



Organizational Citizenship Behavior and Organizational Justice; Mediator Role of Job Satisfaction and Knowledge Sharing

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The current investigation emphasizes the association among views of justice (across all three dimensions) and organizational citizenship behavior, as well as any potential mediating impact of job satisfaction and knowledge sharing. This investigation looks at the three aspects of justice perceptions. Data were obtained from 304 workers in Karachi's service industry utilizing cross-sectional surveys and quantitative techniques. Smart PLS 3 was applied for examining the data, and the results indicated that the relationship between the sense of justice and citizenship behavior is mediated by job satisfaction, but that knowledge sharing does not mediate within them. The research demonstrates that OJ and OCB have a substantial and favorable association and that OCB is profoundly affected by each justice in organizations and job satisfaction. On the other hand, the examination has constraints mainly because it only explores the impact of two mediators on OCB and three organizational justice dimensions. Data collection relied on convenience sampling of workers from service-providing firms in Karachi, and the study did not consider the longitudinal effect due to time constraints. Future research can delve deeper into the relationship between these variables by incorporating demographic factors in testing models, examining multiple contributing factors to job satisfaction, and including additional variables in the analysis for a comprehensive understanding of OCB, particularly in the manufacturing industry. Conducting the study in different cities and regions in Pakistan can also broaden the view of the population's perceptions of justice and OCB. This study addresses the pressing need to address issues such as organizational justice and how they can be tackled within the vicinity of work.



Introduction

Throughout the last several decades, there has been a substantial increase in the significance of how firms treat their workers. Opinions of employees pertaining to ethics in their company which has treated them are crucial to organizational justice. It is made up of three parts: distributive justice, which describes a person's position in relation to others; procedural justice, which refers to the methods used to reach a decision; and interactive justice, which defines how individuals are treated as a consequence of the laws that are put in place (Ahmed and Faeq, 2020). Some researchers have lately expressed concerns about organizational justice (Akram et al, 2020). Previously, the fields of organizational behavior and organizational theory recognized justice in organizations as a major philosophy and organizational practice in the contemporary management of organizations (Chen et al., 2015). Because of the tireless efforts undertaken to both pursue and maintain equitable treatment for employees, organizational justice is essential to organizational structure (Karkoulian et al., 2016). several research was undertaken to study the link between worker productivity and organizational fairness (Anwar, 2016).

In the current scenario, every employee faces the problem of feeling unjust in terms of their salaries, increments, promotions, and provision of other facilities. This demotivation through unjust behavior by the organizations would pass to other employees through negative word of mouth, and that's why just one employee could reduce the feeling of ownership among other employees. Eventually, organizational control, employee performance, and turnover would increase. We've created research goals that concentrate on looking at the manner in which OCB and organizational justice interact to address (OCB). In addition, we want to find out how to work satisfaction and information sharing affect the affiliation among the variables.

According to a separate research study, there was a strong correlation between organizational citizenship behavior (OCB), and three types of justice - procedural, distributive, and informational, with regards to how they relate to citizenship behavior in physicians. The study found that distributional justice was the most significant predictor of OCB, surpassing both interpersonal and informational justice (Dhawan, 2021). According to a study, distributive and procedural fairness are strongly correlated with satisfaction with work, which is linked to effective employee outcomes (Mashi, 2018). The fairness of workplace interactions and communication, also known as interactional justice, has been demonstrated in research by (Dang & Pham, 2020; Mashi, 2018) to have a large influence on job satisfaction.

Knowledge is widely recognized as a key instrument for achieving a competitive advantage in ever-changing situations (Charterina et al., 2017) Knowledge sharing (KS) allows businesses to successfully manage knowledge while also encouraging people to work more productively and efficiently towards their objectives (Le & Lei, 2017, 2018) The link between organizational performance and organizational justice is mediated by organizational trust and Knowledge-sharing behavior (Paçacı, Yasemin, 2019) research. Knowledge sharing enhances workers' creative behavior, and it also partly mediates the relationship between organizational



justice and innovative behavior,(K. & Ranjit, 2021a). Another study investigated the link between variable inventive behavior and organizational fairness, with information sharing serving as a mediator. Hence, current study use knowledge sharing for the relationship of kind of justice with OCB.

From the best of researcher knowledge, no previous research has examined the relationships of kinds of justice, job satisfaction, knowledge-sharing, and OCB in a single model especially in Pakistani context. No previous research has examined double mediation effect of job satisfaction, knowledge-sharing in relationship of kinds of justice with OCB. The main objective of current study is to check the mediating effect of job satisfaction, knowledge-sharing in relationship of kinds of justice with OCB.

Literature review

Distributive Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior

Employee volunteer efforts that are outside the scope of their formal job duties but are beneficial to the organization as a whole are referred to as OCB. A balanced allocation of resources, positive characteristics, as well as opportunities within the context of an organization is referred to as distributive justice. According to research, an individual OCB can benefit by feeling that resources are distributed fairly. Employees who believe that resources are distributed fairly are more likely to participate in OCB because they feel encouraged to give back to the company beyond what is required of them in their regular roles. In contrast, a sense of unfairness might lower OCB since workers may feel their efforts are not valued or appreciated. Two aspects of distributive justice, according to Organ (1990), may discourage people from acting in organizational citizenship ways (OCB). One is that they are not adequately compensated for their contributions, which can cause them to lose motivation and become dissatisfied.

According to one study, organizational citizenship conduct is positively correlated with distributive justice (Donglong et al., 2020). According to one study, employing fair performance management practices both in terms of resource allocation and interaction reduces burnout and encourages a partial mediation impact to encourage organizational citizenship behaviors. (Bauwens et al., 2019). Some researchers contend that the connection between distributive justice and OCB may be influenced by the cultural setting (Ismail et al., 2018). Another study was done on variable distributive justice, OCB, and perceived organizational support which looked at how organizational citizenship behavior was affected by distributive fairness and perceived organizational support. According to the study, Organizational citizenship behavior is significantly and favorably influenced by distributive fairness and perceived organizational support. (Sarianti & Armida, 2020). Another research has been done on organizational justice dimensions and OCB where OCB was acting as a mediator which found that distributive justice positively impacts OCB (Sumarmi & Tjahjono, 2021).

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both interpersonal and informational justice (Dhawan, 2021). As a result, it is recommended that:

H₁: There is a positive relationship between distributive justice on organizational citizenship behavior.

Procedural Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior

According to an earlier study, procedural justice, or impartiality when making decisions and resource distribution, has been linked with organizational citizenship behaviors (Bellini et al., 2019; Donglong et al., 2020; Sheeraz et al., 2020). This demonstrates that when employees feel that the procedures used to make decisions and distribute resources are fair, they are more inclined to engage in extracurricular activities that assist the company besides their regular work duties, like helping coworkers or volunteering for additional duties.

Additionally, research has shown that whereas interactional justice is solely linked to courteous behavior, distributive and procedural justice are linked to civic, polite, and selfless behavior (Sheeraz et al., 2020). Another study was done on variable Organizational performance, organizational citizenship behavior, and organizational justice dimensions are all investigated in this study. A study was carried out to demonstrate the potential impact of the four components of OJ (distributive, procedural, interpersonal, and informational) on OCB, which in turn can affect organizational performance. It implies that OJ dimensions have an effect on OCB at the individual and organizational levels, which may then have an effect on organizational performance (Sumarmi & Tjahjono, 2021). Another study was done on variable organizational justice and OCB that examined the important connections between the two in Jordanian hospitals and sought to close this gap by finding OJ and OCB which showed a statistically significant positive association.

Another study that focused on organizational justice, work engagement, and citizenship procedural justice brought to light the astounding importance of the perception of justice and demonstrated that it affects OCB in addition to job involvement. It was revealed that the justice aspects of procedural and distributive justice are statistically significant and a good predictor of OCB (Sharma & Sharma, 2021). As a result, it is believed that:

H₂: There is a positive relationship between procedural justice on organizational citizenship behavior.

Interactional Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior:

According to studies, the way people are treated in social interactions, known as interactional justice, is connected to OCB. Workers are more inclined to support the organization's aims and work with their colleagues when they believe they are treated with respect, honesty, and openness. Shimamura et al. (2021) studied about the justice perceptions, job satisfaction and OCB on Japanese nurses. The study's conclusions revealed a substantial and favorable relationship between OCB and interactional justice. To foster OCB, firms should establish an egalitarian and transparent work environment in which workers feel appreciated and respected.



Prior research has linked interactional justice, or how individuals are treated in social interactions, to OCB. Another research investigated the organizational citizenship behavior and interactional justice are interconnected with regard to interpersonal positive emotions (Köksal & Yeşiltaş, 2021). In accordance with the empirical evidence, interactional justice substantially boosts the OCB. The connection that exists among organizational citizenship behaviour behavior and interactional justice and fairness has been studied (Okpu & Eke, 2020). The results found a positive connection among these variables. According to this research, firms should focus on building a work atmosphere that supports interactional justice and respect in order to increase workers' desire to engage in actions that benefit the organization.

Interactional fairness is a solid predictor of organizational citizenship behavior, according to prior research. (OCB) (Khan et al., 2018). According to another study, combining procedural and interpersonal justice enhances organizational citizenship behavior (Donglong et al., 2020). Interactional fairness is the strongest predictor of OCB, according to Ocampto et al. (2018). Employees who believe their superiors to be fair in their interactions are more likely to engage in manager-directed OCB, according to a previous study. As a result, it is expected that an individual's opinion of their management's behavior will have a positive impact on organizational outcomes.

H₃: There is a positive relationship between interactional justice on organizational citizenship behavior.

Job Satisfaction as a Mediator

According to studies, employees who believe these procedures are fair and transparent have higher job satisfaction and greater trust and collaboration among coworkers (Jang et al., 2018; Lambert et al., 2020; Pan et al., 2018). The fairness of outcomes and the distribution of resources, rewards, and chances in the workplace have also been linked to distributive justice, according to a study, which has also been linked to job satisfaction (Haryono et al., 2019). According to a study, distributive and procedural fairness are strongly correlated with satisfaction with work, which is linked to effective employee outcomes (Mashi, 2018). The fairness of workplace interactions and communication, also known as interactional justice, has been demonstrated in research by (Dang & Pham, 2020; Mashi, 2018) to have a large influence on job satisfaction. When employees perceive that their interactions are fair, courteous, and respectful, they experience higher job satisfaction, greater motivation and engagement, and increased commitment. Furthermore, interactional justice, which is determined by overall job happiness and the quality of the leader-member exchange link, has a positive effect on employees' tendency to engage in customer-focused activities, according to Dang & Pham, 2020). Hence, we assume that:

H₄: There is a mediating impact of job satisfaction in the relationship between procedural justice and organizational citizenship behavior

H₅: There is a mediating impact of job satisfaction in the relationship between distributive justice and organizational citizenship behavior.



H₆: There is a mediating impact of job satisfaction in the relationship between Interactional justice and organizational citizenship behavior.

Knowledge Sharing as a Mediator

The act of exchanging ideas and information among people or groups inside a company is referred to as "knowledge sharing". It can act as a mediator by boosting cooperation and communication, encouraging innovation and creativity, and improving decision-making. Effective information exchange may lead to increased productivity, better problem-solving, and overall organizational growth. Knowledge is widely recognized as a key instrument for achieving a competitive advantage in ever-changing situations (Charterina et al., 2017). Knowledge sharing (KS) allows businesses to successfully manage knowledge while also encouraging people to work more productively and efficiently towards their objectives (Le & Lei, 2017, 2018). As mediators in research on how cultural intelligence influences how successfully firms innovate, collaborative atmosphere and knowledge-sharing moderators were utilized. The results show that KS partly mediates the link between creativity and metacognitive cultural intelligence (Berraies, 2019). Akram et al. (2020) looked at the connection between organizational justice variables such as distributive, procedural, interactional, temporal, and employee creative behaviors. The study also examined the significance of knowledge sharing (KS) as a moderator in this connection. Except for spatial justice, which did not demonstrate a significant association with employee creative work, the study's findings revealed that KS functions as a mediator between organizational justice and employee innovative behavior. The findings show that information sharing strengthens the connection between organizational justice and employee innovation.

The link between organizational performance and organizational justice is mediated by organizational trust and Knowledge-sharing behavior (Paçacı, Yasemin, 2019) research. Knowledge sharing enhances workers' creative behavior, and it also partly mediates the relationship between organizational justice and innovative behavior, (K. & Ranjit, 2021a). Another study investigated the link between variable inventive behavior and organizational fairness, with information sharing serving as a mediator. The data indicated that information exchange, to some extent, moderates this association (Dhawan, 2021). As a result, it is proposed that:

H₇: There is a mediating impact of knowledge sharing in the relationship between distributive justice and organizational citizenship behavior.

H₈: There is a mediating impact of knowledge sharing in the relationship between procedural justice and organizational citizenship behavior.

H₉: There is a mediating impact of knowledge sharing in the relationship between Interactional justice and organizational citizenship behavior.



Methodology

Samples descriptive statistics

The cross-sectional study has been used to evaluate the study. Google base survey is also used to gather data from respondents who are working in different services providing firms by using a convenience sample. There were 400 questionnaires distributed in total, and 306 of them were correctly completed, giving a response rate of 76%. A total of 306 people, 215 men, and 91 women, with ages varying from 20 to 69 and educational backgrounds ranging from intermediate to postgraduate, were present.

Measures

We used a Likert scale to rate our agreement with each of the three claims about justice, from strongly disagree to highly agree, developed by (Niehoff & Moorman, 1993a). Previous studies and literature (Devonish & Greenidge, 2010; Forret & Sue Love, 2008) have confirmed the scale's reliability and construct validity. Lin devised a (2007) scale was utilized to measure the knowledge-sharing elements (donating and sharing). Three things make up knowledge sharing, which has an alpha reliability of 0.78, while four items make up knowledge sharing, which has an alpha reliability of 0.80. (Goh & Sandhu, 2014; Lin, 2007; Yeşil & Dereli, 2013). The job satisfaction items were measured using a seven-item scale (Fernandes, 2006). The alpha reliability is 0.87 for job satisfaction, according to prior research (Mohammad Mosadegh Rad & Hossein Yarmohammadian, 2006). The organizational citizenship behavior items were evaluated using a 24-item scale (Podsakoff et al., 1990) consisting of five dimensions of OCB adopted from Işık (2021), which reported a reliability of 0.87.

Finding and results

Measurement model

Utilizing both convergent and discriminant validity tests, the study's assessment model's validity was evaluated. With CRV and AVG values greater than 0.7 and 0.5 respectively, the factor loadings, Composite Reliability (CR), and Average Variance Extracted, convergent validity were evaluated (Hair et al., 2013), and factor loadings larger than 0.6 (Chin et al., 2008). Examining the discriminant validity allowed for whether the measurements were not duplicated by other factors, as shown by weak correlation among constructs. Each construct's average extracted variance was found to have a square root that was larger than its correlation coefficient in Table 3, which indicated discriminant validity (Fornell & Larcker, 1981a). However, the consistency of this method in detecting the absence of discriminant validity has been questioned (Henseler et al., 2015), leading to the use of the HTMT heterotrait-monotrait method as an alternative. Discriminant validity was demonstrated when the results of the HTMT ratio standards were less than 1, using both the 0.85 (Kline, 2011) and 0.90 (Gold et al., 2001) standards



Figure No 1: SEM analysis with Beta values

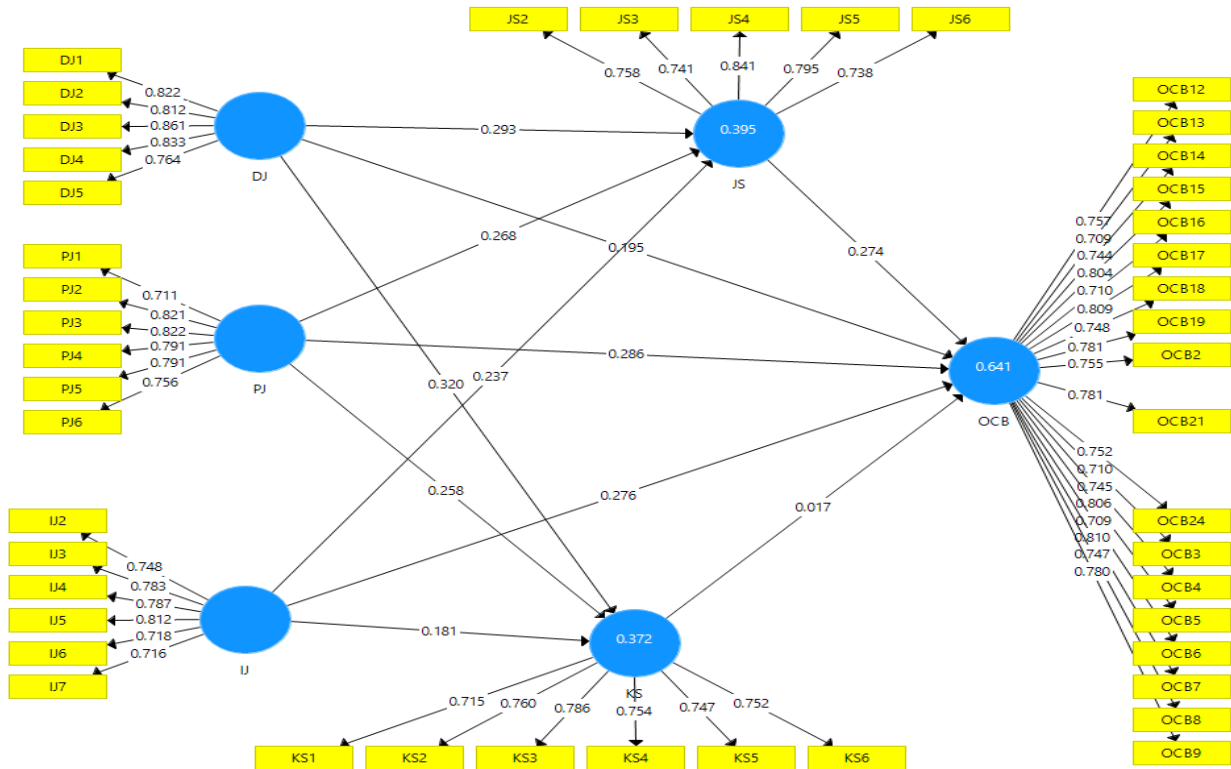


Table No 1: Validity and reliability of constructs

Constructs	Items	Loading	AVE	CR
Distributive Justice	DJ1	0.822	0.67	0.91
	DJ2	0.812		
	DJ3	0.861		
	DJ4	0.833		
	DJ5	0.763		
Procedural Justice	PJ1	0.711	0.613	0.905
	PJ2	0.821		
	PJ3	0.822		
	PJ4	0.791		
	PJ5	0.791		
	PJ6	0.756		
Interactional Justice	IJ2	0.748	0.580	0.892
	IJ3	0.783		
	IJ4	0.787		



	IJ5	0.812			
	IJ6	0.718			
	IJ7	0.717			
Job Satisfaction	JS2	0.758	0.601	0.883	0.837
	JS3	0.741			
	JS4	0.841			
	JS5	0.795			
	JS6	0.738			
Knowledge sharing	KS1	0.714	0.566	0.887	0.847
	KS2	0.759			
	KS3	0.785			
	KS4	0.755			
	KS5	0.748			
	KS6	0.753			
Organizational citizenship behavior	Ocb2	0.755	0.577	0.961	0.958
	Ocb3	0.710			
	Ocb4	0.745			
	Ocb5	0.806			
	Ocb6	0.709			
	Ocb7	0.810			
	Ocb8	0.747			
	Ocb9	0.780			
	Ocb12	0.757			
	Ocb13	0.709			
	Ocb14	0.744			
	Ocb15	0.804			
	Ocb16	0.710			
	Ocb17	0.809			
	Ocb18	0.748			
Ocb19	0.781				
Ocb21	0.781				
Ocb24	0.752				

Items that have been removed: Indicator items that were less than 0.7. IJ1, IJ8, JS1, JS7, KS7, OCB1, OCB10, OCB11, OCB20, OCB22, & OCB 23

^{an} item loading > 0.7 shows indicator reliability (heir et al,2010)



Table No 2: Discriminant Validity

Construct	1	2	3	4	5	6
DJ	0.819					
IJ	0.334	0.762				
JS	0.543	0.409	0.776			
KS	0.545	0.360	0.617	0.753		
OCB	0.626	0.539	0.652	0.538	0.760	
PJ	0.635	0.278	0.520	0.512	0.638	0.783

Values on the diagonal (bolded) are the square root of the AVE

Table No 3: HTMT

Construct	1	2	3	4	5	6
	DJ	IJ	JS	KS	OCB	PJ
DJ						
IJ	0.380					
JS	0.626	0.479				
KS	0.629	0.412	0.730			
OCB	0.678	0.592	0.725	0.591		
PJ	0.725	0.319	0.607	0.594	0.692	

HTMT <0.85 (Kline, 2011)

Structural Model

Hair et al. (2013) recommended that studies should be evaluated and reported both the effect sizes and predictive relevance (Q²) using the beta, R², and T values for the inner model. The interaction of the variables in this research was examined, and Organizational citizenship practices were discovered to have a substantial and advantageous consequence on distributive justice, procedural justice, and interactional justice. The beta values β for distributive justice, procedural justice, and interactional justice were found to be 0.195, 0.286, and 0.276, respectively, with P values less than 0.05. These findings concur with H1, H2, and H3, and each of the t-values was higher than 1.96 (Peng & Lai, 2012) see table 5. Additionally, the organizational justice dimensions explained 64.1% variance in OCB, with R² values of 0.641 for OCB, 0.395 for JS, and 0.372 for KS, exceeding the 0.26 value proposed by Jacob Cohen (1988) for a significant model. The Q²-values for OCB, JS, and KS were 0.363, 0.231, and 0.204, respectively, indicating that the model values were perfectly reconstructed and had predictive relevance (Henseler et al., 2009).

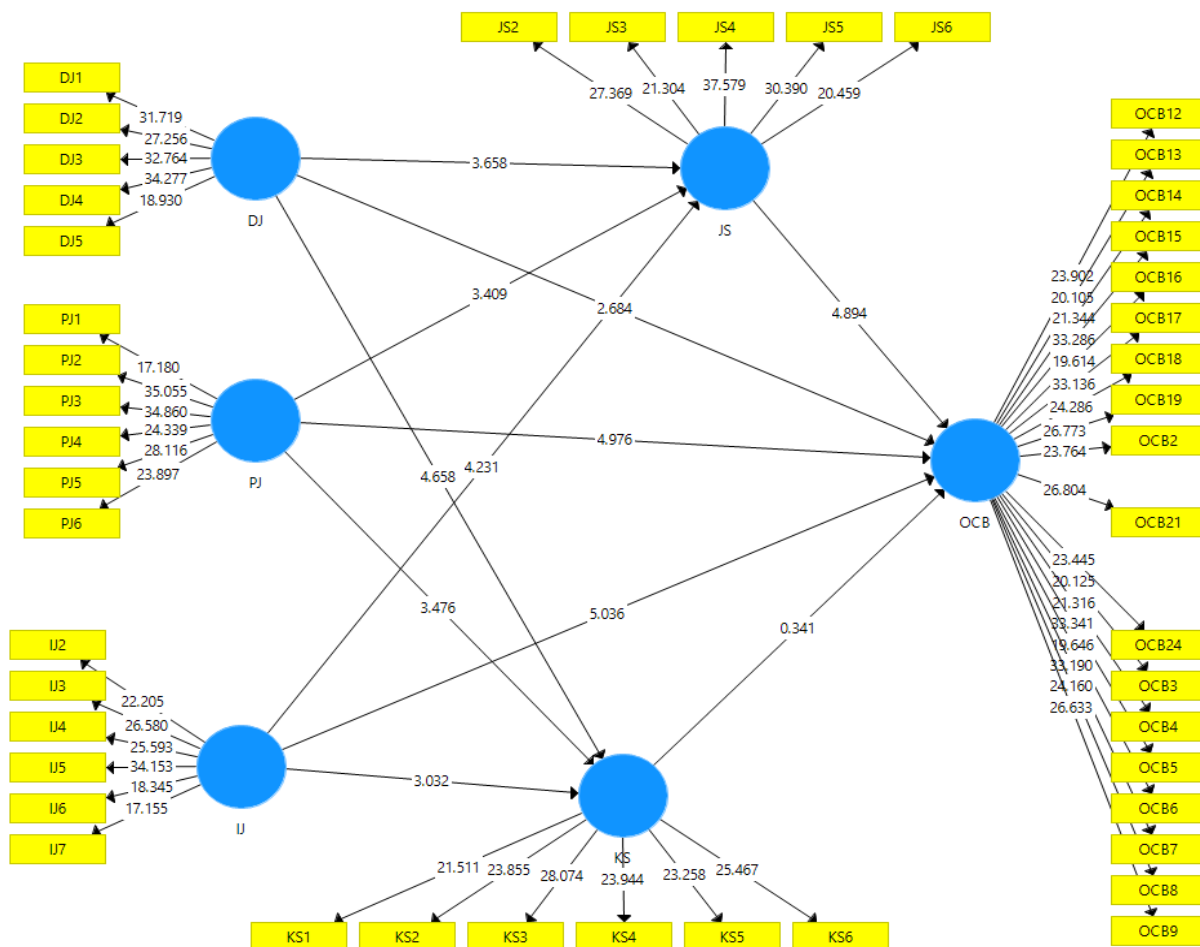
Table No 4: Structural estimates - (hypotheses testing).- Direct Effect

Hypotheses	Relationship	Beta	T Values	P Value	Decision
H1	DJ -> OCB	0.195	2.684**	0.007	Supported
H2	PJ -> OCB	0.286	4.976**	0.000	Supported
H3	IJ -> OCB	0.276	5.036**	0.000	Supported

Notes: Critical t-values. *1.96 (P < 0.05)



Figure No 2: SEM analysis with t values



Mediation Analysis:

Mediation analysis has been done on smart pls.3. Mediators were tested between justice perception and organizational citizenship behavior, knowledge sharing, and job satisfaction. The finding showed that information does not mediate between citizenship behavior and distributive justice. ($\beta = 0.006$; $t = 0.329$; $p = 0.742$), also doesn't mediate between procedural justice and citizenship behavior ($\beta = 0.004$; $t = 0.323$; $p = 0.747$) and likewise mediation of knowledge sharing among citizenship behavior and interactional justice shows ($\beta = 0.003$; $t = 0.323$; $p = 0.746$). So hypotheses H7, H8, and H9 are rejected. The association among OCB and interactional justice and mediator work satisfaction has been studied. The finding showed that citizenship behavior and distributive justice are mediated by job satisfaction ($\beta = 0.080$; $t = 3.026$; $p = 0.002$) also mediates among procedural justice and citizenship behavior ($\beta = 0.073$; $t = 2.753$; $p = 0.006$), and likewise mediation of job satisfaction among citizenship behavior and interactional justice shows ($\beta = 0.065$; $t = 2.887$; $p = 0.004$), so hypothesis H4, H5 and H6 are accepted (see table 6).



Table No 5: Structural estimates - (hypotheses testing).- Mediating Effect

Hypotheses	Relationship	Beta	T Values	P Value	Decision
H4	DJ -> JS -> OCB	0.080	3.026**	0.002	Supported
H5	PJ -> JS -> OCB	0.073	2.753**	0.006	Supported
H6	IJ -> JS -> OCB	0.065	2.887**	0.004	Supported
H7	DJ -> KS -> OCB	0.006	0.329**	0.742	Not Supported
H8	PJ -> KS -> OCB	0.004	0.323**	0.747	Not Supported
H9	IJ -> KS -> OCB	0.003	0.323**	0.746	Not Supported

Notes: Critical t-values. *1.96 (P < 0.05)

Table No 6: R² and Q² value

Endogenous LVs	R ² value	Q ² value
OCB	0.641	0.363
JS	0.395	0.231
KS	0.372	0.204

Discussion and Conclusion

The aim of the study is to determine how knowledge sharing and job satisfaction influence the dimensions of justice and OCB. Previous studies and hypotheses point to a good relationship between OCB and justice (Konovsky & Pugh, 1994; Moorman, 1991; Niehoff & Moorman, 1993b). All three organizational justice pillars were found to be positively correlated with organizational citizenship in the study, with distributive justice having the largest direct impact on OCB (P<.05). These findings back up prior research that highlights the importance of fairness perceptions in fostering OCB (Blakely et al., 2005; Organ & Ryan, 1995).

Furthermore, the study found a link between OCB and organizational fairness as well as job satisfaction. Employees at service-oriented firms, according to the research, are more likely to exhibit flexible OCB when they perceive fairness and satisfaction in an organization. Information sharing appears to have little bearing on this relationship, according to the study's results, which examine how satisfaction mediates the association between OCB and organizational justice. To improve overall performance, managers should focus on enhancing employee job satisfaction and supporting organizational fairness, according to the study's findings. The study's insightful conclusions can aid practitioners, researchers, and organizations interested in organizational behavior and management.

Limitations

Despite the fact that this study gives insight into the link between work satisfaction, information sharing, organizational justice, and organizational citizenship behavior, it has several drawbacks. The study solely looks at the influence of two mediators on OCB and three



aspects of organizational justice, limiting the findings' applicability to other situations. Furthermore, because the sample was confined to employees of service-providing enterprises in Karachi, it may not be indicative of other industries or areas. Future research might broaden the scope of the study by integrating other mediators and justice aspects, as well as utilizing a more varied and representative sample. Longitudinal research on the long-term consequences of organizational justice and its impact on OCB might also be done.

Future implications:

Future research can enhance the understanding of the relationship between these variables by incorporating demographic factors into their testing models. Moreover, a comprehensive investigation of job satisfaction can be conducted by considering multiple contributing factors. Including more variables in the research may give a more complex view of corporate citizenship behavior, especially in the setting of the manufacturing business. Additionally, conducting the study in different cities and regions across Pakistan can provide a broader perspective on the population's perceptions of justice and OCB. To further improve the study's validity, future research can also consider longitudinal data to observe the effects of these variables over time.

Managerial implications:

The study's conclusions have important consequences for businesses and managers. The results indicate a link between citizenship behavior (OCB) and justice dimensions, with work satisfaction acting as a mediator but knowledge sharing not. Therefore, it is recommended that managers prioritize creating a fair and just work environment by ensuring that resources and rewards are distributed equitably, decision-making processes are transparent and inclusive, and communication and treatment of employees are respectful and appropriate. Additionally, managers should strive to increase employees' job satisfaction by providing opportunities for professional growth, fostering a positive work environment, and confirming that employees have support and resources for effective job performance. To further enhance our understanding of the relationship between these variables, future research should consider incorporating demographic factors in their testing models and exploring additional factors that contribute to job satisfaction. Moreover, conducting the study in different cities and regions within Pakistan can provide a more extensive view of the population's perceptions of justice and OCB.

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