

THE STRUCTURAL BASIS OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS IN CONSERVATION AND
HUMAN BEHAVIOUR IN RELATION TO SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITION: AN IN-
DEPTH STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Despite increased efforts by non-governmental organisations, universities, and governments to save species in recent decades, several hazards persist that continue to diminish their populations and even drive them to extinction. The depletion of biodiversity is mostly attributed to the escalating human utilisation of natural resources. Consequently, it is essential for conservation specialists to investigate the underlying factors that drive human behaviour in order to effectively address this issue. Social psychologists studying decision-making recognise the utilisation of mathematical theories in explaining human decision-making processes. However, they also acknowledge that individuals do not consistently exhibit financially rational behaviour. Instead, personal factors such as attitudes and perceived social pressure can significantly influence decision-making. The researchers investigate the use of social-psychological theory of behaviour within the realms of ecological sustainability and the management of natural resources. Numerous research mostly focus on general attitudes towards conservation rather than specific attitudes towards conservation-related activities, hence limiting their applicability in formulating interventions aimed at modifying these behavioural patterns. A more comprehensive understanding of conservation-relevant behaviours and the development of more effective interventions to influence them can be achieved by adopting a narrower definition of the behaviour under investigation and examining attitudes within the framework of other social-psychological indications of behaviour. These indicators may include consumer attitudes, the presence of supporting factors, and moral obligation.

KEYWORDS: Attitude, Human Behaviour, Decision-Making, Social Norms.

INTRODUCTION

The fields of psychologist and cognitive neuroscience. Moreover, a considerable body of research in the fields of both neuroscience and psychology focuses on recruiting undergraduate participants from prestigious educational institutions in wealthy Western countries. The potential for misinterpretation of the findings in these research is heightened due to the limited sample sizes. However, it is plausible that different kinds of personalities might provide insight on the cognitive processes behind such actions. The detrimental impact on ecosystem and the extinction of species may be attributed to many human actions, including but not limited to the overexploitation of resources from nature, habitat loss, and anthropogenic climate change. The word "conservation" encompasses a wide range of actions that are undertaken with the objective of mitigating the ongoing degradation of ecological systems and the loss of biodiversity. Given the anthropogenic nature of these issues, which requires the implementation of measures to alter human behaviour and social structures, a comprehensive comprehension of ecology is necessary for the successful implementation of conservation efforts. For the proper functioning of these systems, a wide range of scales and time spans are necessary, including global markets and governments down to individual smallholder farmers. In the absence of a thorough understanding of the intricacies inherent in social systems, conservation initiatives run the risk of being too simplistic and misguided. In order to maximise the impact of conservation efforts, it is essential to have a comprehensive and forward-looking comprehension of the socioeconomic processes that underlie ecological change. There is a growing need for the use of prescriptive methodologies in the field of ecology, with the aim of enhancing its practical relevance and applicability. Numerous academic disciplines scrutinise human conduct, each characterised by distinct epistemological and methodological underpinnings. The discipline of conservation research has always depended on financial and psychological ideas pertaining to human conduct (Dobson, 2019).

The Theories of Planned Behaviour, a widely used framework in the field of social psychology, has been extensively employed by sociology and behavioural researchers to gain insights into individuals' motivations and guide the development of impactful interventions. Furthermore, the concept of "bounded rationality" from the field of economics, despite its limited adoption within the conservation community, has significant relevance. Economic theories pertaining to rational hunters have offered a theoretical framework for understanding the behavioural patterns shown by human hunters. When using models derived from the field of behavioural ecology in the context of human conduct, the primary aim is to optimise adaptation rather than utility, in contrast to the rationality utility-maximizing models often used in economics. In order to enhance comprehension of environments that have undergone human-induced modifications and to enhance the efficacy of conservation endeavours, scientists are persistently and laboriously striving to amalgamate a wide range of information pertaining to behaviour among people with ecological data. One approach to integrate

social as well as ecological information is via the utilisation of a model, which enables the establishment of causal links between the many components of the system's ecology and society. This enables researchers to anticipate the environmental and social ramifications of various prospective adjustments to social systems (Kareiva, 2017).

BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

In the realm of neuroscience, which investigates behaviours and cognition, it is customary to aggregate data from multiple participants. This practise serves to minimise the impact of individual variations. Many studies conducted in the fields of neuroscience and psychology specifically target college freshman and sophomore students attending educational institutions in Western countries. Although standardised tests tend to focus on a limited spectrum of human diversity, findings derived from research with a limited sample size are often regarded as representative of the whole community. However, via leveraging individual variations, it might potentially be feasible to comprehend the cognitive mechanisms behind these actions. The conventional research methodology entails investigating the effects of a solitary experimental alteration or action on the mean response. In the presence of measurement noise, it becomes imperative to use data averaging techniques over several patients in order to discern the genuine effects. The replies exhibit considerable variation, but they are being subjected to an averaging process. The answers of two individuals, shown by the pink lines, exhibit a contrary trend to the overall dataset, going in the other direction. Conversely, responses of two additional individuals, represented by the green lines, demonstrate much higher values compared to the remaining data points (Gintis, 2019).

These anomalies are often disregarded as idiosyncrasies or errors in measurement. The process of averaging data gathered from a group of individuals serves to diminish the presence of inter-individual variation, which is sometimes referred to as "noise" in the context of study pertaining to cognitive processes involved in perception, thinking, and action. However, in the event that tests exhibit reliability, it is plausible that individual differences in microvariability might be linked to cerebral functioning. Recent advancements in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) research have revealed that voxel-based morphometry and neuroimaging techniques can effectively forecast the interindividual differences in a wide range of fundamental cognitive abilities, including perception, motor control, memories, consciousness, and introspection. These findings are based on comprehensive investigations of the human brain. The researchers propose that multivariate data, often seen as extraneous in studies pertaining to the neural circuitry associated with reasoning, perception, and action, may provide valuable insights into the relationship between cognitive processes and physiological brain structures (Schultz, 2018).

PROBLEM STATEMENT

“In recent years there has been a growing recognition of the potential importance of the structural basis of inter-individual differences in conservation and human behaviour with relation to social psychology and cognition. It's difficult to get an accurate count of the number of people who lack from inter-individual differences in conservation and human behaviour with relation to social psychology and cognition but little is known about the structural basis.”

This study examined by Gulland scientific investigations pertaining to human behaviour. The brain processes that underlie perception, thought, and action are typically affected by inter-individual variability, which is often seen as a source of 'noise.' Consequently, the outcomes derived from individual variations are sometimes disregarded in favour of group average. The brain's human behaviour, on the other hand, reveals that the regional composition of greyish and white matter, when assessed using voxel-based morphology or diffuse tensor imaging, has the potential to anticipate differences across individuals in a wide range of basic and advanced cognitive functions. The authors claim that the analysis of individual differences may provide valuable insights into the influence of brain shape on human behaviour and cognition (Gulland, 2018).

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

1. To find out the characteristics of individual differences in conservation and human behavior with relation.
2. To understand by individual differences in cognitive development in conservation and human behavior.
3. To explain it important to study individual differences human behavior with relation in social psychology.
4. To find out the role of inter-individual differences in conservation and human behavior.
5. To evaluate called inter-individual difference in conservation and human behavior.

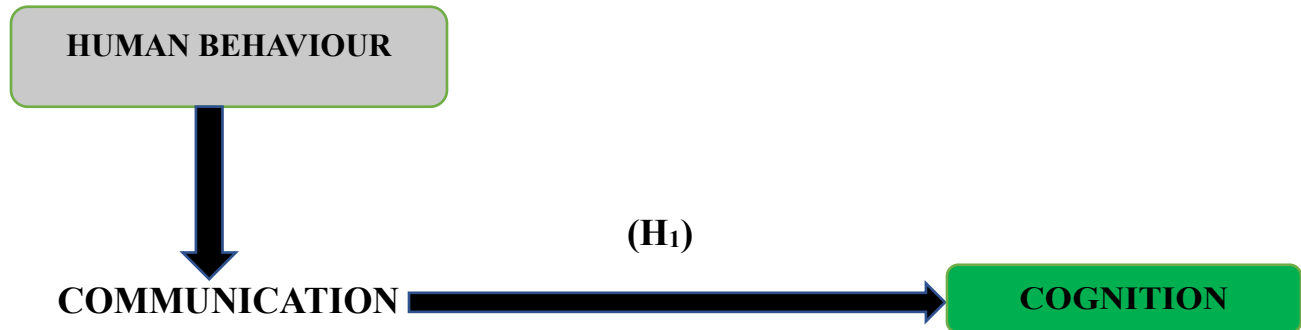
LITERATURE REVIEW

Studies using non-intrusive MRI (structural magnetic resonance imaging) techniques have shown the existence of extensive information storage within the neural architecture of the human brain, which is associated with variances in human behaviour. In recent years, there has been a significant rise in the volume of research investigating

the correlation between fundamental personality traits and brain shape. There are links between the architecture of white and grey matter and conduct in several aspects of higher-order cognition, such as sensory domains. This has enabled them to identify the most urgent issues that require prompt resolution. Although cross-sectional research have the ability to provide information on the longitudinal development of the brain, the causal relationship between these alterations and changes in behaviour remains uncertain. In order to enhance comprehension of the intricate relationship between brain shape and behaviour, it is necessary to conduct prospective or interventional research. The consideration of the structure's potential to undergo timely changes and adaptations is also of significance. Examining the extent of flexibility in other cognitive skills, such as reasoning and problem-solving, in addition to vision, might provide intriguing insights. Finally, additional research is required to validate the reliability of the brain's structure as a predictive instrument for identifying the structural factors associated with individual differences. In the domains of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and Alzheimer's disease (AD), scholars have lately initiated investigations on the potential use of aberrations in brain architecture as a predictive factor for clinical phenotype (Caprara, 2019).

In order to devise strategies that safeguard biodiversity while minimising potential risks to human lives, it is imperative to enhance their understanding of the intricate dynamics between human societies and the natural environment. Numerous scientists are now engaged in investigating the extent to which human activities have influenced the natural environment, both in terms of anthropogenic alterations and reciprocal impacts. This observation highlights their little understanding of the complex dynamics that exist between human societies and ecological systems. If the organisation fails to initiate the development of process-based models and consistently evaluate them within an adaptable framework, the situation will only deteriorate further. Individuals involved in the field of natural resource management might get advantages by incorporating insights from social sciences, that include a wide array of knowledge pertaining to behavioural sciences and analytical frameworks. There exists a considerable body of research that supports the notion that comprehending human intentions is a crucial factor in the development of efficacious approaches aimed at mitigating the decline in biodiversity. There exists an extensive catalogue of instances wherein conservation efforts have fallen short, thereby substantiating this assertion. These include the opposition encountered in implementing the integrated the Conservation and the development the programme. (ICDP) as a strategic approach, the challenges associated with establishing enduring and sustainable payment mechanisms, the unsatisfactory outcomes observed in alternative livelihood initiatives, and the adverse consequences arising from buffer zone initiatives surrounding protected areas. In spite of the varied outcomes seen in conservation projects, researchers have made notable advancements in applying control and counterfactuals to assess the effectiveness of diverse programmes (Casey, 2018).

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



METHODOLOGY

Sampling: The subjects in this study were 890 people sampled from the total population of the China.

Data and Measurement: The data were collected during the first half of the annual year 2022. Human behaviour were required. Questionnaire was distributed and quantitative analysis was implemented.

Statistical Software: MS-Excel and SPSS 25 was be used for Statistical analysis.

Statistical tools: Descriptive analysis was be applied to understand the basic nature of the data. Validity and reliability of the data was be tested through Cronbach alpha and ANOVA.

RESULT

Factor Analysis

Factor analysis is often used to verify the latent component structure of a set of measurement items (FA). It is believed that latent (or unseen) factors account for the observed (or measured) scores. Modeling is at the heart of accuracy analysis (FA). It focuses on modelling the interplay of seen occurrences, undiscovered causes, and measurement error. The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Test may be used to determine whether the data is suitable for factor analysis. Both individual model variables and the whole model are tested to ensure sufficient sampling. Data analysis reveals the extent to which many variables may have some common variance. In most cases, a lower proportion indicates that the data is more amenable to factor analysis. KMO returns

values between zero and one. The sample size is adequate if and only if the KMO value is between 0.8 and 1.0. A KMO of less than 0.6 indicates inadequate sampling and calls for adjustment. Some authors utilise the number 0.5 for this purpose; somewhere between 0.5 and 0.6, they'll have to use their discretion.

- KMO If it's close to zero, then means the sum of the correlations is tiny compared to the size of the partial correlations. To restate, large-scale correlations are a significant obstacle to component analysis. Here are Kaiser's minimum and maximum standards: Kaiser's minimum and maximum standards are as follows. Faltering between 0.050 and 0.059.

Below-average (0.60-0.69) In the middle school level, typically, With a quality point value between 0.80 and 0.89. Incredible diversity exists between 0.90 and 1.00.

KMO and Bartlett's Test		
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.		.980
	Approx. Chi-Square	3252.968
	df	190
	Sig.	.000

The first phase of exploratory factor analysis (EFA) involves determining whether or not the data can be used for undertaking factor analysis. In this respect, Kaiser proposed that the KMO (Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin) measure of sampling adequacy coefficient value should be more than 0.5 as a basic minimum for carrying out factor analysis. This is because KMO stands for the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin measure of sampling adequacy. This research yielded a KMO value of .980 for the data that was utilised. In addition, the significance level was determined to be 0.00 according to Bartlett's test of sphericity.

Test for Hypothesis

Scientists refer to the act of proposing a hypothesis as putting out a conjecture or assumption for the purpose of debate and later empirical testing to assess its validity. The first stage of the scientific process involves formulating a viable hypothesis, followed by conducting a comprehensive literature study. The hypothesis successfully predicted the results. A hypothesis refers to any suggested answer to the core topic of a research. Depending on the scope of the inquiry, it could be need to formulate several assumptions, each of whose would then undergo testing.

Dependent Variable

- **Cognition**

Cognition refers to the mental activity involved in gaining information and comprehension via thinking, personal encounters, and sensory perception. Cambridge Cognition focuses on the cognitive processes involved in receiving and storing information, as well as how this knowledge is subsequently used to influence one's behaviour.

Independent Variable

- **Human Behaviour**

Human behaviour refers to the inherent and shown ability of people or groups to react to both internal and external stimuli, including mental, physical, and social aspects, throughout their lifespan. An individual's behaviour is influenced by both hereditary and environmental variables.

Factor

- **Communication**

Communication is the act of transmitting and receiving messages using both spoken and non-spoken ways. Communication is a bilateral method of exchanging information, such as thoughts, views, and ideas, among two or more persons with the aim of fostering comprehension.

Gestures are essential elements of language that provide significant and distinct information to a spoken word and mirror the speaker's underneath knowledge and experiences. Theoretical frameworks regarding speech and gesture suggest that they originate from the same conceptual source and have a closely interconnected connection, overlapping in terms of timing, meaning, and purpose to enhance the communication environment. They examine a comprehensive body of research in the area of psychology that demonstrates the advantages of using gestures in communication for both those who speak and those who listen. Additionally, they explore the significant cognitive roles that gestures play in organising spoken language, as well as their ability to enhance problem-solving, learning, and remembering. However, there has been a lack of research on the topic of gesture in individuals with neurogenic communication impairments, despite the available data.

On basis of the above discussion, the researcher formulated the following hypothesis, which was analysed the relationship between communication and cognition.

H₀₁: “There is no significant relationship between communication and cognition.”

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		Sum	H1_Mean
Pearson Correlation	Sum	1.000	.995
	H1_Mean	.995	1.000
Sig. (1-tailed)	Sum	.	.000
	H1_Mean	.000	.
N	Sum	100	100
	H1_Mean	100	100

Model Summary ^b					
Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	Durbin-Watson
1	1.000 ^a	1.000	1.000	.000	.625
a. Predictors: (Constant), H1_Mean,					
b. Dependent Variable: Sum					

The value of the multiplies correlation coefficient in the "R" column. The predictability of the dependent variable, disruptive innovations in this case, may be assessed using R. An achievement of 1.0 shows a satisfactory level of prediction. The "coefficients of determination," often referred to as the R² number, is displayed in the "R Square" column. This diagram is utilised to deduce causal connections by illustrating the percentage of overall variability in the depending on variable that can be ascribed to the impact of the independent variables (specifically, it represents the in proportion of variation explained by the regression model in addition to the mean model). The result of 1.0 indicates that the independent factors completely account for the variance in the dependant variable, which is the emergence of disruptive technologies. However, it is essential for them to possess a comprehensive understanding of the "adjusting R Squared" in order to present their discoveries in a satisfactory way (adj. R²). In an advanced course on multiple regression, researchers examine both the results and the factors that contribute to these findings.

ANOVA ^a						
Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	55705.310	4	13926.327	10496673816440674.000	.000 ^b
	Residual	.000	95	.000		
	Total	55705.310	99			
a. Dependent Variable: Sum						
b. Predictors: (Constant), H1 Mean,						

The basic equation that may be used to anticipate disruptive technology based on Social Interaction, Communication, Ethnic Background, Gender: The likelihood of including essential components, Social Psychology= $1.677 + (9.343E-7 \times H1_Mean \text{ (Communication)})$

CONCLUSION

Research on individual variations in behaviour has shown that non-intrusive structural magnetic resonance imaging may be used to systematically collect a substantial amount of data on people. In recent years, there has been a notable increase in research endeavours aimed at investigating the potential correlation between variations in brain structure and the manifestation of diverse behavioural traits across individuals. The relationships underlying white and grey matter building design and behaviour are not limited to specific domains such as sensory perception, but extend across various areas of higher-order cognition. Numerous concerns have been identified as requiring more examination. Furthermore, it should be noted that cross-sectional studies do not possess the capability to establish a causal relationship between a modification in brain structure and a subsequent alteration in behaviour. In order to elucidate the relationships between brain structure and behaviour, it was necessary to conduct either observational or interventional investigations. The examination of structural flexibility across time has significant importance. It is rather unexpected that a little duration of training, lasting just a few weeks, may result in long-lasting alterations in the structure of the brain, particularly in relation to motor functions. It would be very advantageous to assess the extent to which this model exhibits flexibility in accommodating various forms of individual variance in perception or higher cognitive functions.

LIMITATION

Quantitative approaches are founded around the use of mathematical frameworks, formulas, and other mathematical formulas, all of which are contingent upon underlying assumptions. Therefore, it is essential not to regard them as infallible.

Failing to heed this cautionary advice might potentially result in significant repercussions. In many instances, the use of quantitative methodologies necessitates the involvement of specialists, hence leading to an escalation in expenses. Owing to the substantial financial implications associated with implementation, even the most prominent corporations only employ quantitative approaches in a limited number of circumstances. It is fairly commonplace for managers to rely on their subjective judgements and prior experiences rather than empirical evidence when making choices. Quantitative techniques may encounter several challenges, such as insufficient data, divergent definitions, inadequate sample selection, flawed methodologies, improper comparisons, and substandard presentation. Due to their disdain for quantifiable and intangible human traits, quantitative approaches are deemed inadequate for the analysis of qualitative phenomena. The methodologies used do not consider intangible factors such as a manager's ability, attitude, and passion. Nevertheless, the tactics might be executed in an indirect manner via the assignment of monetary amounts to abstract assertions. The intelligence quotient (IQ) of a manager, for example, may be determined by the assignment of a numerical score that considers a range of parameters.

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