# A Review Article on the Influence of Societal Culture on Effective Practices in Educational Leadership

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This study focuses on the impact of culture on effective educational leadership in culturally diverse communities. The findings indicate that school leaders adapt their actions, particularly regarding communication styles, building collaboration and trust, and decision-making structures. The study emphasizes the importance of understanding the impact of culture on effective leadership practices, particularly for educational leaders working in culturally diverse communities. This knowledge is crucial for school leaders and leadership preparation programs.

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# Introduction

In an educational setting, leadership is crucial since it aids in managing everyday activities (Munna, 2021). Due to the increasing duties of school principals and their accountability-driven environment, leadership has received much attention in recent decades (Daniëls et al., 2019). School communities are becoming increasingly diverse as a result of immigration and refugees, which have an impact on national systems all over the world (Brooks & Jean-Marie, 2015). Since leadership is an organizational trait rather than just a position, it is about organized agency and shared vision, not management (Mincu, 2022). Therefore, Fisher's (2021) study examines how school leaders' behaviors are influenced by the cultures of the staff members they collaborate with, focusing on culturally diverse school communities whose stakeholders come from non-Western and Western backgrounds.

This review article is to contribute to the scholarly conversation by synthesizing, evaluating, organizing, and ultimately advancing the understanding of the study entitled: "Educational Leadership and the Impact of Societal Culture on Effective Practices," specifically provides a comprehensive summary and synthesis of the study; highlights vital findings, methodologies, and significant contributions; and discusses variations in results and potential reasons behind them.

## Methodology

The study's unit of analysis was individual leaders' interpretations of their context and behaviors. A qualitative paradigm provided the philosophical basis, using a case study as the methodological structure. Each case focused on a leader in the relevant school context, and each was conducted in a different geographic area. The transcripts of the interviews offered an extensive amount of information derived from the perspectives and behaviors of the leaders. The interviews and school records of every leader and member of the leadership team were initially examined as a single case. In relation to the leader's statements, various research questions were examined: communication (RQ1), collaboration and trust-building (RQ2), decision-making (RQ3), and leaders' perspectives on leadership growth and preparation (RQ4).

The assertions made by the leader and the responses from the leadership team members were examined to see if there was any consistency or disagreement within each node.

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## **Results and Discussions**

Each school's geographic, cultural, and leadership experience levels varied, allowing for a multiplicity of viewpoints to be explored. Though to varying degrees of complexity, seven of the eight leaders adapted their behaviors to fit the cultures within their communities. The final school leader admitted that plans needed to be made to strengthen their cross-cultural skills. Thus, in many circumstances, leaders will be unable to fully comprehend, influence, and lead their workforce if they lack intercultural awareness and cross-cultural competency or even a passing curiosity about these concepts. Immediate focus should be given to enhancing the abilities, knowledge, and comprehension required to manage a multicultural workforce effectively at educational institutions and in larger communities worldwide. With this information, school administrators might be significant role models for successful multicultural leadership.

## **Conclusion and Recommendation**

After a thorough review, it is evident that the article is well-written, well-structured, and well-supported by pertinent references and data. However, the article also has some weaknesses and areas for improvement. One of the main areas for improvement is that the study employed a convenience sample. Therefore, the findings are not necessarily reflective of the general leadership community. In addition, the author could focus on the extent to which leaders perceive the value of intercultural understanding and appropriate effective leadership behaviors. However, the article has led to several interesting conclusions, highlighting the significance of understanding the impact of societal culture on effective educational leadership practices. Educational leaders can improve their performance and foster positive outcomes in various educational settings by acknowledging and adjusting to cultural variations.

This review article demonstrates a commendable understanding of the intricate relationship between educational leadership and the influence of societal culture on the effectiveness of leadership practices in educational settings. The study is notable for its thorough and insightful literature evaluation, which methodically synthesizes major studies, methodology, and achievements in the field. The author's expertise in educational leadership is evident throughout the article, displaying a nuanced perspective on the relationship between leadership tactics and cultural circumstances. The study's critical analysis identifies considerable gaps in the present literature, paving the path for prospective avenues of future research. Furthermore, the article develops novel conceptual frameworks and offers insights that contribute to advancing knowledge in educational leadership. Given its potential to influence the academic community and affect future practices in educational leadership, I strongly suggest that this study be considered for further studies and application in work settings.

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