

Leadership & Employee Satisfaction

Abstract:

The purpose of this research study is to provide a critical analysis of the relationship between leadership and the level of employee satisfaction reported by the workforce.

Participants were instructed to fill out a questionnaire about leadership & employee satisfaction. The results showed that there is not a statistically significant relationship between leadership characteristics and employee satisfaction.

Introduction:

- The results of a Gallup study show that companies with high employee satisfaction have 86% higher customer satisfaction, 76% lower turnover, and 70% more profitable (Vardhman, 2020).
- Studies have found that “75% of people voluntarily leaving jobs don’t quit their jobs; they quit their bosses” (Jessen, 2018).
- Vardhman (2020) says that 70% of workers in the United States are not happy in their job because of poor management.

Hypothesis:

There will be differences in employee satisfaction based on good or bad characteristics of a leader.

Methods:

- Participants were 78.9% female & 21.1% male. There was a mixture of students from Southern Adventist University & from my personal Instagram page.
- Participants responded to two questionnaires:
 - QuestionPro Inc Supervisor Evaluation Survey (Bahkaran, 2002).
 - QuestionPro Inc Employee Satisfaction Survey (Bahkaran, 2002).

Results:

- 57 people participated in the study
- The results did not support the hypothesis.
- While there was a weak negative relationship between leadership characteristics and employee satisfaction, the results were not statistically significant.

Discussion:

- the sample was not large enough to have a statistically significant result.
- More research should be done with a larger, more diverse sample size to see if there really is a weak negative relationship between leadership characteristics and employee satisfaction.

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