

Job Resources and Employee Commitment: Insights from the JD-R Framework

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Abstract

Organizational commitment theory suggests that employees who are strongly committed to their organization are more likely to demonstrate higher levels of effort and sound judgment in their work, which in turn contributes to improved job performance. By applying principles derived from organizational commitment theory, employers can strengthen employee loyalty, enhance morale, and foster a more dedicated workforce. Job resources play a vital role in supporting employee well-being by enhancing motivation, facilitating the achievement of work goals, and enabling individuals to cope effectively with job demands and work-related stress. These resources also encourage learning, professional development, and personal growth, thereby increasing employee engagement and positively influencing organizational outcomes. Moreover, work-related resources help fulfil basic psychological needs such as autonomy, competence, and relatedness, and are essential for successful task accomplishment. The primary purpose of this article is to present an overview of the Job Demands–Resources (JD-R) framework, which is applicable across diverse work settings and highlights both positive and negative aspects of employee well-being. The JD-R model offers a comprehensive approach for enhancing employee performance and well-being across various organizational contexts.

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Introduction

Job Resources

Job resources, also known as job positives, are the organizational, social, or physical elements that support you in reaching your objectives and lowering your stress levels. These consist of independence, enduring professional bonds, growth prospects, coaching and mentorship, and education and training (Chirume et al., 2020).

The term "job resources" refers to the different components and aspects of the workplace that influence worker motivation, well-being, and output. These resources might include work-life balance, supportive leadership styles, autonomy, skill diversity, and feedback, among other aspects of the job. The term "job resources" refers to the different components and aspects of the workplace that influence worker motivation, well-being, and output. These resources might include work-life balance, supportive leadership styles, autonomy, skill diversity, and feedback, among other aspects of the job. Job resources are important for employee well-being because they improve motivation and goal-achieving while also assisting people in managing job demands and mitigating the negative effects of stress. They can promote learning, development, and personal growth, which can boost employee engagement at work and have a favourable impact on organizational outcomes (Govender et al., 2017). Work resources may satisfy fundamental human requirements for relatedness, competence, and autonomy and are crucial for accomplishing work goals. To safeguard workers against unfavourable outcomes and improve their motivation and output, organizations are urged to establish and maintain creative work environments. Aspects of the workplace that assist in achieving work-related objectives, lessen job demands and related expenses, and foster personal development are referred to as job resources.

Job Resource Management

Their responsibility is to budget, assign the appropriate resources to the appropriate assignment at the ideal moment. Since resource management is the means by which organizational resources are organized, scheduled, and distributed, it is one of the most important components of project management.

Organizational Commitment

"A psychological state that (a) characterizes the employee's relationship with the organization, and (b) has implications for the decision to continue or discontinue membership in the organization" is the definition of organizational commitment. Additionally, conduct seen at work may be used to quantify it. Three distinguishable components of organizational commitment were defined by Allen and Meyer in the 1990s: emotional, continuation, and normative commitment.

Job Resources and Organizational Commitment

There is a clear relationship between work performance and organizational commitment. According to organizational commitment theory, workers that are committed to their employer will put in more effort and use more judgment, which will enhance overall job performance. Employers may increase employee loyalty and morale by utilizing organizational commitment psychology and theory. In the long run, doing this should also improve worker performance and lower turnover, bringing in more revenue and saving your company money.

Organizational commitment psychology studies ways to leverage insights into human cognition and behavior to boost employee commitment to the organization, which often motivates workers to put in more effort. Employees are less likely to put in a lot of effort at work than those who are happy with or like working for the organization. Workers who feel their employer values them are likely to be more committed to the business, but managers must do more than simply tell employees they value them they must really take steps to improve their lives. These adjustments might take the form of better or more accommodating benefit packages, increased vacation time, or the freedom for employees to choose their own work schedules.

Workplace happiness is expected to increase with whatever action a firm takes to directly or indirectly enhance an individual's quality of life. Content workers have higher levels of motivation. Motivated workers put forth more effort, show initiative, and use more ingenuity in their work.

Objectives of the Study

1. To conceptually examine the role of job resources in influencing organisational commitment among employees.
2. To explain the relevance and applicability of the Job Demands–Resources (JD-R) framework in understanding employee well-being and organisational commitment

Literature Review

Jawaad et al., (2019) suggested evaluating the connection between organizational commitment and HR procedures. Additionally, it is meant to assess job satisfaction as a mediating factor between HR practices and organizational commitment among Pakistani telecom workers. The information was collected from 218 workers who worked for different Lahore-based telecom providers. The data was subjected to PLS and SEM analysis using the SmartPLS 3 program. There is a statistically significant difference in "Organizational Commitment" based on factors such as "Recruitment and Selection," "Performance Appraisal Satisfaction," "Rewards and Recognition," and "Work Environment." The relationship between "training," "work environment," and "recruitment and selection" is mediated complementarily by "job satisfaction." "Job Satisfaction" is the only indirect mediator in the relationship between "Performance Appraisal Satisfaction" and itself. "Job Satisfaction" is not a mediator in the link between "Reward and Recognition" and "Organizational Commitment (Dunham et al., 2018)." Our research adds to the body of knowledge about the ways in which the various dimensions of job satisfaction might moderate the connections between organizational commitment and the HR strategies used by businesses. The HR procedures that telecom firms do should receive more focus as they enhance employee performance, which in turn raises employee satisfaction and, ultimately, the caliber of services provided to clients.

Muthmainnah et al., (2023) examined how work engagement among nurses at Stella Maris Hospital Makassar provided a means of examining the direct and indirect impacts of job demand and job resources on organizational commitment. This kind of data analysis and quantitative study is done with SmartPLS software. All of the nurses at Stella Maris Hospital Makassar were the study's population. Up to 200 respondents the entire population are employed as a research sample in the complete survey sampling approach. As a result, nurses' evaluations of work engagement and job resource factors are often very valuable, providing hospital management with valuable information to sustain and strengthen nurses' organizational commitment. In addition, this series may be used as a means of encouraging nurses to overcome the high demand for their services in the workplace and to keep those who exhibit a high level of excitement for their profession (Hassan et al., 2016).

Ramvalho Luz et al., (2018) examined the impact that work satisfaction and organizational commitment have on the intention to leave. Regarding the methodological components of this work, a case study was conducted at an information technology and communication firm based in Porto Digital, Northeastern Brazil, using a quantitative methodology. An open questionnaire, a self-administered form with eighteen closed questions using a Likert-type scale, and a data collecting procedure including 172 forms were employed. The tool employed in this research was the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) software; in addition to descriptive statistics, a correlation between the dependent variables was established. According to the findings, there is a considerable correlation between the purpose of negative turnover and affective and normative commitments as well as contentment with compensation, promotions, and the nature of the work. Only age had a negative connection with desire to turnover among the demographic variables.

Conceptual Framework

This article covers the advantages and disadvantages of both models in terms of how effectively they predict employee well-being. We shall contend that the majority of studies on the effort-reward imbalance and demand-control models have been constrained to a certain set of predictor factors that might not be applicable to all work situations. Furthermore, the great majority of earlier research has concentrated on unfavourable outcome characteristics, including as health problems, burnout, and repetitive strain injuries. This article's main goal is to provide an overview of the Job Demands-Resources, which takes into account a wide range of potential working environments and emphasizes both positive and negative indications of employee well-being. The JD-R model may be used to enhance employee performance and well-being in a variety of work environments (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1: Relationship Between Role Stress, Organizational Commitment, Job Rotation, And Work Satisfaction

Ho et al., (2019) examined the potential effects of role stress on nurses' job satisfaction and organizational commitment, as well as the possibility that the job rotation system could motivate nurses to comprehend, relate to, and share the organization's vision, thereby boosting their job satisfaction and encouraging them to voluntarily stay in their positions and dedicate themselves to the organization. Even though work satisfaction has been the subject of several research, none of them explicitly addressed how to combine role stress, job rotation, job satisfaction, and organizational commitment in nurses using the relational model (Maziriri et al., 2020). Only nurses with prior experience with work rotation were given surveys, with permission from the hospital's top management. Two sizable, well-known hospitals in southern Taiwan received 650 copies of the questionnaire; of them, 532 legitimate copies were recovered, yielding an 81.8% response rate. Lastly, data processing and analysis were done using the statistical software packages LISREL 8.54 (Linear Structural Relationship Model) and SPSS 11.0.

A hospital should encourage the advantages of work rotation to both individuals and the institution while applying it periodically and equitably as a realistic and great approach for manpower use. Furthermore, the results indicate that when a medical organization wants to increase nurses' organizational commitment, reducing role ambiguity in role stress has the greatest impact on doing so ((Miao et al., 2020)). The ultimate objective is to motivate nurses to continue in their careers and raise their level of job satisfaction. By doing this, the organization's priceless human resources would not be wasted in the vicious cycle of high turnover (Fig. 2).

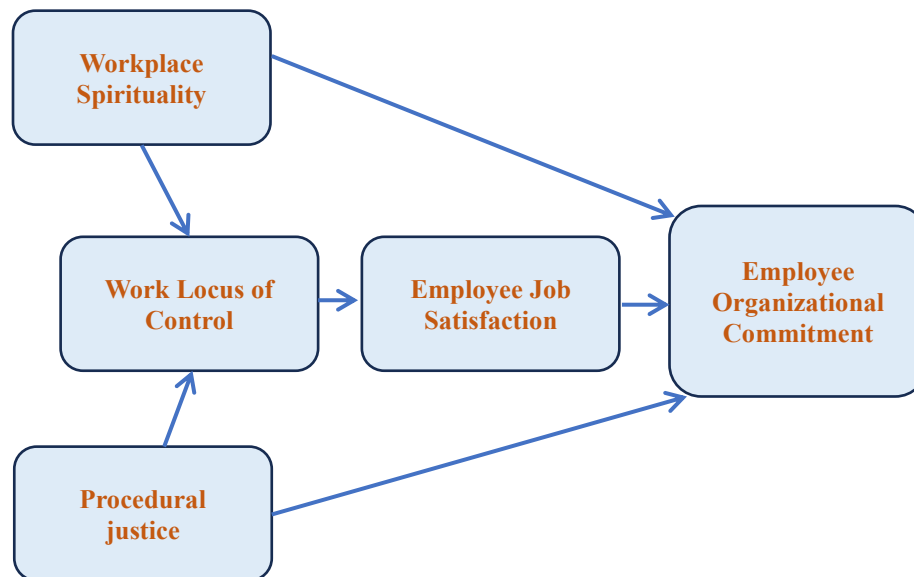


Fig. 2: Employee Organizational Commitment and the Mediating Role of Work Locus of Control and Employee Job Satisfaction

Mapuranga et al., (2021) Employees are essential to the expansion of small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) in Southern Africa. The efficacy of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is contingent upon the existence of a virtuous workplace culture and procedural fairness. These factors impact the employees' work locus of control, job happiness, and organizational commitment. The researchers examined the effects of workplace spirituality and procedural justice on work locus of control, employee job satisfaction, and employee organizational commitment among SME employees in Harare, Zimbabwe. The study's data was examined quantitatively. The findings indicate that work locus of control, procedural fairness, and workplace spirituality are all important factors in raising employee commitment and job happiness. Work locus of control and job satisfaction favourably impacted the link between workplace spirituality, procedural fairness, and employee organizational commitment. It is anticipated that the study's conclusions would offer insightful information on the particular critical factors influencing work locus of control, employee job satisfaction, and employee loyalty to the company (Fig. 3).

The Job Demands–Resources (JD-R) framework posits that both job-related and personal resources foster employee engagement, which subsequently leads to positive outcomes such as innovative and creative work behaviour. As described by Schaufeli & Taris (2014), employee engagement is characterized by high levels of energy and psychological resilience while working (vigor), a strong sense of meaning, enthusiasm, commitment, and willingness

to invest effort in challenging tasks (dedication), and a state of deep concentration and immersion in one's work (absorption).

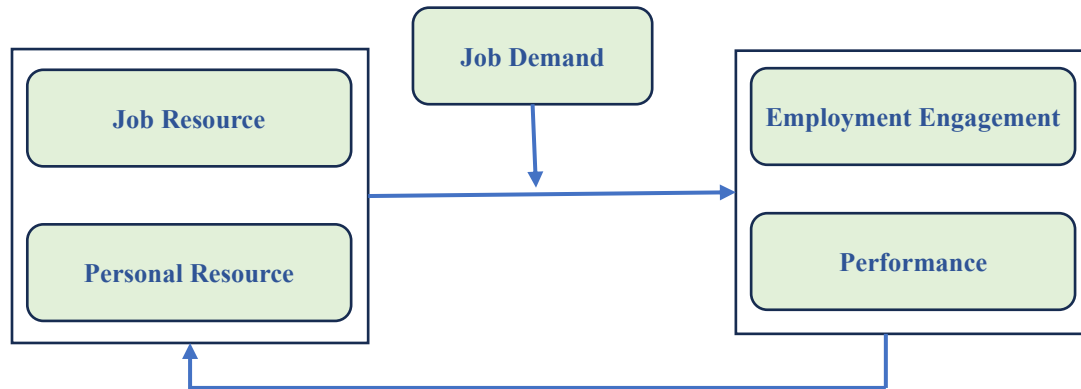


Fig. 3: Job Resource, Employee Engagement and Performance

Empirical research on employee engagement indicates that engaged employees are better able to utilize available resources effectively and possess the skills, motivation, and energy required to perform their roles successfully. Furthermore, the positive emotions associated with engagement broaden individuals' cognitive and behavioral capacities, enabling the development of social, intellectual, and physical resources. These enhanced resources contribute not only to improved task performance but also to discretionary, extra-role behaviours. Collectively, prior findings reinforce the view that high levels of work performance are commonly associated with employees who are energetic, committed, and intrinsically motivated.

Conclusion

Human Resource Management (HRM) possesses the ability to impact employees' organizational behavior, thereby guaranteeing the accomplishment of company goals. HRM has a favorable impact on business performance, which encourages organizational commitment. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the connection between organizational commitment and job resources. Our research adds to the body of knowledge about the ways in which the various dimensions of job satisfaction might moderate the connections between organizational commitment and the HR strategies used by businesses. An employee who has a strong sense of organizational commitment understands the company's goals, buys into the company's heart and future vision (both professionally and personally), feels like they belong, and is respected and fairly compensated for the work they do. Committed workers are less likely to report absenteeism, behave more positively, and are more driven and determined.

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