ultimately improving the performance and achievement of an organization.

Conclusion

Based to the results of a comprehensive analysis of different leadership styles, effective leadership is dependent on the ability to adapt to the specific demands that are imposed by the culture of an organization, the challenges that are faced by the industry, and the operational challenges. Many different types of leadership styles, including transformational, transactional, autocratic, democratic, authentic, spiritual, and knowledge-oriented, each have their own unique characteristics and exert different kinds of influences on the success of an organization. Rather than being consistent, the effectiveness of these styles varies significantly depending on the context in which they are used. A good example of this would be the effectiveness of transformational leadership in fostering innovation and adaptability, both of which are essential in industries that are constantly evolving. On the other hand, transactional leadership, while effective in environments that are stable and predictable, may be less suited to situations that require creativity and flexibility. The significance of contextual awareness in leadership is brought into focus by this fact. Contextual awareness refers to the understanding that the environment in

which a leadership approach is implemented has a significant impact the effectiveness of that approach.

As a conclusion, the findings of this review highlight the importance of leaders possessing an approach that is both versatile and adaptable. It is not possible to identify a single leadership style that is effective in every situation; rather, successful leadership frequently involves combining a variety of styles in order to meet the requirements of particular circumstances and organizations. The adaptability of the organization not only boosts employee engagement and satisfaction but also drives organizational performance and growth. In the future, research and leadership development programs should concentrate on fostering adaptability, with the goal of assisting leaders in effectively navigating the complexities of their respective organizational landscapes. It is ultimately one of the most important factors that determines the success and longevity of an organization to be able to strategically implement the leadership style that is best suited to the specific circumstances at hand.

Reference

- Abousweilem, F., Alzghoul, A., Khaddam, A. A., & Khaddam, L. A. (2023). Revealing the effects of business intelligence tools on technostress and withdrawal behavior: The context of a developing country. *Information Development*, 02666669231207592.
- Abueid, A. I. S., Haron, N. F., & Abad, O. M. (2018). The impact of foreign direct investment, aids and economic growth: evidence from structural breaks for Jordan. International Journal of Academic Research in Business and Social Sciences, 8(11), 566-588.
- Al-Husseini, S., El Beltagi, I., & Moizer, J. (2021). Transformational leadership and innovation: the mediating role of knowledge sharing amongst higher education faculty. *International Journal of Leadership in Education*, 24(5), 670-693.
- Al-kasasbeh, O. (2022). COVID-19 pandemic: macroeconomic impacts and understanding its implications for Jordan. Journal of Environmental Science and Economics, 1(2), 51-57.
- 5. al-Kasasbeh, O. (2023). Future Prospects for Enhanced Economic Growth in the Digital Economy in Developed and Developing Countries. HISTORICAL: Journal, 2(2).
- Al-Kasasbeh, O. M. (2022). The Emergence of Digital Economy and New Business Models in the Era of Digital Transformation. New Innovations in Economics, Business and Management Vol. 7, 161-168.
- Al-Kasasbeh, O., Alzghoul, A., & Alhanatleh, H. (2022). Empirical analysis of air pollution impacts on Jordan economy. International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy, 12(4), 512-516.
- Al-Mansoori, R. S., & Koç, M. (2019). Transformational leadership, systems, and intrinsic motivation impacts on innovation in higher education institutes: Faculty perspectives in engineering colleges. *Sustainability*, 11(15), 4072.
- Alshaar, Q., Khaddam, A. A., Irtaimeh, H. J., & Alzghoul, A. (2023). High-performance work systems and intrapreneurial behavior: The mediating role of knowledge centered culture. *Organizacija*, 56(3), 206-220.
- Alsheikh, G., Bakir, S., & Alzghoul, A. (2023). The impact of TQM on organizational learning: The moderating role of strategic thinking at Jordanian SMEs. Uncertain Supply Chain Management, 11(2), 473-480.

- 11. Alzghoul, A. (2017). The role of leadership style on employee outcome: An overview. *American Academic & Scholarly Research Journal*, 9(5).
- Alzghoul, A., Aboalganam, K. M., & Al-Kasasbeh, O. (2024). Nexus among green marketing practice, leadership commitment, environmental consciousness, and environmental performance in Jordanian pharmaceutical sector. Cogent Business & Management, 11(1), 2292308.
- Alzghoul, A., Algraibeh, K. M., Khawaldeh, K., Khaddam, A. A., & Al-Kasasbeh, O. (2023a). Nexus of Strategic Thinking, Knowledge-Oriented Leadership, and Employee Creativity in Higher Education Institutes. *International Journal of Professional Business Review*, 8(4), e01107-e01107.
- Alzghoul, A., Alsheikh, G. A. A., & Yamin, I. (2023). The Relationship Between Savings and Investment: Evidence From Jordan. International Journal of Professional Business Review: Int. J. Prof. Bus. Rev., 8(3), 3.
- Alzghoul, A., Elrehail, H., Emeagwali, O. L., & AlShboul, M. K. (2018). Knowledge management, workplace climate, creativity and performance: The role of authentic leadership. *Journal of Workplace Learning*, 30(8), 592-612.
- Alzghoul, A., Khaddam, A. A., Abousweilem, F., Irtaimeh, H. J., & Alshaar, Q. (2022). How business intelligence capability impacts decision-making speed, comprehensiveness, and firm performance. *Information Development*, 02666669221108438.
- Alzghoul, A., Khaddam, A. A., Alshaar, Q., & Irtaimeh, H. J. (2023b). Impact of knowledge-oriented leadership on innovative behavior, and employee satisfaction: The mediating role of knowledge-centered culture for sustainable workplace. *Business Strategy & Development*.
- Avolio, B. J., & Bass, B. M. (1995). Individual consideration viewed at multiple levels of analysis: A multi-level framework for examining the diffusion of transformational leadership. *Leadership Quarterly*, 6(2), 199-218.
- Avolio, B. J., Walumbwa, F. O., & Weber, T. J. (2009). Leadership: Current theories, research, and future directions. *Annual Review of Psychology*, 60, 421-449.
- Barling, J., Weber, T., & Kelloway, E. K. (1996). Effects of transformational leadership training on attitudinal and financial outcomes: A field experiment. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 81(6), 827-832.
- 21. Bass, B. M. (1985). *Leadership and performance beyond expectations*. Free Press.
- 22. Bass, B. M., & Avolio, B. J. (1994). Improving organizational effectiveness through transformational leadership. Sage Publications.
- 23. Bass, B. M., & Riggio, R. E. (2006). *Transformational leadership* (2nd ed.). Lawrence Erlbaum Associates Publishers.
- Bollinger, A. S., & Smith, R. D. (2001). Managing organizational knowledge as a strategic asset. *Journal of Knowledge Management*, 5(1), 8-18.
- Brown, M. E., Treviño, L. K., & Harrison, D. A. (2005). Ethical Leadership: A Social Learning Perspective for Construct Development and Testing. Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, 97(2), 117-134.
- 26. Burns, J. M. (1978). *Leadership*. New York, NY: Harper & Row.
- Chen, X. P. (2004). On the intricacies of the Chinese guanxi: A process model of guanxi development. *Asia Pacific Journal of Management*, 21(3), 305-324.
- Chen, Z. X. (2004). Leadership, Management in China: Philosophies, Theories, and Practices. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- 29. Creswell, J. W., & Creswell, J. D. (2017). Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.
- Darling, J. R., & Beebe, S. A. (2007). Enhancing entrepreneurial leadership: A focus on key communication skills. *Leadership & Organization Development Journal*, 28(3), 238-258.
- Elrehail, H., Emeagwali, O. L., Alsaad, A., & Alzghoul, A. (2018). The impact of transformational and authentic leadership on innovation in higher education: The contingent role of knowledge sharing. *Telematics and Informatics*, 35(1), 55-67.
- 32. Fry, L. W. (2003). Toward a theory of spiritual leadership. *The Leadership Quarterly*, 14(6), 693-727.
- 33. Fry, L. W., Vitucci, S., & Cedillo, M. (2005). Spiritual leadership and army transformation: Theory, measurement, and establishing a baseline. *The Leadership Quarterly*, 16(5), 835-862.
- 34. Gastil, J. (1994). A meta-analytic review of the productivity and satisfaction of democratic and autocratic leadership. *Small Group Research*, 25(3), 384-410.
- 35. George, B., & Sims, P. (2007). True North: Discover your authentic leadership. Jossey-Bass.
- 36. Goleman, D. (1998). *Working with Emotional Intelligence*. New York, NY: Bantam Books.
- 37. Goleman, D. (2000). Leadership That Gets Results. *Harvard Business Review*, 78(2), 78-90.
- Hersey, P., & Blanchard, K. H. (1969). Life cycle theory of leadership. *Training & Development Journal*, 23(5), 26-34.
- Howell, J. M., & Avolio, B. J. (1993). Transformational leadership, transactional leadership, locus of control, and support for innovation: Key predictors of consolidatedbusiness-unit performance. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 78(6), 891-902.
- 40. Jayeola, O., Sidek, S., Abdul-Samad, Z., Hasbullah, N. N., Anwar, S., An, N. B., ... & Ray, S. (2022). The mediating and moderating effects of top management support on the cloud ERP implementation–financial performance relationship. Sustainability, 14(9), 5688.
- Judge, T. A., & Piccolo, R. F. (2004). Transformational and transactional leadership: A meta-analytic test of their relative validity. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 89(5), 755-768.
- 42. Karaki, B. A., Al_kasasbeh, O., Alassuli, A., & Alzghoul, A. (2023). The Impact of the Digital Economy on Carbon Emissions using the STIRPAT Model. International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy, 13(5), 139.
- 43. Khaddam, A. A., Alzghoul, A., Khawaldeh, K., Alnajdawi, S. M., & Al-Kasasbeh, O. (2023). How spiritual leadership influences creative behaviors: The mediating role of workplace climate. *International Journal of Professional Business Review*, 8(2), e01106e01106.
- 44. Kim, W. C. (2002). Mauborgne, R. A. (2002). Fair process: Managing in the knowledge economy. *Harvard Business Review*, 80(1), 127-136.
- 45. Lewin, K., Lippitt, R., & White, R. K. (1939). Patterns of aggressive behavior in experimentally created social climates. *Journal of Social Psychology*, 10(2), 271-299.
- 46. Meyer, J. P., & Herscovitch, L. (2001). Commitment in the workplace: Toward a general model. *Human Resource Management Review*, 11(3), 299-326.
- 47. Northouse, P. G. (2016). *Leadership: Theory and Practice*. 7th ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.
- 48. Tannenbaum, R., & Schmidt, W. H. (1958). How to choose a leadership pattern. *Harvard Business Review*, 36(2), 95-101.
- 49. Walumbwa, F. O., Avolio, B. J., Gardner, W. L., Wernsing, T. S., & Peterson, S. J. (2008). Authentic

leadership: Development and validation of a theorybased measure. *Journal of Management*, 34(1), 89-126.

- Yamin, I., Al_Kasasbeh, O., Alzghoul, A., & Alsheikh, G. (2023). The Influence of Public Debt on Economic Growth: a Review of Literature. International Journal of Professional Business Review, 8(4), e01772-e01772.
- 51. Yukl, G. (2002). *Leadership in Organizations*. 5th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.
- Zhu, W., Chew, I. K., & Spangler, W. D. (2005). CEO transformational leadership and organizational outcomes: The mediating role of human-capital-enhancing human resource management. *The Leadership Quarterly*, 16(1), 39-52.