

Impact of Organizational Justice on Workplace Deviance with Mediating Effect of Job Satisfaction in SMEs of Malaysia

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Abstract

The efficiency of organizations and performance of employees in the workplace in such a competitive global economy and businesses require some factors that enhance the performance and job satisfaction of employees in the workplace. The aim of this study is to investigate the role of job satisfaction in the relationship between organizational justice and workplace deviance. A survey questionnaire was distributed online to 143 employees in various enterprises in Malaysia of which 103 responded. The findings show that distributive Justice affects workplace deviance through job satisfaction. Therefore, if avoidance of workplace deviance is a top priority for a manager, it is important to formulate policies and practices that help to enhance interactional justice and then distributive justice perceptions, while procedural justice is not a salient factor affecting employee perceptions. Preventing or remedy deviance may require both individual and organizational change. The managers would therefore be well advised to remedy inequities in the system if they really exist or to clear misperceptions of inequities if this is actually the case. Preventing or remedying deviance may require both individual and organizational change. The result of this research could be useful for organizations and might help them to enhance organizational justice to decrease deviance in workplace.

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1. Introduction

Deviance in workplace become one of the main issues that impact on outcomes and efficiency of employees in organization. There are many of reasons for workers to be treated inappropriately in the workplace, but this leads to increase cost and decrease efficiency (Alias & Rasdi, 2015).. Many organizations recognize the impact of deviance on their outcomes and understand that minimizing workplace deviance is necessary for them to remain competitive in the market. The efficiency of an organization and maximum outcomes of employees in a workplace in such a competitive market requires some factors that impact the enhancement of the performance and job satisfaction of employees in the workplace. (Abbasi & Wan Ismail, 2018).

Workplace deviance is considered as one of the most costly behaviors against the productivity and efficiency of employee in the workplace. Organizational justice has an impact on minimizing or preventing deviance in the organization. The tendency of behavioral experts is to study from an employee viewpoint in the last four decades. Although the relationship and impact of organizational justice, distributive, interactional and procedural justice, job satisfaction and workplace deviance are explored individually by numerous researchers, knowing the impact of these variables on workplace deviance require more study and effort (Alias & Rasdi, 2015). Job satisfaction and Organizational justice were much explored explicitly in the literature of management, but deviance in the workplace was not as focused as much as organizational justice (Bodla & Danish, 2009). Studies in deviance in the workplace began approximately three decades ago. In these thirty years, plenty of research was conducted on deviance behavior in an organization, which introduced numerous components and a variety of outcomes (Bennett & Robinson, 2003).

Organizational justice, which is divided into distributive, procedural and interactional justice, have an important role in the enhancement of the outcome of employees (J. Greenberg, 1990). Based on Alias and Rasdi (2015) organizational justice, is one of the most predictors of workplace deviance. In practical perspective, since WDB covers a wide range of organizational cost, recognition of WDB is vital in each organization to increase efficiency of organization. By increasing justice and fairness in organizations, those employees who are prone to deviance in organization would decrease. In other words, many components of dysfunctional and other sort of deviance would minimize in the workplace (Kim & Chung, 2019).

Bennett and Robinson (2003) deduce that the workplace deviance is one of the salient problems in organizational behavior. The variety of deviance and numerous reasons that lead to dysfunction in the workplace make this issue one of the important topics in organizational behavior. The relationship and impact of distributive justice, procedural justice, interactional justice, job satisfaction and workplace deviance were explored individually by numerous researchers (Colquitt, Conlon, Wesson, Porter, & Ng, 2001). The collective impact of these variables on workplace deviance still requires more study and work (Colquitt, 2001).

The enormous cost of deviating in the workplace makes this issue one of the vital challenges in the majority of organizations. However, most of the deviance cases are not revealed or highlighted in media. Workplace

deviance in Malaysia has increase sharply, and many cases of corruption and bribery have been revealed in Malaysia, such as Malaysian airline 2009 and 1MDB. Recently, the 1MDB has become one of the most challenging cases in Malaysia, which has been announced by foreign media. The role of the division is in line with Section 7 (a) and (b) under the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Act 2009. The MACC was modeled after top anti-corruption agencies, such as the Independent Commission Against Corruption (Hong Kong) and the Independent Commission Against Corruption (Australia). Based on Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission MACC, the number of corruption cases increased from 552 in 2014 to 841 in 2019.

Therefore, the current study attempts to explore the impact of organizational justice to workplace deviance with mediate of job satisfaction and to verify whether job satisfaction meditates the correlation between organizational justice and workplace deviance. The result of this research could be useful for organizations and might help them to enhance organizational justice to decrease deviance in the workplace. It provides broad information about the reason for deviance and the consequences of that, which mostly leads to increase productivity and efficiency of the organization.

The result of this study helps the managers and supervisors in monitoring the employees to find any dissatisfaction and precaution against unfairness among labors. This research gives an insight of the type of organizational justice that is salient for each construct and allows the management of organizations to take appropriate actions to improve conditions at the workplace and prevent deviance in the organization. The scope of this study is more concerned about deviance in the workplace and most of the questionnaires were filled by employees of SMEs in Malaysia. The respondents include all employees who work in Malaysia.

2. Theory and Hypotheses

Social exchange theory explained the behavior and attitudes exchanged between individuals such as involvement and exchange with supervisors, colleagues, organizations and teams, interactions along with workplace relations (Shore et al., 2009). The main idea in social exchange theory is that parties enter into and maintain exchange relationships with others with the expectation that doing so will be rewarding (Blau, 1968).

2.1 Organizational Justice

Organizational justice includes distributive, procedural and interactional justice and the behaviors in an organization such as payment satisfaction, job performance, reaction to organizational grievance systems and performance appraisal (Cole, Schaninger, & Harris, 2002).

The broad idea behind organizational justice is about fairness in the workplace. According to Cohen organizational justice is a well-established antecedent of a variety of behaviors and organizational outcomes that explain the power of justice-related phenomena (Cohen-Charash & Spector, 2001).

Many research show that organizational justice influences job satisfaction (Kulas, McInnerney, DeMuth, & Jadwinski, 2007). Also, a few research are conducted on the effect of organizational justice on outcomes and productivity of the organization (McFarlin & Sweeney, 1992). Some research asserts that the organizations tend to behave appropriately with their own employees. Therefore, the issue of the organization is how to distinguish the appropriate treatment as there are differences in the perception of justice and fairness even between two co-workers. Sometimes in the perception of one person, one behavior is fair, but the other person considers it inappropriate. In general, people are egocentric or self-serving. They see allocations or procedure favoring themselves as fair (Everton, Mastrangelo, & Jolton, 2005).

Conlon and Meyer (2005) evaluated how employees behave based on perception of their fairness in the organization. They found that the main concern of organizational justice is regarding employee activeness and productivity in the organization. They also distinguished the result of rewards or punishments and dispatching in the organization (Conlon, Meyer, & Nowakowski, 2005). The relationship between organizational justice and commitment and trust is positive among employees in an organization (Alexander & Ruderman, 1987; Cropanzano & Folger, 1991). Some researchers are concerned about justice perception in an organization, which enables them to explain about many issues in organization (Cropanzano, Rupp, Mohler, & Schminke, 2001).

On the other hand, some studies proved that there is a correlation between organizational injustice and sexual harassment, when the justice decreases the rate of sexual harassment increase in workplace (Rudman, Borgida, & Robertson, 1995). Based on previous research, organizational justice clusters in three main groups of procedural, distributive and interactional justice (Guh, Lin, Fan, & Yang, 2013). Based on research of Rice, Taylor, and Forrester (2020) organizational justice and inclusion theories to demonstrate that abusive supervision can be interpreted as an unwelcoming experience that ultimately has the ability to turn employees into poor organizational behavior. Organizational justice has made contributions to the inter-organizational literature by highlighting the effects of justice perceptions on behavioral, attitudinal, and organizational outcomes (Bouazzaoui, Wu, Roehrich, Squire, & Roath, 2020).

2.2 Job Satisfaction

Job satisfaction is a positive feeling about one's job resulting from an evaluation of its characteristics. There is a fact that an employee's job is more than just the obvious activities of shuffling paper, writing programming code or working with big machines in a factory or many others. The job needs communication with colleagues and bosses, follow the organizational rules and policies, meeting performance standards and living with working conditions that are often less than ideal. This means that an employee's assessment of how satisfied he or she is with the job is a complex summation of a number of discrete job elements (Robbins, Judge, Millett, & Boyle, 2013). There are many fundamentals which could influence job satisfaction in the workplace. In this research like personality, loyalty and efficiency of employees in organization (Robbins et al., 2013). It is strived to perceive the general perception of job satisfaction and some common essential factors that have more relation to organizational justice and workplace deviance.

It is a fact that employees' loyalty to organization increases with job satisfaction, normally employees who are satisfied with their job are enthusiastic about their job and also have positive behaviors in their workplace. Furthermore, they determine that other jobs cannot give them better opportunities compared to an existing job, the level of job satisfaction and employee effectiveness in the workplace have a positive relation (Cote & Heslin, 2003). This personality of the workers and environment of organization, rewards and promotion, job security and appropriate behavior of co-workers in the organization has a vital role in job satisfaction. When an organization allows the employees to be involved in decision making in the organization, the level of trust increases and morality of employees also enhances, leading to job satisfaction (Yip & Rowlinson, 2009).

One of the main factors that enhance efficiency and success of employees in the workplace is job satisfaction, which is more dependent on human resource management in the organization. (Crossman & Abou-Zaki, 2003). Based on the work of some researchers it can be concluded that the role of appropriate environment of the workplace and respect to the employees' impact on increasing the organization productivity. On the other hand, dissatisfied respondents tend to cite extrinsic factors such as supervision, pay, company policies and working condition (Ladebo, Awotunde, & AbdulSalaam-Saghir, 2008). Moreover, research has suggested that job dissatisfaction is related to measures of deviant behaviors (Bennett & Robinson, 2000).

2.3 Workplace Deviance

Some researchers like Bennett et al., (2000) divided the deviance in two groups. The first one, organizational deviance, is more concerned about direct behavior in organizations which consists of picking up the product or tools, intentionally damage or disrupt the equipment in the organization, strong reaction to any unpleasant action deviance. The second one, interpersonal deviance, which is related to employee of an organization, comprises of verbal abuse, mobbing and sexual harassment and jeopardizing the colleagues (Bennett & Robinson, 2000).

Deviance in organization has different characteristics, but most of the times they have negative results and consequences for the organization, which sometimes influence the productivity and efficiency of employees. It is proven that those who spent much time in an organization realize that people often behave in a way that violates established norms. For example employees are not focused enough during the work. Envy among employees is one of the internal feelings which happens in many situations. An employee is angry with his/her co-worker, who gained some rewards that she or he has a strong desire to obtain, can lead to deviance. Sometimes some small matters in organizations such as a bigger room or even an extra table can cause hateful deviance behavior among employees. The envious employee could operate some inappropriate behavior spitefully like talking negatively about the colleague to spoil his or her image, distorting others successes and positively explained his own accomplishments. It is proven that those employees who have negative feelings and emotions against the organization prone to deviant attitude such as employee withdrawal, tardiness, sabotage, dishonesty, dysfunctional and counterproductive behavior in the workplace (Bennett & Robinson, 2000).

In order to recognize the deviance behavior in the organization, first, we should perceive the norm of organization and society. Second, the deviance behavior threatens the organization or employees or even both. Robinson and Bennett's (1995) researched about the ethical aspect of deviance and how deviance is destructive in the organization for employees. Generally, organizational researchers divided deviance behavior into four major groups, property deviance, personal deviance, political deviance and production deviance.

Few research have shown that the participation in some groups would enhance the probability of deviance attitude. They conclude that some kind of deviants in the workplace just occur in groups. In some other research, it is shown that when group working is compared with individual working, those who work in a group were more likely to lie, cheat, and steal (Robinson & Bennett, 1995). On the other hand, many other research show that if the employees are members of one group, they are afraid to be caught for stealing something from the organization. Despite that, the impact of group working in other type of deviance is positive. Thus, group policy and regulation can affect workplace deviance (Robbins et al., 2013).

2.4 Organizational justice and workplace deviance

According to some researchers, the ability to perceive workplace deviance depends on recognizing the components of organizational justice, and emphasizing how different types of injustice in an organization lead to deviance in the workplace (Alias, Ismail, & Abu Samah, 2013; Alias & Rasdi, 2015; Greenberg, 1990; Ouyang, Sang, Li, & Peng, 2015).

In essence, it can be concluded that there is a negative correlation of deviance with organizational justice (Colquitt, Scott, Judge, & Shaw, 2006). Negative relation of deviance and justice was also established in a meta-analysis research by (Berry, Ones, & Sackett, 2007). The recent research on organizational justice from correlation analysis has shown organizational justice negatively correlated with workplace deviance (Mahmud, Kenny, Zein, & Hassan, 2015). Furthermore, Faheem and Mahmud (2015) demonstrate that organizational justice are negatively correlated with workplace deviance.

Furthermore, Faheem and Mahmud (2015) demonstrate that organizational justice are negatively correlated with workplace deviance. According to some researchers, the ability to perceive workplace deviance depends on recognizing the components of organizational justice and emphasizing how different types of injustice in an organization lead to deviance in the workplace (Ouyang et al., 2015). Based on the social exchange theory, employees tend to reciprocate with destructive behavior when the perceptions of justice in the organization are low. Furthermore, research on organizational behavior declare injustice in the workplace can be the reason of inappropriate behavior in an organization and also can lead to a variety of deviance in the organization (Alias & Rasdi, 2015).

The study indicates that organizational factors play a critical role in shaping the workplace deviance behaviors of hospitality employees (Chen & King, 2018). The study H Hany, M Hassan, and MM Badran (2020) showed that overall nurses' perceptions of organizational justice and workplace deviance are lower than the average. Organizational justice significantly related negatively to workplace deviance. The vital impact of deviance in the social sciences and the applications of the concept in organizational behavior was also established in a meta-analysis research by (Lugosi, 2019).

One of the recent research shown that justice differentially impact on the quality of employee and employee-coworker relationships, underlining the relevance of considering both supervisors and coworkers as sources of justice (Gerlach, 2019). Hence, the reviews of the above literature that highlight and rely on social exchange theory organizational justice have an impact on workplace deviance; therefore, the following hypothesis are proposed;
Hypothesis 1: There is a negative relationship between organizational justice and workplace deviance.

2.5 Job Satisfaction and Workplace Deviance

The level of job satisfaction in organizations can explain some specific behaviors, like substance abuse, stealing at work, tardiness and disproportionate socializing. These behaviors could be indicators of a broader syndrome called deviant behavior in the workplace. Many studies have proven that some employees do not like their work environment even if they sometimes react on it (Hackman & Oldham, 1976). It is not easy to forecast exactly how employees will respond or act, but most of the time it is unpleasant for the organization. One employee might quit the job; another might be dysfunctional in the workplace (Robbins et al., 2013). The best solution for employees who want to control the undesirable consequences of job dissatisfaction is to attack the source of the problem of dissatisfaction rather than trying to control the different responses.

Some research described, employees who encounter dissatisfaction in the organization become displeased worker, that absenteeism among displeased worker is higher than normal workers (Yperen, Hagedoorn, & Geurts, 1996). In a similar research Schwarzwald, Koslowsky, and Shalit (1992) argued that employees expecting to promoted, but ignored by organization has a tendency to absent. Furthermore researches perceived that the relationship between organizational deviance and job satisfaction depends on each other.

Some researchers found that lack of job satisfaction is one of the main motivations for an employee to dysfunction or steal at work place (Kulas et al., 2007). According to Judge job satisfaction and deviance in the organization are negatively related to each other (Judge, Scott, & Ilies, 2006). Based on recent research there is negative relationship between job satisfaction and workplace deviance (De Roeck & Maon, 2018). One of the latest research shown the major influence of workplace deviant behavior through job satisfaction (Mahyarni, 2019).

Hypothesis 2: There is a negative relationship between job satisfaction and workplace deviance.

2.6 Organizational Justice and Job Satisfaction

There are many research on organizational justice and its positive relationship with job satisfaction, and organizational justice (Folger and Konovsky, 1989; McFarlin and Sweeney, 1992). With organizational justice, if the employees are pleased or displeased with the organization, it gives them motivation to strive hard and lead to a decrease in dysfunction of employee in the workplace. Some researcher found that in each organization the level of job satisfaction of staff can create a pleasant environment in the workplace and higher outcome to enhance the productivity and efficiency of employees also there are some research that shows the positive relationship between

organizational justice and job satisfaction (McFarlin & Sweeney, 1992).

Based on research of Fatt, Khin, and Heng (2010) it is proven that the correlation between organizational justice and job satisfaction is positive and influential. Some research show that in an organization that have concern about organizational justice, the satisfaction of employees in their job is high and the loyalty and productivity of employees are enhanced in the organization (McFarlin & Sweeney, 1992). When employees are treated by supervisors with trust and fairness and let them have more commitment to the organization, employee job satisfaction is enhanced (Walumbwa, Wu, & Orwa, 2008).

Many researchers emphasized the correlation of injustice and job satisfaction mostly in the outcomes of the organization. They deduce that sometimes unfairness in the workplace creates the sense of betrayal from the organization in the employees mind which have an impact on their efficiency and productivity and they feel hardly satisfied with this situation (Walumbwa et al., 2008). Based on similar research, it is proven that the correlation between organizational justice and job satisfaction is positive and influential. Based on the empirical evidences that have been presented above the following hypotheses are advanced (Fatt et al., 2010). The analysis shown, a lower level of organizational justice leads to more deviance, and the mediating effect of job satisfaction was also significant (Kim & Chung, 2019).

Hypothesis 3: There is a negative relationship between organizational justice and job satisfaction.

2.7 Job Satisfaction Mediating Effect

One of the main factors that enhance efficiency and success of employees in the workplace is job satisfaction, which is more dependent on human resource management in the organization (Crossman & Abou-Zaki, 2003). Based on the work of Ladebo (2008) it can be concluded that the role of appropriate environment of the workplace and respect to the employees' impact on increasing employees' satisfaction and bring the organization productivity. On the other hand, dissatisfied respondents tend to cite extrinsic factors such as supervision, pay, company policies and working condition. Moreover, research has suggested that job dissatisfaction is related to measures of deviant behaviors (Bennett & Robinson, 2000). Likewise, Dalal (2005) and Judge (2001) obtained a negative correlation between job satisfaction and workplace deviance in their studies. One of the latest analysis shown that the mediation model is statistically significant.

Organizational justice showed a higher frequency of deviance with the mediating effect of job satisfaction was also significant (Kim & Chung, 2019).

Hypothesis 4: Job satisfaction mediates the relationship between organizational justice and workplace deviance.

2.8 Research Framework

As it is illustrated in Figure 1.1 the relationship between the organizational justice, job satisfaction and workplace deviance is shown. This framework is designed according to the literature review that job satisfaction is the mediator and workplace deviance is the dependent variable.

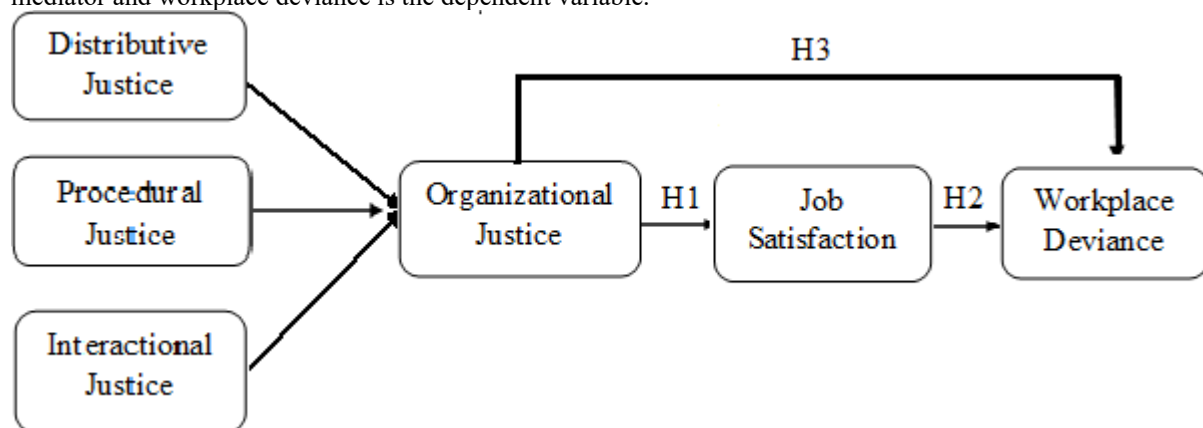


Figure 1.1: Conceptual Framework

3. Methods

3.1 Sample Procedures

Simple random sampling was used in this research. The target population of this research is selected small and medium enterprises (SMEs) employees in Malaysia. There are approximately 20,000 SME companies in Malaysia. The researchers emailed 143 questionnaire and 103 responses were received. This research is conducted among all employees who work in SMEs Malaysia.

This study focused on deviance in the organization that might be affected by organizational justice and job satisfaction. The independent variable for this research would be organizational justice. The mediating variable

would be job satisfaction and the dependent variable is workplace deviance. The questionnaire of this study is prepared based on prior research on organizational justice, job satisfaction and workplace deviance.

In this research the impact of organizational justice and job satisfaction on workplace deviance is examined. The questionnaires were distributed randomly to the employees from different industries in Malaysia. From the 140 online questionnaires, 103 responses were received.

3.2 Measures

Based on the review of workplace deviance, a total of 47 questions were used in this research. Eighteen questions were adopted from the (Colquitt et al., 2001), five questions were adopted from (Brayfield & Rothe, 1951), and 10 questions were taken from (Smith & McCardle, 1998) with some modification. Basically, the questionnaire was divided into two group sections: demographic section and main section. The questionnaire was written in English. Section A focused on the demographic profile of the respondents. This section covered the background of company, year of establishment, number of employees, background of respondents including sex, age, marital status, race, education level, educational background, years of working experience, and length of service with the current organization, position, and year of last promotion in the organization. Section B consisted of three parts that include 35 questions. This part measures distributive justice, procedural justice, interactional justice, job satisfaction and workplace deviance. This section is divided into three parts based on the conceptual framework. Section B1: distributive justice four questions; procedural justice seven questions; interactional justice nine questions.

Section B2: five questions on job satisfaction.

Section B3: ten questions on workplace deviance.

The Likert scale was used in this research and asked respondents to rate each statement from strongly disagree to strongly agree. Likert scale was used in this study to generate statistical measurement of the impact of organizational justice and job satisfaction on workplace deviance. According to Sekaran (2009), the Likert scale is commonly used in the questionnaire survey. The responses over a number of items tapping a particular concept or variable can be analyzed item by item, but it is also possible to calculate a total or summated score for each respondent by summing across items. The summated approach is widely used, and therefore the Likert scale is also referred to as a smoothed scale.

4 Results

This study investigated the mediate of job satisfaction among organizational justice and workplace deviance in organization between Malaysian employees. In this section will presents the reporting of the results of this exploratory study arranged in context to the research objective from the questionnaire that following themes were found. In this section will explain the results of the data analysis. The ultimate goal is to declare the findings of the study. Therefore, the aim of this part is to test the hypotheses and give the results of the data analyses in detail to provide a guiding tool to human resource managers and decision makers.

4.1 Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA)

Exploratory factor analysis (EFA) and principal components analysis (PCA) both are methods that are used to help investigators represent a large number of relationships among interval-level variables in a simpler (more parsimonious) way (Leech, Barrett, & Morgan, 2008). In current study, Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA) using principal component analysis has been used in order to data reduction or detecting "misfit" variables. This is all because this sought to determine which, of a fairly large set of items, "hang together" as a group, or are answered most similarly by the participants. Further, Communalities, Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) and factor loadings will be presented.

4.2 Communalities

Communalities is the study of the extent to which an item correlates with all other items. Higher communalities are better. If communalities for a particular variable are low (<0.6), then that variable will struggle to load significantly on any factor. In that case, the variables must be dropped from the list of items.

4.3 Exploratory Factor Analysis for Dependent and Mediator Variables

The assumption of independent sampling was met. The assumption of normality, linear relationships between pair of variables, and the variables being correlated at a moderate level (as it is presented in Table 4.11 the KMO's measure of adequacy for both dependent and mediator are greater than 0.7 and Bartlett's Test of Sphericity for both is significant) were checked. Items of each construct have been checked each at a time. Principal component was selected considered as the extraction method. In terms of rotation, Direct Oblimin was chosen and finally items with loading less than 0.6 were omitted from each construct. Tables 1.1 and 1.2 displays the items and factor loadings for the rotated factors, with loading less than 0.6 omitted to improve clarity.

Table 1.1: Result of EFA on Workplace Deviance

Workplace Deviance		
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.	0.933	
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	781.039 (sig 0.000 df=28)	
Eigenvalue: 6.050	Cumulative Variance: 75.62%	
Factor/item	loading	Communalities
DV6: I intentionally worked slower than I could.	.934	.872
DV10: I put little effort in my work.	.901	.812
DV5: Discussed confidential company information with an unauthorized person.	.890	.793
DV4: Spend too much time fantasizing or daydreaming instead of working.	.867	.752
DV7: I neglected to follow my manager's instruction.	.866	.750
DV8: I take longer break than is acceptable at work.	.845	.714
DV9: Falsified a receipt to get more money for work related expenses.	.842	.709
DV3: I take merchandize from work without permission.	.805	.648
Internal consistency reliability (Cronbach's alpha)	.953	

Table 1.2: Result of EFA on Job Satisfaction

Item	Value	
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.	0.819	
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	259.525 (sig 0.000 df=6)	
Eigenvalue: 3.108	Cumulative Variance: 77.71%	
Factor/item	loading	Communalities
JS3: I like my job better than the average worker does.	.893	.797
JS4: I find real enjoyment in my job.	.893	.797
JS1: I am very satisfied with my job.	.885	.783
JS2: Most days I am enthusiastic about my job.	.855	.731

4.4 Exploratory Factor Analysis for Independent Variables

The assumption of independent sampling was met. The assumption of normality, linear relationships between pair of variables, and the variables being correlated at a moderate level (as it is presented in Table 1.1 the KMO's measure of adequacy for all three independent variables are greater than 0.7 and Bartlett's Test of Sphericity for all is significant) were checked. Items of each construct have been checked each at a time. Principal component was selected considered as extraction method. In terms of rotation, Direct Oblimin was chosen and finally items with loading less than 0.6 were omitted from each construct. Table 1.3 displays the items and factor loadings for the rotated factors, with loading less than 0.6 omitted to improve clarity.

Table1.3: Result of EFA on Organizational Justice dimensions

Distributive Justice		
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.	0.853	
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	295.380 (sign 0.000 df =6)	
Eigenvalue: 3.23	Cumulative Variance: 80.82%	
Factor/item	loading	Communalities
DJ1: The (outcome) I received reflects the effort I have put into my work.	.915	.837
DJ3: The (outcome) I received reflects what I have contributed to the organization.	.904	.818
DJ4: The (outcome) I received is justified given my performance.	.897	.805
DJ2: The (outcome) I received is appropriate for the work I have completed.	.879	.773
Procedural Justice		
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.	0.898	
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	573.930 (sign 0.000 df =21)	
Eigenvalue: 5.130	Cumulative Variance: 73.28%	
Factor/item	loading	Communalities
PJ1: I have been able to express my views and feelings during the procedures used to arrive at the (outcome).	.875	.765
PJ3: The procedures used to arrive at the (outcome) have been applied consistently.	.868	.753
PJ4: The procedures used to arrive at the (outcome) have been free of bias.	.864	.747
PJ5: The procedures used to arrive at the (outcome) are based on accurate information.	.863	.744
PJ7: The procedures used to arrive at the (outcome) have upheld ethical and moral standards.	.857	.735
PJ2: I have an influence over the (outcome) arrived at by the procedures used.	.848	.719
PJ6: I have been able to appeal the (outcome) arrived at by those procedures.	.817	.668
Interactional Justice		
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.	0.920	
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	888.726 (sign 0.000 df =36)	
Eigenvalue: 6.655	Cumulative Variance: 73.94%	
Factor/item	loading	Communalities
IJ1: (He/She) has treated me in a polite manner.	.906	.820
IJ9: (He/She) seemed to tailor (his/her) communications to individuals' specific needs.	.892	.795
IJ2: (He/She) has treated me dignity.	.878	.771
IJ3: (He/She) has treated me with respect.	.872	.761
IJ5: (He/She) has been honest in (his/her) communication with me.	.861	.742
IJ7: (His/her) explanations regarding the procedures were reasonable.	.859	.739
IJ6: (He/She) has explained the procedures thoroughly.	.848	.719
IJ8: (He/She) has communicated details in a timely manner.	.822	.675
IJ4: (He/She) has refrained from improper remarks or comments.	.796	.633

4.3 Test of Mediating

To test the hypothesis that job satisfaction mediates the effect of distributive justice (H1), procedural justice, interactional justice, on workplace deviance, three regression models were estimated. Following Baron and Kenny (1986), model 1, regressing job satisfaction on distributive justice, procedural justice, interactional justice; model 2, regressing workplace deviance on distributive justice, procedural justice, interactional justice; and model 3, regressing workplace deviance on distributive justice, procedural justice, interactional justice, and job satisfaction.

Separate coefficients for each equation were estimated and tested. As Sekaran and Bougie (2010) suggested, to establish mediation the following conditions must hold

- 1) Distributive justice, procedural justice, and interactional justice must affect job satisfaction in model 1.
- 2) Distributive justice, procedural justice, and interactional justice must be shown to impact workplace deviance in model 2.
- 3) Distributive justice, procedural justice, and interactional justice must affect workplace deviance in model 3 (while controlling for Job satisfaction).

If these conditions all hold in the predicted direction, then the effect of distributive justice, procedural justice,

and interactional justice must be less in model 3 than in model 2. Perfect mediation holds if distributive justice, procedural justice, and interactional justice have no effect when the effect of job satisfaction is controlled for (model 3).

The adjusted R square of the first regression model (model 1) was 0.853 and the model was statistically significant. In this model, interactional justice and distributive justice were significant predictors of job satisfaction at 0.001 level of significance whereas the impact of procedural justice on job satisfaction was insignificant. This indicates that only distributive justice and interactional justice affected job satisfaction. The adjusted R square of the second regression model (model 2) was 0.645 and this model was also statistically significant. Model 2, as depicted in Table 1.3, indicated interactional justice was significant predictors of workplace deviance significance, whereas distributive justice and procedural justice were significant predictors only at 0.10 or 10 percent level of significance. The adjusted R square of the last model (model 3) was 0.653 and again the model was statistically significant.

Interactional justice became insignificant predictor of workplace deviance when job satisfaction was controlled for. The effect of interactional justice on workplace deviance was insignificant in the third model in comparison to the second model. Thus, all conditions for perfect (full) mediation were met for interactional justice. In terms of distributive justice, in model 1 it had strong and significant influence on job satisfaction whereas such influence of distributive justice on workplace deviance have been found at 0.05. Thus it can be concluded distributive justice had indirect effect on workplace deviance. However, if the impact of distributive justice on workplace at 0.1 level of significant might be considered as a salient influence, this influence in model 3 also has become insignificant after controlling for job satisfaction in model. Thus, similarly conditions for perfect (full) mediation were met for distributive justice at 0.10 level of significance. Finally, it was found that procedural justice was not related to job satisfaction, and only at 0.10 level of significance influenced workplace deviance (when it has been controlled for job satisfaction). Therefore, hypothesis 1 (H1), has been supported for two out of three dimensions of organizational justice.

Table1.4 Hypothesis analysis

Step1 model, with job satisfaction as the dependent variable								
Model	Variables	Beta	t	P	R2	Adjusted R2	F	Sig. F
1	(Constant)		.266	.791	0.858	0.853	198.779	0.000
	Distributive Justice	.426***	5.232	.000				
	Procedural Justice	-.006	-.065	.948				
	Interactional Justice	.547***	6.560	.000				
Model Fit = 0.853								
Step2 model, with Workplace deviance as the dependent variable								
Model	Variables	Beta	t	P	R2	Adjusted R2	F	Sig. F
2	(Constant)		22.347	.000	0.656	0.645	62.798	0.000
	Distributive Justice	-.226	-1.782	.078				
	Procedural Justice	-.270	-1.787	.077				
	Interactional Justice	-.353**	-2.717	.008				
Model Fit = 0.645								
Step3 model, including Job satisfaction as an independent variable and with Work-Place Deviance as the dependent variable								
Model	Variables	Beta	t	P	R2	Adjusted R2	F	Sig. F
3	(Constant)		22.649	.000	0.667	0.653	49.038	0.000
	Distributive Justice	-.106	-.747	.457				
	Procedural Justice	-.272	-1.819	.072				
	Interactional Justice	-.198	-1.291	.200				
	Job Satisfaction	-.282	-1.824	.071				
Model Fit = 0.653								

Note. Parameters are standardized regression weights, with significance levels of t-values. Two sided tests. N=103.

Note:

A:Distributive justice has indirect effect on workplace, and this only via job satisfaction.

B:Procedural justice and distributive justice influence workplace deviance only at 0.1 level of significance.

C: At 0.1 level of significance job satisfaction fully mediates the relationship between distributive justice and workplace deviance.

Table 1.4 shows that interactional justice and distributive justice affect workplace deviance through job satisfaction. The managers would therefore be well advised to remedy inequities in the system to enhance the job satisfaction. Preventing or remedying deviance may require both individual and organizational change. To solve

the problem of deviance, the top management may need to change the work environment and educate workers on how to adapt and cope better to the workplace.

5 Conclusion

One of the caveats of this study that should be taken into account would be a more diversified sample size. Therefore, a more diversified sample size is recommended for future researchers on this particular issue. In fact, from a sampling point of view, since procedural justice and distributive justice affected workplace deviance is only at 0.1 level of significance, increasing the sample size and more systematic sampling could make it clearer. Also, from a methodology standpoint, using of case studies and qualitative in the case of Malaysia evidently could be one of the recommendations for future research.

Results from this study show that interactional justice and distributive justice affect workplace deviance through job satisfaction. However, the influence of procedural justice on either workplace deviance or job satisfaction was not significant. Hence, if avoidance of deviance in workplace is a top priority for a manager, it is important to formulate policies and practices that help to enhance distributive and interactional justice perceptions. Whatever is done to improve employees' perceptions of justice will improve job satisfaction and thus help in preventing deviance at workplace.

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