



## BACK TO BASICS ON LEADERSHIP IN AN EMERGENT ECONOMY

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### ABSTRACT

**Purpose-** Leadership styles such as delegative, democratic, autocratic, and ethical leadership with respect to various aspects of trust and their causal relations along with determining the salient leadership style at public schools are the purpose of this research. Our assumption is that organizational trust is at the crux of human resource management since a healthy relationship between leaders and employees is a prerequisite for open communication, knowledge sharing and conflict management.

**Methodology-** Our research question is to understand the basic relationships between leadership styles and trust between principals and teachers. We are conducting a survey at designated school sites. Our questionnaire is comprised of three sections: Socio-demographic variables, leadership styles and organizational trust.

**Findings-** We have employed structural equation modelling (SEM) and found significant relationship between leadership styles and trust and *vice versa*. In sum, managerial trust has a significant effect on leadership styles which reveals the fact that dyadic relationships between leaders and employees enhance mutual trust.

**Conclusion-** In sum, managerial trust has a significant effect on leadership styles which reveals the fact that dyadic relationships between leaders and employees enhance mutual trust. Such relationships need to be considered in human resource management (SHRM).

**Keywords:** Leadership theories, SHRM, SEM, trust and competencies.

**JEL Codes:** M10, M12, M19.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

We are living in a business epoch of strengthening social networks based on interest and weakening social organizations and communities based on trust. Open communication and sharing problems as well as opportunities support both collaboration and learning, which are indispensable for effective leadership and human resource management at various sectors. Leaders at work and at schools enable their followers to be in a state of flow so that efficiency is attained according to Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, who is one of the founding fathers of positive psychology (1990). He focuses on leadership competencies with particular emphasis on "flow theory" where flow is:

*"A mental state in which a person performing an activity is fully immersed in a feeling of energized focus, full involvement, and enjoyment"* (2012).

Csikszentmihalyi's theory of flow focuses mainly on ethical leadership framework, that is derived from well-known basic theories. According to him, among the 29 leadership competencies four are directly linked to his notion of flow: (1) Strategic thinking (setting clear meaningful goals), (2) Applying personal strengths for a common goal (such as self-esteem), (3) Balancing skill and challenge level (focusing on competencies and efforts along with results), and (4) Frequent feedback on performance all of which are relevant to trust, ethical responsibility and understanding of multiple perspectives.

Lately, leadership development and styles are gaining importance in the process of properly managing human resources in education. In this article, we have used (Ateş, 2005) are derived from Clark (1997 and 2004). We have analyzed ethical, autocratic, democratic and delegative (*laissez-faire*) leadership with respect to various aspects of trust and socio-demographic characteristics of educators/ teachers.

Organizational trust is the crux of strategic human resource management since a healthy relationship between leaders and employees is a prerequisite for open communication, knowledge sharing, and learning. Competencies which consist of knowledge, attitude and behavior are shaped and prospered in a positively reinforced learning environment. Organizational trust is regarded as a fundamental threshold, since it enhances job security at times of uncertainty and risk (Blomqvist & Ståhle, 1998, p. 11); further, consistent and expected behavior of leaders also enriches the trust environment.

That is why, leadership style is a significant factor in the formation of organizational and/or managerial trust. However, leadership styles and trust may not enhance predictability, harmony and strategic flexibility in planning and implementation if there is no incremental and/ or systematic development on the whole. Hence, with increasing trust between managers and subordinates, the perceived level of risk increases with uncalculated actions. Blomqvist and Ståhle have based their theoretical framework on both interpersonal and managerial trust (1998; 12). We have employed Scott's (1981) and Adams' (2004) scales of organizational trust which has been inspired from Luhmann's framework (1979) and it is adapted by Kanten (2012).

As an emergent economy, Turkish education system is continually changing both its programs as well as its structures. Therefore, principals as well as teachers at both primary and secondary schools have difficulty in adapting and internalizing new priorities. Consequently, particular leadership styles may become more predominant as hands-off policy often followed by principals at times of uncertainty and complexity. Further, organizational trust may have a significant effect on leadership styles, since especially dyadic relationships between leaders and employees enhance mutual trust under such fluid circumstances of uncertainty. We have limited our research to this interactive process between trust and leadership styles selected for the sake of brevity.

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

The leadership literature is replete with theoretical frameworks and models, describing different leadership styles. Leadership is the social interaction process within teams through which followers participate voluntarily in decision-making; whereas, leadership style is the pattern of attitudes and behaviors of leaders towards their teams. Lewin, Lippit and White's seminal piece (1939) have first defined three major leadership styles as: autocratic, democratic, and *laissez faire/ delegative* (Bhatti, Maitlo, Hashmi & Shaikh, 2012; p. 192-193).

We have employed here Donald Clark's four operationalized leadership styles that includes ethical leadership since it is especially significant within the context of education sector (1997). Clark has made research in middle schools and his questionnaire emphasized the effectiveness of these four leadership styles particularly between school principals and teachers (2004). Since our research is limited to state schools, and education systems have continuously been transformed by governments, it is not possible to employ multifactor leadership questionnaire of modern leadership theories. Besides, operationalization of classical leadership styles is both widely accepted and definitions and demarcation lines between these styles are clear. Below are the definitions of these styles:

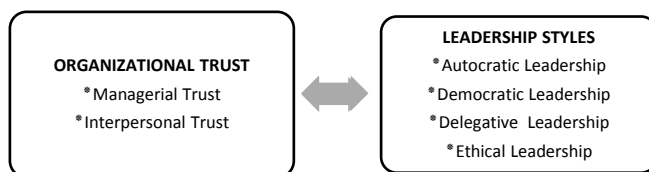
- ✓ **Democratic leaders** have participative style and they tend to include subordinates in all decision-making; therefore, it is time-consuming for some sectors despite the fact that it enhances tolerance and satisfaction ( Oshagbemi and Gill, 2003; Bhatti, Maitlo, Shaikh, Hashmi, & Shaikh, 2012, p. 193),
- ✓ **Autocratic leaders** have rule-abiding/ bureaucratic and controlling style and they tend to monitor and correct subordinates closely and expect strict obedience (Rast, Hogg, & Giessner, 2013, p. 636),
- ✓ **Delegative (*laissez-faire*) leaders** reveal a yielding and withdrawn style and they tend to avoid conflict and responsibilities, further they tend to hesitate in guidance or feedback. They either avoid being the center of attention or act too late when problems arise (Buch, Martinsen, & Kuvaas, 2015, p. 117),
- ✓ **Ethical leaders** walk the talk and integrity, fairness along with trustworthiness of leaders are highlighted. Such leaders act as role models for subordinates who learn and internalize the attitudes and values through social learning theory (Brown, Trevino and Harrison, 2005; Resick, Hargis, Shao, & Dust, 2013, p. 954).

Previous research on trust has mostly been ambiguous (Barber, 1983). Most research on trust at the individual, group/ team, and organizational levels of analysis typically suffer from unidimensional conceptualization and operationalization (Barber, 1983; Luhmann, 1979). Luhmann's writings on trust are very well-known and largely cited by researchers in many disciplines. Yet, only the 'early' writings of Luhmann have been widely used. (See Janne Jalava's dissertation for further information on Luhmann's later advanced systems theory and its relation to his early studies of trust).

Following "early" Luhmann, in our model of organizational trust, we have also regarded trust as a decision and/ or a prerequisite of communication and management. According to Luhmann, "to trust is to take a risk (1979; p. 24). Moreover, he distinguishes between familiarity, trust and confidence and three levels of analyses favoring confidence in his later works. Thus, we have only differentiated managerial trust and interpersonal trust, which are both dyadic and mutual and regarded organizational trust as a subsystem simply at these two analysis levels that are operationalized. However, personal trust and interpersonal are not enough to explain the wider processes according to Luhmann.

We have not focused on organizational trust at a higher level or "systemic confidence", that is comprised of programs and codes, since "late" Luhmann's advanced systems theory is beyond the scope of this paper. We have employed Scott's (1981) and Adams' (2004) scales of organizational trust which has been inspired from Luhmann's framework and it is adapted by Kanten (2012). In the below conceptual framework, we have analyzed trust and leadership styles both as dependent and independent variables since they have effect on each other.

**Figure 1: Conceptual Model**



### 3. DATA AND METHODOLOGY

We are conducting a survey at state school sites and our questionnaire is comprised of three sections: Socio-demographic variables, leadership styles and organizational trust. The demographic characteristics that are considered are: age, gender, education, seniority/ tenure track, marital status, hometown (during upbringing of teachers during primary and secondary schooling years between 7-19 of age).

We have conducted a survey and reached 314 teachers and 12 principals and 26 vice principals gathered from 12 different junior high schools and out of 2197 teachers in a district of Istanbul, Turkey. For the sake of brevity, we have used convenience sampling. We analyzed demographic data through descriptive statistics and used explanatory factor analysis using SPSS. We employed AMOS program for SEM.

Demographic features of teachers are demonstrated in Table 1 through descriptive statistics:

**Table 1: Demographic Variables**

	<b>Group</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>%Percent</b>
<b>Gender</b>	Female	191	60,8
	Male	123	39,2
	Total	314	100,0
<b>Marital Statues</b>	Married	147	46,8
	Single	167	53,2
	Total	314	100,0
<b>Seniority</b>	Less than 1 year	63	20,1
	1-5 years	204	65,0
	6-10 years	29	9,2
	11-15 years	15	4,8
	21 years and over	3	1,0
	Total	314	100,0
<b>Age</b>	20-29 years	171	54,5
	30-39 years	113	36,0
	40-49 years	25	8,0
	50 years and over	5	1,6
	Total	314	100,0
<b>Hometown</b>	Village	32	10,2
	Sub -district	15	4,8
	Town /District	83	26,4
	Province	67	21,3
	Metropolitan city	117	37,3
	Total	314	100,0

Our major research question is to understand the relationship between the leadership styles and trust as well as determining the salient leadership style in our sample. Our suggested hypotheses are:

1. Ethical leadership has a significant effect on organizational trust or vice versa.
2. Democratic leadership has a significant effect on organizational trust or vice versa.
3. Autocratic leadership has a significant effect on organizational trust or vice versa.
4. Delegative (laissez faire) leadership has a significant effect on organizational trust or vice versa.

In sum, organizational trust - be it managerial or interpersonal - encourages people to take risks and draw lessons from errors. Therefore, trust is a challenge for people to learn and develop their competencies better in trustworthy environments where people are not afraid of the fact that others might take advantage of them. Interpersonal trust has both cognitive and affective components. The cognitive aspect is based upon prior experience and familiarity from the past and it is conditional, while the latter focuses on reciprocal emotional investments for the future. Thus, open and transparent communication, collaboration and teamwork depends on trust, flow, and leadership as suggested by Clark (1997), Csikszentmihalyi (1990) and Luhmann (1979).

#### 4. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

Below we have summarized the descriptive statistics on scales of leadership styles. 40 Questions with their frequencies are as follows: (See the research questionnaire with 56 questions excluding demographic variables at the Appendix).

**Table 2: 40 Survey Questions and their Frequencies**

	Frequency %Percent	I strongly disagree	I do not agree	undecided	I agree	I strongly agree	Mean	Std. Deviation
Q 1	Frequency	59	57	30	109	59	3,17	1,418
	Percent	18,8	18,2	9,6	34,7	18,8		
Q 2	Frequency	71	59	26	103	55	3,04	1,458
	Percent	22,6	18,8	8,3	32,8	17,5		
Q 3	Frequency	23	51	34	118	88	3,63	1,250
	Percent	7,3	16,2	10,8	37,6	28,0		
Q 4	Frequency	58	55	49	91	61	3,13	1,403
	Percent	18,5	17,5	15,6	29,0	19,4		
Q 5	Frequency	12	17	20	90	175	4,27	1,054
	Percent	3,8	5,4	6,4	28,7	55,7		
Q 6	Frequency	14	17	22	109	152	4,17	1,071
	Percent	4,5	5,4	7,0	34,7	48,4		
Q 7	Frequency	13	16	16	91	178	4,29	1,055
	Percent	4,1	5,1	5,1	29,0	56,7		
Q 8	Frequency	21	29	44	122	98	3,79	1,176
	Percent	6,7	9,2	14,0	38,9	31,2		
Q 9	Frequency	19	25	26	112	132	4,00	1,171
	Percent	6,1	8,0	8,3	35,7	42,0		
Q 10	Frequency	13	23	33	90	155	4,12	1,120
	Percent	4,1	7,3	10,5	28,7	49,4		
Q 11	Frequency	16	26	42	109	121	3,93	1,144
	Percent	5,1	8,3	13,4	34,7	38,5		
Q 12	Frequency	10	11	20	78	195	4,39	,980
	Percent	3,2	3,5	6,4	24,8	62,1		
Q 13	Frequency	9	8	15	77	205	4,47	,919
	Percent	2,9	2,5	4,8	24,5	65,3		
Q 14	Frequency	13	9	40	85	167	4,22	1,049
	Percent	4,1	2,9	12,7	27,1	53,2		
Q 15	Frequency	4	20	53	125	112	4,02	,947
	Percent	1,3	6,4	16,9	39,8	35,7		
Q 16	Frequency	29	25	87	91	82	3,55	1,220
	Percent	9,2	8,0	27,7	29,0	26,1		
Q 17	Frequency	17	15	49	86	147	4,05	1,142
	Percent	5,4	4,8	15,6	27,4	46,8		
Q 18	Frequency	12	17	33	86	166	4,20	1,076
	Percent	3,8	5,4	10,5	27,4	52,9		
Q 19	Frequency	10	14	26	81	183	4,32	1,017
	Percent	3,2	4,5	8,3	25,8	58,3		
Q 20	Frequency	10	9	22	64	209	4,44	,972
	Percent	3,2	2,9	7,0	20,4	66,6		
Q 21	Frequency	10	11	21	77	195	4,39	,983
	Percent	3,2	3,5	6,7	24,5	62,1		
Q 22	Frequency	12	8	27	80	187	4,34	1,006

	Percent	3,8	2,5	8,6	25,5	59,6		
Q 23	Frequency	25	45	35	113	96	3,67	1,266
	Percent	8,0	14,3	11,1	36,0	30,6		
Q 24	Frequency	25	42	90	97	60	3,40	1,171
	Percent	8,0	13,4	28,7	30,9	19,1		
L25	Frequency	13	23	85	110	83	3,72	1,062
	Percent	4,1	7,3	27,1	35,0	26,4		
Q 26	Frequency	7	23	33	114	137	4,12	1,012
	Percent	2,2	7,3	10,5	36,3	43,6		
Q27	Frequency	13	24	34	72	171	4,16	1,145
	Percent	4,1	7,6	10,8	22,9	54,5		
Q 28	Frequency	83	51	30	83	67	3,00	1,531
	Percent	26,4	16,2	9,6	26,4	21,3		
Q 29	Frequency	17	20	36	92	149	4,07	1,153
	Percent	5,4	6,4	11,5	29,3	47,5		
Q 30	Frequency	5	14	18	83	194	4,42	,906
	Percent	1,6	4,5	5,7	26,4	61,8		
Q 31	Frequency	6	16	33	95	164	4,26	,969
	Percent	1,9	5,1	10,5	30,3	52,2		
Q 32	Frequency	23	31	67	102	91	3,66	1,202
	Percent	7,3	9,9	21,3	32,5	29,0		
Q 33	Frequency	6	16	47	61	184	4,28	1,019
	Percent	1,9	5,1	15,0	19,4	58,6		
Q 34	Frequency	9	19	35	97	154	4,17	1,037
	Percent	2,9	6,1	11,1	30,9	49,0		
Q 35	Frequency	13	12	38	94	157	4,18	1,057
	Percent	4,1	3,8	12,1	29,9	50,0		
Q 36	Frequency	10	8	29	69	198	4,39	,980
	Percent	3,2	2,5	9,2	22,0	63,1		
Q 37	Frequency	16	15	42	95	146	4,08	1,116
	Percent	5,1	4,8	13,4	30,3	46,5		
Q 38	Frequency	11	13	34	102	154	4,19	1,022
	Percent	3,5	4,1	10,8	32,5	49,0		
Q 39	Frequency	12	10	44	86	162	4,20	1,045
	Percent	3,8	3,2	14,0	27,4	51,6		
Q 40	Frequency	14	14	42	91	153	4,13	1,090
	Percent	4,5	4,5	13,4	29,0	48,7		

As may be seen from the above table; the items that have the highest scores are questions 13, 20 and 30. *“It is the leader’s job to help subordinates find their “passion.”* has a mean of 4.47”, *“When there are differences in role expectations, I work with them to resolve the differences.”* has a mean of 4.44. *“As a rule, leaders should allow subordinates to appraise their own work.”* has a mean of 4.42.

Likewise, the items that have the lowest scores are questions 28, 2 and 4. *“Employees seek mainly job security.”* has a mean 3.00. *“Effective leaders give orders and clarify procedures so that responsibilities are clear.”* has a mean 3.04 and *“As a rule, employees must be given rewards or punishments in order to motivate them to achieve organizational objectives.”* has a mean of 3.13.

On table 3 are the descriptive statistics on the scale of organizational trust:

Table 3: Descriptive Statistics of the Trust Scale

	Frequency %Percent	I strongly disagree	I do not agree	Undecided	I agree	I strongly agree	Mean	Std. Deviation
Q 1	Frequency	19	19	24	76	176	4,18	1,181
	Percent	6,1	6,1	7,6	24,2	56,1		
Q 2	Frequency	15	18	55	94	132	3,99	1,122
	Percent	4,8	5,7	17,5	29,9	42,0		
Q 3	Frequency	14	8	14	74	204	4,42	1,012
	Percent	4,5	2,5	4,5	23,6	65,0		
Q 4	Frequency	9	11	20	75	199	4,41	,963
	Percent	2,9	3,5	6,4	23,9	63,4		
Q 5	Frequency	9	13	18	85	189	4,38	,972
	Percent	2,9	4,1	5,7	27,1	60,2		
Q 6	Frequency	10	8	38	66	192	4,34	1,003
	Percent	3,2	2,5	12,1	21,0	61,1		
Q 7	Frequency	18	15	38	96	147	4,08	1,138
	Percent	5,7	4,8	12,1	30,6	46,8		
Q 8	Frequency	16	18	44	93	143	4,05	1,134
	Percent	5,1	5,7	14,0	29,6	45,5		
Q 9	Frequency	9	15	34	93	163	4,23	1,013
	Percent	2,9	4,8	10,8	29,6	51,9		
Q 10	Frequency	13	26	40	94	141	4,03	1,133
	Percent	4,1	8,3	12,7	29,9	44,9		
Q 11	Frequency	9	25	78	79	123	3,90	1,100
	Percent	2,9	8,0	24,8	25,2	39,2		
Q 12	Frequency	11	19	64	106	114	3,93	1,060
	Percent	3,5	6,1	20,4	33,8	36,3		
Q 13	Frequency	10	12	23	91	178	4,32	,990
	Percent	3,2	3,8	7,3	29,0	56,7		
Q 14	Frequency	11	3	31	82	187	4,37	,955
	Percent	3,5	1,0	9,9	26,1	59,6		
Q 15	Frequency	9	13	30	88	174	4,29	,996
	Percent	2,9	4,1	9,6	28,0	55,4		
Q 16	Frequency	14	16	57	77	150	4,06	1,125
	Percent	4,5	5,1	18,2	24,5	47,8		

As can be seen from the table above; the statements concerning "organizational trust" are questions 3, 4 and 5 consequently. "I can count on my immediate supervisor for help if I have difficulties with my job." has a mean of 4.42, "I have complete trust that my immediate supervisor will treat me fairly." has a mean of 4.41, "I feel free to discuss work problems with my immediate supervisor." has a mean of 4.38.

Likewise, the items that have the lowest scores are questions are 11, 12 and 2. "I can share sensitive information with members of my workgroup because I know group members will hold it in strict confidence." has a mean of 3.90, "The level of trust among

people I work with on a regular basis is very high.” has a mean of 3.93 and “If I make a mistake my supervisor is willing to “forgive and forget.”” has a mean of 3.99.

Explanatory factor analysis of the leadership scale is as follows:

**Table 4: Factor Analysis of the Leadership Scale**

	Component				
	Democratic	Ethical	Delegative	Autocratic -Controlling	Autocratic -rule abiding
L1				,809	
L2				,852	
L3				,655	
L4					,540
L5	,675				
L6	,701				
L7	,732				
L8					,746
L9					,659
L10	,695				
L11	,567				
L12	,794				
L13	,740				
L14	,713				
L17	,663				
L18	,744				
L19	,790				
L20	,766				
L21	,732				
L22	,738				
L23			,719		
L24			,654		
L25			,728		
L26	,571				
L27	,630				
L29	,595				
L30	,667				
L31		,662			
L32		,564			
L33		,604			
L34		,783			
L35		,792			
L36		,770			
L37		,749			
L38		,770			
L39		,807			
L40		,809			

Three questions that are found to be below .50 (i.e., questions 15, 16 and 28) are omitted from the analysis. Democratic leadership component of the scale explained 44 % of variance where the total variance was almost 65 % (See Table 5 in the Appendix).



Explanatory factor analysis of the organizational trust scale is as follows:

**Table 5: Factor Analysis of Trust Scale**

	Component	
	Managerial Trust	Interpersonal Trust
Q 1	,811	
Q 2	,653	
Q 3	,810	
Q 4	,778	
Q 5	,834	
Q 6	,771	
Q 7		,780
Q 8		,826
Q 9		,654
Q 10		,855
Q 11		,863
Q 12		,594
Q 13	,676	
Q 14	,735	
Q 15	,648	
Q 16		,782

Managerial trust component of the scale explained 64 % of variance where the total variance was almost 73 % (See Table 7 in the Appendix).

Internal consistency and reliability is high for both leadership (0.954) and trust (0.962). (See the Table 8 on Reliability/ Cronbach's Alpha in the Appendix).

Figure 2: SEM Model 1 - The Effect of Trust on Leadership Styles

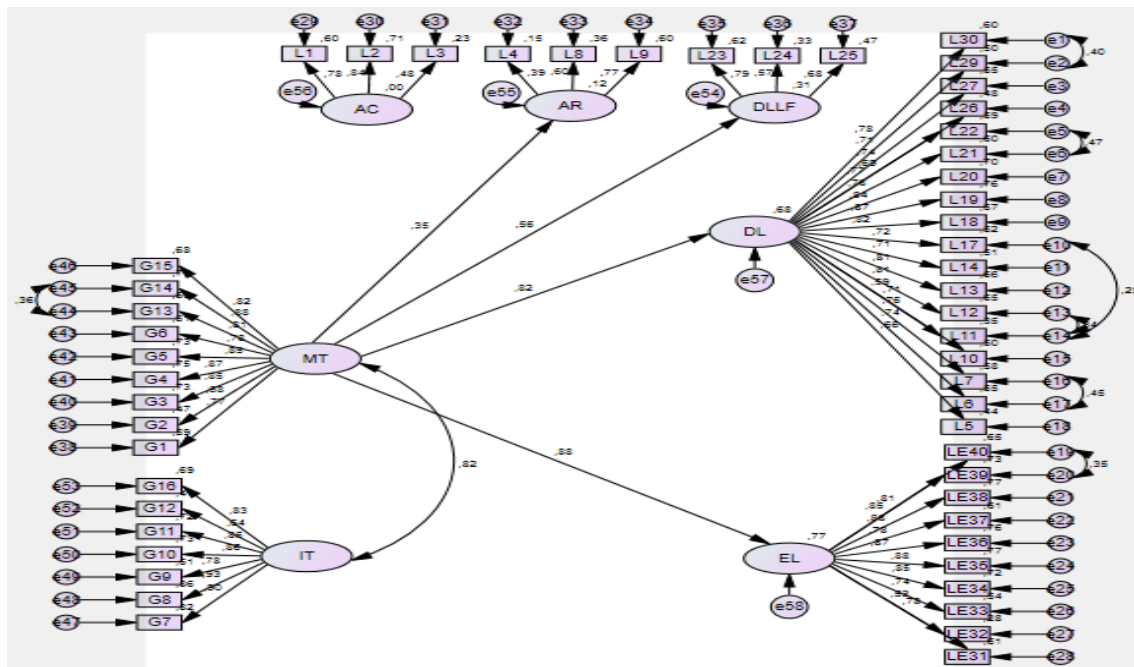


Table 6: Structural Equation Model 1	SEM Model 1	R <sup>2</sup>
DL/ LF	= 0,559* (MT)	<b>0,312</b>
AC	= 0,353* ( MT)	<b>0,125</b>
EL	= 0,876* ( MT)	<b>0,768</b>
DL	= 0,824* ( MT)	<b>0,679</b>

(Goodness of fit: **Cmin/df:2.365**; GFI:0.726; CFI: 0.873; AGFI: 0.701; PGFI: 0.666; NFI: 0.8; TLI: 0.876). (Bootstrap:900 max likelihood).

The first SEM has been found significant at 5 % confidence level. In this model, dependent variable is leadership style and the independent variable is organizational trust.

There is a positive causal relation between delegative leadership and managerial trust (+0.559 standardized weight/ coefficient). Managerial trust has explained with an effect of 31.2 % of delegative leadership style.

There is a positive causal relation between autocratic (controlling) leadership and managerial trust (+0.353 coefficient). Managerial trust has explained with an effect of 12.5 % on autocratic (controlling) leadership style.

There is a positive causal relation between ethical leadership and managerial trust (+0.876 coefficient). Managerial trust has explained with an effect of 76.8 % on ethical leadership style.

There is a positive causal relation between democratic leadership and managerial trust (+0.824 coefficient). Managerial trust has explained with an effect of 67.9 % on democratic leadership style.

Figure 3: SEM Model 2 - The Effect of Leadership Styles on Trust

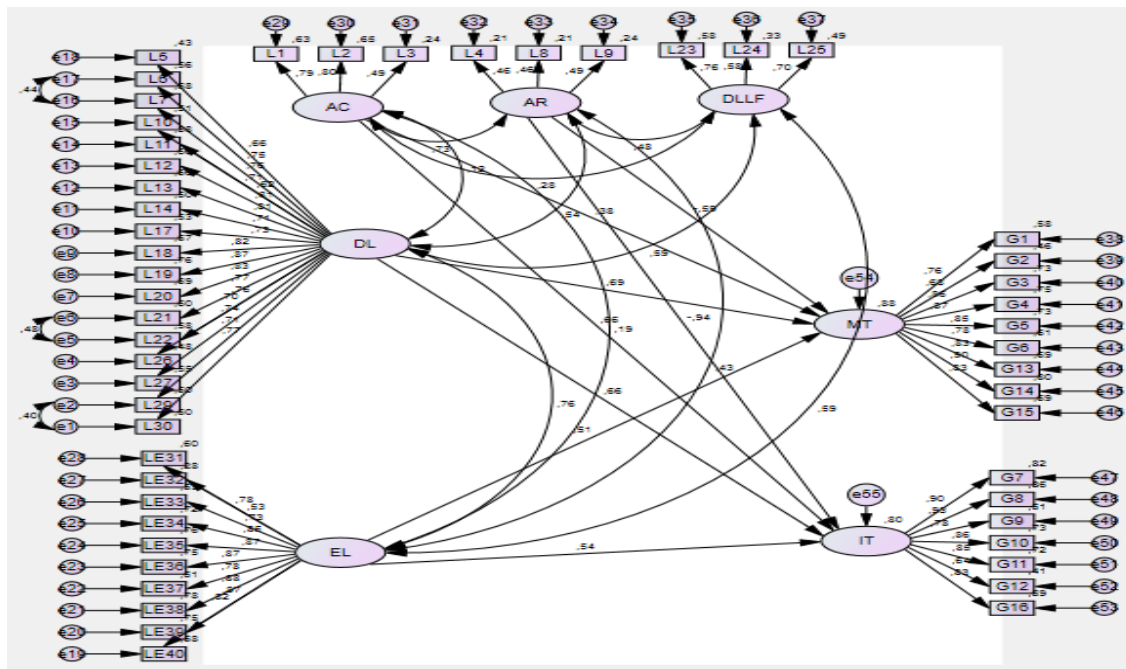


Figure 2: SEM MODEL 2: The effect of Leadership Styles on Trust

Table 7: Structural Equation Model 2

SEM MODEL 2		R2
IT	= -0,942*AR+0,661*AC+0,536*EL+0,655*DL	<b>0,803</b>
MT	= -0,586*AR+0,507*EL+0,692*DL	<b>0,877</b>

(Goodness of fit: **Cmin/df:2.414**; GFI:0.721; CFI: 0.869; AGFI: 0.694; PGFI: 0.657; NFI: 0.797; TLI: 0.862).(Not multivariate normality ; Bootstrap:900 max.likelihood)

The second SEM has been found significant at 5 % confidence level. In this model, dependent variable is organizational trust and the independent variable is leadership style.

There is a negative causal relation between interpersonal trust and autocratic (rule- abiding) leadership (-0.942 standardized value/ coefficient). Rest of the relations are all positive. There are positive causal relationships between interpersonal trust and autocratic (controlling) leadership (0.661 coefficient), ethical leadership (0.536 coefficient), democratic leadership (0.655 coefficient). Autocratic (rule – abiding), autocratic (controlling), ethical and democratic leadership styles, in other words, total leadership styles have explained with an effect of 80.3 % of interpersonal trust.

There is a negative causal relation between managerial trust and autocratic (rule- abiding) leadership (-0.586 coefficient). Rest of the relations are all positive. There are positive causal relationships between managerial trust and ethical leadership (0.507 coefficient), democratic leadership (0.692 coefficient). Autocratic (rule – abiding), ethical and democratic leadership styles, in other words, total leadership styles have explained with an effect of 87.7 % of managerial trust. On table 8, the reliability (Cronbach's Alpha) scores and on Table 14 are correlations displayed.

**Table 8: Reliability**

Variables	Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items	N of Items
Democratic Leadership	,958	,960	18
Ethical Leadership	,944	,946	10
Delegative Leadership	,720	,722	3
Autocratic –Controlling	,736	,731	3
Autocratic - Rule abiding	,607	,617	3
Leadership Total	<b>,954</b>	<b>,959</b>	<b>37</b>
Managerial Trust	,946	,948	9
Interpersonal Trust	,938	,938	7
Organizational Trust Total	<b>,962</b>	<b>,963</b>	<b>16</b>

**Table 9 : Correlations Matrix**

Spearman's rho		Democratic Leadership	Ethical Leadership	Delegative Leadership	Autocratic–Controlling	Autocratic – rule abiding	Managerial Trust	Interpersonal Trust
Democratic Leadership	Correlation Coefficient	1,000	,746**	,511**	,143*	,254**	,730**	,606**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		,000	,000	,011	,000	,000	,000
	N	314	314	314	314	314	314	314
Ethical Leadership	Correlation Coefficient	,746**	1,000	,484**	,189**	,253**	,766**	,661**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,000		,000	,001	,000	,000	,000
	N	314	314	314	314	314	314	314
Delegative Leadership	Correlation Coefficient	,511**	,484**	1,000	,218**	,299**	,432**	,380**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,000	,000		,000	,000	,000	,000
	N	314	314	314	314	314	314	314
Autocratic Controlling	Correlation Coefficient	,143*	,189**	,218**	1,000	,410**	,111*	,173**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,011	,001	,000		,000	,050	,002
	N	314	314	314	314	314	314	314
Autocratic Rule abiding	Correlation Coefficient	,254**	,253**	,299**	,410**	1,000	,131*	,110
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,000	,000	,000	,000		,021	,052
	N	314	314	314	314	314	314	314
Managerial Trust	Correlation Coefficient	,730**	,766**	,432**	,111*	,131*	1,000	,755**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,000	,000	,000	,050	,021		,000
	N	314	314	314	314	314	314	314
Interpersonal Trust	Correlation Coefficient	,606**	,661**	,380**	,173**	,110	,755**	1,000
	Sig. (2-tailed)	,000	,000	,000	,002	,052	,000	
	N	314	314	314	314	314	314	314

\*\* . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed). \* . Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Table 10: Mann - Whitney U Test with respect to Demographic Differences on the Two Scales					
Dependent Variable	Independent Variable		Z	Sig.	Explanation
Delegative leadership	Hometown		-2,278	,023	<i>There is significant difference</i> between the teachers whose hometowns are villages and small towns versus the others. The first perceives more delegative leadership style than the latter.
	Village	Town/district			
	69,33	53,63	-2,681	,007	
	Sub -district	Town/District			
	67,50	46,25	-2,390	,017	
	Sub -district	Province			
	54,70	38,54	-1,958	,050	
	Sub -district	Metropolitan City			
84,57	64,18				
Delegative leadership	Age		-2,525	,012	Older teachers are perceiving their principals' styles as more delegative than the others.
	20-29 age	30-39 age			
	132,56	157,54	-2,199	,028	
	20-29 age	50 years and over			
	87,07	137,50	-1,959	,050	
	30-39 age	50 years and over			
58,21	88,60				
Democratic leadership	Age		-2,791	,005	Older teachers of age 50 years and over are perceiving their principals' styles as more democratic than the others.
	20-29 age	50 years and over			
	86,67	151,10	-2,544	,011	
	30-39 age	50 years and over			
	57,82	97,50	-2,025	,043	
	40-49 age	50 years and over			
14,06	22,70				
Ethical leadership	Age		-2,537	,011	Older teachers of age 50 years and over are perceiving their principals' styles as more ethical than the others.
	20-29 age	50 years and over			
	86,84	145,30	-2,342	,019	
	30-39 age	50 years and over			
	57,96	94,40	-2,379	,017	
	40-49 age	50 years and over			
13,80	24,00				

<b>P.S: There is no significant relation</b>	<b>between autocratic leadership &amp; demography.</b>				
<b>Interpersonal Trust</b>	<b>Age</b>				Older teachers of age 50 years and over have higher interpersonal trust than the others.
	<b>20-29 age</b>	<b>50 years and over</b>	-2,649	,008	
	86,77	147,60			
	<b>30-39 age</b>	<b>50 years and over</b>	-2,526	,012	
	57,84	97,00			
	<b>40-49 age</b>	<b>50 years and over</b>	-2,504	,012	
13,72	24,40				

Out of five demographic variables (gender, education, seniority, marital status, **hometown, and age**, only the latter two variables have been found significantly meaningful.

### 5. CONCLUSION

We have limited our sample to secular state schools where principals are appointed rather than selected. Meanwhile, our survey has been distributed and collected by principals and vice principals; that is why, teachers have felt somewhat uneasy. This might have effected their answers. Autocratic leadership has been broken down into two components: rule-abiding and bureaucratic versus controlling styles. The first one has been found significant, while the latter has insignificant paths as independent variables. This might be as a result of the representative nature of principals of the education system in state schools. It would be more appropriate to include private junior high schools (primary and secondary) in future research.

Moreover, autocratic rule-abiding leadership style has high negative effect on both managerial and interpersonal trust. Rigid rules and high expectations of compliance based on “procedural justice” without taking specific context into account might have led to negative results such as decreasing motivation of teachers. However, autocratic controlling leadership has positive effect on interpersonal trust which may be interpreted as a perception of “distributive or restorative justice” among colleagues.

As an emergent economy, education system is continually changing both its programs as well as its structures. Therefore, principals have difficulty in adapting and internalizing new priorities and expectations. Delegative leadership style has become more predominant as a consequence of hands-off policy often followed by principals at times of uncertainty and complexity. Further studies may be done concerning the two cultural dimensions such as power distance, uncertainty avoidance which are particularly high (Hofstede; 1980).

Only managerial trust has a significant effect on leadership styles which reveals the fact that dyadic relationships between leaders and employees enhance mutual trust. Managerial trust has high explanatory power on ethical and democratic leadership styles as compared to the other styles, since they both have higher degrees of interaction. We have not employed the systemic level of analysis i.e., organizational level which reduces complexity that Luhmann had suggested in his definition of confidence and communication, since he regards them both essential for coordination within and among system at large. Future studies may take into account the organizational trust separately.

On the whole, Csikszentmihalyi’s four major leadership competencies that are directly linked to his notion of flow are also found to be significant and relevant to managerial trust as well as ethical leadership as we have anticipated: (1) Strategic thinking (e.g., setting clear meaningful goals), (2) Applying personal strengths for a common goal (such as self-confidence, interpersonal communication), (3) Balancing skill and challenge level (e.g., focusing on competencies and efforts, that is, labor along with results), and (4) Frequent feedback and encouragement on performance and interpersonal relations.

In future studies on primary and secondary schools (junior high schools) in the metropolitan city (Istanbul), a larger sample size is needed to be able to generalize the findings to the population at large. Moreover, a comparison between secular as opposed to religious schools as well as public contrasted with private schools may be queried. However, Istanbul is representative of the diversity of the country and the appointed teachers are from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, and the students of the district we have chosen are mostly from migrant families within Turkey.

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