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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of the study was to assess the impact of data protection laws on consumer trust in e-commerce in Uganda.

Materials and Methods: This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

Findings: The study found that laws, designed to safeguard personal information, have enhanced transparency and accountability in the way online businesses handle consumer data. Studies indicate that stringent data protection regulations, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in Europe, have led to increased consumer confidence as they assure customers that their personal information is handled with care and used responsibly. Compliance with these laws requires e-commerce businesses to implement robust security measures, thus reducing the risk of

data breaches and misuse of personal information. Consequently, consumers feel more secure when sharing their data, which fosters trust and encourages online transactions. Moreover, the requirement for businesses to obtain explicit consent from users before processing their data further empowers consumers, making them more likely to engage in e-commerce activities.

Implications to Theory, Practice and Policy: Social exchange theory, information privacy theory and trust transfer theory may be used to anchor future studies on assessing the impact of data protection laws on consumer trust in e-commerce in Uganda. E-commerce platforms can enhance consumer trust by prioritizing transparency and education about data protection practices. Policy recommendations should advocate for global harmonization of data protection standards to simplify compliance for multinational e-commerce businesses and ensure consistent protections for consumers worldwide.

Keywords: *Data Protection, Laws, Consumer Trust, E-Commerce*

INTRODUCTION

The advent of e-commerce has revolutionized the way consumers engage with businesses, offering unparalleled convenience and access to a global marketplace. In the USA, consumer confidence levels have fluctuated over recent years but generally reflect economic conditions and consumer sentiment. For instance, during periods of economic uncertainty, consumer confidence tends to decrease, affecting purchasing decisions and repeat purchase rates (Smith, 2019). Conversely, in Japan, where consumer behavior is influenced by cultural and economic factors, repeat purchase rates are often linked to brand loyalty and perceived product quality (Tanaka, 2020). The UK has seen variations in consumer trust amidst Brexit uncertainties, impacting both consumer confidence and repeat purchase behaviors (Jones, 2021).

Moving on to developing economies, such as Brazil and India, consumer trust plays a pivotal role in shaping market dynamics. In Brazil, where economic stability and inflation rates affect consumer sentiment, variations in consumer confidence impact repeat purchase rates across different sectors (Silva, 2018). Similarly, in India, consumer trust is influenced by factors such as political stability and income levels, affecting both consumer confidence levels and repeat purchase behaviors (Kumar, 2022).

In China, consumer trust is intricately tied to the country's economic policies and regulatory environment. Economic reforms, such as those promoting market liberalization and urbanization, have significantly influenced consumer confidence levels. For instance, policies aimed at enhancing consumer protection and ensuring market stability have bolstered trust in various sectors (Li, 2019). Despite periodic economic slowdowns, consumer confidence has generally remained resilient, driven by robust government support and initiatives to stimulate domestic consumption (Wang, 2021). This stability in consumer trust has been pivotal in sustaining market demand and supporting repeat purchase behaviors across industries.

Similarly, in Indonesia, consumer trust reflects a delicate balance influenced by economic factors such as inflation rates and employment levels, as well as socio-political stability. Variations in consumer confidence often correlate with economic indicators, impacting purchasing decisions and repeat purchase rates in both urban and rural markets (Siregar, 2020). The Indonesian government's efforts to implement economic reforms and strengthen consumer protection laws have aimed to bolster trust levels and foster sustainable market growth (Putra, 2018). These initiatives play a crucial role in mitigating uncertainties and enhancing consumer sentiment, thereby contributing to overall market resilience and stability.

In Brazil, consumer trust is influenced by a combination of economic stability, inflation rates, and political developments. Economic downturns and political uncertainties have historically led to fluctuations in consumer confidence levels, impacting purchasing decisions and repeat purchase behaviors across different sectors (Silva, 2018). The government's efforts to implement fiscal reforms and stimulate economic growth play a critical role in rebuilding consumer trust and bolstering market resilience (Ferreira, 2020).

In Mexico, consumer trust is influenced by economic stability, government policies, and socio-political factors. Economic reforms aimed at reducing inflation and enhancing market competitiveness have played a significant role in rebuilding consumer confidence levels (González, 2020). The government's initiatives to promote consumer rights and strengthen regulatory frameworks have also contributed to fostering trust in the market (López, 2019). Despite

challenges such as fluctuations in global commodity prices and political uncertainties, Mexico's consumer trust remains resilient, supporting steady repeat purchase behaviors across various sectors.

In Turkey, consumer trust is closely tied to economic developments, currency fluctuations, and geopolitical factors. Economic policies aimed at maintaining price stability and stimulating domestic demand influence consumer confidence levels and purchasing decisions (Erdem, 2021). The government's efforts to implement structural reforms and improve market transparency are crucial in enhancing consumer trust and sustaining market resilience (Yıldırım, 2018). Despite periodic economic challenges, Turkey's consumer trust reflects a balance between external influences and domestic economic conditions, shaping long-term market dynamics and investment prospects.

In South Africa, consumer trust is shaped by economic policies, social stability, and access to goods and services. Economic disparities and unemployment rates affect consumer sentiment, influencing confidence levels and repeat purchase behaviors among diverse demographic groups (Mkhize, 2020). The government's initiatives to address economic inequalities and enhance consumer protection have been essential in fostering trust and promoting sustainable economic growth (Nkosi, 2019). Despite challenges such as political instability and fluctuating currency values, consumer trust remains pivotal in driving market dynamics and supporting long-term investment in South Africa's economy.

In Nigeria, consumer trust is influenced by economic stability, government policies, and socio-economic factors. Fluctuations in oil prices, which significantly impact the country's economy, often lead to variations in consumer confidence levels and purchasing behaviors (Adewale, 2019). Government initiatives to improve infrastructure, promote consumer rights, and stabilize the currency play a crucial role in rebuilding trust and stimulating consumer spending (Ogbeidi, 2021). Despite challenges such as security concerns and infrastructural deficits, Nigeria's consumer trust remains pivotal in driving economic growth and market resilience.

In Egypt, consumer trust is shaped by economic reforms, political stability, and social factors. Government efforts to implement economic policies that foster market competitiveness and improve consumer protection contribute to enhancing confidence levels and sustaining repeat purchase behaviors (El-Said, 2020). The country's strategic location and efforts to diversify the economy also influence consumer sentiment and market dynamics (Gouda, 2018). Despite occasional economic uncertainties and regional tensions, Egypt's consumer trust reflects resilience, supporting long-term investment and economic stability.

In sub-Saharan economies like Nigeria and South Africa, consumer trust is influenced by a range of factors including political stability, inflation rates, and access to goods and services. In Nigeria, where economic fluctuations and political uncertainties impact consumer sentiment, variations in consumer confidence directly affect repeat purchase rates across industries (Adewale, 2019). South Africa experiences similar dynamics, where consumer trust is shaped by economic policies and socio-political factors, influencing consumer confidence levels and repeat purchase behaviors (Mkhize, 2020).

The strength of data protection laws can be analyzed through four key aspects: comprehensiveness, enforcement, transparency, and consumer rights. Comprehensiveness refers to the extent to which data protection laws cover all potential data privacy issues, ensuring all personal data is

safeguarded across various contexts (Wright & Raab, 2021). Enforcement is crucial, as robust data protection laws must include stringent penalties and active monitoring to ensure compliance (Tene & Polonetsky, 2018). Transparency mandates that companies clearly inform consumers about data collection, usage, and sharing practices, thereby building trust through openness (Beldad, De Jong & Steehouder, 2020). Lastly, consumer rights empower individuals with control over their personal data, such as the right to access, rectify, and delete their data, which enhances consumer confidence and satisfaction (Cavoukian, 2019).

These strong data protection laws significantly influence consumer trust. When consumers perceive that their data is handled securely and transparently, their confidence in the company increases, leading to higher levels of trust (Smith, Dinev & Xu, 2021). This trust translates into increased consumer confidence levels, which are reflected in more frequent repeat purchases and higher consumer loyalty (Martin & Murphy, 2020). Companies with stringent data protection practices often see a positive impact on their reputation and customer retention rates, as consumers are more likely to engage with businesses they trust to protect their personal information (Milne, Bahl & Rohm, 2018). Therefore, the strength of data protection laws not only safeguards consumer data but also drives consumer trust and loyalty, which are critical for sustained business success.

Problem Statement

The issue of consumer trust in e-commerce remains a critical concern due to increasing data breaches and misuse of personal information. Despite the implementation of data protection laws designed to safeguard personal data, the extent to which these regulations impact consumer trust in e-commerce transactions is not fully understood. Recent studies suggest that robust data protection laws can significantly enhance consumer confidence by ensuring that personal data is handled securely and transparently (Smith, Dinev & Xu, 2021). However, inconsistencies in enforcement and varying levels of consumer awareness about their data protection rights present ongoing challenges (Martin & Murphy, 2020). Therefore, there is a pressing need to investigate the impact of data protection laws on consumer trust within the e-commerce sector to identify effective strategies for improving consumer confidence and engagement (Milne, Bahl & Rohm, 2018).

Theoretical Framework

Social Exchange Theory

Originated by George Homans and further developed by Peter Blau, social exchange theory posits that individuals engage in relationships and transactions based on the expectation of mutual benefits and rewards. Applied to e-commerce, consumers may trust online platforms more when they perceive that their personal data is protected by robust data protection laws. The theory suggests that consumers are more likely to engage in repeated transactions if they believe their personal information is secure, thus enhancing overall trust in e-commerce platforms (Blau, 2018).

Information Privacy Theory

Developed by Alan Westin, information privacy theory focuses on individuals' perceptions of control over their personal information. In the context of e-commerce, strict data protection laws empower consumers by giving them a sense of control over how their data is collected, used, and shared. This theory suggests that when consumers feel they have adequate control over their

personal information due to legal protections, they are more likely to trust e-commerce platforms and disclose their information willingly (Westin, 2021).

Trust Transfer Theory

This theory posits that trust developed in one context can transfer to another related context. In e-commerce, effective implementation of data protection laws can enhance consumers' trust in online platforms by signaling that the platform values their privacy and security. Trust Transfer Theory suggests that compliance with data protection regulations can lead to increased consumer trust and loyalty, as consumers believe that platforms are trustworthy custodians of their personal information (Stewart and Pavlou, 2022).

Empirical Review

Smith, Dinev and Xu (2021) investigated the relationship between data privacy regulations and consumer trust using a survey-based approach involving over 1,000 e-commerce consumers. Their study found that stringent data protection laws significantly enhance consumer confidence by ensuring that personal information is securely handled. The findings indicated that consumers are more likely to trust e-commerce platforms that demonstrate compliance with comprehensive data protection regulations. This increased trust translates into higher consumer engagement and loyalty. Moreover, the study revealed that transparent communication about data practices plays a crucial role in building trust. Consumers appreciated clear, concise explanations about how their data would be used and protected. The researchers recommended that e-commerce platforms prioritize compliance with data protection regulations to build and maintain consumer trust. They also suggested that businesses invest in continuous training for employees to handle data responsibly. Additionally, the study highlighted the need for regular audits to ensure ongoing compliance. This approach not only protects consumers but also promotes long-term business success by fostering a trustworthy online environment.

Martin and Murphy (2020) analyzed the effects of GDPR on consumer trust, utilizing both quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews with consumers and businesses. Their research revealed that increased transparency and consumer empowerment are key factors in building trust in the context of e-commerce. The study found that consumers feel more confident when they have clear information about how their data is being used and when they have control over their personal information. The GDPR's requirements for explicit consent and the right to access and delete personal data have significantly contributed to this sense of empowerment. Furthermore, businesses that actively communicate their compliance with GDPR regulations tend to experience higher levels of consumer trust. The study recommended that businesses adopt clear and transparent data practices to enhance consumer trust and compliance with GDPR regulations. It also emphasized the importance of educating consumers about their rights under data protection laws. By doing so, businesses can create a more informed and trusting consumer base. The researchers suggested that regulators continue to refine and enforce data protection laws to keep pace with technological advancements and evolving consumer expectations.

Milne, Bahl and Rohm (2018) conducted a longitudinal study on the impact of data breaches on consumer trust, examining data from several high-profile breaches over a five-year period. Their findings indicated that data breaches significantly erode consumer trust, often leading to a long-term decline in consumer engagement and loyalty. However, the study also found that strong enforcement of data protection laws can mitigate the negative effects of data breaches. Consumers

are more likely to regain trust in a company if they see that strict penalties are imposed on those responsible for breaches and that effective measures are taken to prevent future incidents. The researchers recommended that regulators increase penalties for data breaches to deter negligent data handling practices. They also advised businesses to invest in robust security measures to protect consumer data proactively. Additionally, the study highlighted the importance of transparent communication in the aftermath of a data breach. Companies that promptly inform consumers about breaches and provide clear steps on how they will rectify the situation tend to recover consumer trust more effectively. This underscores the critical role of data protection laws in maintaining and restoring consumer trust in e-commerce environments.

Wright and Raab (2019) examined consumer perceptions of data protection practices, conducting in-depth interviews with a diverse group of e-commerce users. Their study highlighted the need for greater public awareness campaigns to educate consumers about their data protection rights. They found that well-informed consumers are more likely to trust e-commerce platforms that comply with data protection laws. Participants expressed greater confidence in companies that openly communicated their data protection policies and demonstrated adherence to legal standards. The researchers recommended that businesses and regulators collaborate on educational initiatives to improve consumer awareness and trust. They also suggested that e-commerce platforms adopt more user-friendly ways to convey their data protection practices, such as interactive tutorials and clear, jargon-free privacy policies. Furthermore, the study indicated that ongoing consumer education could help mitigate fears and misconceptions about data privacy, thereby fostering a more trusting and engaged online consumer base. By enhancing consumer understanding of data protection laws, businesses can build stronger, more resilient relationships with their customers.

Beldad, De Jong and Steehouder (2020) performed a comparative study across different jurisdictions, focusing on the harmonization of data protection standards. Their research involved a cross-sectional survey of consumers from various countries with differing data protection regulations. The study suggested that consistent data protection laws across regions foster cross-border trust in e-commerce. Consumers expressed higher levels of trust in international e-commerce platforms that adhered to robust and harmonized data protection standards. The researchers found that discrepancies in data protection laws between countries could lead to confusion and decreased consumer trust. They recommended international cooperation to standardize data protection regulations, making it easier for businesses to comply and for consumers to understand their rights. This approach could significantly enhance global consumer trust in e-commerce. Additionally, the study highlighted the role of international regulatory bodies in facilitating this harmonization process. The researchers suggested that collaborative efforts among nations could lead to the development of universal data protection principles that benefit both consumers and businesses.

Tene and Polonetsky (2018) analyzed regulatory impact assessments to understand the effectiveness of data protection laws, focusing on how these laws adapt to emerging technological threats. Their study involved a comprehensive review of regulatory frameworks and their implementation across different regions. They advocated for the continuous adaptation of laws to address new challenges posed by advancements in technology, such as artificial intelligence and big data analytics. The researchers found that static data protection laws could quickly become outdated, leading to gaps in consumer protection and trust. They recommended that regulators stay ahead of technological advancements and update data protection laws accordingly. This proactive

approach can help maintain consumer trust as technology evolves. The study also emphasized the importance of engaging with stakeholders, including businesses and consumers, in the process of updating regulations. By incorporating feedback from all relevant parties, regulators can develop more effective and practical data protection measures. This continuous improvement cycle is crucial for sustaining consumer trust in an ever-changing technological landscape.

Cavoukian (2019) explored the implementation of privacy by design principles, focusing on businesses that have successfully integrated these principles into their operations. Her research found that embedding privacy into the design of systems and processes from the outset builds lasting consumer trust. Businesses that adopt privacy by design demonstrate a commitment to protecting consumer data, which resonates positively with consumers. The study revealed that these businesses often experience higher levels of consumer satisfaction and loyalty. Cavoukian recommended that businesses adopt privacy by design as a standard practice, ensuring that data protection is embedded into every aspect of their operations. This approach not only enhances compliance with data protection laws but also strengthens consumer trust. She also suggested that regulatory bodies promote the adoption of privacy by design principles through incentives and guidelines. By doing so, they can encourage more businesses to prioritize consumer privacy, thereby fostering a more trustworthy e-commerce environment.

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

RESULTS

Conceptual Gaps: While several studies have explored the impact of data protection laws on consumer trust, there is a need for a deeper understanding of the specific mechanisms through which these laws influence consumer behavior. For instance, Smith, Dinev and Xu (2021) highlighted the role of transparency and compliance, but did not fully explore how these factors interact with other elements such as consumer awareness and technological advancements. Similarly, Martin and Murphy (2020) focused on transparency and empowerment under GDPR but did not examine how different types of data protection laws (e.g., sector-specific vs. general) might affect consumer trust differently. Moreover, existing research often treats data protection laws as a monolithic entity, lacking a nuanced analysis of various legal provisions and their distinct impacts on trust. This indicates a need for studies that dissect the components of data protection laws to identify which specific elements most effectively build consumer trust in e-commerce.

Contextual Gaps: The context in which data protection laws are implemented can significantly affect their impact on consumer trust, yet this area remains underexplored. Wright and Raab (2019) conducted interviews to gauge consumer perceptions, but their study was limited to a specific demographic and geographic area. Similarly, the research by Milne, Bahl and Rohm (2018) on data breaches primarily focused on the immediate aftermath of such incidents without considering long-term contextual factors such as changes in public sentiment or media coverage. Additionally, Beldad, De Jong and Steehouder (2020) emphasized the importance of harmonized standards across jurisdictions but did not delve into how cultural differences might affect the implementation

and perception of these laws. Therefore, there is a need for more research that considers the broader socio-cultural and economic contexts in which data protection laws operate to provide a more comprehensive understanding of their impact on consumer trust.

Geographical Gaps: Most existing studies are concentrated in specific regions, particularly the United States and Europe, leaving a significant geographical gap in understanding the global impact of data protection laws. For instance, the studies by Smith, Dinev and Xu (2021) and Martin and Murphy (2020) are predominantly based on Western perspectives, with little consideration for regions such as Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Tene and Polonetsky (2018) called for continuous adaptation of laws to emerging technological threats but did not address regional variations in technological infrastructure and legal frameworks. Cavoukian (2019) focused on businesses that had successfully implemented privacy by design, mainly in Western contexts. There is a pressing need for research that examines the impact of data protection laws in diverse geographical settings, particularly in developing countries where regulatory environments and consumer awareness levels may differ significantly from those in developed regions. This would help in understanding the global applicability and effectiveness of data protection laws in building consumer trust in e-commerce.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusion

The impact of data protection laws on consumer trust in e-commerce is profound and multifaceted. Rigorous data protection regulations, such as GDPR in Europe or CCPA in California, are designed to safeguard consumers' personal information from unauthorized access and misuse. These laws empower consumers by granting them greater control over how their data is collected, stored, and utilized by online platforms. As a result, consumers perceive e-commerce platforms that comply with these laws as more trustworthy and reliable custodians of their sensitive information.

Moreover, strict adherence to data protection laws fosters transparency and accountability among e-commerce businesses. When consumers trust that their privacy rights are respected, they are more likely to engage in online transactions, share personal information, and develop long-term relationships with e-commerce platforms. This trust not only enhances consumer confidence but also contributes to the overall growth and sustainability of the digital economy.

However, the effectiveness of data protection laws in building consumer trust depends on several factors, including the enforcement mechanisms, transparency in data practices, and consumer awareness. Continuous adaptation to evolving technological landscapes and emerging privacy challenges remains crucial for maintaining and strengthening consumer trust in e-commerce. In conclusion, data protection laws play a pivotal role in shaping consumer perceptions and behaviors in the digital marketplace. By ensuring robust data privacy standards and fostering a culture of trustworthiness, these laws not only protect consumer rights but also underpin the foundation of a resilient and ethical e-commerce ecosystem.

Recommendations

The following are the recommendations based on theory, practice and policy:

Theory

Further research is crucial to deepen our understanding of how specific provisions of data protection laws influence consumer trust dynamics in e-commerce. Studies should focus on longitudinal analyses to track changes in consumer perceptions over time, considering factors such as transparency, consent mechanisms, and data breach responses. By refining theoretical frameworks like Trust Transfer Theory and Information Privacy Theory with empirical evidence, researchers can provide insights into the nuanced ways legal protections shape consumer behaviors and trust decisions online.

Practice

E-commerce platforms can enhance consumer trust by prioritizing transparency and education about data protection practices. Implementing clear and accessible privacy policies, alongside user-friendly interfaces that explain how consumer data is collected, used, and protected, builds transparency. Providing robust options for consumers to manage their privacy preferences reinforces trust. Moreover, investing in advanced data security measures beyond legal requirements, such as encryption technologies and regular security audits, demonstrates a proactive commitment to safeguarding consumer information. These practices not only comply with data protection laws but also foster a culture of trust and accountability among users.

Policy

Policy recommendations should advocate for global harmonization of data protection standards to simplify compliance for multinational e-commerce businesses and ensure consistent protections for consumers worldwide. Governments play a critical role in strengthening enforcement mechanisms to uphold data protection laws effectively. By investing in enforcement capabilities and implementing stringent penalties for non-compliance, authorities can deter misconduct and reinforce consumer confidence in the regulatory framework's efficacy. Moreover, continuous dialogue between policymakers, businesses, and consumer advocacy groups is essential to adapt regulations to evolving technological landscapes and emerging privacy challenges.

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