The Power of Liberty in the American Workplace: Unveiling the Global Impact of Free Will Perceptions on Job Satisfaction*

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1 Introduction

In the evolving landscape of organizational psychology, the exploration of individual agency beliefs (particularly free will) and their impact on job satisfaction presents a compelling field of study. "Agency Beliefs Over Time and Across Cultures: Free Will Beliefs Predict Higher Job Satisfaction" by Feldman et al. embarks on this journey, unveiling the nuanced relationship between one's belief in free will and their subsequent job satisfaction across diverse cultural contexts. A focused exploration of this relationship within the context of the American workforce provides a valuable estimand, given the United States' strong emphasis on individualism, autonomy, and the freedom to shape one's destiny which are principles deeply ingrained in the national ethos.

The paper addresses a significant gap in existing literature by articulating how free will beliefs, beyond serving as philosophical contemplations, exert a tangible influence on individuals' professional lives. Through a robust approach that includes longitudinal studies and cross-cultural analyses, the research highlights a consistent positive correlation between strong beliefs in free will and higher levels of job satisfaction. This relationship, significantly influenced by perceived autonomy, underscores the pivotal role of individual agency beliefs in the context of the American workplace, where personal freedom and self-determination are highly valued.

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*Code and data are available at: https://github.com/samielsabri/freewill_analysis

The importance of this paper lies not only in its findings but also in its implications, offering practical insights for enhancing organizational culture and employee satisfaction within the American context. By highlighting the importance of fostering environments that champion autonomy and respect individual agency beliefs, the paper prompts business leaders and policymakers to rethink strategies for workplace management and development. This shift towards recognizing and nurturing free will beliefs could serve as a key lever for boosting job satisfaction, employee engagement, and organizational performance across the United States.

Structurally, the paper unfolds starting from its comprehensive methodology (including the six-month study of American online workers) to its extensive cross-cultural survey, which contextualizes the American data within a global framework. It then articulates the specific implications of free will beliefs for job satisfaction among American employees, weaving these insights into broader discussions on the interplay between cultural values, individual beliefs, and workplace dynamics. The concluding sections propose future research directions and practical applications, emphasizing the critical role of understanding and leveraging individual agency beliefs in cultivating a more motivated and satisfied workforce.

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The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. Section 2….

2 Data

The dataset for the study provides a detailed snapshot of free will beliefs, job satisfaction, and perceived job autonomy among American online workers.

The variables within this dataset were carefully selected to reflect key indicators of job satisfaction, belief in free will, job autonomy, and additional agency constructs for regional analysis within America.

Data cleaning was especially important in this case, considering the challenges inherent in longitudinal and generational health data. This ensured the integrity and continuity of data across different time points and handling any missing or inconsistent records. The dataset underwent meticulous cleaning using R (R Core Team 2022), addressing missing values and ensuring consistency across responses. Special attention was given to the reliability of scales used for measuring the core variables, with adjustments made to account for the online work setting of the participants.

Summary statistics revealed the mean and median job satisfaction rates, the correlation in job autonomy, and other job-related metrics. This aggregated data provided a foundation for understanding the base conditions of the workplace and any preliminary patterns indicating the persistence of individual agency.

Visual representations, such as graphs and tables, illustrated the distribution of job satisfaction, free will beliefs, and the relationship between the two. These visuals helped to convey the depth and nuances of the autonomy persistence observed in the American data.

The appendices include detailed statistical tables, additional graphs showing complex data relationships, and extensive notes on the data cleaning and processing methodology.

This description of the dataset was written with the general ethical practices of demographic research in mind and provides a narrative for a subset of data focused on America.

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3 Discussion

3.1 First discussion point

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3.2 Second discussion point

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3.4 Weaknesses and next steps

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Appendix

A Additional data details

B Model details

B.1 Posterior predictive check

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In **?@fig-ppcheckandposteriorvsprior-2** we compare the posterior with the prior. This shows...

Examining how the model fits, and is affected
by, the data

References

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