

# Value-Driven Leadership And Employee Behavioural Patterns In Multinational Oil And Gas Organizations In The South-South Region Of Nigeria

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**ABSTRACT:** *This study examines the relationships between value-driven leadership, specifically authentic and ethical leadership, and employee behavioural patterns, with a focus on employee commitment within multinational oil and gas companies in the South-South region of Nigeria. Survey data collected from 361 employees, the study employs descriptive statistics and hypothesis testing to analyze the impact of leadership styles and the moderating role of organizational climate. The results using indicate that both authentic and ethical leadership have strong, positive, and statistically significant effects on employee commitment. Furthermore, organizational climate significantly moderates the relationship between Value-driven leadership and employee behavioural patterns, although this moderating effect is comparatively modest. These findings highlight the critical role of authentic and ethical leadership practices in fostering employee loyalty, cooperation, and job satisfaction, particularly when supported by a positive organizational climate. Driven on the findings, the study recommends that organizations invest in leadership development programs, encourage transparent communication, and cultivate a supportive and inclusive work environment to enhance employee outcomes and overall organizational performance.*

**Keywords:** Authentic leadership, Cooperation with coworkers, Employee behavioural patterns, Employee commitment, Ethical leadership, Value-driven leadership.

## INTRODUCTION

Employee behavioural patterns, especially employee commitment, are crucial for achieving sustained organizational success. Committed employees are more likely to contribute positively to organizational goals, demonstrate higher productivity, and exhibit lower turnover intentions. Value-driven leadership, characterized by the promotion of ethical conduct, integrity, and shared organizational values, has been shown to foster such desirable employee behaviours (Hassan, 2024; Sumanasiri, 2020). Leaders who embody and promote core values can create a culture of trust and dedication, motivating employees to align their personal goals with those of the organization. Despite the established theoretical link between value-driven leadership and positive employee outcomes, empirical findings have been inconsistent. Some studies reveal strong positive relationships, while others indicate weaker or no significant associations (Khor & Lee, 2019; Shinwari et al., 2024). This inconsistency suggests the presence of other contextual or moderating factors that influence how leadership impacts employee behaviour. One critical factor that may affect this relationship is organizational climate. Organizational climate refers to employees' shared perceptions of the work environment, encompassing elements such as fairness, trustworthiness, support, and open communication. A positive organizational climate can enhance the effectiveness of leadership by fostering a supportive atmosphere where employees feel valued and motivated to perform at their best. Conversely, a negative climate marked by distrust or perceived unfairness may undermine leadership efforts, regardless of the leader's intentions or style (Chaudhary & Panda, 2024; Amjad & Muhammad, 2022). While the significance of organizational climate has been acknowledged, there remains limited research on how it moderates the relationship between value-driven leadership and employee behavioural patterns, especially in challenging and complex sectors like Nigeria's oil and gas industry.

## Statement of the Problem

In Nigeria's multinational oil and gas sector, leadership deficiencies have been linked to several adverse employee outcomes, including low job satisfaction, high turnover rates, and weak employee commitment (Ubeku, 2020; Ogbeide & Elebute, 2021). Employees in this sector often experience constrained autonomy and limited opportunities for professional growth and development. Additionally, a significant gap frequently exists between the organization's proclaimed values and the behaviours actually demonstrated by employees and leaders, which contributes to unethical practices such as moonlighting and other forms of workplace misconduct (Adebayo et al., 2018). These challenges result in diminished productivity, reduced morale, and weakened trust from both internal and external stakeholders. Although value-driven leadership is recognized as a potentially effective approach for mitigating these problems, its impact within Nigeria's oil and gas industry remains underexplored. In particular, the role of organizational climate in shaping or moderating the influence of value-driven leadership on employee behaviours has not been sufficiently studied. Understanding these dynamics is crucial for multinational oil and gas companies aiming to improve leadership effectiveness, boost employee commitment, and enhance overall organizational performance in this demanding sector.

### Research Objectives

1. To examine the relationship between authentic leadership and employee commitment in multinational oil and gas companies operating in South-South Nigeria.
2. To assess the relationship between ethical leadership and employee commitment in the same context.
3. To explore the moderating effect of organizational climate on the relationship between value-driven leadership and employee behavioural patterns.

### Research Questions

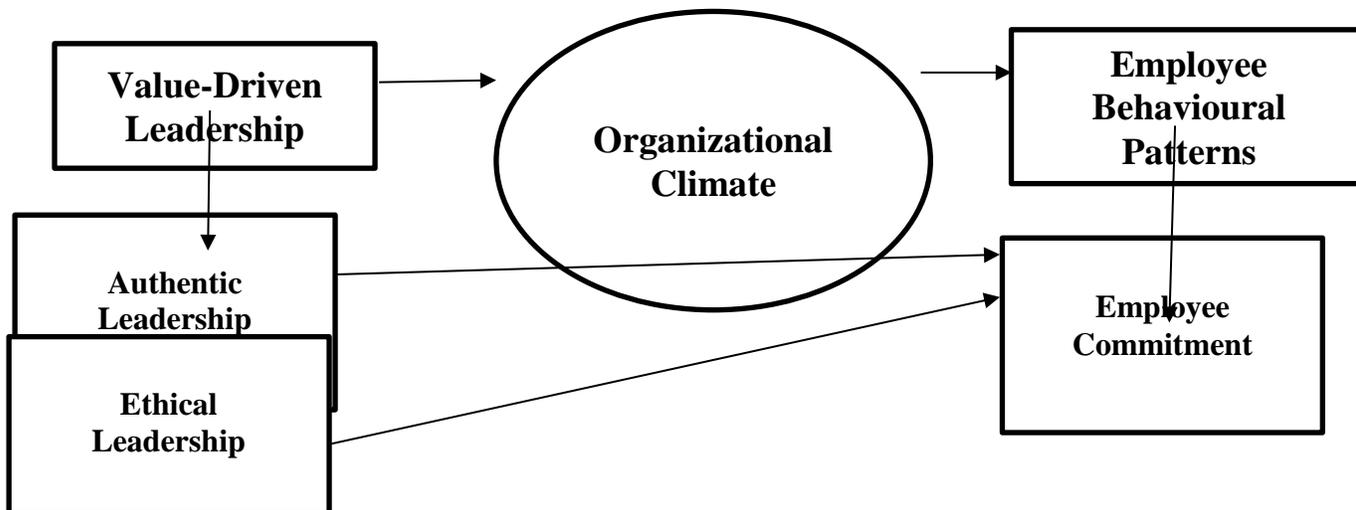
1. What is the relationship between authentic leadership and employee commitment?
2. How does ethical leadership relate to employee commitment?
3. How does organizational climate moderate the relationship between value-driven leadership and employee behavioural patterns?

### Research Hypotheses

1. **H01:** There is no significant relationship between authentic leadership and employee commitment.
2. **H02:** There is no significant relationship between ethical leadership and employee commitment.
3. **H03:** Organizational climate does not significantly moderate the relationship between value-driven leadership and employee behavioural patterns.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Conceptual Review



**Value-Driven Leadership and Employee behavioural patterns of Multinational oil and gas companies in south-south region, Nigeria.**

**Source:** The dimensions of value-driven leadership were adapted from the work of Liden et al. (2015), Khan and Javed (2018) and Walumbwa et al. (2007) and the measures of employee behavioural patterns were adapted from Onikoyi, Omoyele, Odumeru and Odeh (2023)

**Value-driven leadership**

Value-driven leadership involves communicating and embedding organizational core values that guide employee behaviour toward fulfilling the mission (Daskal, 2016). These core values represent the organization’s enduring principles and character, remaining stable despite market changes (Clarke, 2011). Leaders focus on aligning employees’ personal values with organizational values to foster strong identification with the mission. Performance evaluation under this model emphasizes adherence to values rather than solely on quantitative metrics, integrating accountability with value driven judgments (Gleeson, 2017).

**Authentic Leadership**

Authentic leadership addresses the need for integrity and meaningful connection in dynamic workplaces (Northouse, 2018). It is defined by self-awareness, ethical conduct, and empowerment of others (Luthans & Avolio, 2011; George, 2011; Tate et al., 2023). Authentic leaders promote positive psychological capacities and transparency, fostering ethical climates where employees find purpose and connection (Wong & Laschinger, 2013).

**Ethical Leadership**

Ethical leadership prioritizes morality, fairness, and respect in influencing followers (Frunzã, 2017). Leaders serve as role models demonstrating integrity, fostering ethical behaviour, trust, and psychological safety (Fischer et al., 2017; Pucheta-Martínez & Gallego-Álvarez, 2020). Such leadership improves employee motivation, commitment, innovation, and reduces turnover, ultimately driving sustainable organizational success (Hanaysha et al., 2022; Schutte, 2016).

**Employee behavioural patterns**

Employee behaviour is strongly influenced by job design and role clarity. According to Hackman and Oldham’s Job Characteristics Model (1976), enriched job features such as skill variety, task identity, significance, autonomy, and feedback increase psychological meaningfulness, motivation, and positive behaviours like proactivity and collaboration. Conversely, role ambiguity and conflict cause stress, dissatisfaction, and adverse outcomes such as absenteeism and turnover (Parker et al., 2017). Effective job design and clear role definitions are essential for enhancing employee well-being and aligning behaviours with organizational goals.

**Employee Commitment**

Employee commitment encompasses affective, continuance, and normative dimensions, integrating emotional and institutional attachments to the organization (Xiong et al., 2017). Strong connections between employees and management reduce turnover and enhance organizational stability (Beane et al., 2017; Noranee et al., 2018). High commitment lowers recruitment costs, preserves

experience, and improves morale and productivity, critical in sectors like higher education (AlAzzam et al., 2017; Deconinck et al., 2017).

### **Theoretical Framework:**

#### **Social Exchange Theory (SET)**

Developed by Homans (1958) and expanded by Blau (1964), SET posits that social interactions are reciprocal exchanges driven on expected mutual benefits. Economic exchanges are contractual, while social exchanges involve intangible rewards like trust and respect. In organizational contexts, when leaders demonstrate value driven behaviours such as fairness and empathy, employees reciprocate with positive outcomes like commitment and performance. Organizational climate moderates this dynamic, influencing perceptions and responses to leadership (Blau, 1964; Fischer et al., 2017).

Regardless of its strengths, SET faces critiques: it assumes rationality and may overlook emotional, cultural, and intrinsic motivations (Emerson, 1976; Molm, 2003). It also underemphasizes power dynamics and group level exchanges, focusing primarily on dyadic relationships. These limitations suggest the need for a nuanced application of SET, especially in complex settings like multinational oil and gas companies in Nigeria.

#### **Empirical Review**

Alzureikat (2024) studied the impact of values-driven leadership on organizational performance in eight industrial firms in Jordan. Using data from 154 respondents across three managerial levels and analyzed via multiple regression (SPSS 21), the study found self-reflection, humility, and self-confidence significantly enhance organizational performance (balanced scorecard, customer perspective, learning). The researcher recommends embedding value-driven leadership training across all leadership levels. For multinational oil and gas companies in Nigeria, adopting these values can foster an organizational climate that boosts employee commitment, cooperation, job satisfaction, and commitment.

Serang et al. (2024) examined ethical leadership's effects on work engagement and knowledge sharing among 670 Indonesian government employees, using structural equation modeling (SEM). Ethical leadership positively influenced work engagement and knowledge sharing, which in turn improved job performance and organizational commitment. The study highlights the importance of ethical leadership supported by a positive organizational climate for enhancing employee engagement and cooperation, relevant for Nigeria's oil and gas sector.

Tayo et al. (2024) explored authentic leadership's relationship with employee well-being in Nigeria's cocoa sector via qualitative interviews. Findings showed compliance with minimum labor standards but lack of comprehensive well-being programs. Authentic leadership positively influenced organizational commitment, work-life balance, and overall well-being. The study suggests authentic leadership can improve job satisfaction and commitment in Nigeria's oil and gas industry, particularly with supportive organizational climates.

Liu and Zhang (2023) conducted a longitudinal study in Chinese manufacturing firms, finding authentic leadership improves job satisfaction through transparency, ethics, and leader credibility. Job satisfaction mediated the effect on affective commitment, implying authentic leadership influences commitment indirectly. This is relevant for Nigerian multinational oil and gas companies, where organizational climate moderates employee outcomes.

Smith and Osei (2023) investigated organizational culture in Ghana's financial sector, finding a positive culture marked by inclusivity, empowerment, and communication boosts job satisfaction and affective commitment. Supportive culture enhances long-term emotional attachment. This highlights the critical role of culture and value-driven leadership in Nigeria's oil and gas firms to strengthen employee commitment.

Osazevbaru et al. (2023) examined leader-member exchange (LMX) as a moderator between ethical leadership and employee performance among 329 aluminum manufacturing employees in Nigeria. Results indicated LMX did not significantly moderate this relationship. Nonetheless, ethical leadership contributes to employee cooperation and commitment, particularly under conducive organizational climates in Nigerian oil and gas companies.

Ojeda (2022) studied servant leadership, employee empowerment, and resistance in small businesses via regression analysis of 176 respondents. Servant leadership positively related to empowerment but also increased resistance, potentially harming engagement. The study recommends including managers in future surveys. For Nigerian oil and gas companies, servant leadership may improve commitment and job satisfaction when an enabling organizational climate mitigates resistance.

Atef (2022) examined servant leadership and employee commitment in Jordanian governmental hospitals (N=389), finding a significant positive correlation ( $r=0.633$ ,  $p<0.01$ ). Demographics showed no significant effect. The study suggests servant leadership can enhance employee commitment in Nigeria's oil and gas industry, especially with supportive climates.

Oladimeji and Abdulrazaq (2022) assessed ethical leadership's impact on public sector employee performance in Nigeria, with LMX as mediator. Using PLS-SEM, all hypotheses were significant ( $p<0.001$ ). Ethical leadership positively influenced LMX and

employee productivity, with LMX mediating the relationship. Findings suggest ethical leadership improves cooperation and job satisfaction in Nigeria's oil and gas sector when supported by positive climates.

Nawaz et al. (2022) studied ethical leadership's effect on job satisfaction and organizational citizenship behaviour (OCB) among 230 employees using SmartPLS-3. Ethical leadership positively affected job satisfaction; OCB partially mediated this effect. This underscores ethical leadership's role in enhancing satisfaction and cooperation within Nigeria's oil and gas firms, moderated by organizational climate.

Chen and Sriphon (2022) analyzed authentic leadership, trust, and social exchange relationships during COVID-19. Authentic leadership boosted trust and social exchange; trust mediated between leadership and exchange. Effective leader behaviours during crises enhanced these links. The study indicates authentic leadership fosters trust and cooperation in Nigerian oil and gas companies when organizational climate supports ethical transparency.

Guo (2022) explored ethical leadership, media richness, perceived organizational transparency, and employee satisfaction among 276 Macau service sector employees. Results showed positive relationships and significant mediating effects of media richness and transparency. This suggests ethical leadership improves employee satisfaction in Nigeria's oil and gas sector when organizational climate facilitates transparency and communication.

Canavesi and Minelli (2022) investigated servant leadership's effect on employee engagement in an Italian consulting firm using surveys and qualitative questionnaires. Engagement was positively influenced through empowerment, team cohesion, positive climate, challenging tasks, and proactive personality. Work environment factors like high pressure hindered this. The study highlights servant leadership's potential to enhance engagement in Nigeria's oil and gas companies with supportive climates.

Kazeem and Abdulrazaq (2022) studied ethical leadership's impact on public sector employee performance via motivation and satisfaction as mediators, using PLS-SEM with Nigerian federal civil servants. Ethical leadership fostered positive climates, boosting cooperation and commitment in Nigeria's oil and gas industry.

Abdulai (2022) analyzed servant leadership and employee commitment in Ghana's technical universities (N=217), finding positive significant effects partially mediated by trust in leadership. The study recommends leadership strategies for organizational excellence, suggesting servant leadership in Nigeria's oil and gas sector can enhance commitment and cooperation moderated by organizational climate.

Ali et al. (2021) examined authentic leadership and psychological empowerment with organizational commitment as mediator among 279 private university teachers in Pakistan. Confirmatory factor analysis showed authentic leadership positively affects empowerment and commitment, with partial mediation by organizational commitment. Findings support authentic leadership's role in boosting satisfaction and commitment in Nigerian oil and gas companies, moderated by organizational climate.

## **METHODOLOGY**

### **Research Design**

This study adopted a cross-sectional survey research design. This is a structured approach for collecting data from a selected sample at a specific point in time. The design captured a snapshot of employees' attitudes, opinions, and demographic characteristics within the target population.

### **Population for the Study**

The population for this study consisted of 5,560 employees working in multinational oil and gas companies in Nigeria. This figure was obtained from data provided by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN, 2024).

### **Target Population Distribution**

The distribution of employees among the companies is as follows. Shell had 983 employees, ExxonMobil had 1,584 employees, Chevron had 1,432 employees, Eni had 745 employees, and TotalEnergies had 816 employees. This brings the total number of employees to 5,560.

### **Sample and Sampling Techniques**

A sample is a subset of a population that reflects the characteristics of the larger group. Sampling involves selecting a manageable number of observations from the entire population. In this study, each employee was assigned a number, and 367 participants were randomly selected using a random number generator. This ensured that every member of the population had an equal chance of being included in the sample.

### **Sample Size Determination**

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The sample size for this study was determined using Krejcie and Morgan's (1970) table. According to the table, a population of 5,000 corresponds to a sample size of 357. Therefore, for a population of 5,560, the sample size was calculated as follows:  $(357/5000)$  multiplied by 5560, which equals approximately 397. Consequently, 397 were adopted as the sample size for this study.

### Sample Size Distribution

The sample was distributed proportionately among the five multinational oil and gas companies. Shell had 70 participants, ExxonMobil had 114, Chevron had 102, Eni had 53, and TotalEnergies had 58, making a total of 397 participants. This allocation was driven on Bowley's (1926) proportional allocation formula, which ensures that each company is represented according to its size in the population.

Bowley's formula is expressed as:

$$A_i = (N_h / N) \times n$$

Where  $A_i$  is the number of respondents allocated to each company,  $N_h$  is the number of employees in each company,  $N$  is the total population, and  $n$  is the total sample size. For instance, the sample for Shell was calculated as  $(983/5560) \times 397$ , which equals approximately 70.

Additionally, participants were selected driven on their job roles, with 34 being supervisors or coordinators, 115 being officers, and 248 being other senior-level staff. These individuals were selected because they possess deep knowledge of leadership behaviour and organizational practices, as suggested by Huber and Power (1985).

### Nature and Sources of Data

Primary data were collected directly from employees of the selected multinational oil and gas companies in Nigeria. The data focused on key aspects of value-driven leadership, particularly authentic and ethical leadership, and how these leadership styles influence employee behavioural outcomes.

### Methods of Data Collection and Instrumentation

The main tool for data collection was a structured questionnaire. This questionnaire was distributed to 397 employees across the five companies. The researcher personally administered the questionnaires, targeting 70 employees in Shell, 114 in ExxonMobil, 102 in Chevron, 53 in Eni, and 58 in TotalEnergies.

The questionnaire was divided into two sections. Section A collected information on the demographic characteristics of the respondents. Section B included items that measured the study variables, such as authentic leadership, ethical leadership, and employee commitment. Responses were recorded using a four-point Likert scale, where 4 represented "Strongly Agree", 3 represented "Agree", 2 represented "Disagree", and 1 represented "Strongly Disagree".

### Methods of Data Analysis

Data collected were analyzed using IBM SPSS Version 25.0. The first step in the analysis involved descriptive statistics to summarize the demographic data. This included the use of tables and charts. Univariate analysis was used to determine the mean and standard deviation of observed variables to understand the general tendencies of the responses.

Further analysis was conducted using Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modelling (PLS-SEM). This included model specification, assessment of the measurement model, and evaluation of the structural model. The application of PLS-SEM followed the procedures outlined by Hair et al. (2022) and Esposito Vinzi et al. (2010).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Questionnaire Distribution and Response Rate

Out of 397 questionnaires distributed, 364 were returned, representing a response rate of 92 percent. After data cleaning, 361 questionnaires were found to be valid and used in the analysis. This represents 91 percent of the total distributed questionnaires.

### Descriptive Statistics on Authentic Leadership

The responses to items measuring authentic leadership were generally positive. The mean score for the item "Leaders openly share their values, beliefs, and decisions with employees" was 2.71, with a standard deviation of 1.176. The item "Leaders demonstrate self-awareness and acknowledge their strengths and weaknesses" had a mean of 2.76 and a standard deviation of 1.119. The statement "Leaders act consistently with their values, even in difficult situations" had a mean of 2.78. The item measuring trust and psychological safety had the highest mean score of 2.84. Overall, responses reflected a high level of agreement with authentic leadership practices.

### Descriptive Statistics on Ethical Leadership

Respondents also expressed high levels of agreement with statements related to ethical leadership. The mean score for the item "Leaders are honest and transparent in communication" was 2.93. The statement "Leaders prioritize ethics over personal or organizational gain" had a mean of 2.83. "Encouraging employees to report unethical behaviour without fear" received a mean of 2.98. The item on "active promotion and enforcement of ethical guidelines" had a mean of 2.95, while the highest mean score of 3.03 was recorded for the statement "ethical behaviour is recognized and rewarded."

### Descriptive Statistics on Employee Commitment

Employee commitment was also perceived to be high among respondents. The mean for the item "I feel loyal to this organization" was 2.81. The highest mean score of 3.02 was recorded for the statement "I am willing to invest extra effort to help this organization succeed." Satisfaction with growth opportunities had a mean of 3.01. Pride in being part of the organization and feeling valued had mean scores of 2.83 and 2.96, respectively.

### Descriptive Statistics on Organizational Climate

Respondents agreed strongly with statements related to organizational climate. The highest mean score of 3.24 was for the item "There is open and transparent communication between management and employees." Statements related to fairness, diversity, and professional growth each had mean scores above 3.00, indicating a favorable perception of the work environment.

### Results of Hypotheses Testing

Null Hypothesis	Path Coefficient ( $\beta$ )	P Values ( $p$ )	Predictive Accuracy ( $R^2$ )	Decision on Hypothesis
There is no significant relationship between authentic leadership and employee commitment of multinational oil and gas companies in south-south region, Nigeria.	0.624 (Strong)	0.000 (Significant)	0.389 (Moderate)	Reject Null Hypothesis
There is no significant relationship between ethical leadership and employee commitment of multinational oil and gas companies in south-south region, Nigeria.	0.657 (Strong)	0.000 (Significant)	0.432 (Moderate)	Reject Null Hypothesis
Organizational climate does not significantly moderate the relationship between value-driven leadership and employee behavioural patterns of multinational oil and gas companies in south-south region, Nigeria.	0.396 (Moderate)	0.000 (Significant)	0.157 (Weak)	Reject Null Hypothesis

Source: Output on Research Data, 2025

The study tested three null hypotheses. The first hypothesis stated that there is no significant relationship between authentic leadership and employee commitment. This hypothesis was rejected driven on a path coefficient of 0.624 and a p-value of 0.000, indicating a strong and statistically significant relationship.

The second hypothesis stated that there is no significant relationship between ethical leadership and employee commitment. This was also rejected, with a path coefficient of 0.657 and a p-value of 0.000, showing a strong and significant relationship.

The third hypothesis proposed that organizational climate does not significantly moderate the relationship between value-driven leadership and employee behavioural outcomes. This was also rejected. The path coefficient was 0.396, and the p-value was 0.000, indicating a moderate but significant moderating effect.

### Discussion of Findings

#### Authentic leadership and Employee commitment of multinational oil and gas companies

Similar to servant leadership, authentic leadership also demonstrates a strong and significant positive relationship with employee commitment. This suggests that when leaders are genuine, transparent, and act in accordance with their values, it fosters a stronger sense of commitment among employees. Trust and a belief in the leader's integrity likely contribute to this heightened loyalty. In the Nigerian context, where trust in leadership can be a significant factor in employee morale, these findings highlight the positive impact of authentic leadership on building a committed workforce within the oil and gas sector. The moderate coefficient of determination indicates that authentic leadership explains a substantial portion of the variance in employee commitment. This finding supports the work of Gardner et al (2011) who asserted that authentic leaders create an environment that not only encourages employee commitment but also builds a foundation for long-term organizational success through transparency and ethical leadership practices.

### **Ethical leadership and Employee commitment of multinational oil and gas companies**

Ethical leadership also exhibits a strong and significant positive relationship with employee commitment. When leaders demonstrate honesty, fairness, and a commitment to ethical principles, it fosters a sense of trust and respect that strengthens employee loyalty and dedication. Employees are more likely to be committed to an organization whose leaders are perceived as having high ethical standards. In the Nigerian oil and gas industry, where issues of ethical conduct can be prominent, these findings emphasize the importance of ethical leadership in building a committed workforce. The moderate coefficient of determination value suggests that ethical leadership explains a substantial portion of the variance in employee commitment. This reflects findings of Mayer et al (2009) that when employees are included in meaningful discussions and their opinions are considered; their emotional connection to the organization strengthens, enhancing their commitment and loyalty. By fostering a supportive environment, that balances professional demands with personal needs, ethical leaders enhance employee morale and commitment, leading to reduced turnover and absenteeism (Harrison et al,2006).

### **Moderating Role of Organizational climate on the Relationship between Value-driven leadership and Employee behavioural patterns of multinational oil and gas companies**

The results indicate that organizational climate significantly moderates the relationship between value-driven leadership and employee behavioural patterns. This means that the strength or nature of the impact of value-driven leadership (encompassing servant, authentic, and ethical leadership) on employee behavioural patterns (commitment, cooperation, and job satisfaction) is influenced by the prevailing organizational climate. A positive organizational climate, characterized by fairness, respect, opportunities for growth, trust, and open communication (as suggested by your descriptive statistics on organizational climate), likely amplifies the positive effects of value-driven leadership on employee outcomes. Conversely, a less favorable organizational climate might weaken these positive effects. While the moderating effect is significant, the weak coefficient of determination value for the moderated relationship suggests that organizational climate, when considered as a moderator in this model, explains a relatively smaller additional amount of variance in employee behavioural patterns beyond the direct effects of value-driven leadership. This implies that while the climate matters, the direct impact of value-driven leadership remains a more substantial driver of employee behavioural patterns in the multinational oil and gas companies in south-south region, Nigeria. The findings align with Rogg et al (2001), who asserted that a positive climate is associated with higher levels of job satisfaction, engagement, and productivity, whereas a negative climate may lead to burnout, absenteeism, and turnover. Azmy and Mauludi (2024) also noted that organizational climate can moderate the impact of leadership on employee behavioural patterns, fostering a work environment that promotes loyalty and long-term employee retention. A supportive organizational climate enhances the positive effects of ethical leadership, leading to improved job satisfaction and overall organizational performance (Mustapha, et al., 2024).

### **Summary of Findings**

- I. Authentic leadership has a significant positive relationship with employee commitment.
- II. Ethical leadership has a significant positive relationship with employee commitment.
- III. Organizational climate significantly moderates the relationship between value-driven leadership and employee behavioural patterns.

### **Conclusion**

Authentic leadership has a significant positive relationship with employee commitment. This suggests that when leaders are perceived as genuine, transparent, and acting in accordance with their values, it fosters a stronger sense of commitment among employees. It also has a significant positive relationship with cooperation with co-workers. This indicates that authentic leadership behaviours significantly contribute to a cooperative work environment, likely by building trust and fostering open communication among team members. Ethical leadership has a significant positive relationship with the measures of employee behavioural patterns. When leaders demonstrate integrity, fairness, and ethical conduct, it fosters a strong sense of commitment among employees. Also, ethical leadership behaviours contribute to a more cooperative and trusting work environment. Likewise, employees working under ethical leaders tend to report higher levels of job satisfaction, likely due to a sense of fairness and trust in the leadership. Furthermore, organizational climate significantly moderates the relationship between value-driven leadership and employee behavioural patterns. This indicates that the strength of the relationship between value-driven leadership (as a composite construct or its individual dimensions) and employee behavioural patterns (employee commitment, cooperation with co-workers, and job satisfaction) is influenced by the prevailing organizational climate. Specifically, a more positive organizational climate likely amplifies the positive effects of value-driven leadership on these employee patterns

### **Recommendations**

Driven on the findings and conclusion, the study recommended that;

- i. Multinational oil and gas companies should ensure that leaders are equipped to provide regular feedback, support employee development, and create opportunities for employees to contribute meaningfully to the organization's goals. Leaders should

be trained to recognize and appreciate employee contributions, address their concerns promptly, and create a work environment where employees feel valued and respected.

- ii. Multinational oil and gas organizations should prioritize the selection and development of leaders who demonstrate self-awareness, transparency, and consistency between their words and actions. Creating platforms for open dialogue and feedback where employees feel comfortable engaging with leaders authentically can further strengthen employee commitment.
- iii. Multinational oil and gas companies in south-south region, Nigeria should prioritize the cultivation of a positive organizational climate characterized by trust, support, open communication, and recognition. This can be achieved through initiatives such as promoting work-life balance, investing in employee well-being programs, fostering a culture of psychological safety, and implementing effective communication strategies. Regularly assessing and addressing employee perceptions of the organizational climate is crucial to creating an environment that amplifies the positive effects of value-driven leadership on behavioural employee patterns.

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