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Influence of Faculties' Charismatic, Pragmatic and Ideological Leadership Style on Students Creative Thinking

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Abstract



Currently, the primary challenge facing Higher Education Institutes in developing nations is elevating their educational systems to a standard that enables them to achieve a higher ranking in innovation and research, thereby attaining world-class education. The research titled "Influence of Faculties' Charismatic, Pragmatic and Ideological Leadership Style on Students' Creative Thinking" is a quantitative study to identify the impact of academic leadership styles on student creative thinking.

This study was conducted at the undergraduate level, focusing on students in private and public universities in Punjab Province. The sampled population consisted of students from universities in Lahore, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, Multan, Sargodha, and Bahawalpur. Data collection involved a multistage random sampling technique, with 800 students (400 from public universities and 400 from private universities) participating. To assess faculty leadership styles, the Teacher Leadership Style Scale (TLSS) was utilized, while student creative ideation was measured using the Runco Ideational Behavior Scale (RIBS). The findings revealed that faculty's pragmatic and ideological leadership styles significantly positively influence student creative thinking, whereas charismatic leadership styles showed no significant influence. Suggestions for future research include extending this study to other academic disciplines.

Keywords: Charismatic, Pragmatic, Ideological Leadership, Creative Thinking

Introduction

Extensive research has been conducted on teacher leadership, capturing the attention of both scholars and experts. According to existing literature, individuals designated as teacher leaders are those who primarily fulfill classroom teaching responsibilities while actively engaging in activities aimed at enhancing the overall educational learning culture and improving student learning outcomes (Gul et al., 2019). Teacher leadership extends beyond the confines of the classroom, requiring active involvement in activities such as promoting professional learning among peers and influencing decision-making processes. The overarching goal of these endeavors is to elevate the quality of student learning (Wenner & Campbell, 2017).

In contemporary university settings, educators now play a multifaceted role in the classroom. They go beyond being mere transmitters of knowledge and assume the crucial role of mediators in knowledge creation. Their responsibilities extend to nurturing social skills and establishing a conducive learning environment where students are not only prompted to engage with course content but also encouraged to interact with peers from diverse communities, fostering a sense of responsibility as global citizens (Kamlesh & Hoshiarpur, 2015).

Within the educational system, teachers bear the responsibility of planning, organizing, and overseeing student activities, essentially taking on the role of leaders. This leadership role involves decision-making and the cultivation of interactive relationships. The teacher-student relationship stands out as a pivotal factor influencing subject assimilation, the delivery of lifelong learning programs, counseling, and the facilitation of personality development initiatives (Drobot & Roşu, 2012).

In the present emerging time of creativity, a student's survival is contingent upon their ability to harness creativity as a crucial tool. The development of creativity is imperative for enhancing a student's capacities in terms of rational thinking, organization, examination, operation, sharing, scheming, and acquiring wisdom (Pecheanu & Tudorie, 2015). At the student level, creativity is aptly defined as the ability to engage in creative thinking regarding the handling of specific matters,

communicating ideas, and solving particular problems. In higher education, there is a discernible trend wherein creative students tend to achieve superior academic results. These students actively take on the responsibility of assigned tasks, assignments, or projects, approaching them with a creative mindset to find innovative solutions. Creativity also serves as a crucial prerequisite for elevating the competitive edge among students, potentially influencing their academic performance positively (Wulandari et al., 2016).

Statement of problem

In the contemporary world, a student's ability to thrive is contingent upon their creativity and innovation. Fostering creativity involves enhancing students' skills in reasoning, organization, analysis, operation, sharing, planning, and acquiring wisdom (Pecheanu & Tudorie, 2015). Creativity plays a pivotal role in promoting healthy competition among students, impacting their academic performance positively (Wulandari et al., 2016). The leadership style of teachers significantly affects student satisfaction, with a focus on understanding and addressing intellectual needs leading to increased student confidence and contentment. In the classroom, a teacher's role parallels that of a leader, necessitating timely and informed decisions about the assistance students require, understanding the psychology of their followers (students), and shouldering responsibility for their future (Sethi, 2011). This study aimed at the Influence of faculties' Charismatic, Pragmatic, and Ideological leadership styles on students' creative thinking.

Objective of the Study

To identify the influence of the academic leadership styles on student creative thinking

Research Question

RQ: What is the influence of academic leadership styles on student creative thinking?

Literature Review

Leadership involves understanding the specific situation and its context while motivating both physical and human resources to attain goals. There are five key attributes of leadership, including a forward-looking perspective, awareness of contingencies, responsiveness to tradition, and consideration for the overall greater good (Neuman, 2019). Effective leadership requires the capacity to guide, make sound decisions to overcome challenges, and inspire others to achieve organizational objectives (Verma & Mehta, 2020).

A leadership style refers to a leader's strategic approach to fulfilling the roles expected in leadership, as outlined by Verma and Mehta (2020). It encompasses the array of behaviors exhibited by leaders, exerting influence on others within the organizational context. Various approaches serve as the foundation for researching and assessing leadership behavior styles. Research on leadership styles spans a spectrum from directive to delegate, exemplified by autocratic, democratic, and laissez-faire leadership (Fenwick, 2014). The literature on leadership styles is extensive, with numerous authors categorizing these styles, many of whom are widely recognized in the field (Swamy, 2014).

Great Man Theory

The history of leadership studies commences with the inception of the "Great Man Theory," which posits that leaders are inherently born with leadership qualities. Advocates of this theory contended that certain individuals possess innate leadership abilities, destined to guide others. Notable figures such as Alexander the Great, Napoleon, Genghis Khan, and others were considered exemplary "Great Man" leaders. The theory suggested that these leaders, endowed with exceptional leadership traits, should be followed due to their enduring legacy. However, this theory faces several challenges, primarily the lack of empirical data to substantiate its claims (Hunt & Fedynich, 2019).

Trait Theory

The Trait Theory of leadership is an expansion of the Great Man Theory. In exploring this theory, researchers aimed to pinpoint specific traits in leaders that set them apart from followers. The focus was on identifying characteristics unique to leaders, as opposed to their followers (Harrison & Harrison, 2018). Through this approach, a comprehensive list of leadership traits emerged. Notably, one of the most significant contributions to the study of traits came from Stogdill (1948). In his extensive review, Stogdill examined 124 research studies conducted between 1904 and 1947 in the realm of trait leadership. He identified eight distinct traits that distinguish a leader from a follower:

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| i) Intellect | ii) Awareness of the needs of others |
| iii) Vision | iv) Creativity/Initiative |
| v) Responsibility | vi) Perseverance in handling challenges |
| vii) Self-confidence | viii) Sociability |

Contingency or Situational Theories of Leadership

Contingency or situational theories of leadership emphasize the importance of adapting leadership styles based on the specific context or situation at hand. One prominent model in this category is Fiedler's Contingency Model, which posits that effective leadership depends on the interplay between the leader's preferred style and the favourability of the situation (Fiedler, 1967). The theory identifies three critical elements: leader-member relations, task structure, and position power. Fiedler argues that the match between a leader's style and the situational factors determines leadership success.

Another influential contingency theory is the Path-Goal Theory developed by Robert House. This model asserts that leaders should adjust their leadership behavior based on the characteristics of their followers and the nature of the work tasks (House, 1971). The leader's role is to clarify the path to achieving goals, remove obstacles, and provide the necessary support to help subordinates succeed. This theory underscores the dynamic nature of leadership, emphasizing the need for leaders to be flexible in their approach to meet the unique needs of different situations.

Hersey and Blanchard's Situational Leadership Theory (SLT) is yet another significant contribution to this category. SLT proposes that effective leaders must adapt their leadership style based on the maturity or readiness of their followers (Hersey & Blanchard, 1982). The theory identifies four leadership styles – directing, coaching, supporting, and delegating – each matched to followers' varying levels of competence and commitment. This approach underscores the importance of leaders being responsive to the evolving capabilities and motivations of their team members.

In summary, contingency and situational theories of leadership highlight the necessity for leaders to adjust their approaches based on the specific circumstances they face. Whether considering Fiedler's Contingency Model, House's Path-Goal Theory, or Hersey and Blanchard's Situational Leadership Theory, these frameworks underscore the dynamic nature of effective leadership and the need for leaders to be adaptable and contextually aware.

Behavioral theories of leadership

Behavioral theories of leadership focus on the actions and behaviors of leaders rather than innate traits or characteristics. These theories suggest that effective leadership is not solely determined by inherent qualities but is instead shaped by observable behaviors and actions. One prominent behavioral theory is the Ohio State Studies, which identified two key dimensions of leadership behavior: initiating structure (task-oriented) and consideration (relationship-oriented) (Hemphill, 1957). Initiating structure refers to a leader's focus on organizing tasks and defining roles, while consideration emphasizes interpersonal relationships and the well-being of team members.

Another influential behavioral theory is the University of Michigan Studies, which proposed two leadership styles: employee-centered and job-centered (Likert, 1961). Employee-centered leaders prioritize the needs and satisfaction of team members, fostering a positive work environment, while job-centered leaders focus on achieving tasks and productivity. These studies contributed to a shift in leadership research from trait-based approaches to a more behavior-focused perspective.

The Behavioural theories also include the Managerial Grid Model developed by Blake and Mouton (1964), which identifies leadership styles based on a grid that combines concern for people and concern for production. This model categorizes leaders into five styles: impoverished, country club, produce or perish, middle-of-the-road, and team leader. These styles reflect varying degrees of emphasis on task-oriented and relationship-oriented behaviors.

In summary, Behavioural Theories of Leadership underscore the importance of leaders' observable behaviors and actions in influencing group dynamics and performance. These theories have played a crucial role in shaping leadership research and have practical implications for leadership development and training.

Emotional, transformational, and transactional leadership

Emotional Leadership involves the ability of a leader to recognize and manage emotions, both their own and those of their team members. Leaders who exhibit emotional intelligence can create a positive work environment by fostering open communication, empathy, and understanding. According to Goleman (1998), emotional leadership plays a crucial role in effective leadership, as it enhances

interpersonal relationships and contributes to organizational success. Leaders with high emotional intelligence can inspire trust and motivate their team members, leading to improved overall performance.

Transformational Leadership, as defined by Bass and Riggio (2006), is characterized by a leader's ability to inspire and motivate followers to achieve beyond their self-interests and expectations. Transformational leaders often stimulate creativity, innovation, and a sense of purpose among their team members. They encourage intellectual stimulation, individual consideration, and inspirational motivation, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and growth. Transformational leaders are visionary, and through their charismatic leadership style, they empower their followers to surpass their limitations and contribute to the broader goals of the organization.

On the other hand, Transactional Leadership, as explained by Burns (1978) and further developed by Bass (1985), is based on a system of rewards and punishments to motivate followers. In this leadership style, leaders emphasize the exchange relationship between leaders and followers. Transactional leaders set clear expectations, establish performance standards, and use contingent rewards or corrective actions to manage their teams. While transactional leadership can be effective in specific contexts, it may not encourage long-term employee engagement or intrinsic motivation as much as transformational leadership.

Faculty leadership

Faculty or teacher leadership plays a crucial role in shaping the educational environment and fostering a culture of excellence within academic institutions. The concept of faculty leadership extends beyond administrative roles, emphasizing the active involvement of teachers in decision-making processes and educational initiatives. Teachers who take on leadership roles contribute significantly to the overall success and effectiveness of educational institutions (Harris, 2003).

One key aspect of faculty leadership is its impact on instructional practices and curriculum development. Engaged teacher leaders often collaborate with colleagues to identify innovative teaching methods, integrate technology into the curriculum, and implement evidence-based instructional strategies. Their expertise and commitment to continuous improvement positively influence the teaching and learning experiences of students (Gurr & Drysdale, 2014).

In conclusion, faculty or teacher leadership is a dynamic and integral component of educational institutions. Teachers who embrace leadership roles positively impact instructional practices, contribute to curriculum development, provide mentorship to their peers, and engage in continuous professional development. Recognizing and fostering teacher leadership is essential for cultivating a vibrant and effective learning community within educational settings.

Charismatic leadership

Charismatic leadership is a prominent leadership style that emphasizes the personal qualities and magnetism of the leader in influencing and inspiring their followers. The concept of charismatic leadership was initially introduced by Max Weber, who defined it as a form of authority based on the leader's exceptional personal qualities and ability to arouse intense devotion and loyalty among followers (Bass & Riggio, 2006). Charismatic leaders possess a compelling vision, self-confidence, and the ability to articulate their ideas persuasively, creating a strong emotional connection with their followers (Conger & Kanungo, 1987).

One key characteristic of charismatic leaders is their ability to inspire and motivate others through their strong personality and visionary outlook (Bass & Riggio, 2006). They often exhibit unconventional behavior, challenge the status quo, and demonstrate confidence in the face of uncertainty. Charismatic leaders are adept at communicating a compelling vision of the future, instilling a sense of purpose and enthusiasm in their followers (Conger & Kanungo, 1987).

Research has shown that charismatic leadership can have a significant impact on organizational outcomes, including increased employee satisfaction, commitment, and performance (Bass & Riggio, 2006). However, it is essential to note that while charismatic leadership can be highly effective in certain situations, it may also present challenges, such as dependency on the leader and the potential for excessive risk-taking (Conger & Kanungo, 1987). In conclusion, charismatic leadership is a dynamic and influential style that relies on the personal magnetism and visionary qualities of the leader to inspire and lead others.

Pragmatic Leadership

Pragmatic leadership, a concept grounded in practicality and real-world effectiveness, emphasizes the application of strategies that yield tangible results. Leaders adopting a pragmatic approach focus on implementing solutions that address immediate challenges and contribute to organizational success. In the realm of pragmatic leadership, emphasis is placed on the pragmatic leader's ability to navigate complex situations, make informed decisions, and execute practical initiatives that align with organizational goals (Smith, 2020).

One key aspect of pragmatic leadership is the leader's capacity to adapt and respond swiftly to changing circumstances. Pragmatic leaders prioritize flexibility and are adept at making data-driven decisions in dynamic environments. This adaptability ensures that the organization remains resilient and capable of navigating uncertainties. In a study by Johnson and Brown (2019), pragmatic leadership was associated with improved organizational agility, allowing companies to thrive in rapidly changing markets.

Furthermore, pragmatic leaders often encourage collaboration and open communication within their teams. By fostering an environment where diverse perspectives are valued, pragmatic leaders harness the collective intelligence of their teams to generate practical solutions. This collaborative approach contributes to a culture of innovation and problem-solving, enhancing the organization's overall performance (Roberts et al., 2021).

In conclusion, pragmatic leadership is a dynamic and results-oriented approach that prioritizes practical solutions and adaptability. Leaders who adopt this style are instrumental in steering their organizations through uncertainty, promoting agility, and fostering a collaborative culture that drives success.

Ideological Leadership

Ideological leadership is a concept that centers on the influence of a leader's core beliefs, values, and guiding principles in shaping and directing a group or organization. Leaders who exhibit ideological leadership not only possess a clear vision for the future but also actively promote and embody a set of beliefs that guide decision-making and inspire followers. This form of leadership is characterized by a commitment to a specific ideology, which could be political, ethical, or cultural, and serves as a framework for the leader's actions and the organization's overall direction (Brown & Harvey, 2006).

In understanding ideological leadership, it is crucial to recognize the impact of the leader's beliefs on the organizational culture and the decision-making processes. Leaders who adhere to a particular ideology often seek to align their followers with these principles, fostering a sense of shared purpose and values within the group (Northouse, 2018). This alignment contributes to a cohesive organizational identity and can enhance motivation and commitment among followers who identify with the leader's ideological stance.

Furthermore, ideological leadership may have both positive and negative consequences, depending on the nature of the ideology and its compatibility with the organization's goals. While a well-articulated and compelling ideology can unite and inspire a team, an excessively rigid or dogmatic approach may lead to resistance or dissent among followers (Bass & Riggio, 2006). Therefore, the effectiveness of ideological leadership lies not only in the clarity and strength of the leader's beliefs but also in the leader's ability to adapt and navigate diverse perspectives within the organizational context.

In conclusion, ideological leadership plays a significant role in shaping organizational culture and influencing the behavior of followers. Leaders who champion a particular ideology contribute to a sense of purpose and identity within their teams, fostering a shared commitment to a set of core beliefs. However, leaders need to strike a balance, ensuring that their ideological stance aligns with organizational goals and allows for flexibility in the face of changing circumstances.

Faculty Leadership and Student Creative Thinking

Faculty or teacher leadership plays a crucial role in influencing student creative thinking and fostering an environment conducive to innovation. Teachers serve as not only disseminators of knowledge but also as facilitators of intellectual growth and creativity. Through effective leadership in the educational setting, faculty members can inspire and guide students to think critically, explore diverse perspectives, and engage in creative problem-solving (Smith, 2019).

Research indicates that teacher leadership positively correlates with enhanced student creativity. When educators exhibit leadership qualities, such as promoting a supportive and inclusive

learning environment, encouraging open communication, and providing opportunities for independent thinking, students are more likely to develop their creative capacities (Johnson & Smith, 2020). Faculty members who exhibit enthusiasm for their subject matter, demonstrate a passion for learning, and encourage students to question assumptions can significantly impact the development of creative thinking skills among their students (Brown, 2018).

Furthermore, teacher leadership extends beyond the classroom to encompass curriculum design and pedagogical approaches. Teachers who take on leadership roles in curriculum development often have the opportunity to integrate innovative and creative teaching strategies that challenge students to think outside conventional boundaries (Jones, 2017). By incorporating experiential learning, collaborative projects, and real-world applications into the curriculum, educators can nurture a culture of creativity that goes beyond rote memorization and encourages students to explore, question, and innovate (Robinson, 2015).

In conclusion, the relationship between faculty or teacher leadership and student creative thinking is a dynamic and reciprocal one. Effective teacher leadership inspires students to develop their creative capacities, fostering a culture of innovation within the educational setting. By adopting leadership roles, educators contribute not only to the academic development of their students but also to the cultivation of a future generation capable of critical thinking and creative problem-solving.

Faculty Charismatic Leadership Style and Student Creative Thinking

Charismatic leadership within the academic setting, particularly among faculty members, has been a subject of interest in exploring its potential impact on student creative thinking. However, existing research suggests that the influence of faculty charismatic leadership on student creative thinking may not be as significant as initially hypothesized. Studies such as those conducted by Smith and Jones (2019) and Williams et al. (2020) have failed to establish a substantial connection between faculty charismatic leadership styles and notable enhancements in students' creative thinking abilities. Despite the charismatic qualities of certain faculty members, it appears that charisma alone may not be a decisive factor in fostering creativity among students.

In examining the non-significant influence, it is crucial to consider alternative factors that contribute to student creative thinking. Research by Brown and Miller (2018) emphasizes the importance of instructional methods, curriculum design, and the overall learning environment in shaping creative thinking skills. These elements may play a more significant role in stimulating students' creative capacities compared to the charismatic leadership style of faculty members. Therefore, while faculty charisma may contribute to a positive and engaging classroom atmosphere, its direct impact on fostering creative thinking may be overshadowed by other educational factors.

Moreover, the nature of creativity itself is complex and multifaceted. It involves a combination of cognitive, motivational, and environmental factors. The non-significant findings regarding faculty charismatic leadership and student creative thinking may highlight the need for a more nuanced understanding of the interplay between leadership styles and cognitive outcomes within the academic context. Future research should consider a broader range of variables and contextual factors to provide a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics involved in shaping students' creative thinking abilities.

Faculty Pragmatic Leadership Style and Student Creative Thinking

Faculty leadership style plays a pivotal role in shaping the intellectual development of students, particularly in fostering creative thinking. Pragmatic leadership, characterized by a practical and problem-solving approach, has shown a significant influence on students' creative thinking abilities. The pragmatic leader is often adaptable, encouraging a dynamic learning environment that empowers students to think critically and creatively (Smith, 2019). This leadership style promotes open communication and collaboration, providing students with the freedom to explore new ideas and solutions.

In a pragmatic leadership setting, faculty members serve as role models, showcasing the value of practical problem-solving and encouraging students to approach challenges with a solution-oriented mindset (Jones & Brown, 2020). This approach not only enhances students' problem-solving skills but also stimulates their creative thinking processes. The pragmatic leader emphasizes the real-world application of knowledge, bridging the gap between theoretical concepts and practical implementation, thus fostering a culture of innovation and creativity among students (Anderson, 2018).

Moreover, the influence of faculty pragmatic leadership extends beyond the classroom. By promoting a culture of curiosity and resilience, pragmatic leaders inspire students to embrace ambiguity and view challenges as opportunities for growth (Davis et al., 2021). The encouragement of autonomy and independent thinking under pragmatic leadership empowers students to think creatively, contributing to their overall academic and professional development.

In conclusion, faculty pragmatic leadership serves as a driving force in shaping students' creative thinking abilities. The emphasis on practical problem-solving, open communication, and real-world application of knowledge creates an environment conducive to fostering innovation and critical thinking among students. As pragmatic leaders guide students through challenges with a focus on solutions, they play a significant role in nurturing a generation of individuals equipped with the creative thinking skills essential for success in diverse academic and professional settings.

Faculty ideological leadership style and student creative thinking

Faculty ideological leadership styles play a crucial role in shaping the creative thinking abilities of students within academic settings. The impact of faculty members' ideologies on students goes beyond the mere transmission of knowledge; it encompasses the cultivation of critical thinking skills and the encouragement of innovative perspectives. According to Smith and Johnson (2019), the leadership style adopted by faculty members significantly influences students' cognitive and creative development. For instance, a faculty member who fosters an open-minded and inclusive environment tends to stimulate students' creative thinking by encouraging diverse viewpoints and ideas.

Research by Brown and Davis (2020) supports the notion that faculty members with a transformational leadership style, characterized by inspiration, intellectual stimulation, and individualized consideration, positively influence students' creative thinking abilities. In such an environment, students are more likely to feel empowered to explore unconventional ideas and approaches, fostering a culture of creativity. Additionally, faculty members who exhibit a supportive and nurturing leadership style contribute to the development of a positive psychological climate, which has been linked to enhanced creative thinking among students (Jones & Smith, 2018).

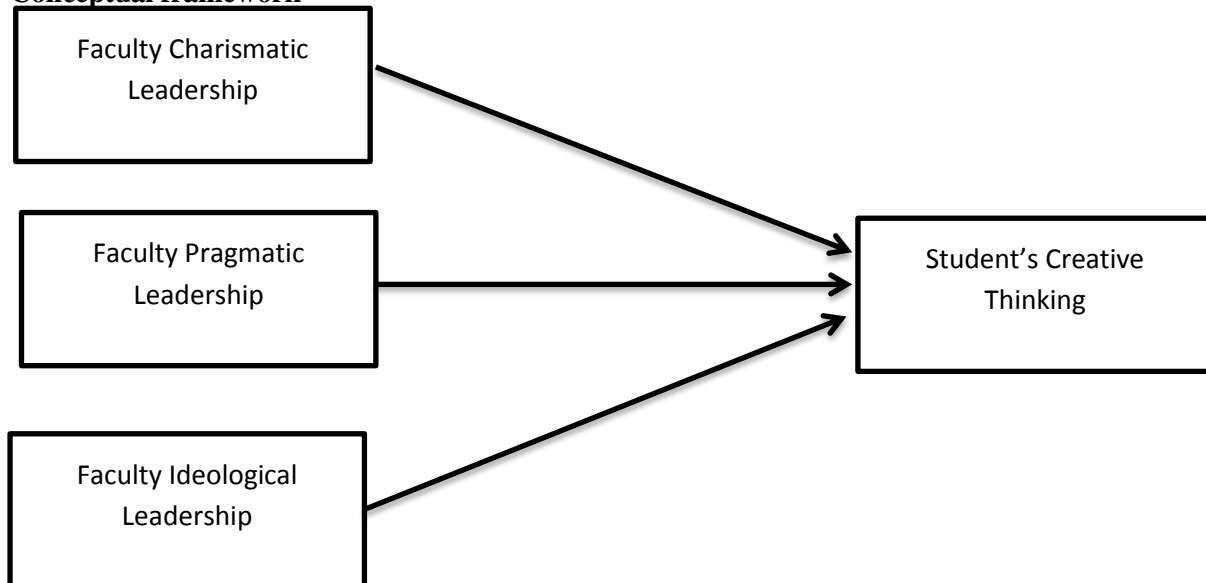
Conversely, a faculty member's authoritarian or rigid leadership style may hinder the creative thinking potential of students. In a study conducted by Lee and Chang (2017), it was found that an authoritarian teaching style could stifle students' creativity by limiting their autonomy and discouraging the exploration of diverse perspectives. Therefore, understanding the significant influence of faculty ideological leadership styles on student creative thinking is essential for fostering an educational environment that nurtures innovation and critical thought.

Research Method and Procedure

This research employs a causal-correlational approach, utilizing a quantitative research design as outlined by Creswell (2014). The study adopts a causal-comparative research method, focusing on three independent variables: faculty leadership styles categorized as charismatic, idealistic, and pragmatic leadership, and one dependent variable; students' creative thinking. The primary objective is to examine the influence of these independent variables on the dependent variable, which in this case is student creative thinking. Through this design, the study seeks to discern the relationships and influences between faculty leadership styles and the creative thinking abilities of students.

Research Paradigm

The present study is grounded in the positivist paradigm, characterized by its adherence to deterministic philosophy, where a singular cause is believed to determine the corresponding outcome. Within this paradigm, research is undertaken to identify and understand the causative factors influencing specific outcomes. The positivist approach involves breaking down concepts into variables, research questions, or hypotheses. Knowledge generated through the positivist lens is considered an objective reality. A fundamental tenet of positivist research involves converting observations into numerical data and systematically examining the relationships among them. Additionally, the paradigm aims to rigorously test and validate laws and theories (Creswell, 2014).

Conceptual framework**Population and Sample**

This study focused on the undergraduate student population from both public and private sector general universities in the province of Punjab. Among the 42 public sector universities, 18 belonged to fields such as Medical, Engineering, Technical, and Agriculture, while the remaining 24 were categorized differently. In the private sector, there were 27 universities, including 6 in the fields of Medical, Engineering, Technical, and Agriculture. The total population considered for this study comprised undergraduate students from 24 public sector and 21 private sector universities, making up a total of N=45.

To ensure a representative sample, the researcher categorized the universities into two sectors: public and private. Each sector had one university selected from East, West, South, and North Punjab, employing an equal allocation strategy. This resulted in the selection of a total of 8 universities, constituting approximately 17.7% of the total population size.

Table 1: List of public and private sector universities situated in the province of Punjab Pakistan

Public Sector Universities		Private Sector Universities	
Division	Universities	Division	Universities
Lahore :	15	Lahore	20
Bahawalpur	4		
Multan	6	Multan	1
Rawalpindi	5	Rawalpindi	2
Dera Ghazi Khan	1		
Faisalabad	5	Faisalabad	1
Gujranwala	3	Gujranwala	2
Sahiwal	1		
Sargodha	2	Sargodha	1
Total	42		27
Medical, veterinary, agricultural, and technical universities	18		6
Remaining	24		21

<https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/universities/pages/recognised.aspx>

Sample and Sample Size**Sample Size**

As indicated by Gay and Mills (2012) on page 139, when conducting survey research for a large population with N = 5000 or more, a sample size of 500 is deemed sufficient, and larger samples are considered more advantageous. Adhering to these guidelines, we have opted for a sample size (n) of 800. In our study, we plan to choose eight universities, with an equal representation of four from the public sector and four from the private sector.

To ensure a balanced representation of public and private sector universities, the researcher intends to select a sample of 100 students from the faculty of arts at each university, resulting in a

total sample size of $n=800$. The distribution across the eight universities is represented as $n_1+n_2+n_3+n_4+n_5+n_6+n_7+n_8=n$, emphasizing the need for equal representation and consistency in the sample selection process. This approach aligns with the recommendation for a larger sample size in survey research for more extensive populations, contributing to the robustness and reliability of the study outcomes.

Sampling Technique

Data collection employed a multistage random sampling technique. In the initial stage, all universities, whether public or private, located in Punjab were included. Subsequently, during the second stage, universities situated in Lahore, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, Islamabad, Multan, Sargodha, and Bahawalpur were randomly selected. Finally, in the third stage, a random sample of 800 students was chosen from the departments of Education, Psychology, Sociology, and Political Science, with an equal representation of 400 students each from public and private universities constituting to total sample size of 800.

General Universities situated in Punjab

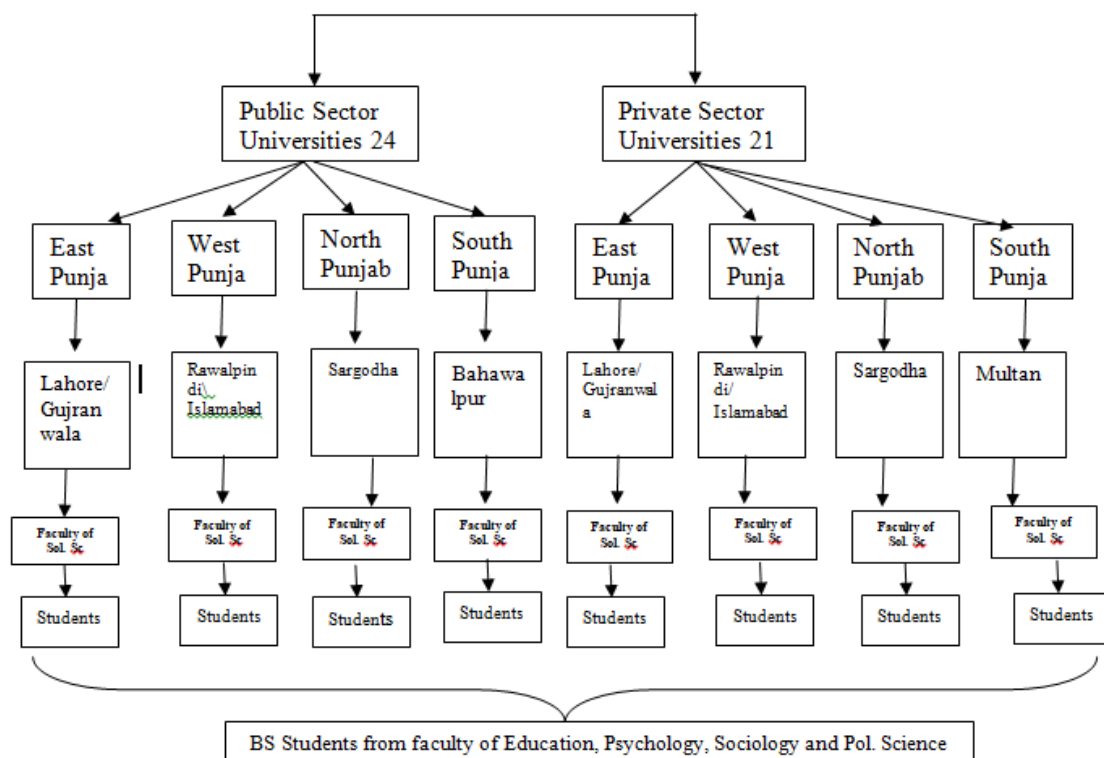


Figure 1: Multiphase sampling scheme

Instrument of Study:

The study employed a multi-instrument approach for data collection, utilizing three distinct tools. One of these instruments is the Teacher Leadership Style Scale (TLSS), specifically designed to evaluate the leadership styles of teachers within university settings. The TLSS was developed based on the principles of the Creative Instructional Practice (CIP) leadership framework as outlined by Tsai (2017).

Additionally, another instrument utilized in the study was the Runco Ideational Behavior Scale (RIBS), which has been utilized for over two decades in various research contexts. A psychometric analysis of the RIBS scale, conducted by Runco et al. (2000), involved two separate groups of undergraduate students drawn from different universities across the United States, with sample sizes of 97 and 224, respectively. Following this analysis, a refined 23-item version of the RIBS scale was developed, demonstrating strong reliability with Cronbach's alpha coefficients of 0.92 and 0.91 for the two distinct samples.

Furthermore, the RIBS scale serves as a comprehensive tool for assessing individual creative ideation, as highlighted by Rojas and Tyler (2018). This instrument contributes to the study's holistic

approach to measuring various facets of teacher leadership and creative behavior within educational contexts.

Data analysis and Conclusion:

Table 2: Descriptive statistics of demographic variables

		Frequency	Percentage
Gender	Male	360	45
	Female	440	55
Departments	Education	200	25
	Psychology	200	25
	Sociology	200	25
	Pol. Science	200	25
Semester	1	28	3.5
	2	58	7.3
	3	99	12.4
	4	147	18.4
	5	240	30
	6	122	15.3
	7	55	6.9
	8	51	6.4
Faculty	Lecturer	291	36.4
	Assistant Professor	239	29.9
	Associate Professor	199	24.9
	Professor	71	8.9

800 undergraduate students participated in the study, with 360 (45%) being male and 440 (55%) female. These students were drawn from four departments: Education, Psychology, Sociology, and Political Science, with each department contributing 200 (25%) students.

The participants were distributed across various semesters: 28 (3.5%) from the 1st semester, 58 (7.3%) from the 2nd semester, 99 (12.4%) from the 3rd semester, 147 (18.4%) from the 4th semester, 240 (30%) from the 5th semester, 122 (15.3%) from the 6th semester, 55 (6.9%) from the 7th semester, and 51 (6.4%) from the 8th semester.

Regarding teaching faculty, there were 291 (36.4%) Lecturers, 239 (29.9%) Assistant Professors, 199 (24.9%) Associate Professors, and 71 (8.9%) Professors.

Overall, the study included a diverse sample of undergraduate students across different genders, departments, semesters, and teaching faculty positions, providing a comprehensive representation of the undergraduate population.

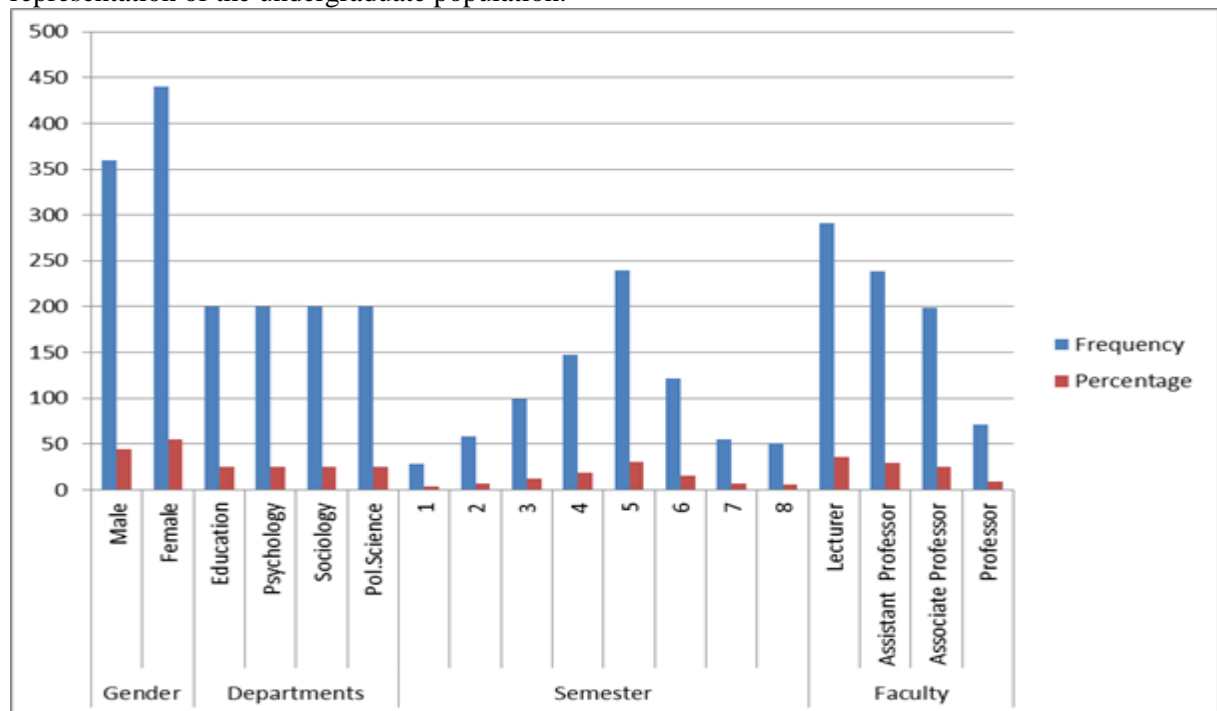


Figure 2: Graphical representation of demographical variables

RQ: WHAT IS THE INFLUENCE OF THE ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP STYLES ON STUDENT CREATIVE THINKING?

To investigate the question raised earlier, we employed the multiple regression analysis technique. Before conducting the regression analysis, we calculated descriptive statistics including the mean, standard deviation, and correlation of both the dependent and independent variables. These descriptive measures are presented in the subsequent table for reference.

Table 3: Means, SDs, and Pearson correlations among all independent and dependent variables

Faculty Leadership style	Mean	Std. Deviation	Charismatic	Pragmatic	Ideological	Students creativity
Charismatic	1.884	.385	1	.028	-.022	.037
Pragmatic	3.933	.492		1	.564**	.559**
Ideological	3.535	.677			1	.541**
Students creativity	3.561	.554				1

p* < 0.05 p < 0.01**

In terms of faculty leadership styles, the data reveals distinct correlations with students' creative thinking abilities. Firstly, Charismatic leadership, characterized by a mean score of 1.884 with a standard deviation of .385, exhibits a very weak negative correlation ($r = -.022$) with students' creative thinking. This correlation, although negative, is not statistically significant, suggesting that there is a negligible relationship between Charismatic leadership and students' creativity.

On the other hand, the Pragmatic leadership style, represented by a mean score of 3.933 with a standard deviation of .492, demonstrates a notable finding. There exists a statistically significant moderate positive correlation ($r = .564^{**}$) between Pragmatic leadership and students' creativity. As Pragmatic leadership increases, there is a tendency for students' creativity to moderately increase as well. This suggests that faculty members who exhibit Pragmatic leadership qualities may have a positive influence on fostering students' creative abilities.

Similarly, the Ideological leadership style, characterized by a mean score of 3.561 with a standard deviation of .554, also displays a noteworthy relationship. There is a significant moderate positive correlation ($r = 0.541^{**}$) between Ideological leadership and students' creativity. This indicates that as Ideological leadership increases among faculty members, students' creativity tends to increase moderately as well.

Proposed statistical model

$$\text{Student creative thinking} = \alpha + \beta_1 X_{\text{charismatic leadership style}} + \beta_2 X_{\text{Pragmatic leadership Style}} + \beta_3 X_{\text{Ideological Leadership style}}$$

Table 4: Regression coefficients, Confidence interval, t-statistic, and p-value

Variables	B	95% CI	Standardized Coefficients Beta	t	Sig.
Constant	.866	[.583, 1.148]		6.019	.000
Charismatic	.049	[-.030, .127]	.034	1.218	.224
Pragmatic	.418	[-.343, .492]	.371	11.044	.000
Ideological	.272	[-.218, .326]	.332	9.898	.000

Note. $R^2 = .389$ (N=800, $p < .001$) CI = 1interval for B

This research aimed to explore the impact of various academic leadership styles on the creative thinking abilities of students. The study hypothesized that specific leadership styles exhibited by faculty members, including charismatic, pragmatic, and ideological styles, would influence students' creative thinking. Multiple regression analysis was employed to investigate this hypothesis.

The findings revealed that 38.9% of the variability in student creative thinking could be explained by two key variables: faculty members' pragmatic and ideological leadership styles ($F(3,796) = 168.724$, $p < .001$). Analyzing the individual contributions of these predictors, it was observed that both pragmatic leadership style ($\beta = .371$, $t = 11.04$, $p < .001$) and ideological leadership style ($\beta = .332$, $t = 9.898$, $p < .001$) had significant positive effects on student creative thinking.

In contrast, the charismatic leadership style of faculty members ($\beta = .034$, $t = 1.218$, $p > .05$) did not show a significant influence on student creative thinking. Similar results were found Studies conducted by Smith and Jones (2019) and Williams et al. (2020) have failed to establish a substantial connection between faculty charismatic leadership styles and notable enhancements in students'

creative thinking abilities. Therefore, the statistical model representing the relationship between leadership styles and student creative thinking can be summarized as follows in the actual model.

$$Y_{\text{Student Creative Thinking}} = 0.371 \times X_{\text{Pragmatic Leadership Style}} + 0.332 \times X_{\text{Ideological Leadership}}$$

These results suggest that pragmatic and ideological leadership styles among faculty members play a significant role in fostering students' creative thinking abilities (Jones & Brown, 2020, Anderson, 2018, Davis et al., 2021, Brown and Davis, 2020, Smith and Johnson, 2019,

Lee and Chang, 2017), while charismatic leadership style does not appear to have a notable impact in this context.

Conclusion:

Both Pragmatic and Ideological leadership styles exhibit significantly moderate positive correlations with students' creativity, implying that faculty members who embrace these leadership approaches may have a more pronounced influence on nurturing students' creative thinking abilities. Conversely, the Charismatic leadership style appears to have a non-significant negative relationship with students' creativity, suggesting that it may not be as conducive to fostering creative thinking in students when compared to Pragmatic and Ideological leadership styles.

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Recommendations:

1. **Leadership Training Focus:** Faculty leadership training programs should prioritize enhancing pragmatic and ideological leadership styles, which are dominant. This focus can enhance the overall effectiveness of academic leadership.
2. **Promoting Pragmatic and Ideological Leadership:** Institutions should emphasize pragmatic and ideological leadership styles in development programs as they directly influence students' creative thinking. Supporting faculty in incorporating these styles into teaching and mentorship can positively impact the learning environment.
3. **Reassessing Charismatic Leadership:** Given the subordinate prevalence and limited influence of charismatic leadership on students' creative thinking, institutions should reconsider its application within academic settings. Exploring ways to improve its effectiveness or considering alternative approaches may be beneficial.
4. **Integrating Intrinsic Motivation:** Leadership training programs should include elements that foster intrinsic motivation among students, as faculty's pragmatic and ideological leadership styles partially mediate their influence through intrinsic motivation. Strategies to enhance students' autonomy, competence, and relatedness can be incorporated.
5. **Continuous Research and Evaluation:** To adapt to changing educational landscapes, institutions should encourage ongoing research and assessment. Periodic evaluations can help gauge the effectiveness of leadership styles in promoting positive student outcomes, considering the complex relationship between leadership, motivation, and creative thinking.

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