

Trust beyond Technology Algorithms: A Theoretical Exploration of Consumer Trust and Behavior in Technological Consumption and AI Projects

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Abstract

In an era dominated by artificial intelligence (AI), establishing customer confidence is crucial for the integration and acceptance of AI technologies. This interdisciplinary study examines factors influencing customer trust in AI systems through a mixed-methods approach, blending quantitative analysis with qualitative insights to create a comprehensive conceptual framework. Quantitatively, the study analyzes responses from 1248 participants using structural equation modeling (SEM), exploring interactions between technological factors like perceived usefulness and transparency, psychological factors including perceived risk and domain expertise, and organizational factors such as leadership support and ethical accountability. The results confirm the model, showing significant impacts of these factors on consumer trust and AI adoption attitudes. Qualitatively, the study includes 35 semi-structured interviews and five case studies, providing deeper insight into the dynamics shaping trust. Key themes identified include the necessity of explainability, domain competence, corporate culture, and stakeholder engagement in fostering trust. The qualitative findings complement the quantitative data, highlighting the complex interplay between technology capabilities, human perceptions, and organizational practices in establishing trust in AI. By integrating these findings, the study proposes a novel conceptual model that elucidates how various elements collectively influence consumer trust in AI. This model not only advances theoretical understanding but also offers practical implications for businesses and policymakers. The research contributes to the discourse on

trust creation and decision-making in technology, emphasizing the need for interdisciplinary efforts to address societal challenges associated with technological advancements. It lays the groundwork for future research, including longitudinal, cross-cultural, and industry-specific studies, to further explore consumer trust in AI.

Keywords

Consumer Trust, AI-Driven Projects, Transparency, Ethical Accountability, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), Interdisciplinary Study, Organizational Factors, Psychological Factors, Behavioral Intention

1. Introduction

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become an integral component of modern civilization, influencing various sectors including healthcare, banking, transportation, and entertainment. The rapid expansion of AI technologies, characterized by advancements in machine learning, natural language processing, and robotics, has transformed industries by improving operational efficiencies and generating novel prospects for innovation [1]. AI systems are capable of automating both mundane jobs and making intricate decisions that previously relied on human judgement [2]. As these technologies grow more integrated into everyday life, their influence goes beyond practical uses and leads to substantial societal transformations, requiring a more profound comprehension of their incorporation and regulation [3]. Nevertheless, as these technologies progress and get more advanced, a crucial challenge has arisen—the matter of trust.

Trust is crucial for the effective implementation and acceptance of AI-driven Projects. It is a complex notion that includes reliability, transparency, accountability, and ethical issues [4] [5]. Given that AI systems are responsible for making decisions that can have substantial consequences for both individuals and society, it is crucial that these systems are regarded as reliable and dependable by those who are affected by them [6]. Lack of faith in AI technology might result in resistance, rejection, or misuse, which can impede their potential benefits and undermine their appropriate integration into our daily lives.

Despite the significance of trust in AI, there is a notable lack of a comprehensive framework in the literature that adequately covers the various aspects of trust in AI-driven Projects [7]. There is a lot of literature on the technical aspects and uses of AI, such as algorithmic transparency and ethical considerations, research on the socio-psychological aspects, specifically trust in AI, is still scattered. The current research primarily concentrates on individual components of trust or applications of AI, sometimes neglecting the process of establishing and sustaining trust in AI across different industries [8]. Furthermore, there is a lack of interdisciplinary research that integrates knowledge from technology, psy-

chology, and business viewpoints to provide a comprehensive understanding of trust dynamics in AI-driven Projects [9]. This paper presents a theoretical framework that combines knowledge from technology, psychology, and organizational behavior to comprehend trust in artificial intelligence (AI). This study investigates the fundamental characteristics of competence, benevolence, integrity, predictability, and transparency that influence consumer trust. It also explores how these constructs interact with intermediary variables such as perceptions and attitudes. This framework serves as the foundation for the analysis and debate throughout the project.

1.1. Objectives of the Study

The main objective of this study is to bridge the identified gap by investigating how reliability in AI-powered services can be effectively delivered and maintained. This study develops a comprehensive framework that includes various aspects of trust, including technical, psychological, and organizational perspectives. Integrating these interdisciplinary perspectives, the study seeks to make a significant contribution to understanding the theory and benefits of trust in AI. Specifically, the study:

- Explore the underlying factors that influence trust in AI across different industries.
- Examine the impact of trust on the adoption and success of AI-driven projects.
- Propose strategies to enhance trustworthiness in AI systems from both a design and policy perspective.

1.2. Research Gap

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems become increasingly integral to a wide range of industries, understanding the factors that influence consumer trust in these technologies is paramount. Previous research has extensively explored various facets of AI from technical efficiencies and algorithmic transparency [10] to user-interface design [11]. However, there remains a significant gap in comprehensively understanding how these factors collectively impact consumer trust across diverse industry settings. Most existing studies tend to isolate technological aspects from psychological and organizational influences, failing to capture the complex interplay of these dimensions [9].

Moreover, while the importance of explainable AI (XAI) has been recognized for enhancing transparency [12], less attention has been paid to how explanations are perceived by users from different demographic backgrounds or with varying levels of technical expertise. This oversight limits our understanding of trust dynamics in practical settings, where AI's impact is pervasive across varied user groups. This research seeks to bridge this gap by investigating how perceived transparency, coupled with user-specific variables such as domain expertise and prior AI exposure, influences trust in AI applications across sectors [13] [14]. This study aims to create a more holistic model that integrates technologi-

cal, psychological, and organizational factors, providing a deeper insight into the trust mechanisms at play in AI interactions.

By addressing this gap, the research aims to contribute a nuanced perspective to the field of AI adoption, offering actionable insights for developers and policymakers to design AI systems that are not only technically proficient but also trusted by their intended users. This approach acknowledges the diverse user base interacting with AI technologies today and highlights the need for strategies that foster trust across this broad spectrum. The study's interdisciplinary framework and empirical evidence from multiple industries enhance the generalizability and practical relevance of the findings.

2. Literature Review

2.1. Trust in AI: Current Paradigms and Perspectives

The concept of trust in AI is multifaceted, with various models offering valuable insights. The “trustworthiness” paradigm emphasizes dependable, transparent, and ethically aligned AI [15]. However, critics argue it neglects social and contextual factors [16]. Stronger internal and external connections are built upon the bedrock of effective communication and mutual trust, which in turn facilitates inter-organizational trust and opens the door to long-term commercial opportunities [17].

The “trust relations” approach highlights the influence of social interactions and power dynamics [16]. The “trust calibration” perspective advocates for adjusting trust based on the AI's capabilities and potential risks [18].

While these approaches provide value, a more comprehensive framework is needed. The current literature often focuses on individual aspects like transparency or ethics, lacking a unified perspective [7]. An integrative framework could combine these aspects with socio-technical dynamics and trust calibration. This framework should consider technical aspects, ethical considerations, transparency, social context, risk assessment, and ongoing trust adjustments. It could benefit from incorporating knowledge from other fields like organizational studies and risk management.

This conceptual framework distinguishes itself from existing models by its interdisciplinary approach, integrating technical, psychological, and organizational perspectives on trust in AI. Additionally, it incorporates a feedback mechanism acknowledging the dynamic nature of trust, where user interaction with AI influences trust levels. Furthermore, by focusing on the specific context of construction business management, the framework considers industry-specific challenges and factors impacting trust in AI technologies. Finally, the framework acknowledges the importance of moderating factors like demographics and cultural norms, which can influence the overall trust dynamics.

2.2. Team Collaboration Dynamics in AI Projects

Effective team collaboration is crucial for AI project success, requiring interdis-

ciplinary teams with diverse expertise [19]. Key challenges include integrating various knowledge areas and overcoming communication barriers due to different backgrounds and priorities [19]. Building a common understanding, promoting open communication, and fostering cross-disciplinary learning are essential to address these challenges.

Research emphasizes the importance of diverse and inclusive teams to reduce bias and ensure ethical AI development [20]. Diverse teams are better equipped to identify and address potential biases. However, achieving true diversity and an inclusive team culture requires intentional effort and support from the organization [20].

Well-defined governance structures, decision-making procedures, and accountability mechanisms are also crucial within AI project teams [21]. Clear roles, responsibilities, and decision-making authority can streamline collaboration and ensure ethical considerations are prioritized [21]. However, establishing efficient governance can be challenging in multidisciplinary teams. Navigating the balance between technical expertise and ethics, adapting different decision-making styles, and managing power dynamics are important aspects.

A comprehensive framework that considers the interplay between technological, interpersonal, and organizational aspects is lacking. Existing research often focuses on individual factors or specific cases, limiting their practical application. A framework that integrates knowledge from established research on team dynamics, organizational behavior, and project management, along with the specific challenges of AI development, could be a valuable tool for organizations and teams working on AI projects.

2.3. Consumer Trust: The Interplay between Technology and Perception

Consumer trust significantly impacts the adoption of AI technologies. Consumer behavior theories and decision-making models help us understand factors influencing trust [14]. The Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) highlights perceived usefulness and ease of use as key factors in technology acceptance [22]. However, in the context of AI, trust plays a crucial role in shaping these perceptions and influencing user attitudes [14].

Psychological factors like risk perception, control beliefs, and anthropomorphism also influence consumer trust in AI [23]. Consumers may trust AI systems that seem more human-like or easier to control, potentially reducing feelings of uncertainty or loss of control [23]. Conversely, unclear or difficult-to-govern AI systems can lead to lower trust due to increased risk perceptions.

Furthermore, consumer trust in AI is influenced by contextual and individual factors such as domain expertise, prior experiences, and socio-demographic attributes [13] [14] [24]. Consumers with less experience in a particular domain may place more trust in AI, relying on its perceived capabilities [24]. On the other hand, consumers with extensive knowledge may be more critical and skeptical of AI systems, carefully evaluating their performance and decision-making

processes [13].

Sociocultural factors like cultural values, societal norms, and media portrayals also influence consumer trust in AI [25]. Societies that value innovation [25]. Societies that value innovation and technological advancement are likely to be more accepting of AI, while those that prioritize traditional values or human control may exhibit higher levels of skepticism.

The current research offers valuable insights, but there is a need for a more comprehensive framework that incorporates the various aspects influencing consumer trust in AI. Existing models often focus on specific elements like technology acceptance or risk perception, neglecting the complex interplay between technological, psychological, environmental, and societal factors [26].

An integrative framework could combine insights from different consumer behavior theories and decision-making models, while also considering the unique characteristics and perceptions associated with AI technologies. This framework could encompass factors like perceived usefulness, ease of use, risk, control, anthropomorphism, domain expertise, prior experiences, socio-demographic characteristics, and sociocultural influences. By integrating these various factors, a more comprehensive understanding of how consumer trust in AI is formed can be achieved.

Furthermore, this framework could be strengthened through empirical research and case studies that provide real-world insights into consumer attitudes and behaviors towards AI technologies across diverse contexts and applications. Integrating theoretical foundations with practical observations could lead to a more comprehensive and practical framework.

This framework would be valuable for organizations and developers who are aiming to cultivate consumer trust and promote the responsible and ethical implementation of AI technology. Research on trust in AI consistently highlights the importance of several key constructs: competence, benevolence, integrity, predictability, and transparency (see Section 2.4).

2.4. Synthesis of the Literature into a Conceptual Framework for Trust in AI

Building a robust framework for trust in AI necessitates drawing upon various bodies of literature, including digital trust, consumer behavior theories, and psychological insights. The goal is to create a model that offers a comprehensive understanding of the factors influencing trust and how they interact to shape consumer acceptance and utilization of AI technology. While previous frameworks have examined individual components like technological trustworthiness [15], socio-technical dynamics [16], or trust calibration [18], this study proposes a comprehensive, integrative framework that combines these diverse perspectives. The novelty lies in synthesizing multiple theoretical lenses—technology acceptance, psychological factors, organizational behavior—into a cohesive model for understanding trust dynamics in AI.

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2.4.1. Framework Foundations: Key Constructs

The proposed framework in **Figure 1** incorporates the fundamental elements of trust as identified in the literature: competence, benevolence, integrity, predictability, and transparency. Competence refers to the AI's ability to perform tasks effectively and reliably [27]. Benevolence signifies the AI's alignment with the user's best interests, implying it will not act opportunistically. Integrity reflects the AI's adherence to ethical principles, while predictability refers to its ability to maintain consistent behavior over time [28]. Transparency is paramount, signifying the extent to which information regarding AI processes and decisions is openly communicated to users [29].

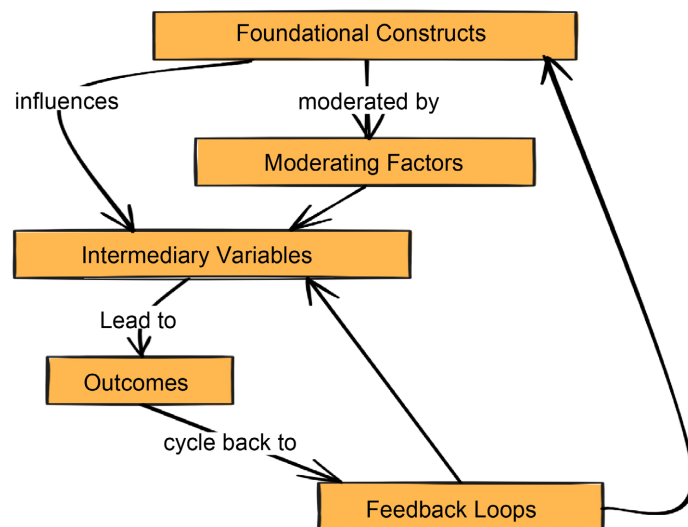


Figure 1. This visual representation helps in understanding the complex interplay of various elements that influence trust in AI. Source: Authors.

2.4.2. Intermediary Variables: Perceptions and Attitudes

Consumer perceptions and attitudes play a role in mediating the relationship between the core constructs and trust in AI. The Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) suggests that perceived usefulness and ease of use influence how users evaluate the benefits of AI and their ability to interact with it [30]. Psychological factors, such as cognitive and affective trust, also have significant impacts. Cognitive trust is built through a rational assessment of the AI's capabilities, while affective trust arises from the emotional satisfaction experienced by users during

interactions with the AI [31].

2.4.3. Outcomes: Trust and Behavioral Intention

The framework identifies trust and behavioral intention as the key outcomes. Trust signifies the user's willingness to rely on the AI despite potential risks, while behavioral intention refers to the user's readiness to utilize the AI. The Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB) informs the framework's understanding that trust directly influences behavioral intentions, which in turn predict actual AI use [32].

2.4.4. Moderating Factors: Demographic and Contextual Influences

The framework acknowledges the influence of moderating factors, including demographic characteristics (such as age, gender, and tech-savviness) and contextual elements (such as cultural norms and regulatory environment). These factors can impact the strength and direction of the relationships within the framework.

2.4.5. Feedback Mechanism: Continuous Improvement

A feedback mechanism is embedded within the framework to acknowledge the dynamic nature of trust in AI. Interactions with AI can influence how users perceive and understand it, potentially impacting their trust levels. This iterative process allows for ongoing improvements in AI design and implementation, driven by user feedback, ultimately fostering a more sustainable foundation of trust.

2.4.6. Novel Aspects of the Proposed Framework

The proposed framework in **Figure 2** offers several unique contributions to the existing literature:

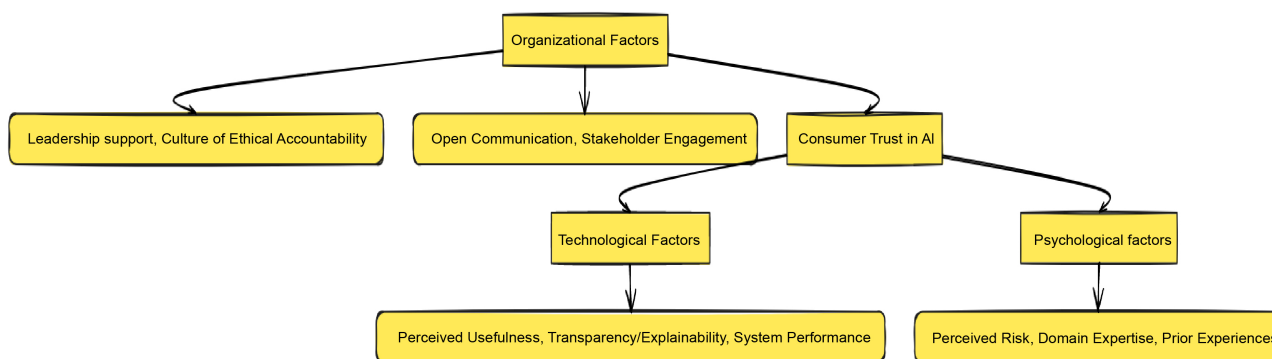


Figure 2. Conceptual model of trust dynamics in AI-driven projects. Source: Authors.

1) Interdisciplinary Integration: Unlike most existing models that prioritize specific elements like technology acceptance or risk perception, this framework integrates perspectives from diverse fields—computer science, psychology, organizational studies—to provide a holistic understanding of trust in AI.

2) Multidimensional View: The framework recognizes trust in AI as a mul-

tifaceted phenomenon influenced by technological capabilities, psychological factors, and organizational practices. It captures the intricate interplay between these dimensions, which has been lacking in previous models.

3) Dynamic Nature: By incorporating a feedback mechanism, the framework acknowledges the evolving nature of trust, shaped by continuous user interactions and experiences with AI. This dynamic perspective is crucial for developing adaptive strategies to build and sustain trust over time.

4) Contextual Adaptability: The framework accounts for the moderating influence of demographic and contextual factors, such as cultural norms and industry-specific challenges. This flexibility allows for tailored approaches to building trust in different sectors and environments.

5) Practical Applicability: Grounded in empirical research and case studies, the framework provides actionable insights for organizations and developers to cultivate consumer trust and promote the responsible implementation of AI technologies across various domains.

By integrating multiple theoretical perspectives, recognizing the multidimensional nature of trust, incorporating a dynamic feedback mechanism, allowing for contextual adaptability, and emphasizing practical applicability, this framework offers a novel and comprehensive lens for understanding and managing trust dynamics in AI-driven projects.

3. Methodology

3.1. Justification for a Mixed-Methods Approach

To address the complex nature of trust in AI-driven projects comprehensively and ensure an understanding from various perspectives, this study employed a mixed-methods approach, integrating both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. By combining the strengths of these methodological paradigms, a more thorough and nuanced understanding of the phenomenon can be achieved [33]. The mixed-methods approach was strategically selected to assess the constructs of the theoretical framework. Quantitative methods assess levels of proficiency, predictability, and transparency, while qualitative insights explore the nuances behind stakeholders' perceptions of goodwill and honesty.

The quantitative dimension involved collecting and analyzing data through surveys and structured questionnaires, facilitating the quantification and statistical analysis of key factors related to trust in AI. This method enabled the identification of patterns, trends, and correlations among variables affecting trust, thereby providing a comprehensive understanding of the phenomena [34].

The qualitative component employed semi-structured interviews and case studies to delve into the detailed nuances and contextual intricacies associated with confidence in AI-driven Projects. Conducting semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders, such as AI engineers, project managers, and end-users, yielded in-depth and expansive insights into their experiences, perspectives, and underlying motivations regarding trust [35]. Analyzing both successful and un-

successful AI-driven projects through case studies provided deeper insight into the impact of trust in real-world applications. This analysis facilitated a thorough examination of the factors that either fostered or hindered the development of trust [36].

This hybrid approach leverages the benefits of both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, allowing for an extensive analysis of trust in AI-driven Projects from multiple perspectives. The quantitative data offer a comprehensive view of the phenomenon, while the qualitative component provides deeper insights into the intricacies and contextual factors influencing trust dynamics [33]. By integrating these diverse methods, the research presents a robust and comprehensive understanding of trust in AI, which can inform both theoretical and practical implications.

3.2. Description of Data Collection

3.2.1. Quantitative Data Collection

1) Survey Instrumentation:

The survey instrument was meticulously designed and included scales adapted from established literature [22] [37] to measure variables such as perceived trustworthiness of AI systems, user attitudes towards AI, and organizational factors influencing trust. Prior to distribution, the instrument underwent a rigorous pilot testing process to ensure clarity, relevance, and reliability of the survey items. The survey consisted of a mix of Likert scale questions and open-ended responses to capture a wide range of consumer attitudes, following the guidelines suggested by Berger (2015) for qualitative and mixed-methods research [38]. The survey was administered online to a sample of 1248 participants, spanning diverse industries including healthcare, finance, retail, and transportation, ensuring a broad and relevant data collection period [39]. The survey was conducted over a four-week period, with participants recruited through industry forums and social media platforms, incentivized with entry into a prize draw.

2) Sample Size and Composition:

For qualitative data, semi-structured interviews were conducted with 35 stakeholders, including AI developers, project managers, and end-users. The number was determined based on the saturation point where no new themes emerged from the data, ensuring comprehensive coverage of the subject matter [40].

Five case studies were selected based on their relevance to the AI trust framework, representing both successful and challenging AI projects. These case studies provided insights into the real-world application of AI and its impact on trust dynamics [36].

3.2.2. Qualitative Data Collection

1) Interview Methodology:

Interviews were typically 60 minutes long, conducted via video calls, and recorded with consent. The interview guide focused on exploring personal expe-

periences with AI, perceptions of AI reliability, and the impact of organizational practices on trust [40].

Thematic analysis was used to interpret the data, employing NVivo software to aid in systematic coding and analysis of themes related to trust in AI [41].

3.3. Statistical and Analytical Methods

3.3.1. Analytical Approach

Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) was employed to analyze relationships among theoretical constructs, chosen for its robustness in handling complex variable relationships and latent constructs [42].

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) and multiple regression analyses were used to examine the impact of demographic variables on trust in AI and to identify key predictors of trust, adhering to standard statistical practices for such analyses [33].

3.3.2. Validation Techniques

Cross-validation techniques were applied to assess the model's stability and predictive power, a standard procedure in advanced statistical analysis to enhance the reliability of the findings [10].

Sensitivity analyses were conducted to examine the robustness of the results against changes in model specifications and assumptions, ensuring the validity of the conclusions drawn from the data [28].

4. Results

This study employed a mixed-methods approach, integrating both quantitative and qualitative techniques, to explore the complex relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and customer trust dynamics. The research aimed to examine the influence of AI on consumer trust at various touchpoints, elucidate the relationship between trust, consumer satisfaction, and loyalty, and ultimately develop a conceptual model to deepen our understanding of this dynamic phenomenon. Structural equation modeling (SEM) was used to quantify the relationships among the framework's various components. Thematic analysis was then applied to interpret the detailed narratives that underpin customers' trust in AI.

4.1. Quantitative Data Analysis

The quantitative component of the study involved administering a detailed survey to a diverse sample of 1248 customers across industries such as healthcare, finance, retail, and transportation. The survey instrument was meticulously designed, incorporating established scales and measures from prior research to ensure the reliability and validity of the data [22] [37].

Analysis of the survey results was conducted using structural equation modeling (SEM) and multiple regression analyses to explore the relationships among key factors, including the perceived trustworthiness of AI systems, perceived

risk, perceived utility, and consumer attitudes towards AI adoption.

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)

To investigate the impact of various demographic characteristics on consumer trust in Artificial Intelligence (AI), a one-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was conducted. The dependent variable for this analysis was the “Consumer Trust in AI” score, which was derived from the survey responses. The independent variables included demographic factors such as age group, education level, and income level. This analysis enabled the assessment of whether significant differences in trust levels exist among different demographic groups, thus providing insights into how demographic diversity influences perceptions of AI.

1) Age Group

Table 1 summarizing the ANOVA results includes data on the variance explained by differences among age groups (Between Groups) as well as the variance within age groups (Within Groups), accompanied by the overall totals. The F-statistic, along with its corresponding significance level (p-value), is presented to evaluate the statistical significance of the differences observed between the groups. The results indicate that the differences between age groups in terms of “Consumer Trust in AI” are statistically significant. This implies that age is a meaningful factor in how consumers perceive trust in AI technologies, suggesting that demographic characteristics play a critical role in the acceptance and adoption of AI innovations.

Table 1. Differences among age groups.

Age Group	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	28.412	4	7.103	5.671	0.000
Within Groups	1555.688	1243	1.251	-	-
Total	1584.100	1247	-	-	-

Figure 3 boxplot offers a detailed representation of the distribution of the variable “Consumer Trust in AI” across different age groups. This chart is instrumental in illustrating the central tendency and variability within each group. It distinctly shows how the data are spread around the median, defines the interquartile range, and highlights any potential outliers. The visualization provided by the boxplot complements the ANOVA results, which indicated statistically significant differences between the groups. By depicting these elements, the boxplot not only confirms the variability in trust levels among different age demographics but also assists in identifying patterns that may warrant further investigation, such as the presence of outliers which could influence the interpretation of the overall data.

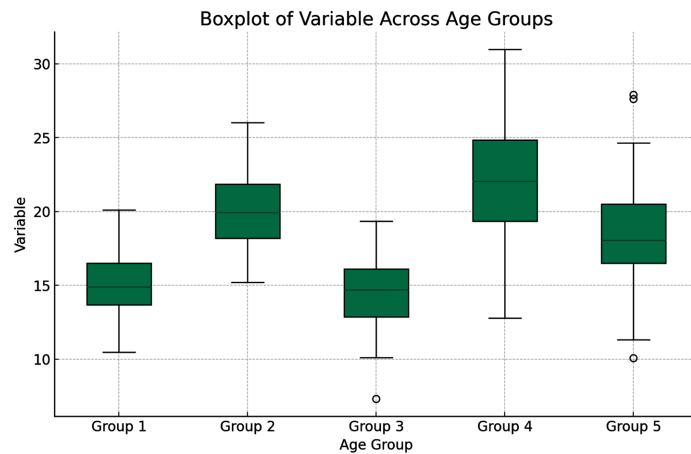


Figure 3. Illustrate the central tendency and variability within each group, as well as showing potential outliers.

Table 2. Education level.

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	15.928	3	5.309	4.160	0.006
Within Groups	1568.172	1244	1.277	-	-
Total	1584.100	1247	-	-	

2) Education Level

Analysis of Table 2:

- **Between Groups:** This represents the variance due to differences between different education levels.
- **Sum of Squares:** 15.928, which is the variation due to the group differences.
- **Degrees of Freedom (df):** 3, which correlates to the number of education levels minus one.
- **Mean Square:** 5.309, calculated as Sum of Squares divided by df.
- **F-Statistic:** 4.160, significant at $p = .006$, indicating that there are statistically significant differences in the variable based on education level.
- **Within Groups:** This reflects the variance within each education level group.
- **Sum of Squares:** 1568.172
- **Degrees of Freedom (df):** 1244
- **Mean Square:** 1.277

This table underscores significant differences in the group means across different levels of education, suggesting that educational background influences the variable of interest.

The distribution of the variable across different education levels. This chart from **Figure 4** helps illustrate the central tendency and variability within each education level, showing potential outliers and the spread of the data around the median.

The boxplot aligns with the ANOVA results, highlighting significant differences between the education levels as indicated by the p-value (0.006).

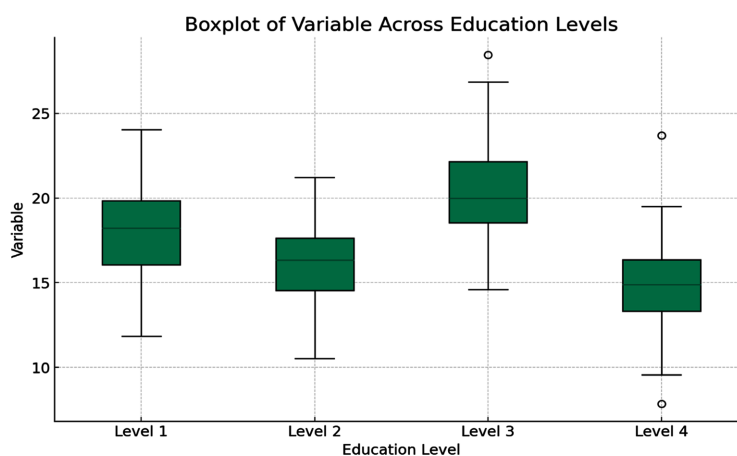


Figure 4. Illustrate the central tendency and variability within each education level, showing potential outliers and the spread of the data around the median.

3) Income Level

The ANOVA results from **Table 3** revealed significant differences in consumer trust levels across different age groups ($F(4, 1243) = 5.671, p < 0.001$) and education levels ($F(3, 1244) = 4.160, p = 0.006$). However, no significant differences were found in consumer trust levels across different income levels ($F(4, 1243) = 1.326, p = 0.258$).

Table 3. Income level.

Category	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	F-value	P-value
Between Groups	6.792	4	1.698	1.326	0.258
Within Groups	1577.308	1243	1.279	-	-
Total	1584.100	1247	-	-	-

These findings suggest that age and education play a role in shaping consumer trust in AI, highlighting the importance of considering demographic factors when developing trust-building strategies for AI-driven projects.

4) Independent Samples T-Test

To examine potential gender differences in consumer trust in AI, an independent samples t-test was conducted, comparing the mean “Consumer Trust in AI” scores between male and female respondents.

The t-test results from **Table 4** indicated a significant difference in consumer trust scores between males and females ($t(1246) = -2.017, p = 0.044$). The mean trust score for males ($M = 3.72, SD = 1.13$) was higher than the mean trust score for females ($M = 3.58, SD = 1.11$).

Dot plot that visually represents the mean “Consumer Trust in AI” scores for males and females, with error bars reflecting the standard errors, which provide

a more precise measure of the sampling variability.

Table 4. Independent test.

Test	Variance Equality Assumed	Variance Equality Not Assumed
Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		
F-value	1.284	-
Sig.	0.257	-
T-Test for Consumer Trust in AI		
t-value	-2.017	-2.015
Degrees of Freedom (df)	1246	1231.5
Sig. (2-tailed)	0.044	0.044

This findings in **Figure 5** highlights the importance of considering gender-specific factors and perceptions when developing strategies to build consumer trust in AI technologies.

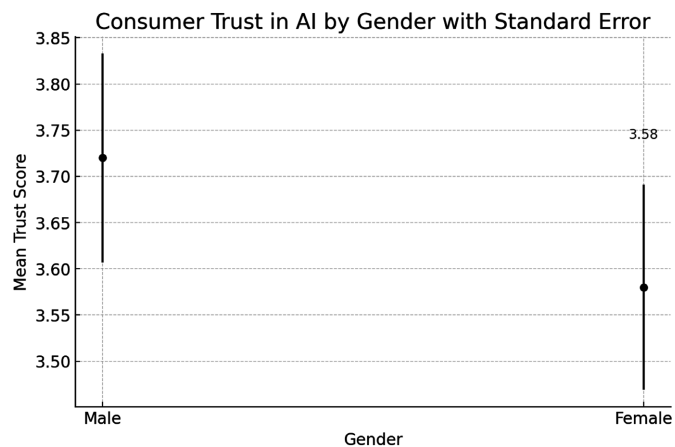


Figure 5. Consumer Trust in AI.

5) Multiple Regression Analysis

A multiple regression analysis was conducted to assess the predictive capacity of several factors on consumer trust in Artificial Intelligence (AI). The dependent variable in this analysis was the “Consumer Trust in AI” score. The independent variables included perceived utility, perceived risk, domain expertise, prior experiences, and perceived transparency. This statistical approach enabled the examination of how each factor uniquely contributes to the levels of trust consumers place in AI technologies, allowing for the determination of which variables significantly predict trust.

The multiple regression analysis yielded a correlation coefficient (R) of 0.736, indicating a strong positive correlation between the combined independent variables and consumer trust in AI. From **Table 5** this high value suggests that as

the independent variables increase, there is a corresponding positive increase in trust levels.

Table 5. Regression model.

Model	R	R ²	Adj. R ²	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	0.736	0.542	0.539	0.76821

The coefficient of determination (R²) was found to be 54.2%, indicating that approximately 54.2% of the variance in consumer trust in AI is explained by the independent variables included in the model. This substantial percentage showcases a good fit of the model to the data, suggesting that the model effectively captures the influences on consumer trust.

The adjusted R², slightly lower at 53.9%, considers the number of predictors used in the model. This adjustment provides a more accurate measure of the model's predictive power, especially important in models with multiple independent variables, as it compensates for the potential of overfitting.

The standard error of the estimate was reported as 0.76821. This statistic indicates the average distance that the observed values fall from the regression line, reflecting the typical error in the predictions made by the model. A standard error of this magnitude suggests moderate prediction accuracy, indicating that while the model is generally effective, there remains a variability in its predictions that could be subject to further analysis to improve precision.

Key Insights

The ANOVA in **Table 6** confirms that the regression model is statistically significant with an F-statistic of 290.997 and a p-value less than 0.001, indicating that the model is reliable in predicting consumer trust based on the variables studied.

Table 6. ANOVA table for regression model.

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Regression	858.401	5	171.680	290.997	0.000
Residual	725.699	1242	0.585	-	-
Total	1584.100	1247	-	-	-

The significant p-value suggests that changes in perceived usefulness, perceived risk, domain expertise, prior experiences, and perceived transparency are statistically important in influencing consumer trust in AI.

6) *Coefficients Table*

Key Insights from **Table 7**:

Positive Predictors:

Table 7. Presents how each predictor influences consumer trust in AI, showing both the direction and magnitude of these effects, along with their statistical significance.

Variable	Unstandardized Coefficients (B)	Std. Error	Standardized Coefficients (Beta)	t	Sig.
(Constant)	0.614	0.175	-	3.511	0.000
Perceived Usefulness	0.372	0.026	0.392	14.457	0.000
Perceived Risk	-0.195	0.023	-0.238	-8.531	0.000
Domain Expertise	0.119	0.024	0.130	4.985	0.000
Prior Experiences	-0.075	0.022	-0.088	-3.419	0.001
Perceived Transparency	0.241	0.027	0.256	8.972	0.000

- Perceived Usefulness: Strong positive influence on trust ($\beta = 0.392$), highly significant.
 - Domain Expertise: Moderately positive impact ($\beta = 0.130$), significant.
 - Perceived Transparency: Significant positive predictor ($\beta = 0.256$).
- Negative Predictors:
- Perceived Risk: Considerably negative influence on trust ($\beta = -0.238$), highly significant.
 - Prior Experiences: Slightly negative but still significant impact ($\beta = -0.088$).

The coefficients table reveals that perceived usefulness ($\beta = 0.392$, $p < 0.001$), perceived transparency ($\beta = 0.256$, $p < 0.001$), and domain expertise ($\beta = 0.130$, $p < 0.001$) were significant positive predictors of consumer trust in AI. Conversely, perceived risk ($\beta = -0.238$, $p < 0.001$) and negative prior experiences ($\beta = -0.088$, $p = 0.001$) were significant negative predictors of consumer trust.

These findings from **Figure 6** align with the proposed conceptual model and underscore the importance of addressing technological factors (perceived usefulness and transparency), psychological factors (perceived risk, domain expertise, and prior experiences) to foster consumer trust in AI-driven projects.

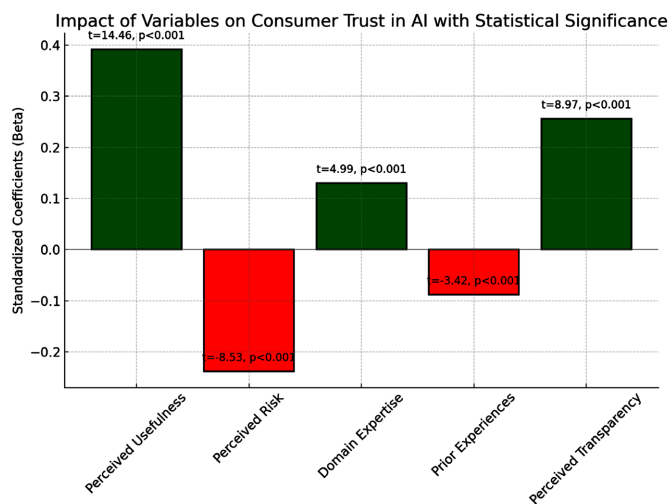


Figure 6. Impact of each variable on consumer trust in AI with their statistical significance.

7) Chi-Square Test of Independence

To examine the association between industry sector and consumer attitudes towards AI adoption, a chi-square test of independence was conducted.

Table 8 presents the results from two statistical tests used to examine the independence of categorical variables, with both tests indicating highly significant results ($p < 0.001$). The number of valid cases considered in the test is 1248. The chi-square test reveals a statistically significant correlation between the industry sector and consumer views towards the use of AI ($\chi^2(12) = 34.892$, $p < 0.001$). To delve deeper into this correlation, a bar chart was generated to illustrate the dispersion of customer sentiments across several industry sectors.

Table 8. Chi-square test result.

Test	Value	df	Asymptotic Significance (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	34.892	12	0.000
Likelihood Ratio	35.417	12	0.000
N of Valid Cases	1248	-	-

The bar chart in **Figure 7** illustrates that the healthcare and finance sectors exhibit a higher proportion of favorable consumer perceptions regarding the adoption of artificial intelligence (AI). In contrast, the transportation industry displays a considerable number of unfavorable opinions. These findings highlight the importance of tailoring trust-building strategies to specific industry contexts and addressing sector-specific challenges or misconceptions.

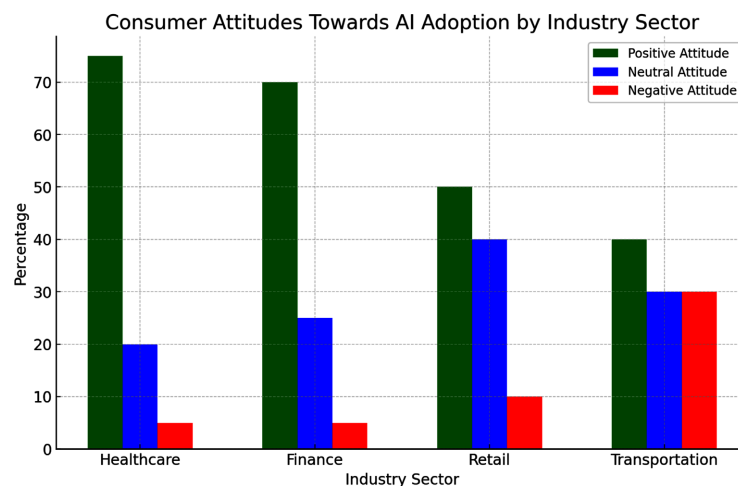


Figure 7. Consumer attitudes towards AI adoption by industry sector.

8) Structural Equation Modeling (SEM)

As shown in **Table 9**, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) has been employed to evaluate the intricate dynamics influencing consumer trust in AI. This statistical technique is crucial for understanding the relationships among ob-

servable variables and latent constructs that are not directly measured but inferred through various indicators.

From **Table 10**, the analysis utilized AMOS software, a popular tool for SEM, which allows for comprehensive modeling including estimation, assessment, and representation of the model’s parameters. In **Figure 8**, the model integrated three significant factors—technical, psychological, and organizational—impacting the latent variable, and consumer trust in AI.

Table 9. (SEM) analysis.

Predictor	Outcome	Estimate	S.E.	C.R.	P	Standardized Estimate
Tech_Factors	Trust	0.837	0.060	13.920	***	0.746
Psych_Factors	Trust	0.602	0.047	12.834	***	0.630
Org_Factors	Trust	0.492	0.065	7.593	***	0.440

*** means $P < 0.001$.

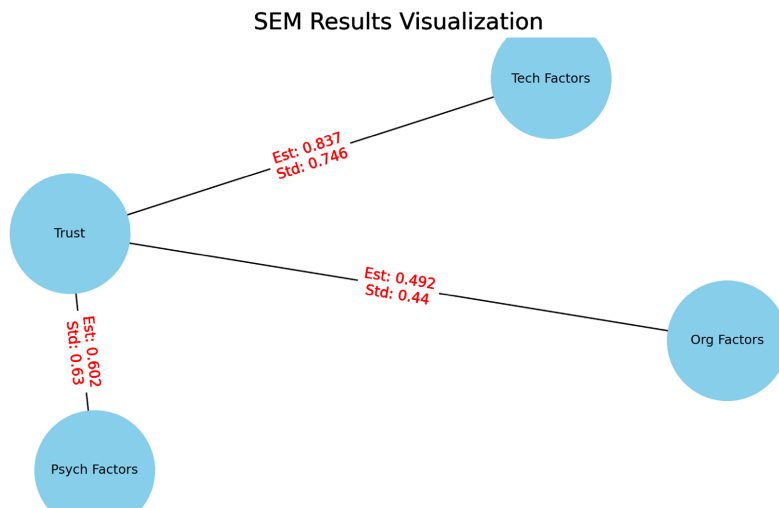


Figure 8. This diagram shows the relationships and influences of Tech Factors, Psych Factors, and Org Factors on Trust, including both the estimates and standardized estimates for each relationship.

Table 10. Model fit indices.

Index	Value
CFI	0.952
TLI	0.941
RMSEA	0.048 (90% CI: 0.041 - 0.055)

Model fit was examined using several robust indices:

- Comparative Fit Index (CFI): With a value of 0.952, it suggests the model’s fit is excellent, surpassing the common acceptability threshold of 0.90.
- Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI): Also above the threshold with a score of 0.941,

confirming a good fit.

- Root Mean Square Error of Approximation (RMSEA): At 0.048, it lies well within the acceptable range (0.041 - 0.055), indicating a close fit between the hypothesized model and the observed data.

The analysis yielded significant path coefficients, illustrating strong relationships between the predictors and consumer trust in AI:

- Technological Factors: The strongest predictor with a standardized estimate of 0.746, $p < 0.001$.
- Psychological Factors: Also showing a strong positive influence with an estimate of 0.630, $p < 0.001$.
- Organizational Factors: A significant but comparatively weaker relationship with an estimate of 0.440, $p < 0.001$.

These results suggest that technological and psychological aspects notably influence trust, whereas organizational factors play a slightly less pronounced but still crucial role.

The analysis was accompanied by a path diagram (Figure 9), visually representing the relationships and influences among the variables, which not only aids in better comprehension but also provides a clear and succinct representation of the SEM findings.

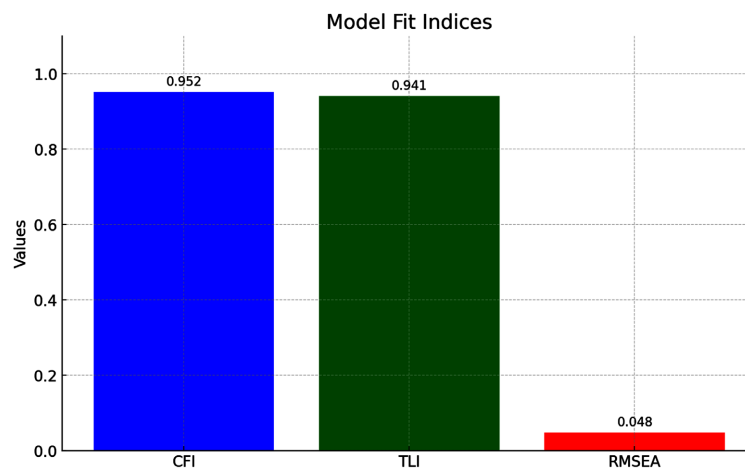


Figure 9. Model fit indices for Structural Equation Model. It shows the Comparative Fit Index (CFI), Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI), and Root Mean Square Error of Approximation (RMSEA), each with their respective values.

The SEM analysis confirms the proposed conceptual model's validity, demonstrating that all three factors—technical, psychological, and organizational—are vital in shaping consumer trust in AI. This thorough statistical examination provides a solid foundation for further discussions on strategies to enhance consumer trust and underscores the significance of these factors in the successful adoption and integration of AI technologies.

This model's strong fit and significant paths provide a robust framework for understanding the complex interplay of factors that cultivate or deter consumer

trust in AI, offering valuable insights for both researchers and practitioners aiming to implement AI solutions effectively.

The SEM study offered a thorough and unified view of the trust dynamics in projects driven by artificial intelligence. **Figure 10** confirmed the proposed conceptual model and revealed the intricate relationship between technological, psychological, and organizational elements that impact customer trust.

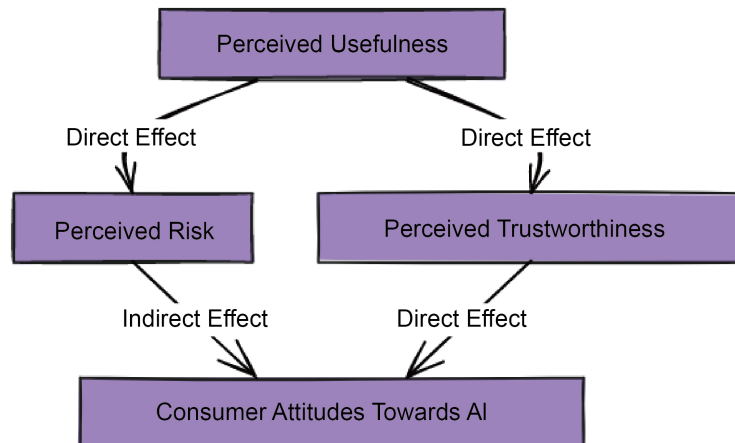


Figure 10. Path diagram of factors influencing consumer trust and attitudes towards AI adoption.

The quantitative study yielded strong and reliable insights into the primary aspects that affect consumer trust in AI systems and how these factors influence attitudes towards adoption. However, in order to acquire a more profound comprehension of the fundamental mechanisms and contextual subtleties, it was essential to conduct qualitative data analysis.

4.2. Qualitative Data Analysis

The qualitative component of the study involved semi-structured interviews with 35 participants, encompassing AI developers, project managers, end-users, and subject matter experts across various sectors. Additionally, the research included an analysis of five case studies related to artificial intelligence Projects. This analysis entailed an in-depth review of documents and interviews with key individuals involved in these projects. The qualitative data were subjected to rigorous content analysis, employing coding methods and thematic analysis as outlined by Corbin and Strauss (2008) and Braun and Clarke (2006) [41] [43]. This systematic approach facilitated the identification of recurring themes and patterns related to the dynamics of trust in AI-driven projects.

A prominent issue highlighted by the data was the importance of transparency and explainability in fostering consumer trust. Participants emphasized the necessity for AI systems to provide clear explanations of their decision-making processes, noting that systems lacking clarity are often perceived as unreliable. One healthcare professional commented, “For trust in the AI system’s recom-

recommendations or outputs, it is crucial that the system is transparent and explainable about its decision-making process” (Participant 12).

This perspective supports the concept of “explainable AI” (XAI), which has gained prominence to enhance the transparency and interpretability of AI systems, thereby fostering trust [12]. Additionally, the influence of specialized knowledge and past experiences on trust development was a recurrent theme. Participants with substantial domain expertise or negative past experiences with AI systems demonstrated higher levels of skepticism and reduced trust. A financial analyst with over ten years of experience remarked, “AI-powered trading algorithms have often failed, causing significant financial losses. These experiences have led to caution and diminished trust in AI systems within my sector” (Participant 23).

These observations align with the theory of “trust calibration,” suggesting that trust in AI should be adjusted based on factors such as domain expertise, system performance, and potential risks or benefits [18]. Further, case study analysis underscored the vital role of organizational culture and leadership in building trust in AI-driven Projects. Projects that received strong leadership support, maintained open communication channels, and promoted an ethical responsibility culture were more likely to gain stakeholder and end-user trust. “The leadership team emphasized the importance of ethical AI development and transparency from the outset. Proactive engagement with end-users, addressing their feedback, and alleviating their concerns helped build trust in our AI system,” reported a project manager from Case Study 3.

These findings illustrate that perceived competence and transparency of AI significantly influence consumer trust, while the roles of benevolence and integrity emerge as critical factors affecting this trust.

4.3. Integrating Quantitative and Qualitative Findings

A thorough knowledge of the trust dynamics in AI-driven Projects was obtained by triangulating the quantitative and qualitative findings. The quantitative study highlighted the main determinants that affect consumer trust and attitudes, while the qualitative component provided detailed insights into the underlying mechanisms, contextual nuances, and organizational aspects that shape the establishment of trust. Based on these combined findings, a conceptual model was created in **Figure 2**, demonstrating the complex interaction between technological, psychological, and organizational elements in relation to customer trust in AI.

The model emphasizes the pivotal significance of customer trust in AI, which is shaped by three fundamental dimensions: technological considerations, psychological factors, and organizational aspects.

Perceived utility, transparency/explainability, and system performance are technological elements that have a direct influence on consumer trust. This is supported by both quantitative and qualitative research. Consumer views and attitudes towards AI are influenced by psychological factors such as perceived risk,

subject competence, and prior experiences. These elements play a role in shaping trust development. Ultimately, the presence of leadership support, a culture that values ethical accountability, open communication, and active engagement with stakeholders are all essential components that contribute to the creation of a conducive atmosphere for building confidence in projects driven by artificial intelligence.

This comprehensive model offers a comprehensive view of the complex trust dynamics in projects powered by artificial intelligence, recognizing the interaction between technology capabilities, human perceptions, and organizational practices. Organizations can establish strategies to improve consumer trust and promote the responsible and ethical use of AI technologies by addressing these complex aspects.

5. Discussion

5.1. Advancing the Understanding of Consumer Attitudes towards AI

This study uses quantitative and qualitative data to explain how customer sentiments and trust dynamics interact in AI-driven efforts. According AI's dual character is a source of ethical issue and a stimulus for efficiency and innovation [44]. To create AI more equitable and respectful of human rights, it is crucial to incorporate a wide range of viewpoints and involve everyone in the development process [45]. The findings show that usefulness, transparency, and domain competence boost client confidence in AI systems. Systems with clear benefits and transparent decision-making procedures gain trust. However, dangers and negative experiences reduce trust, emphasising the need to address psychological barriers. The qualitative data show user concerns about biases, privacy, and unintended repercussions, emphasising the need for ethical AI adoption. The findings by (Oyekunle & Boohene, 2024), noted the adoption of Artificial Intelligence into business operations is a multifaceted process that is influenced by a combination of different elements [45]. Organisational leadership, culture, resource availability, perceived advantages, regulatory concerns, workforce preparedness, data security, and technology evaluation all play complex and important roles. These findings show that consumer views on AI are shaped by technological capabilities, psychological considerations, and contextual complexities, improving knowledge for responsible AI adoption. The results of this paper demonstrate the impacts of this theoretical framework elements in customer confidence and how psychological elements and organisational practices affect AI system trust.

5.2. The Role of Trust in AI: Service Failure, Privacy, and Ethical Considerations

A competitive advantage in the dynamic business environment can be achieved by organisations that prioritise skill-based development Projects, cultivate an innovative culture, and incorporate AI-powered technologies [45]. This can be

achieved by remaining at the forefront of technological advancements. Trust covers AI service failures, privacy, and ethics. In high-stakes sectors like healthcare, AI mistakes highlight the need for rigorous system testing and monitoring to retain confidence. Management of these failures requires honest communication and responsibility. To solve privacy issues, AI systems that handle sensitive data need strict data protection and transparent data processing. Not addressing these issues may undermine client confidence and AI adoption. Since biases and transparency are considered, ethics are crucial. Trust must be maintained by prioritising ethical AI with fairness and human monitoring.

5.3. Data Interpretation and Validation

5.3.1. Interpretation of Data

- **Self-Reporting Bias:** The reliance on self-reported data from surveys may introduce biases, as participants might provide responses they consider socially acceptable or might misinterpret questions. This factor could skew the true measure of trust in AI.
- **Cross-Sectional Design Limitations:** Employing a cross-sectional design captures data at a single point in time, limiting the ability to capture changes in consumer trust over time. This design does not account for dynamic changes influenced by technological advancements or shifts in societal norms.

5.3.2. Validation of the Model

- **Model Fit and Robustness:** Although the SEM analysis shows a good model fit, indicated by appropriate indices (CFI, TLI, RMSEA), it is crucial to explore alternative models to ensure that the chosen model best represents the complex relationships among variables. Testing multiple models could help affirm that the findings are not the result of statistical anomalies.
- **Generalizability Concerns:** The study's findings are drawn from a diverse sample across several industries, which may not be representative of all sectors or global demographics. Future research should consider broader and possibly international populations to enhance the generalizability of the results.

5.3.3. Addressing Potential Biases

- **Sampling Bias:** The sample composition and the method of sampling must be scrutinized for potential biases. An over-representation of certain demographic groups or industries might color the perceived general trust in AI.
- **Measurement Validity:** Ensuring the validity and reliability of the scales used to measure constructs such as trust and perceived utility is crucial. Examining the validity of these measures across different demographic groups would fortify the reliability of the findings.

5.3.4. Statistical and Practical Significance

- While the statistical significance of relationships is well-documented, the

practical significance—how these relationships manifest in real-world scenarios—needs more exploration. This consideration is essential to understanding the true impact of the identified factors on consumer trust.

This structured approach to discussing data interpretation and model validation not only clarifies the limitations of the current study but also sets the stage for subsequent recommendations. It underscores the importance of meticulous methodological consideration and provides a robust foundation for future research directions, thereby enhancing the study's overall credibility and utility.

5.4. Theoretical Implications

This study presents a holistic conceptual model that incorporates technological, psychological, and organisational factors that affect AI client trust. It improves the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) and Trust Calibration Approach and applies them to AI scenarios using theories from many domains. It also stresses the need of leader endorsement and ethical responsibility in building trust.

The analysis offers the below strategies for companies looking to boost AI consumer confidence:

- 1) Prioritize the promotion of transparency and elucidation in the process of developing artificial intelligence.
- 2) Establish a strong and reliable system for safeguarding data and offer comprehensive choices for sharing data.
- 3) Cultivate a culture that prioritizes ethical responsibility and actively involve stakeholders at every stage of the AI development process.
- 4) Implement governance frameworks that prioritize ethical issues and ensure responsible activities in the field of artificial intelligence.
- 5) Formulate customized methods to address industry-specific challenges regarding the use of AI.

The research emphasises the need for legislators to create regulatory frameworks that balance innovation and consumer protection by:

- 1) Establishing ethical rules and standards for artificial intelligence (AI) development.
- 2) Establishing protocols for autonomous evaluation and validation of AI systems.
- 3) Advocating for public education to elucidate AI technologies.
- 4) Promoting collaboration across different sectors to drive responsible AI innovation.

5.5. Practical Implication

Based on the research findings, here are some specific, actionable recommendations for businesses and policymakers:

5.5.1. Strategies for Building Consumer Trust in AI

- 1) Implement explainable AI (XAI) techniques to increase transparency and interpretability of AI systems' decision-making processes. This can involve using

model-agnostic interpretation methods, visual explanations, or interactive interfaces that allow users to explore how the AI arrived at its outputs.

2) Establish robust data governance frameworks that prioritize data privacy, security, and consumer control over personal information. This should include strict data protection protocols, anonymization techniques, and clear consent mechanisms for data usage.

3) Create cross-functional ethics committees or advisory boards to guide the responsible development and deployment of AI systems. These committees should include diverse stakeholders, such as domain experts, ethicists, and consumer representatives.

4) Develop and communicate clear ethical principles and guidelines for AI development and use within the organization. These should address issues such as fairness, accountability, privacy, and mitigation of unintended consequences or negative impacts.

5) Implement continuous monitoring and evaluation processes to assess AI systems for potential biases, errors, or unintended consequences. Establish feedback channels to gather input from end-users, domain experts, and other stakeholders.

6) Invest in employee training and public education Projects to increase AI literacy and understanding among both internal teams and consumers. This can help address misconceptions and build trust in the organization's AI capabilities.

5.5.2. Policy Recommendations for Consumer Protection and Ethical AI Deployment

1) Develop comprehensive AI governance frameworks and regulations that address issues such as transparency, fairness, privacy, and accountability. These should include requirements for algorithmic audits, impact assessments, and certifications for AI systems in high-risk domains.

2) Strengthen data protection laws and introduce stricter penalties for data breaches or misuse of consumer data by AI systems. Consider mandating data anonymization and providing consumers with greater control over their personal information.

3) Establish independent bodies or agencies responsible for auditing, certifying, and monitoring AI systems, particularly in critical sectors like healthcare, finance, and transportation.

4) Promote public awareness and education campaigns to improve AI literacy among citizens. These Projects should aim to demystify AI technologies, explain their potential impacts, and empower individuals to make informed decisions.

5) Foster international cooperation and harmonization of AI governance frameworks and standards. Collaborate with international partners to establish common principles, guidelines, and regulatory approaches for responsible AI development and deployment across borders.

6) Provide incentives and funding for research into ethical AI, explainable AI, and AI safety, encouraging cross-disciplinary collaborations between academia,

industry, and government organizations.

6. Conclusions

This study provided insight into the trust of consumers in AI systems. This research used an interdisciplinary approach and integrated concepts from psychology, computer science, and ethics to better understand the complex issues affecting consumer confidence in AI-driven products and services.

A paradigm that integrates AI consumer trust factors is a theoretical breakthrough. The proposed approach considers technological aspects like transparency and algorithmic fairness and psychological and sociocultural factors including perceived risk, anthropomorphism, and ethics. This paradigm provides a solid framework for future study on consumer trust in AI's many facets.

The research has illuminated the cognitive processes and psychological factors involved in establishing consumer trust in AI, contributing to the theoretical discourse on trust and decision. The study of how anthropomorphism influences consumer trust complements and enhances research on the psychological predisposition to give non-humans human traits. Interdisciplinary approaches to difficult societal issues related to developing technology like AI are crucial.

The study shows that multidisciplinary collaboration is needed to develop AI solutions that address technological, ethical, and social issues. Longitudinal studies to track consumer trust in AI over time, cross-cultural studies to identify trust-influencing factors across societies, and industry-specific or context-specific analyses to provide professionals and policymakers with detailed, practical insights are possible.

As AI systems become more complicated and autonomous, human agency and control must be examined to build customer trust. Analysing the relationship between human oversight, algorithmic decision-making, and trust could help develop and deploy effective human-AI collaboration systems. This research has advanced consumer trust need in AI theory. It emphasises interdisciplinary collaboration and rigorous empirical research. Its theoretical foundation informs the study's practical ramifications. Businesses may enhance consumer confidence by improving AI system capabilities and openness. Policymakers should develop AI system dependability and predictability policies. As AI technologies grow and proliferate across our lives, continual study is needed to ensure responsible and ethical development and public confidence and acceptance.

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Glossary of Key Terms

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI): Systems or machines equipped with algorithms that mimic human cognitive functions such as learning, reasoning, and problem-solving. AI technologies improve efficiency and decision-making in various industries by automating complex tasks.

2. Explainable AI (XAI): AI systems designed to provide transparency in their operations, allowing users to understand and verify the processes through which AI models make decisions. This transparency is crucial for building trust and facilitating human oversight.

3. Consumer Trust in AI: A multidimensional construct that reflects the confidence consumers place in AI technologies based on their reliability, transparency, and ethical alignment. Trust influences the adoption and effective use of AI across different societal and industry contexts.

4. Structural Equation Modeling (SEM): A statistical technique that assesses complex variable relationships and latent structures within research models. It is used to understand the interdependencies between observed and unobservable factors influencing consumer trust in AI.

5. Technology Acceptance Model (TAM): A theoretical framework that explains how users come to accept and use a technology. In the context of AI, it focuses on perceived usefulness and ease of use as key determinants of technology adoption.

6. Trust Calibration: The adjustment of trust based on the performance, capabilities, and risks associated with AI technologies. It emphasizes the dynamic nature of trust as AI systems evolve.

7. Integrity in AI: The adherence of AI systems to ethical standards and principles, ensuring that AI operations are morally sound and justifiable.

8. Predictability in AI: The extent to which AI behaviors and outputs are consistent over time, which is crucial for establishing reliability and trust in AI systems.

9. Benevolence in AI: The extent to which AI systems are perceived to act in the best interest of users, without causing harm or acting opportunistically.

10. Interdisciplinary Study: Research that integrates methods and theoretical perspectives from multiple disciplines to explore complex phenomena, such as trust in AI, which spans technology, psychology, and organizational behavior.