

A Study of the Relationship among Leadership Style, Supervisor's Sex, Subordinate's Gender, Sex Combination of ...

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ABSTRACT

Sex and gender are two different words. The former is a biotic word indicating a person being a male or a female, whereas the latter is a psychological or cultural word indicating a person feels masculinity or femininity themselves. Outside appearance of biotic sex always brings a stereotypic perceive awareness. Past studies indicated that a subordinate showed different response and working attitude whenever they facing the male supervisor or the female supervisor. Moreover, some studies use male subordinate or female subordinate of biotic sex to investigate their behaviors and performance in job. Besides, some gender studies also exhibited biotic sex matching in the sex-combination. The present study remained with subordinates' position to probe sex and leadership styles of supervisor in influencing subordinate job satisfaction, whereas in present study were using psychological category, that means gender of subordinate and gender combination of subordinate and supervisor. It is different to past studies. The study made styles of leadership and supervisor sex as the independent variables, subordinate gender and gender combination as moderators and subordinate job satisfaction as dependent variable. The result of the present study showed that supervisor sex, subordinate gender and gender combination had no significant in influencing subordinate job satisfaction. But leadership styles were significant in influencing the dependent variable. Whereas, gender and gender combination had a moderating effect in influencing. These results presented specific characteristics of the respondents. The finding, contribution, limitation and future studies of the present study were discussed in the article.

Keywords : sex ; gender ; gender combination ; leadership style ; job satisfaction

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