

## **PREDICTING PERFORMANCE THROUGH THE ELEMENTS OF ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE**

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### **Abstract**

*Organizational culture is shaped by the leaders and by the purpose for which the organization exist. There are many cultures and sub-cultures, which may be of different strengths and which may have different levels of influence. The main aim of this paper was to determine what elements of organizational culture predict the performance of an organization. The objectives of the study were to determine if the different elements of organizational culture have significant contribution on the performances of Universities and to reveal which of the different elements of organizational culture has the most significant contribution in predicting the performances of Universities. To determine what elements of organizational culture predict the performance of an organization, a sample of 100 staff (academic and non-academic) each of Covenant University, Ota, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, all in Ogun State were drawn. Data was collected with the use of a Likert type questionnaire and were analyzed using multiple regressions with the aid of Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). The finding shows that Quality Consciousness, Role Clarity, Employee Concern, Customer Care and Code of Conduct made the most significant contribution in predicting performances of organizations. Conclusively, there is no such thing as a 'right' or 'best' culture for all organizations. The most appropriate culture for an organization is the one that best helps it cope with the exigencies of its business environment. The most appropriate culture for an organization is the one that best helps it cope with the exigencies of its business environment.*

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## **Introduction**

In the beginning organizational culture is shaped by the leaders and by the purpose for which the organization has been created. It then develops within the constraints of the environment, technology, values of the leadership, and performance expectations. "The initial culture is altered by the design variables of the organization, experiences of the organization, management's leadership style, the structure of the organization, the nature of the tasks of the groups, the way decisions are made, and the size of the organization. In addition, the developing culture is affected by the internal integrity of the organization, the climate, and how well the organization is competing in the marketplace, its effectiveness" (DeWitt, 2001).

Culture generates strong pressures on people to go along, to think and act in ways consistent with the way employees dress and the amount of time allowed to elapse before meetings begin, to the speed with which people are promoted.

Although, it is a known fact that culture has an effect on people's behaviour, management's interest is likely to be prompted by curiosity about why this happens than by its possible bottom-line effects on the commercial performance of an organization. To a large extent this interest was kindled by the writings of authors who view culture as a key component in the performance of successful organizations. These ideas resulted in an increased awareness among managers of the effects of culture but, as is often the case, a more dangerous turn of events were set in motion.

When cultural characteristics of successful organizations were set out in books in a catchy, marketable and easily grasped way, there was an understandable tendency for some managers to believe that, at last, social science had come up with something of immense practical use. Other than the writings of popular authors, there is little evidence of a strong association between culture and organizational performance, and none for a set of cultural characteristics that are likely to be appropriate in all circumstances.

Later, when studies were conducted on firms that were said to have their culture associated with performance, no coherent link between culture and performance could be established and several of the firms were in serious difficulties.

## **Conceptual Framework**

Organizational culture is the basic pattern of shared assumptions, values and beliefs considered to be correct way of thinking about and acting on problems and opportunities facing the organization. McShane (2005) simply describes organizational culture as an organization's DNA not visible to the eye, but a very powerful tool that shapes what happens in an organization.

Mowat (2002) put forward that organizational culture is the personality of the organization: the shared beliefs, values and behaviors of the group. It is symbolic, holistic, and unifying, stable, and difficult to change. Organizational culture is made up of both the visible and invisible, conscious and unconscious

learning and artifacts of an organization. Mowat also said that culture is the shared mental model that is assumptions. This mental model that is assumptions are taken for granted by those within the organization and it is difficult for people outside the organization to decode it. It is important to note therefore that the organizational culture is not the ideal, vision, and mission stated for the organization towards achieving its goals and objectives, rather, it is the expression of the day-to-day practices, communications, norms, values and beliefs that exist within an organization.

According to Borgatti (1996) a strong culture:

- Is internally consistent
- Is widely shared, and
- Makes it clear what appropriate behavior is.

The result of an organization with a vision that everyone understands to which everyone is committed to, When employees gather and particularly when employees with a common purpose begin to work together, the strategies of work and the processes of thinking will enlarge and the culture of the organization will be created. No organization exist in a vacuum just as we know that “no man is an island,” most organizational cultures have key features that are common with the larger culture of the community or society in which the organization exist. For example in Mowat (2002), organizational cultures in America all have some similar underlying thread. Organizational cultures in other countries also have a unifying, cross-organizational flavor. However, even within a social culture, each organizational culture is unique.

Put more simply, organizational culture is the way things are getting done in an organization. It is what determines the action in an organization, guides how employees think, act and feel. It is the systematic set of assumptions that define day-to-day working behaviour. “Culture can be described in a circular fashion where philosophy expresses values; values are manifest in behavior; and behavior gives meaning to the underlying philosophy. Philosophy, values, and behavior describe an organization’s culture and culture is the glue that holds the organization together.” (DeWitt, 2001)

Organizational culture can also be looked at as a system with inputs from the environment and outputs such as behaviors, technologies and products. It “is dynamic and fluid, and it is never static. A culture may be effective at one time, under a given set of circumstances and ineffective at another time. There is no generically good culture. There are however, generic patterns of health and pathology.” (Hagberg et al, 2000).

According to BOLA (2001), culture is the shared beliefs, values and norms of a group and it includes:

- The way work is organized and experienced
- How authority exercised and distributed
- How people are and feel rewarded, organized and controlled
- The values and work orientation of staff

- The degree of formalization, standardization and control through systems there is/should be
- The value placed on planning, analysis, logic, fairness etc.
- How much initiative, risk-taking, scope for individuality and expression is given
- Rules and expectations about such things as informality in interpersonal relations, dress, personal eccentricity etc.
- Differential status
- Emphasis given to rules, procedures, specifications of performance and results, team or individual working

There are many cultures and sub-cultures, which may be of different strengths and which may have different levels of influence. "Subcultures may share certain characteristics, norms, values and beliefs or be totally different. These subcultures can function cooperatively or be in conflict with each other." (Hagberg et al, 2000).

The Organizational Culture Inventory (OCI) defines corporate culture as "the sum of all moral concepts reflecting direct and indirect behavioral expectations. The central question of the OCI is: How must an employee behave in order to match the organization and meet the expectations?"

There is considerable overall agreement as to the general definition of organizational culture and most questionnaires define culture as: "a set of cognitions shared by members of a social unit" (O'Reilly et al, 1991), or more fully: "a system of shared values and beliefs that produces norms of behavior and establishes an organizational way of life" (Koberg et al, 1987). This latter definition is important because it pinpoints that the culture construct can be equivocally understood to deal with "major beliefs and values" (Goll et al, 1991), or alternatively as "norms and patterns of behaviors and norms" (Gundry et al, 1994).

Employees are influenced by multiple cultural institutions such as family, community, nation, state, church, educational system, and other work organizations, and these associations shape their attitudes, behavior, and identity; employees bring these influences with them when they join an organization, so it is difficult to separate an organizational culture from the larger cultural processes (Hatch, 1997). According to the work of Koteswara, P. K., Srinivasan, P. T. and George J.P. (2005), Literatures have revealed that organizational culture have been measured by various authors in terms of various elements. Koteswara et al identified a total number of 123 elements from ten different authors in his work. This does not connote that there are only 123 elements of organizational culture that can be used to measure organizational culture; there is a possibility that there may be some more which have not fallen into the 123 elements. Koteswara and his colleagues went further to summarize the 123 elements into ten elements that can be used in the measurement of organizational culture, which include, unity in diversity, creativity-adaptability, culture nurturing, customer care, quality

consciousness, collaboration, open communication, code of conduct, role clarity and employee concern.

The objectives under consideration in this paper were:

- a. To determine if the different elements of organizational culture has significant contribution on the performances of Universities.
- b. To reveal which of the different elements of organizational culture has the most significant contribution in predicting the performances of Universities.

**Research Question:**

- a. Which of the elements of organizational culture has significant contribution on the performances of Universities?
- b. Which of the elements of organizational culture has the most significant contribution in predicting the performances of Universities?

**Research Hypothesis:**

H<sub>0</sub>: There is no significant contribution of the elements of organizational culture in predicting the performances of Universities.

H<sub>1</sub>: There is significant contribution of the elements of organizational culture in predicting the performances of Universities.

**Research method:**

The method adopted in this study was the Survey Research Design, which is to research on “Predicting Performance through the Elements of Organizational Culture” using the questionnaire to harvest opinions on the culture and performances of Universities. The population studied cuts across all staff of the three Universities in Ogun State, Nigeria. The hierarchical structure of the study population is made up of three tiers, which include top, middle and lower level staff. The characteristic of the study population is that it was mixed at every level of the organization irrespective of age, sex, educational background, employment level, salary scale and marriage status.

The sample frame for this study covers all staff at various levels of the three Universities in Ogun State. The sample size, which was determined judgmentally, consisted of 100 staff of each of the Universities. Non-probability sampling technique was the sample technique adopted and the sampling instrument used was a structured questionnaire. The respondents to the questionnaire were selected based on convenience sampling in each of the Universities.

The Questionnaire was the data collecting instrument used in this study. The questionnaire had twenty major statements, which was intended to assess “Predicting Performance through the Elements of Organizational Culture” of three Universities in Ogun State, Nigeria. Twenty item statements of a five point Likert Scale ranging from a “Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree”, were asked to get responses on 10 elements of Organizational Culture, which are: Culture Nurturing, Creativity – Adaptability, Unity in Diversity, Customer Care, Collaboration, Open Communication, Code of Conduct, Role of Clarity, Quality Consciousness and Employee Concern; and responses on two Performance variables: Perceptions and Effectiveness. The questionnaire was a structured one as the method of data

collection and field assistance was used in retrieving the questionnaires from the respondents.

The data from the questionnaires were collected, collated, sorted, analyzed and presented through the use of multiple regressions. The procedures for processing the data was done through the use of analytical software called the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). All the items in the questionnaire were analyzed.

## Result

This section of the paper presents the data collected on the "Likert scale," through the use of Multiple Regression. A frequency table was used for analyzing the monthly salary of the respondents from the three Universities. After the data had been collected, the procedures for the processing of the collected data using Likert scale was through the use of analytical software called the SPSS. The hypothesis was tested using Multiple Regression.

**Table 1: Frequency distribution table of respondents by Monthly Salary from the Three Universities**

Universities			Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Private (CU)	Valid	below - N49,999	19	23.2	26.4	26.4
		N50,000 - N99,999	32	39.0	44.4	70.8
		N100,000 - N199,999	17	20.7	23.6	94.4
		N200,000 - Above	4	4.9	5.6	100.0
		Total	72	87.8	100.0	
	Missing	System	10	12.2		
	Total	82	100.0			
State (OOU)	Valid	below - N49,999	33	39.3	39.3	39.3
		N50,000 - N99,999	32	38.1	38.1	77.4
		N100,000 - N199,999	18	21.4	21.4	98.8
		N200,000 - Above	1	1.2	1.2	100.0
		Total	84	100.0	100.0	
Federal (UNAAB)	Valid	below - N49,999	19	24.7	25.7	25.7
		N50,000 - N99,999	21	27.3	28.4	54.1
		N100,000 - N199,999	20	26.0	27.0	81.1
		N200,000 - Above	14	18.2	18.9	100.0
		Total	74	96.1	100.0	
	Missing	System	3	3.9		
	Total	77	100.0			

The table 1 shows the total number of respondents' monthly salary and their percentages. It reveals that from CU, 23.2% received the salary between below – N49,999 every month, 39.0% received the salary between N50,000 – N99,999 every month, 20.7% received the salary between N100,000 – N199,999 every month, 4.9% received the salary between N200,000 – above every month and none were missing. From OOU, 39.3% received the salary between below – N49,999 every month, 38.1% received the salary between N50,000 – N99,999 every month, 21.4% received the salary between N100,000 – N199,999 every month, 1.2% received the salary between N200,000 – above every month and none were missing. From UNAAB, 24.7% received the salary between below – N49,999 every month, 27.3% received the salary between N50,000 – N99,999 every month, 26.0% received the salary between N100,000 – N199,999 every month, 18.2% received the salary between N200,000 – above every month and 3.2% were missing.

**Test of Hypothesis**

The data from Covenant University (CU), Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU) and University of Agriculture (UNAAB) were also combined and analyzed to determine the significant contribution of the elements of organizational culture in predicting the performances of the three Universities on general terms. The analysis of the three Universities combined is as presented below:

**Table 2a: Model Summary for the three Universities (CU, OOU, and UNAAB)**

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.659(a)	.434	.409	.49454

**Table 2b: ANOVA for the three Universities (CU, OOU, and UNAAB)**

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	41.700	10	4.170	17.050	.000(a)
	Residual	54.295	222	.245		
	Total	95.995	232			

**Table 2c: Coefficients for the three Universities (CU, OOU, and UNAAB)**

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	Collinearity Statistics	
		B	Std. Error	Beta	Tolerance	VIF	B	Std. Error
1	(Constant)	3.675	.262		14.032	.000		
	i1A	.023	.041	.031	.554	.580	.833	1.200
	Responses to Item 2	.013	.037	.023	.358	.721	.603	1.659
	i3A	.049	.050	.055	.983	.327	.803	1.245
	Responses to Item 4	.117	.033	.199	3.574	.000	.819	1.221
	Responses to Item 5	-.104	.031	-.211	-3.386	.001	.657	1.523
	Responses to Item 6	-.038	.034	-.064	-1.112	.267	.769	1.300
	Responses to Item 7	-.018	.031	-.034	-.593	.554	.761	1.315
	Responses to Item 8	-.102	.034	-.177	-2.984	.003	.726	1.378
	Responses to Item 9	-.078	.033	-.145	-2.348	.020	.669	1.495
	Responses to Item 10	.130	.030	.251	4.267	.000	.734	1.362

a. Dependent Variable: Performance

**Key:**i1A: Unity in Diversity;Item 5: Quality ConsciousnessItem 9: Role ClarityItem 2: Creativity - Adaptability;Item 6: CollaborationItem 10: Employee Concerni3A: Culture nurturingItem 7: Open CommunicationItem 4: Customer CareItem 8: Code of Conduct



**Table 2d: Multiple Regression Analysis for the three Universities (CU, OOU, and UNAAB)**

		Performance	i1A	Responses to Item 2	i3A	Responses to Item 4	Responses to Item 5	Responses to Item 6	Responses to Item 7	Responses to Item 8	Responses to Item 9	Responses to Item 10
Pearson Correlation	Performance	1.000	.014	.352	.225	.393	-.482	-.300	.226	-.384	-.378	.395
	i1A	.014	1.000	.215	.128	-.021	-.011	.151	.251	.178	.045	.117
	Responses to Item 2	.352	.215	1.000	.428	.341	-.362	-.070	.243	-.130	-.207	.417
	i3A	.225	.128	.428	1.000	.199	-.177	-.002	.068	-.089	-.114	.194
	Responses to Item 4	.393	-.021	.341	.199	1.000	-.253	-.178	.196	-.132	-.180	.269
	Responses to Item 5	-.482	-.011	-.362	-.177	-.253	1.000	.351	-.258	.365	.423	-.249
	Responses to Item 6	-.300	.151	-.070	-.002	-.178	.351	1.000	-.113	.351	.354	-.079
	Responses to Item 7	.226	.251	.243	.068	.196	-.258	-.113	1.000	-.123	-.263	.330
	Responses to Item 8	-.384	.178	-.130	.089	-.132	.365	.351	-.123	1.000	.426	-.084
	Responses to Item 9	-.378	.045	-.207	.114	-.180	.423	.354	-.263	.426	1.000	-.037
Responses to Item 10	.395	.117	.417	.194	.269	-.249	-.079	.330	-.084	-.037	1.000	
Sig. (1-tailed)	Performance	.	.415	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000
	i1A	.415	.	.000	.023	.371	.434	.009	.000	.003	.244	.035
	Responses to Item 2	.000	.000	.	.000	.000	.000	.138	.000	.022	.001	.000
	i3A	.000	.023	.000	.	.001	.003	.487	.145	.084	.039	.001
	Responses to Item 4	.000	.371	.000	.001	.	.000	.003	.001	.022	.003	.000
	Responses to Item 5	.000	.434	.000	.003	.000	.	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000
	Responses to Item 6	.000	.009	.138	.487	.003	.000	.	.040	.000	.000	.110
	Responses to Item 7	.000	.000	.000	.145	.001	.000	.040	.	.028	.000	.000
	Responses to Item 8	.000	.003	.022	.084	.022	.000	.000	.028	.	.000	.096
	Responses to Item 9	.000	.244	.001	.039	.003	.000	.000	.000	.000	.	.282
Responses to Item 10	.000	.035	.000	.001	.000	.000	.110	.000	.096	.282	.	
N	Performance	243	243	242	243	236	240	242	242	242	241	243
	i1A	243	243	242	243	236	240	242	242	242	241	243
	Responses to Item 2	242	242	242	242	235	239	241	241	241	240	242
	i3A	243	243	242	243	236	240	242	242	242	241	243
	Responses to Item 4	236	236	235	236	236	233	236	236	235	235	236
	Responses to Item 5	240	240	239	240	233	240	239	239	239	238	240
	Responses to Item 6	242	242	241	242	236	239	242	241	241	240	242
	Responses to Item 7	242	242	241	242	236	239	241	242	241	241	242
	Responses to Item 8	242	242	241	242	235	239	241	241	241	240	242
	Responses to Item 9	241	241	240	241	235	238	240	241	240	241	241
Responses to Item 10	243	243	242	243	236	240	242	242	242	241	243	

The above analysis is part of the results generated from the SPSS package using multiple regression analysis. The three Universities were investigated together as a whole. From the analysis, several tables were generated, but for the basis of measuring the significant contribution of each element of organizational culture in predicting performance, three tables will be used to explain the significant contribution of each of the elements of organizational culture on performance. These tables are model summary, correlation and coefficient.

In the multiple regression analysis table (Table 2d), the column showing i1A, responses to item 2, i3A, and responses item 4 to responses to item 10, represent each of the cultural element analyzed. From the analysis in table 4.9, items 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10, have moderately strong correlations with the dependent variable (Performance), which is equal to and above “.300”. Also, the correlation among each of the independent variables is not too high. Researchers suggest that we do not include two variables with a bivariate correlation of “.7” or more in the same analysis.

In table 2a (model summary), the result shows how much of the variance in the dependent variable (Performance) is explained by the model, which includes the variable item 1 to 10 (the elements of organizational culture). The “.434” in the ‘R’ square column is expressed in percentage. This means that our model (the cultural elements) explains 43.4% of the variance on performances of the three Universities, which is a weak relationship.

In comparing the contribution of each independent variable (cultural elements), table 2c (coefficient table) will be used to determine this. In the “Beta” column, the largest value is considered, that is “.251” for item 10. This means that, the cultural element item 10 makes the strongest unique contribution in explaining the dependent variable (Performance). The Beta values for the other elements indicate that they made less contribution on performance. The “Sig.” column of the same table shows, whether this variable is making a statistically significant unique contribution. The decision rule is that if the “Sig.” value is less than .05, then the variable is making a statistically significant unique contribution on the dependent variable (Performance). Therefore, items 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 made a statistically significant unique contribution on performances of the three Universities combined as a whole.

A further analysis was also done on each of the three Universities to check the significant contribution of the elements of organizational culture in predicting performance. The analysis below is a multiple regression analysis on Covenant University:

**Table 3a: Model Summary for Covenant University (CU)**

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.693(a)	.480	.403	.40667

**Table 3b: ANOVA for Covenant University (CU)**

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	10.368	10	1.037	6.269	.000(a)
	Residual	11.246	68	.165		
	Total	21.614	78			

**Table 3c: Coefficients for Covenant University (CU)**

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	Collinearity Statistics	
		B	Std. Error	Beta			Tolerance	VIF
1	(Constant)	3.225	.467		6.909	.000		
	i1A	.036	.069	.051	.524	.602	.797	1.255
	Responses to Item 2	.159	.061	.297	2.597	.012	.585	1.710
	i3A	-.013	.089	-.017	-.148	.883	.590	1.694
	Responses to Item 4	.217	.066	.391	3.295	.002	.544	1.838
	Responses to Item 5	-.012	.051	-.028	-.238	.813	.559	1.790
	Responses to Item 6	.009	.063	.016	.146	.884	.657	1.522
	Responses to Item 7	.015	.050	.034	.301	.765	.584	1.713
	Responses to Item 8	-.142	.050	-.283	-2.825	.006	.765	1.307
	Responses to Item 9	-.087	.059	-.168	-1.486	.142	.600	1.667
	Responses to Item 10	-.024	.057	-.050	-.422	.674	.538	1.858

**Key:**

i1A: Unity in Diversity;

Item 2: Creativity - Adaptability;

i3A: Culture nurturing

Item 4: Customer Care

Item 5: Quality Consciousness

Item 6: Collaboration

Item 7: Open Communication

Item 8: Code of Conduct

Item 9: Role Clarity

Item 10: Employee Concern

**Table 3d: Multiple Regression Analysis for Covenant University (CU)**

		Performance	i1A	Responses to Item 2	i3A	Responses to Item 4	Responses to Item 5	Responses to Item 6	Responses to Item 7	Responses to Item 8	Responses to Item 9	Responses to Item 10
Pearson Correlation	Performance	1.000	-.020	.484	.362	.471	-.297	-.316	.329	-.372	-.324	.300
	i1A	-.020	1.000	.164	.068	-.222	-.215	-.051	.099	.161	-.072	.153
	Responses to Item 2	.484	.164	1.000	.389	.314	-.472	-.284	.424	-.063	-.272	.482
	i3A	.362	.068	.389	1.000	.464	-.267	-.190	.239	-.281	-.035	.395
	Responses to Item 4	.471	-.222	.314	.464	1.000	-.057	-.297	.253	-.095	.029	.427
	Responses to Item 5	-.297	-.215	-.472	-.267	-.057	1.000	.395	-.301	.100	.484	-.260
	Responses to Item 6	-.316	-.051	-.284	-.190	-.297	.395	1.000	-.385	.211	.326	-.136
	Responses to Item 7	.329	.099	.424	.239	.253	-.301	-.385	1.000	-.075	-.413	.488
	Responses to Item 8	-.372	.161	-.063	-.281	-.095	.100	.211	-.075	1.000	.249	.049
	Responses to Item 9	-.324	-.072	-.272	-.035	.029	.484	.326	-.413	.249	1.000	-.185
	Responses to Item 10	.300	.153	.482	.395	.427	-.260	-.136	.488	.049	-.185	1.000
Sig. (1-tailed)	Performance	.	.428	.000	.000	.000	.004	.002	.001	.000	.002	.003
	i1A	.428	.	.072	.271	.024	.027	.326	.187	.074	.261	.086
	Responses to Item 2	.000	.072	.	.000	.002	.000	.005	.000	.287	.007	.000
	i3A	.000	.271	.000	.	.000	.008	.044	.015	.005	.378	.000
	Responses to Item 4	.000	.024	.002	.000	.	.308	.004	.012	.200	.398	.000
	Responses to Item 5	.004	.027	.000	.008	.308	.	.000	.003	.187	.000	.009
	Responses to Item 6	.002	.326	.005	.044	.004	.000	.	.000	.029	.001	.111
	Responses to Item 7	.001	.187	.000	.015	.012	.003	.000	.	.251	.000	.000
	Responses to Item 8	.000	.074	.287	.005	.200	.187	.029	.251	.	.012	.330
	Responses to Item 9	.002	.261	.007	.378	.398	.000	.001	.000	.012	.	.048
	Responses to Item 10	.003	.086	.000	.000	.000	.009	.111	.000	.330	.048	.
N	Performance	82	82	81	82	80	81	82	82	82	82	82
	i1A	82	82	81	82	80	81	82	82	82	82	82
	Responses to Item 2	81	81	81	81	79	80	81	81	81	81	81
	i3A	82	82	81	82	80	81	82	82	82	82	82
	Responses to Item 4	80	80	79	80	80	79	80	80	80	80	80
	Responses to Item 5	81	81	80	81	79	81	81	81	81	81	81
	Responses to Item 6	82	82	81	82	80	81	82	82	82	82	82
	Responses to Item 7	82	82	81	82	80	81	82	82	82	82	82
	Responses to Item 8	82	82	81	82	80	81	82	82	82	82	82
	Responses to Item 9	82	82	81	82	80	81	82	82	82	82	82
	Responses to Item 10	82	82	81	82	80	81	82	82	82	82	82

The tables above are the result from multiple regression analysis of the contribution of the cultural elements on performance for Covenant University. In the correlation table (Table 3d), the column showing i1A, responses to item 2, i3A, and responses item 4 to responses to item 10, represent each of the cultural element analyzed for Covenant University. From the analysis in table 4.13, items 2, i3A, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, have moderately strong correlations with the dependent variable (Performance), which is equal to and above “.300”. Also, the correlation among each of the independent variables is not too high; therefore, we retain all the independent variables for further analysis.

In table 3a (model summary), the result shows “.480” in the ‘R’ square column, which means that our model (the cultural elements) explains 48.0% of the variance on performances of Covenant University, meaning it is a weak relationship.

In the “Beta” column of table 3c (coefficient table), the largest value is considered, that is “.391” for item 4. This means that, the cultural element item 4 makes the strongest unique contribution on the dependent variable (Performance). The Beta values for the other elements indicate that they made less contribution on performance. The “Sig.” column of the same table 4.12 reflects that items 2, 4, and 8, made a statistically significant unique contribution on performances of Covenant University.

The analysis below is a multiple regression analysis on Olabisi Onabanjo University:

**Table 4a: Model Summary for Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU)**

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.648(a)	.420	.333	.56028

**Table 4b: ANOVA for Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU)**

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	15.227	10	1.523	4.851	.000(a)
	Residual	21.032	67	.314		
	Total	36.260	77			

**Table 4c: Coefficients for Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU)**

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	Collinearity Statistics	
		B	Std. Error	Beta	Tolerance	VIF	B	Std. Error
1	(Constant)	4.584	.564		8.133	.000		
	i1A	-.219	.090	-.260	-2.447	.017	.770	1.299
	Responses to Item 2	-.066	.064	-.121	-1.032	.306	.630	1.588
	i3A	.056	.093	.072	.604	.548	.609	1.642
	Responses to Item 4	.065	.065	.103	1.007	.318	.824	1.213
	Responses to Item 5	-.119	.062	-.201	-1.931	.058	.798	1.253
	Responses to Item 6	-.065	.067	-.108	-.968	.336	.700	1.428
	Responses to Item 7	-.085	.059	-.147	-1.439	.155	.834	1.199
	Responses to Item 8	-.010	.081	-.015	-.118	.907	.530	1.886
	Responses to Item 9	-.098	.080	-.161	-1.229	.223	.505	1.981
	Responses to Item 10	.201	.061	.351	3.308	.002	.768	1.302

**Key:**i1A: Unity in Diversity;Item 5: Quality ConsciousnessItem 9: Role ClarityItem 2: Creativity - Adaptability;Item 6: CollaborationItem 10: Employee Concerni3A: Culture nurturingItem 7: Open CommunicationItem 4: Customer CareItem 8: Code of Conduct

**Table 4d: Multiple Regression Analysis for Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU)**

		Performance	i1A	Responses to Item 2	i3A	Responses to Item 4	Responses to Item 5	Responses to Item 6	Responses to Item 7	Responses to Item 8	Responses to Item 9	Responses to Item 10
Pearson Correlation	Performance	1.000	-.428	.028	.191	.169	-.363	-.310	-.097	-.272	-.239	.336
	i1A	-.428	1.000	.091	.028	-.058	.213	.254	.130	.392	.126	-.107
	Responses to Item 2	.028	.091	1.000	.543	.198	-.025	.066	-.048	.088	-.102	.265
	i3A	.191	.028	.543	1.000	.152	-.209	-.075	-.092	.028	-.221	.221
	Responses to Item 4	.169	-.058	.198	.152	1.000	-.176	-.142	.166	-.066	-.337	-.051
	Responses to Item 5	-.363	.213	-.025	-.209	-.176	1.000	.149	-.118	.245	.344	-.053
	Responses to Item 6	-.310	.254	.066	-.075	-.142	.149	1.000	-.056	.475	.366	-.059
	Responses to Item 7	-.097	.130	-.048	-.092	.166	-.118	-.056	1.000	.066	-.222	.007
	Responses to Item 8	-.272	.392	.088	.028	-.066	.245	.475	.066	1.000	.493	.140
	Responses to Item 9	-.239	.126	-.102	-.221	-.337	.344	.366	-.222	.493	1.000	.219
Responses to Item 10	.336	-.107	.265	.221	-.051	-.053	-.059	.007	.140	.219	1.000	
Sig. (1-tailed)	Performance	.	.000	.400	.041	.068	.000	.002	.191	.006	.015	.001
	i1A	.000	.	.204	.402	.306	.027	.010	.121	.000	.130	.166
	Responses to Item 2	.400	.204	.	.000	.040	.411	.277	.333	.213	.181	.007
	i3A	.041	.402	.000	.	.091	.029	.249	.204	.401	.023	.022
	Responses to Item 4	.068	.306	.040	.091	.	.061	.105	.072	.284	.001	.327
	Responses to Item 5	.000	.027	.411	.029	.061	.	.091	.146	.013	.001	.318
	Responses to Item 6	.002	.010	.277	.249	.105	.091	.	.309	.000	.000	.299
	Responses to Item 7	.191	.121	.333	.204	.072	.146	.309	.	.277	.023	.475
	Responses to Item 8	.006	.000	.213	.401	.284	.013	.000	.277	.	.000	.103
	Responses to Item 9	.015	.130	.181	.023	.001	.001	.000	.023	.000	.	.024
Responses to Item 10	.001	.166	.007	.022	.327	.318	.299	.475	.103	.024	.	
N	Performance	84	84	84	84	79	83	83	83	83	82	84
	i1A	84	84	84	84	79	83	83	83	83	82	84
	Responses to Item 2	84	84	84	84	79	83	83	83	83	82	84
	i3A	84	84	84	84	79	83	83	83	83	82	84
	Responses to Item 4	79	79	79	79	79	78	79	79	78	78	79
	Responses to Item 5	83	83	83	83	78	83	82	82	82	81	83
	Responses to Item 6	83	83	83	83	79	82	83	82	82	81	83
	Responses to Item 7	83	83	83	83	79	82	82	83	82	82	83
	Responses to Item 8	83	83	83	83	78	82	82	82	83	81	83
	Responses to Item 9	82	82	82	82	78	81	81	82	81	82	82
Responses to Item 10	84	84	84	84	79	83	83	83	83	82	84	

From the analysis above, the contribution of the cultural elements on performance for Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU) as reflected in the correlation table (Table 4.17) shows that items i1A, 5, 6, and 10, have moderately strong correlations with the dependent variable (Performance), which is equal to and above “.300”. Also, the correlation among each of the independent variables is also not too high; therefore, we retain all the independent variables for further analysis.

In table 4.14 (model summary), the result shows “.420” in the ‘R’ square column, which means that our model (the cultural elements) explains 42.0% of the variance on performances of Olabisi Onabanjo University reflecting a weak relationship.

In the “Beta” column of table 4.16 (coefficient table), the largest value is considered, that is “.351” for item 10 meaning that, the cultural element item 10 makes the strongest unique contribution on the dependent variable (Performance). The Beta values for the other elements indicate that they made less contribution on performance. The “Sig.” column of the same table 4.12 reflects that items 1, and 10, made a statistically significant unique contribution on performances of Covenant University.

The analysis below is a multiple regression analysis on University of Agriculture:

**Table 5a: Model Summary for University of Agriculture**

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.818(a)	.669	.618	.34835

**Table 5b: ANOVA for University of Agriculture**

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	15.941	10	1.594	13.136	.000(a)
	Residual	7.888	65	.121		
	Total	23.829	75			



**Table 5c: Coefficients for University of Agriculture**

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	Collinearity Statistics		
	B	Std. Error	Beta	Tolerance	VIF	B	Std. Error	
1	(Constant)	3.512	.554		6.339	.000		
	i1A	.183	.053	.313	3.457	.001	.622	1.607
	Responses to Item 2	.015	.055	.025	.275	.784	.627	1.596
	i3A	-.071	.102	-.058	-.698	.488	.735	1.360
	Responses to Item 4	.114	.042	.222	2.746	.008	.777	1.286
	Responses to Item 5	-.185	.051	-.441	-3.653	.001	.349	2.867
	Responses to Item 6	.029	.055	.057	.521	.604	.422	2.369
	Responses to Item 7	.008	.042	.017	.187	.852	.616	1.622
	Responses to Item 8	.015	.048	.031	.316	.753	.537	1.864
	Responses to Item 9	-.125	.035	-.294	-3.537	.001	.736	1.359
	Responses to Item 10	.106	.046	.218	2.290	.025	.559	1.787

**Key:**

i1A: Unity in Diversity;

Item 5: Quality Consciousness

Item 9: Role Clarity

Item 2: Creativity - Adaptability;

Item 6: Collaboration

Item 10: Employee Concern

i3A: Culture nurturing

Item 7: Open Communication

Item 4: Customer Care

Item 8: Code of Conduct

**Table 5d: Correlations from Multiple Regression for University of Agriculture**

		Performance	i1A	Responses to Item 2	i3A	Responses to Item 4	Responses to Item 5	Responses to Item 6	Responses to Item 7	Responses to Item 8	Responses to Item 9	Responses to Item 10
Pearson Correlation	Performance	1.000	.243	.481	-.332	.426	-.591	-.464	.386	-.400	-.441	.499
	i1A	.243	1.000	.247	.146	-.023	.167	.192	.405	.162	.197	.213
	Responses to Item 2	.481	.247	1.000	-.096	.285	-.457	-.321	.288	-.313	-.193	.340
	i3A	-.332	.146	-.096	1.000	-.321	.313	.289	-.085	.182	.184	-.343
	Responses to Item 4	.426	-.023	.285	-.321	1.000	-.278	-.349	.027	-.096	-.137	.205
	Responses to Item 5	-.591	.167	-.457	.313	-.278	1.000	.678	-.224	.585	.360	-.264
	Responses to Item 6	-.464	.192	-.321	.289	-.349	.678	1.000	-.052	.430	.370	-.380
	Responses to Item 7	.386	.405	.288	-.085	.027	-.224	-.052	1.000	-.258	-.149	.423
	Responses to Item 8	-.400	.162	-.313	.182	-.096	.585	.430	-.258	1.000	.439	-.341
	Responses to Item 9	-.441	.197	-.193	.184	-.137	.360	.370	-.149	.439	1.000	-.164
Sig. (1-tailed)	Performance		.017	.000	.002	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000
	i1A	.017		.015	.102	.421	.074	.047	.000	.080	.043	.032
	Responses to Item 2	.000	.015		.204	.006	.000	.002	.006	.003	.046	.001
	i3A	.002	.102	.204		.002	.003	.005	.231	.056	.055	.001
	Responses to Item 4	.000	.421	.006	.002		.008	.001	.409	.203	.117	.037
	Responses to Item 5	.000	.074	.000	.003	.008		.000	.026	.000	.001	.011
	Responses to Item 6	.000	.047	.002	.005	.001	.000		.325	.000	.000	.000
	Responses to Item 7	.000	.000	.006	.231	.409	.026	.325		.012	.099	.000
	Responses to Item 8	.000	.080	.003	.056	.203	.000	.000	.012		.000	.001
	Responses to Item 9	.000	.043	.046	.055	.117	.001	.000	.099	.000		.077
N	Performance	77	77	77	77	77	76	77	77	77	77	77
	i1A	77	77	77	77	77	76	77	77	77	77	77
	Responses to Item 2	77	77	77	77	77	76	77	77	77	77	77
	i3A	77	77	77	77	77	76	77	77	77	77	77
	Responses to Item 4	77	77	77	77	77	76	77	77	77	77	77
	Responses to Item 5	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76
	Responses to Item 6	77	77	77	77	77	76	77	77	77	77	77
	Responses to Item 7	77	77	77	77	77	76	77	77	77	77	77
	Responses to Item 8	77	77	77	77	77	76	77	77	77	77	77
	Responses to Item 9	77	77	77	77	77	76	77	77	77	77	77
Responses to Item 10	77	77	77	77	77	76	77	77	77	77	77	

From the analysis above for University of Agriculture (UNAAB), the correlation table (Table 4.21) shows that items 2, i3A, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, have moderately strong correlations with the dependent variable (Performance), which is equal to and above “.300”. Also, the correlation among each of the independent variables is also not too high; therefore, we retain all the independent variables for further analysis.

In table 4.18 (model summary), the result shows “.669” in the ‘R’ square column, which means that the model (the cultural elements) explains 66.9% of the variances on performances of University of Agriculture revealing a strong relationship.

In the “Beta” column of table 4.20 (coefficient table), the largest value is considered, that is “- .441” (ignoring the negative sign) for item 5 meaning that, the cultural element item 5 makes the strongest unique contribution on the dependent variable (Performance). The Beta values for the other elements indicate that they made less contribution on performance. The “Sig.” column of the same table 4.20 reflects that items 1, 4, 5, 9, and 10, made a statistically significant unique contribution on performances of University of Agriculture.

The analysis below is a multiple regression analysis on Public University:

**Table 6a: Model Summary for Public Universities**

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.704(a)	.496	.460	.50864

**Table 6b: ANOVA for Public Universities**

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	36.359	10	3.636	14.053	.000(a)
	Residual	36.997	143	.259		
	Total	73.355	153			

**Table 6c: Coefficients for Public Universities**

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	Collinearity Statistics	
	B	Std. Error	Beta	Tolerance	VIF	B	Std. Error
1 (Constant)	3.574	.338		10.583	.000		
i1A	.024	.052	.032	.469	.640	.749	1.335
Responses to Item 2	-.028	.045	-.049	-.626	.533	.585	1.709
i3A	.050	.063	.054	.798	.426	.762	1.313
Responses to Item 4	.104	.040	.175	2.619	.010	.791	1.265
Responses to Item 5	-.154	.039	-.299	-3.963	.000	.619	1.615
Responses to Item 6	-.010	.042	-.017	-.239	.812	.733	1.364
Responses to Item 7	-.031	.039	-.055	-.808	.420	.753	1.327
Responses to Item 8	-.055	.046	-.091	-1.199	.233	.611	1.635
Responses to Item 9	-.089	.041	-.160	-2.161	.032	.641	1.561
Responses to Item 10	.204	.038	.369	5.425	.000	.760	1.315

**Key:**

i1A: Unity in Diversity;

Item 5: Quality Consciousness

Item 9: Role Clarity

Item 2: Creativity - Adaptability; Item 6: Collaboration

Item 10: Employee Concern

i3A: Culture nurturing

Item 7: Open Communication

Item 4: Customer Care

Item 8: Code of Conduct

**Table 6d: Correlations from Multiple Regression Analysis for Public Universities**

		Performance	i1A	Responses to Item 2	i3A	Responses to Item 4	Responses to Item 5	Responses to Item 6	Responses to Item 7	Responses to Item 8	Responses to Item 9	Responses to Item 10
Pearson Correlation	Performance	1.000	.014	.324	.172	.388	-.547	-.278	.196	-.385	-.381	.488
	i1A	.014	1.000	.243	.144	.057	.069	.248	.319	.191	.104	.142
	Responses to Item 2	.324	.243	1.000	.451	.343	-.327	-.025	.170	-.162	-.208	.388
	i3A	.172	.144	.451	1.000	.113	-.137	.086	-.005	-.004	-.131	.147
	Responses to Item 4	.388	.057	.343	.113	1.000	-.334	-.182	.171	-.157	-.285	.185
	Responses to Item 5	-.547	.069	-.327	-.137	-.334	1.000	.338	-.240	.475	.401	-.270
	Responses to Item 6	-.278	.248	-.025	.086	-.182	.338	1.000	-.019	.400	.329	-.148
	Responses to Item 7	.196	.319	.170	-.005	.171	-.240	-.019	1.000	-.148	-.220	.267
	Responses to Item 8	-.385	.191	-.162	-.004	-.157	.475	.400	-.148	1.000	.489	-.166
	Responses to Item 9	-.381	.104	-.208	-.131	-.285	.401	.329	-.220	.489	1.000	-.054
Responses to Item 10	.488	.142	.388	.147	.185	-.270	-.148	.267	-.166	-.054	1.000	
Sig. (1-tailed)	Performance	.	.430	.000	.014	.000	.000	.000	.006	.000	.000	.000
	i1A	.430	.	.001	.034	.239	.194	.001	.000	.008	.095	.037
	Responses to Item 2	.000	.001	.	.000	.000	.000	.375	.016	.021	.004	.000
	i3A	.014	.034	.000	.	.080	.042	.141	.475	.478	.050	.031
	Responses to Item 4	.000	.239	.000	.080	.	.000	.011	.016	.025	.000	.011
	Responses to Item 5	.000	.194	.000	.042	.000	.	.000	.001	.000	.000	.000
	Responses to Item 6	.000	.001	.375	.141	.011	.000	.	.404	.000	.000	.031
	Responses to Item 7	.006	.000	.016	.475	.016	.001	.404	.	.032	.003	.000
	Responses to Item 8	.000	.008	.021	.478	.025	.000	.000	.032	.	.000	.018
	Responses to Item 9	.000	.095	.004	.050	.000	.000	.000	.003	.000	.	.251
Responses to Item 10	.000	.037	.000	.031	.011	.000	.031	.000	.018	.251	.	
N	Performance	161	161	161	161	156	159	160	160	160	159	161
	i1A	161	161	161	161	156	159	160	160	160	159	161
	Responses to Item 2	161	161	161	161	156	159	160	160	160	159	161
	i3A	161	161	161	161	156	159	160	160	160	159	161
	Responses to Item 4	156	156	156	156	156	154	156	156	155	155	156
	Responses to Item 5	159	159	159	159	154	159	158	158	158	157	159
	Responses to Item 6	160	160	160	160	156	158	160	159	159	158	160
	Responses to Item 7	160	160	160	160	156	158	159	160	159	159	160
	Responses to Item 8	160	160	160	160	155	158	159	159	160	158	160
	Responses to Item 9	159	159	159	159	155	157	158	159	158	159	159
Responses to Item 10	161	161	161	161	156	159	160	160	160	159	161	

From the analysis above for Public Universities, the multiple regression analysis table (Table 6d) shows that items 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10, have moderately strong correlations with the dependent variable (Performance), which is equal to and above “.300”. Also, the correlation among each of the independent variables is also not too high; therefore, we retain all the independent variables for further analysis.

In table 6a (model summary), the result shows “.496” in the ‘R’ square column, which means that the model (the cultural elements) explains 49.6% of the variances on performances of Public Universities revealing a moderate relationship.

In the “Beta” column of table 6c (coefficient table), the largest value is “.369” for item 10 meaning that, the cultural element item 10 makes the strongest unique contribution on the dependent variable (Performance). The Beta values for the other elements indicate that they made less contribution on performance. The “Sig.” column of the same table 4.24 reflects that items 4, 5, 9, and 10, made a statistically significant unique contribution on performances of Public Universities.

Based on the above analysis therefore, we shall reject the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) stating that “there is no significant contribution of elements of organizational culture in predicting the performances of Universities” and accept the alternate hypothesis ( $H_1$ ) stating that “there is significant contribution of organization cultural elements on performances of Universities.”

## **Conclusion**

Shani et al (2005) concluded that organizational cultures can have a significant impact on an organization’s long term economic performance; organizational cultures will probably be an even more important factor in determining the success of failure of organizations in the next decade; organizational cultures that inhibit strong long-term financial performance are not rare, they develop easily, even in organizations that are full of reasonable and intelligent people, and; although tough to change, organizational cultures can be made more performance enhancing. A recent perspective of Rollinson (2005) was firmly part of what is now known as the ‘excellence movement’, which holds that culture is a key ingredient in the commercial success of an organization. Because authors list cultural characteristics that are said to lead to this outcome of success, it is easy to see why the ideas have an instant appeal to managers.

The challenge, however, is that this perspective and others like it imply a ‘one best culture’ suitable for all organizations. Since different organizations face different circumstances, the most useful approach to the culture-performance relationship is likely to be a contingency perspective; an assumption that there is no such thing as a ‘right’ or ‘best’ culture for all organizations. The most appropriate culture for an organization is the one that best helps it cope with the exigencies of its business environment.

Many managers have attempted to revamp their business culture, some by bench marking themselves against their most admired competitors. This offers few

insights for those attempting a business turnaround and the task is all the more daunting because culture is not just about 'how we do things', but also about 'what we do'.

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