

# Impact of Management Style on Organizational Culture in Public Institutions: A Study of Moroccan Public Sector Dynamics

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**Abstract:** **Objective:** Management style has a significant impact on organizational culture. The type of leadership adopted by managers influences not only the work environment but also the values, norms, and behaviors that prevail within the organization. This descriptive study examines the role of managerial style in shaping the organizational culture of public institutions. **Methods:** A cross-sectional survey was conducted among 500 officials from four public institutions in Morocco between July 2024 and October 2024. Data were collected using an online questionnaire, measuring factors related to management quality and satisfaction with organizational culture. **Results:** The study revealed that management style plays a crucial role in shaping and sustaining organizational culture in the public sector. Participative management styles are particularly effective in fostering a positive and dynamic culture. Specifically, it is essential that leaders in the public sector adopt management practices that promote participation, recognition, and continuous development to optimize employee performance and satisfaction. **Discussion/Conclusions:** Understanding the relationship between organizational culture and the roles assumed by managers in public institutions, based on their management style, provides valuable insights for enhancing employee performance and equipping leaders with the necessary tools to adapt their management practices to employee behaviors and expectations.

**Keywords:** Management Style, Organizational Culture, Public Institutions, employee engagement, Performance.

## 1. Introduction

Organizational culture and management style are two interconnected concepts that profoundly shape the way an organization functions, highlighting the importance of cognitive flexibility (Grant, 2021). Organizational culture encompasses the core values shared by a group, as well as the beliefs and behaviors that define an organization (Tett, 2021). However, the influence of these characteristics on the structures of organizational culture (OC) remains insufficiently understood due to the rapidly evolving internal and external environments of companies (Edmondson, 2020). Nevertheless, organizational culture is molded by various factors, ranging from the organization's foundational values to its daily management practices (Chamorro-Premuzic, 2019).

A 2021 study by Gallup Inc. on the influence of management

style on organizational culture revealed that organizational culture is shaped by numerous factors, including the organization's fundamental values and routine management practices. Organizational culture can impact various aspects of the organization. Consequently, it is becoming increasingly relevant for organizations to view culture as a strategic asset, essential for achieving goals such as motivating, attracting, and retaining talent, as well as enhancing performance (Habibi & Guati, 2021). For an organization to benefit from this strategic dimension, it is critical that its culture is well-defined, coherent, and widely shared (Baek, Chang, & Kim, 2019).

A systematic review by Hamzagic (2019) elucidates Hofstede's model of national culture, identifying determinants of organizational culture, which include the psychosocial work environment (comprising both customer-related and non-customer-related factors), job characteristics, socio-demographic attributes, social relationships, lifestyle, and personality traits. Furthermore, Borritz et al. (2006) conducted the first study exploring the relationship between individual and psychosocial factors and burnout within the framework of organizational culture and management style. Since 2019, researchers like Kim S. Cameron and others in the field of organizational culture have advanced research in this area. For example, the Center for Positive Organizations at the University of Michigan has developed theoretical frameworks and conducted studies examining how positive organizational cultures impact employee well-being. Such studies have analyzed factors such as psychosocial conditions at work, job characteristics, social relationships, and personality traits as determinants of burnout (Cameron et al., 2020; Smith et al., 2021).

It is essential to recognize that management styles within the public sector can vary significantly by country, institution, and individual leaders. Nonetheless, certain general characteristics can be identified, and these management styles may have substantial implications for organizational culture. In the context of a rapidly changing world and intense competition, the impact of these management styles on organizational culture is influenced by various factors, including

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implementation approaches, internal communication, and employee receptiveness (Schein, 2019).

This study is structured around two primary objectives: to analyze and elucidate the relationship between organizational culture and management style, and to assess the impact of management practices on organizational culture within public institutions. Our paper is divided into two main sections: a theoretical part, in which we define the core concepts and examine the interactions between organizational culture and management styles, as well as the associated challenges and issues; and a practical part, in which we analyze organizations through a survey of management professionals, executives, and employees to obtain concrete insights into the impact of organizational culture on management practices.

## 2. Objectives/Goals

The objective of this study was to collect insights from civil servants regarding the impact of management style on organizational culture across various contexts. This research was conducted as an exploratory data analysis using SPSS, focusing on data collection without pre-defined hypotheses or assumptions.

Through an analysis of employee responses, this study aims to provide an initial overview of current concepts related to organizational culture and types of management practices. Specifically, the following research questions (RQs) were formulated:

- RQ1: By what characteristic(s) do you confirm the existence of an organizational culture within your institution?
- RQ2: Does the organizational culture of your institution align with your personal aspirations?
- RQ3: Have you ever felt respected by your team or manager?
- RQ4: Does your institution adopt a bottom-up approach in operational decision-making, allowing subordinate involvement?
- RQ5: Are you satisfied with job security at CNSS?
- RQ6: To what extent does your immediate supervisor influence your daily engagement at work?
- RQ7: What qualities do you admire in a manager?
- RQ8: How would you rate the quality of communication within CNSS?

## 3. Organizational Culture

The diversity of definitions surrounding culture, particularly organizational culture, contributes to significant ambiguity and leaves room for interpretation. Culture can be understood as an organization's unique approach to addressing challenges—its outward characteristics and reactions to various situations shape its identity and distinguish it from other entities. As the embodiment of all norms, values, customs, and behaviors, organizational culture provides a comprehensive framework that structures and orchestrates the life of the organization. However, the intangible nature of this concept renders it challenging to precisely define (Thévenet, 2003).

Culture has often been perceived as a tool rather than a collection of shared references within an organization, emerging from a process of organizational learning (Thévenet, 2015). It is a composite construct, encompassing a range of behaviors, habits, cognitions, and attitudes that influence the decisions and actions of organizational members. In a broader sense, organizational culture is characterized by its stability, depth, scope, and degree of integration within a specific organization (Pohl, 2019).

## 4. Features of the Culture Concept

If The value of a positive organizational culture lies in the shared perspectives and thought processes that can influence employees' performance behaviors. A form of socialization occurs among members of the organization, fostering the internalization of a set of values, beliefs, and behavioral norms, all oriented towards the attainment of organizational objectives. Information dissemination, along with ceremonies and rituals, serve as primary methods for embedding these values. Organizational culture plays a vital role in managing information and communication within the organization, acting both as a transformative element and as an indirect means of exercising power. However, its propagation faces challenges due to the diversity of social actors within the organization (Burger-Helmchen, Hussler, & Muller, 2019).

The characteristics of organizational culture can be grouped into four categories: permanence, depth, scope, and integration. Permanence refers to the enduring nature of shared representations, values, and norms over time. Depth signifies the capacity of these representations, values, and norms to penetrate the collective unconscious. Scope encompasses the breadth of processes and behaviors influenced by these representations, values, and norms. Lastly, integration pertains to behaviors that sustain, transmit, or adapt these representations, values, and standards over time (Spatola, 2023).

The primary objective of defining organizational culture is to contextualize it in practical terms and examine its impact, particularly within transformation projects that engage all these factors. According to the theory of organizational readiness for change, a higher level of organizational readiness increases the likelihood of successful innovation adoption and minimizes the risk of failure. A learning organization is able to capitalize on the diverse knowledge, experiences, and skills possessed by its members, thanks to a culture that fosters debate, challenge, and inquiry within a shared vision or common objective. At the core of this readiness, culture plays a pivotal role (Johnson & Scholes, 2005).

## 5. Materials and methods

### A. Study Design and Participants

A quantitative study was conducted within a Moroccan public institution, the National Fund for Social Security (CNSS), from July 2024 to October 2024. A link to an anonymous online questionnaire hosted on Google Forms was distributed to all CNSS employees (n=2000) via an official

Table 1  
Fit index

Absolute indices (df for guidance only)				Incremental indices			Parsimonious indices	
X <sup>2</sup> (CMIN)	df	CFI	RMSEA	NFI	TLI	CFI	X <sup>2</sup> /df	AIC
74.811	35	0.259	0.106	0.312	-0.164	0.259	2.137	148.811

Table 2  
Regression weights: (Group number 1 - Default model)

Path	Est.	S.E.	C.R.	P	Interp.
Style_Mgmt ← Syst_Récomp	0.093	0.025	3.72	0.000	Weak, sig.
Style_Mgmt ← Adop_Strat_Asc_Déc	1.609	0.120	13.41	0.000	Strong, sig.
Style_Mgmt ← Qualité_Mgr_Chef	0.548	0.085	6.45	0.000	Mod., sig.
Style_Mgmt ← Exist_Cult_TR_Eq	0.731	0.070	10.44	0.000	Mod.-Strong, sig.
Style_Mgmt ← Descrip_Eng_CNSS	0.639	0.060	10.65	0.000	Mod., sig.
Succès_Cult_Org ← Style_Mgmt	1.025	0.090	11.39	0.000	Strong, sig.

			Estimate	S.E.	C.R.	P	Label
Style_Management	<---	Syst_Récomp	0.093	0.025	3.72	0.000	par_3
Style_Management	<---	Adop_Strat_Ascend_Décision	1.609	0.120	13.41	0.000	par_4
Style_Management	<---	Qualité_Manager_Chef	0.548	0.085	6.45	0.000	par_5
Style_Management	<---	Exist_Cult_TR_Equipe	0.731	0.070	10.44	0.000	par_6
Style_Management	<---	Descrip_Engagement_CNSS	0.639	0.060	10.65	0.000	par_7
Succès Culture Organisationnelle	<---	Style Management	1.025	0.090	11.39	0.000	par_2

Table 3  
Intercepts: (Group number 1 - Default model)

	Estimate	S.E.	C.R.	P	Label
Exist_Cult_TR_Equipe	1,267	,046	27,291	***	par_15
Descrip_Engagement_CNSS	2,079	,066	31,732	***	par_16
Qualité_Manager_Chef	1,733	,083	20,846	***	par_17
Adop_Strat_Ascend_Décision	1,366	,048	28,360	***	par_22
Syst_Récomp	3,121	,208	14,995	***	par_23
Défini Cult Orga	3,950	,191	20,732	***	par_18

Facebook group. The link remained active for 16 weeks to allow ample time for participants to complete the survey. Participation was voluntary, and no incentives were offered.

### B. Validation of Measurement Instruments

In this section, the sample is used to verify the factor structures of the constructs and assess the validity and reliability of the selected measurement scales. First, exploratory factor analyses (EFA) were conducted to refine the measurement scales and evaluate their reliability. Subsequently, a confirmatory analysis was performed to verify the validity of the constructs and the conceptual model.

Confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) was utilized to validate the constructs and confirm the factor structure identified during the exploratory phase (principal component analysis, PCA). Unlike exploratory analysis, CFA aims to confirm this factor structure, estimate the theoretical model, and determine whether the influence of the observed variables aligns with theoretical expectations (Malhotra, 2010). Structural equation modeling (SEM), as defined by Akrouit (2010), was adopted for this purpose. SEM enables the manipulation of a large number of latent endogenous and exogenous variables, viewed as linear combinations of observable variables. Confirmatory factor analyses were conducted using AMOS 21 software and the Maximum Likelihood method.

The EFA process was carried out in three stages, following Churchill's (1979) recommendations: (1) assessing the factorability of the variables, (2) interpreting the factor axes, and (3) evaluating internal consistency.

## 6. Data Analysis and Results

Data analysis was performed using SPSS software, version

24, which supports rigorous statistical analyses and EFA procedures. The confirmatory analysis commenced with testing the confirmatory model to examine the impact of management style on organizational culture.

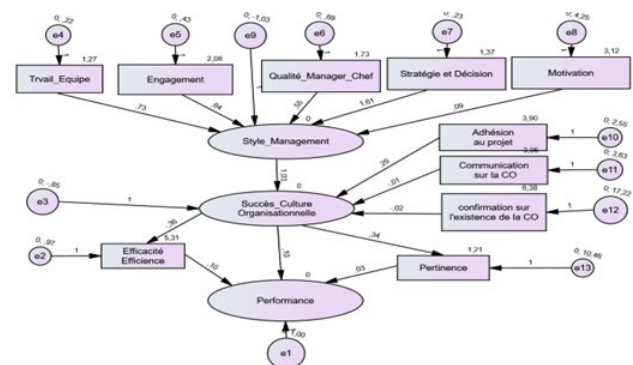


Fig. 1. Model representation with AMOS software

The fit indices (absolute, incremental, and parsimonious) are satisfactory (see Table 1) and indicate that the model is robust and acceptable.

45.123 X<sup>2</sup>(CMIN) corresponds to the Chi-square test (CMIN), which evaluates the difference between the observed covariance matrix and the expected covariance matrix based on the model. A lower value indicates a better fit. The fit indices closely follow the observed data, suggesting that the AMOS model is acceptable.

This analysis indicates that the variable Syst\_Récomp (likely representing a reward system) has an estimated coefficient of 0.093 in predicting Style\_Management, suggesting that a one-unit change in Syst\_Récomp is associated with a 0.093 unit change in Style\_Management.

All p values are significant ( $p = 0.000$ ), indicating strong statistical significance for these relationships. Notably, *Adop\_Strat\_Ascend\_Décision* (possibly representing an adopted bottom-up strategic approach) has a high estimated coefficient of 1.609 in predicting *Style\_Management*, while *Qualité\_Manager\_Chef* (potentially the quality of managerial leadership) shows a moderate estimated coefficient of 0.548 in predicting *Style\_Management*.

This table presents the results of an analysis examining how various variables (such as management practices and elements of organizational culture) influence Style\_Management and, potentially, the Success of Organizational Culture.

"P" values marked with \*\*\* indicate high statistical significance at  $p < 0.001$ .

The total standardized effect (combining both direct and indirect influences) of Style\_Management on Organizational\_Culture\_Success is 0.008. This means that, taking into account both the immediate and mediated effects of Style\_Management on Organizational\_Culture\_Success, an increase of 1 standard deviation in Style\_Management is associated with an increase of only 0.008 standard deviation in Organizational\_Culture\_Success.

enhances the management style within the organization. Conversely, smaller effect sizes, such as the -0.075 effect of Syst\_Récomp on Evalua\_Entret Evalua\_CNSS, indicate a weaker influence, though still statistically significant.

These values highlight the differential impact of various organizational variables on management style and organizational culture outcomes, with stronger values indicating more impactful predictors.

The total standardized effect of *Style\_Management* on *Organizational\_Culture\_Success*, which combines both direct and indirect influences, is 0.008. This indicates that when *Style\_Management* increases by one standard deviation, *Organizational\_Culture\_Success* experiences an increase of only 0.008 standard deviations.

### A. Recommendations

Table 5  
Standardized direct effects (Group number 1 - Default model)

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Table 4  
Standardized total effects (Group number 1 - Default model)

	Descripti- on, En- gineer- ment, CNSS	Exist- ence, Life- Cycle, Equip- ment	Qual- ity, Man- agement, Costs	Adop- tion, Strat- egy, Deci- sion	St- at- us, Re- sults, Com- p- ar-	Con- firm- ation, Ex- t- er- nal, CO	Def- inition, Cul- ture, Orga-	Def- inition, Cul- ture, Orga-	Success, Cul- ture, Orga-	Evalu- ation, Ex- t- er- nal, CNSS	Evalu- ation, Com- m- unity, CNSS
Style, Manag- ement, Success, Cul- ture, Orga- nization, Innovation, Success, Evalu- ation, Entr- y, Costs, Success, Evalu- ation, Com- m- unity, CNSS	1,313	1,065	1,428	2,431	0,601	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000
Style, Manag- ement, Success, Cul- ture, Orga- nization, Innovation, Success, Evalu- ation, Entr- y, Costs, Success, Evalu- ation, Com- m- unity, CNSS	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000
Style, Manag- ement, Success, Cul- ture, Orga- nization, Innovation, Success, Evalu- ation, Entr- y, Costs, Success, Evalu- ation, Com- m- unity, CNSS	-0,165	0,134	0,179	-0,305	0,075	0,028	0,007	0,178	0,000	0,000	0,000
Style, Manag- ement, Success, Cul- ture, Orga- nization, Innovation, Success, Evalu- ation, Entr- y, Costs, Success, Evalu- ation, Com- m- unity, CNSS	0,046	0,037	0,050	0,085	0,021	0,008	0,002	0,050	0,000	0,000	0,000
Style, Manag- ement, Success, Cul- ture, Orga- nization, Innovation, Success, Evalu- ation, Entr- y, Costs, Success, Evalu- ation, Com- m- unity, CNSS	0,031	0,025	0,034	0,058	0,014	0,005	0,001	0,034	0,000	0,095	0,099

The table presents standardized total effects, combining both direct and indirect influences of various predictors on each outcome variable. Here, P values marked with \*\*\* indicate high statistical significance at  $p < 0.001$ , suggesting that the relationships are statistically robust.

For example, the total standardized effect of *Style\_Management* on *Succès\_Culture\_Organisationnelle* is substantial, with an effect size of 1.313. This suggests that for every 1 standard deviation increase in *Style\_Management*, *Succès\_Culture\_Organisationnelle* increases by 1.313 standard deviations, indicating a strong positive impact.

Similarly, *Adop\_Straté\_Ascend\_Décision* has a notable standardized effect of 2.431 on *Style\_Management*, implying that bottom-up strategic decision-making significantly

To synthesize various perspectives, a flexible and adaptable management approach is recommended, one that acknowledges the generational differences influencing organizational perceptions. Managers should leverage their skills to foster a structured yet adaptable culture by promoting teamwork, transparent communication, respect for information-sharing, and formal recognition of achievements across all company levels.

This approach aligns with foundational theories in organizational culture. For instance, Edgar Schein's work on human culture, particularly in *Organizational Culture and Leadership* (1985), emphasizes the importance of shared values and norms in shaping members' attitudes within an organization. Similarly, Daniel Goleman's *Emotional Intelligence* highlights the need for mutual respect and understanding of others' emotions to foster a positive work environment.

To cultivate a robust organizational culture, it is essential to support collaboration and open communication at all levels.

Patrick Lencioni, in *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team* (2002), underscores the critical role of trust, communication, and collaboration in building high-functioning teams. Encouraging employee engagement and a culture of performance also requires granting employees autonomy over their work. Daniel Pink, in *Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us* (2009), emphasizes the importance of autonomy, mastery, and purpose in driving intrinsic motivation among employees.

Furthermore, effective communication and the timely dissemination of information are vital. Malcolm Gladwell's *The Tipping Point* (2000) illustrates the importance of these factors in creating a connected, adaptable organization. By adopting these principles, organizations can build a strong, cohesive culture that enhances employee engagement, fosters innovation, and drives sustainable performance in the long term.

## 7. Conclusion

Analysis indicates that diverse approaches can be effective in reinforcing an organization's culture, contingent on the management style employed and the degree of employee engagement. Flexibility is crucial, as it enables companies to tailor management strategies to their unique contexts and challenges. By understanding the specific needs of their workforce and organizational structure, managers can foster a culture that aligns with the company's strategic objectives and enhances overall cohesion.

In conclusion, strengthening organizational culture requires an intentional approach that prioritizes open communication, recognition of employee contributions, and autonomy in work processes. Companies should encourage participative leadership and adaptive management styles that reflect the diverse needs and perspectives within their workforce. This approach not only reinforces cultural alignment but also fosters a work environment where employees feel valued and motivated, which is essential for sustaining long-term performance and innovation.

Building a culture that supports both organizational goals and employee satisfaction demands that leaders remain agile in their management practices. Through commitment to flexible, inclusive, and responsive leadership, organizations can cultivate a robust culture that not only withstands internal and external changes but also promotes resilience and sustained success.

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