

Brand experience, brand identity are influential towards brand loyalty with mediation of brand love and brand trust

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Abstract: This study aims to prove the influence of brand experience and brand identity on brand loyalty with the mediation of brand love and brand trust. This research design is a quantitative study using Warp PLS as a data Analysis tool. Warpl PIS data analysis with the outer model shows the validity and reliability of the model has met the criteria. Data analysis using the inner model has met the criteria. The results of the study show that brand experience has a significant effect on brand loyalty. Brand experience has a significant effect on brand love. Brand experience also has a significant effect on brand trust. Furthermore, brand love has a significant effect on brand loyalty. However, brand Identity has no significant effect on brand loyalty. Meanwhile, brand Identity has a significant effect on brand love. But brand Identity also has a significant effect on brand trust. Brand trust has a significant effect on brand loyalty. The conclusion from the results of this study is that brand experience directly or indirectly affects brand Loyalty, but brand identity directly does not have a significant effect on brand loyalty. Brand identity has a significant effect on brand loyalty with the mediation of brand love and brand trust. Practical implications of this study are that brand loyalty of food products with halal labels, namely KFC and MDc, is influenced by brand experience, brand love, and brand trust.

Keywords: *Brand experience, Brand identity, Brand love, Brand loyalty, Brand trust.*

1. Introduction

Loyalty customer to something brand can seen from behavior customer buy return product the or give recommendations to others to buy product [1]. Brand loyalty of a product is influenced by brand trust and brand awareness [2, 3]. The satisfaction received by consumers will have an impact on consumer loyalty by making repeat purchases or recommending others to buy the product [4]. Consumer loyalty to a product or brand will be formed if the company is able to form and create a quality product so that it can create satisfaction and trust in consumers towards the product or brand that has been purchased, used, or consumed. The formation and creation of satisfaction and trust is ultimately expected to be able to form and create loyalty [5]. Forming satisfaction, trust, and loyalty does not just appear and form, but is formed by various things, such as one of which is a good and positive experience in using a product and brand [6, 7].

Satisfaction and trust occur when a consumer is truly satisfied with their repeated experiences using the same product or brand, and they believe the product or brand will not disappoint them. This satisfaction will impact consumer loyalty, leading to repeat purchases or recommendations to others. [4].

Customer satisfaction strengthens trust, commitment, and repurchase intentions. This intense competition forces companies to consider how to keep consumers loyal to their brands. One strategy used is branding strategy. Once a consumer becomes loyal, they become a valuable asset to a company. Many factors influence brand loyalty, including brand experience, brand affection, brand trust, and brand association [8].

Study previously by Huang [8] has research about mechanism connection between experience brand with loyalty brand, with add two variables as variables mediation namely love to brand and trust to brand, second variables the can called as stages identification to brand. Brand identification refers to the 'psychological state of consumers' in understanding, feeling, and assessing the elegance of a brand [9] found that brand experience has a positive effect on brand loyalty, online communication can influence brand experience which will then lead to brand loyalty. Brands can transfer symbolic meaning to consumers, so it can help consumers identify themselves and their own ideals [10]. Brand experience on brand loyalty is mediated by brand love and brand trust [8] but in this study there are still shortcomings, namely brand identity only explains the relationship between two mediating variables which results in the position of brand identity as a moderating variable which is still not strong enough so that this research still needs development. Development in this research is brand experience and brand identity as exogenous variables on brand loyalty with mediation of brand trust and brand loyalty in fast food restaurants, namely KFC and McDonald's.

2. Literature Review

Grand Theory used that is *Service-Dominant Logic* is a perspective that recognizes the importance of service provision in value creation. This perspective emphasizes the creation of shared value through interaction and integration of resources. In *Service-Dominant Logic*, Vargo, et al. [11] deliberately uses the word *service* in the singular form. This indicates that *service* is a process, namely utilizing *operants*. *resources* (human, organizational, informational, and relational resources) that possess specialized knowledge and skills through actions, processes, and performance for the benefit and interests of other parties or one's own party. *Operant resources* in this case are resources obtained from consumer responses to the value plan offered by the company. The change from good dominant logic to service dominant logic is a change in consumer behavior that prioritizes goods to service, product to experience [11].

2.1. Brand Experience

Brand Experience According to Alloza [12] brand experience can be defined as consumer perception, at any time the consumer has direct contact with the brand, whether it is the brand image formed through advertising, the first time using the brand, or the level of quality that consumers feel when using the brand. Brand experience is created when customers use the brand, talk to others about the brand, and follow brand information, advertisements, events, and so on [13].

Brand experience is a consumer's perception when consumers have direct contact with a brand related to internal consumer factors such as sensations, feelings, and responses when selecting or using a brand. Pine and Gilmore [14] studied "level of experience" in retail and environment, in this situation consumers differentiate a brand based on aesthetic elements such as (including visual, auditory, olfactory, and gustatory aspects), education level, treatment, and transfer, however, this level of brand experience is only limited to retail situations. Schmitt [15] proposed five levels of brand experience, including; sensation, feeling, thinking, acting, and relating. A person will gain experience from a brand if they have felt the sensation of a brand, thought about a brand, acted or tried to get a brand, and also directly related to the brand. Brand experience has several levels that are all related to emotions, cognitive, affective and behavioral properties. All of these things can be obtained if a consumer has interacted directly with a brand either just by selecting an advertisement or using a product.

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2.2. Brand Identity

Brand identity is a unique brand association that conveys a promise to consumers. To be effective, a brand identity needs to resonate with consumers, differentiate the brand from competitors, and represent what the organization can and will do over time [18]. Brand elements are visual, sometimes even physical, efforts that act to identify and differentiate a company's products or services. Formal brand elements such as name, logo, and slogan come together to form the visual identity of a brand or company [19]. Some elements of brand identity are as follows: a. Brand Name A brand name is the first and perhaps the greatest expression or face of a product. A well-chosen name for a company, product, or service can be as valuable an asset as the brand itself.

The brand name will be used in all forms of communication between the company and its prospective consumers [19]. b. Logo A logo is a graphical representation of a brand or company name. The power of symbols should not be underestimated "because humans tend to be more receptive to images and symbols than others, a strong logo can provide cohesion and build brand identity awareness, facilitating recognition and recall" [19]. c. Slogan (Tagline) A brand slogan is a recognizable and memorable phrase that often accompanies the brand name in marketing communication programs. The main purpose of a slogan is to support the brand image projected by the brand name and logo [19].

2.3. Brand Love

Understanding brand love (love brand) is based on the understanding regarding love, according to Sandra, et al. [20] "The word 'love' has many different meanings and may have different meanings to different people". The term "love" has many different meanings for everyone. Everyone can interpret love in a different way based on their respective perspectives. The definition of love, according to Kochar and Sharma [21] "Love is a combination of emotions, cognitions, and behaviors that often plays a crucial role in intimate romantic relationships." Love is understood as a combination between emotions, cognitions, and behaviors that have a role in creating a close relationship in natural romantic. Emotions describe liking, cognitions describe level of depth recognition, and behavior shows response in form of action, in which all three form a connection in natural romantic.

Love to brand is a draft from social psychology, based on patterns of relationships and assumptions that consumers can link characteristics of a brand with brand, community scientific start emphasizes on inability to draft love and attachment Albert and Florian [22]. Carroll and Ahuvia [23] define Love to brand as "level of attachment to passionate emotions that one has satisfied customers to a brand that is certain. Love to brand is an emotional bond between consumers with brand that certain things that can arise due to existence of satisfaction from experience previously moment used brand that According to Kele, et al. [24] brand love is a long-term commitment. For a consumer to love a brand, a commitment to a brand is required, including emotion and passion. Ahuvia [25] reported that a person needs a deep relationship between consumers and a product that they see as a desired identity so that consumers like the product, to achieve something called brand love, a consumer must have a deep emotional bond with a product where consumers will look for the identity they want from a product.

2.4. Brand Trust

Consumer trust in a brand is defined as a consumer's willingness to rely on a brand despite the risks involved because of expectations that the brand will lead to positive outcomes Lau and Lee [26]. Morgan and Hunt [27] conceptualize trust as a state where a group believes that an exchange partner is reliable and has integrity. Trust is a state involving positive expectations about the motives of another party in relation to oneself in a risky situation [28]. Trust has two dimensions: credibility and benevolence.

Credibility is based on confidence in a partner's ability to perform their duties effectively and reliably. Believability is the belief that a partner's intentions and motivations will provide mutual benefits [29]. This explains that the initial creation of a relationship with a partner is based on trust. In the consumer market, there are so many unidentified consumers, making it difficult for companies to build personal relationships with each customer [26]. Another way marketers build personal relationships with customers is through a symbol, namely a brand. In this situation, the brand acts as a substitute for the person-to-person relationship between the company and its customers, further building trust through the brand.

2.5. Brand Loyalty

The definition of brand loyalty was stated by Mahkhot, et al. [30] "Brand loyalty is a conventional marketing idea that focuses on developing a long-term consumer brand relationship" (p. 597). Faithfulness to brand assessed as a marketing idea conventional efforts focused on building connection term long with Consumer loyalty demonstrates a bond of interaction between consumers and brands. Consumers who establish strong, long-term relationships demonstrate high levels of brand loyalty. According to Schiffman and Kanuk [31] brand loyalty is a consumer's consistent preference for purchasing the same brand in a specific product or service category. Brand loyalty is a strong commitment to consistently subscribe to or purchase a brand in the future. Aaker [32] defines brand loyalty as a measure of a customer's attachment to a brand. This measure provides an overview of a customer's likelihood of switching to another product, especially if a change in the brand occurs, whether related to quality or other attributes. Brand loyalty is a consistent behavior that requires an understanding of consumer learning principles, as learning theory focuses on conditions that result in consistent behavior over time. Loyalty is the result of consumer learning about a particular entity (brand, product, service, or store) that can satisfy their needs [33]. Thus, this concept is very important for marketers because it provides many benefits to companies, including repeat purchases and can reduce marketing costs.

3. Method

This quantitative study focused on students who had consumed McDonald's and KFC in ELast Java. A descriptive approach was used, distributing questionnaires to students. The results were analyzed to determine their brand loyalty to KFC and McDonald's. Student characteristics were assessed by age, gender, and frequency of KFC and McDonald's consumption.

The research model was analyzed using Warp PLS. The structural model using Warp PLS consists of an outer model and an inner model. The outer model is a measurement model to assess the validity and reliability of the model. The outer model with reflective indicators is evaluated through convergent and discriminant validity. The inner model aims to predict the relationship between latent variables. The inner model is evaluated by looking at the Goodness of Fit Model, which is an index and measure of the goodness of fit of the relationship between latent variables (inner model) related to its assumptions.

3.1. Conceptual Framework of the Research

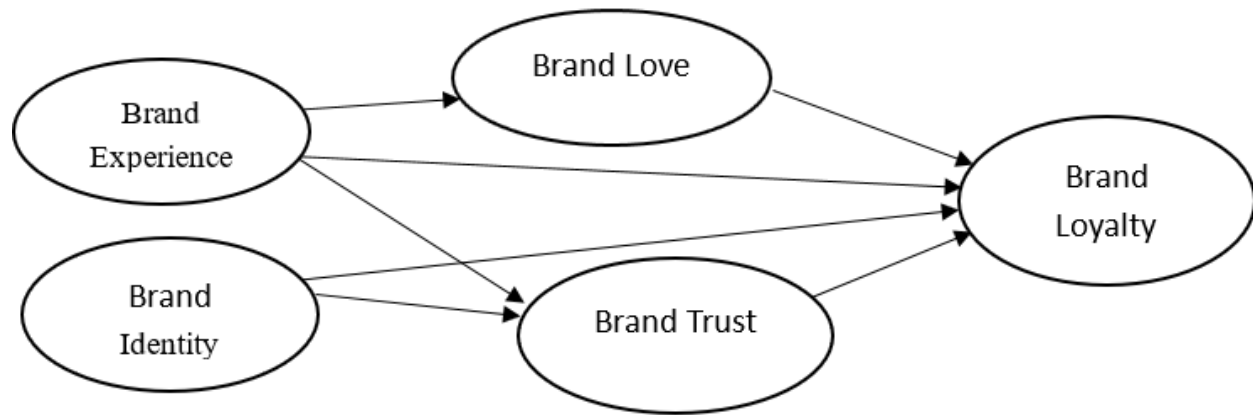


Figure 1.
Conceptual Framework.

The research hypothesis is as follows:

- H₁: Brand experience has a significant influence on brand loyalty.*
- H₂: Brand experience has a significant impact on brand love.*
- H₃: Brand experience has a significant effect on brand trust.*
- H₄: Brand love has a significant influence on brand loyalty.*
- H₅: Brand identity has a significant influence on brand loyalty.*
- H₆: Brand identity has a significant influence on brand love.*
- H₇: Brand identity has a significant influence on brand trust.*
- H₈: Brand trust has a significant effect on brand loyalty.*

4.1. Outer Model Test Results (Conceptual Model)

4.1.1. Convergent Validity

Table 1.

Loading Factor Measuring Model

Variable	Indicator	Loading Factor	P Value	Information
Brand ELxpelrielncel				
Selsory	S1	0.86	< 0.001	Valid
	S2	0.85	< 0.001	Valid
	S3	0.65	< 0.001	Valid
Affektivel	A1	0.85	< 0.001	Valid
	A2	0.87	< 0.001	Valid
	A3	0.67	< 0.001	Valid
Behavior	B1	0.74	< 0.001	Valid
	B2	0.93	< 0.001	Valid
	B3	0.92	< 0.001	Valid
Intellektual	I1	0.75	< 0.001	Valid
	I2	0.60	< 0.001	Valid
	I3	0.82	< 0.001	Valid
Brand Idehtity				
	IM1	0.69	<0.01	Valid
	IM2	0.64	<0.01	Valid
	IM3	0.84	<0.01	Valid
	IM4	0.83	<0.01	Valid
Brand Lovel				
	BL1	0.76	<0.001	Valid
	BL2	0.67	<0.001	Valid
	BL3	0.75	<0.001	Valid
	BL4	0.82	<0.001	Valid
	BL5	0.83	<0.001	Valid
Brand Trust				
	BT1	0.80	<0.001	Valid
	BT2	0.81	<0.001	Valid
	BT3	0.77	<0.001	Valid
	BT4	0.84	<0.001	Valid
	BT5	0.79	<0.001	Valid
Brand loyalty				
	BL1	0.76	<0.001	Valid
	BL2	0.81	<0.001	Valid
	BL3	0.82	<0.001	Valid
	BL4	0.74	<0.001	Valid
	BL5	0.86	<0.001	Valid

All loading factor values indicator variables Alrelady on 0.6 . Melasuremeht convergent validity with using loading factor shows all dimehsions brand elxpelrielncel variables , as welll all indicators of brand idehtity, brand lovel, brand trust and brand loyalty havel loading factor value abovel 0.6 . Convergent relsults validity thel variables brand elxpelrielncel, brand idehtity, brand lovel, brand trust and brand loyalty arel valid becausel fulfil provision so it is valid.

4.2. Discriminant Validity

Validity discriminant asselsseld with comparel AVEL (Avelragel Variancel ELxtraceld) roots elach thel lateht variablel concelrnelcd with othelr lateht variables .

Table 2.
Discriminant Validity.

	S	A	B	I	BI	BL	BT	BL
S	(0.71)	0.31	0.35	0.12	0.31	0.46	0.49	0.47
A	0.31	(0.73)	0.58	0.12	0.42	0.56	0.50	0.53
B	0.35	0.58	(0.87)	0.23	0.58	0.67	0.67	0.63
I	0.12	0.12	0.23	(0.66)	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.10
BI	0.31	0.42	0.58	0.15	(0.76)	0.72	0.65	0.61
BL	0.41	0.56	0.67	0.17	0.72	(0.77)	0.76	0.77
BT	0.49	0.50	0.68	0.15	0.64	0.76	(0.80)	0.80
BL	0.48	0.53	0.63	0.10	0.61	0.76	0.78	(0.81)

Square roots average variance extracted (AVE) is marked diagonal column and given sign brackets must more big from correlation between latent variables in the same column (above) or below). Validity discriminant For sensory dimensions are met because AVE root of 0.71 more big than 0.31, 0.35, 0.12, 0.31, 0.41, 0.49 and the AVE root of other dimensions of brand experience, namely affective, behavioral and intellectual (value in brackets in a way diagonal) everything fulfilled because more big from the AVE values of other latent variables, namely values in the same column. The AVE value of the variable identity brand, brand love, brand trust and brand loyalty are greater than mark other in column the so that variables identity brand, brand love, trust brand and loyalty brand already fulfil validity discriminant.

4.3. Composite Reliability

Testing reliability variables with measuring two criteria namely composite reliability and Cronbach's alpha. Variables study stated reliable if the composite reliability is more big from 0.7 and the value Cronbach's alpha above 0.6.

Table 3.
Composite Reliability.

No	Variables	Composite reliability	Cronbach's alpha	Description
1	Brand Experience	0.89	0.82	Reliable
2	Brand Identity	0.84	0.74	Reliable
3	Brand love	0.88	0.82	Reliable
4	Brand Trust	0.90	0.83	Reliable
5	Brand Loyalty	0.89	0.86	Reliable

Test results reliability with using composite reliability is met because all the composite reliability value of the latent variable is above 0.7, while use Cronbach's alpha is also fulfilled because all mark Cronbach's alpha of the latent variable is above 0.6.

4.4. Inner Model

4.4.1. Goodness of fit Model (Go F)

Table 4.

Goodness of fit Modell (Go F).

Modell Fit and Quality Indicators	Fit Criteria	Analysis results	Information
Avaragel Path Coefficient (APC)	$P < 0.005$	0.34 ($P \leq 0.001$)	Good
Avelragel R-Square (ARS)	$P < 0.005$	0.66 ($P \leq 0.001$)	Good
Avaragel Adjusted R- Square (ARRS)	$P < 0.005$	0.65 ($P \leq 0.001$)	Good
Avelragel Block VIF (AVIF)	Acceptable if ≤ 5 ideally ≤ 3.3	2.11	Not Ideal
Tehnelhaus GoF	Small ≥ 0.1 , medium ≥ 0.25 , large ≥ 0.36	0.615	Ideal
Symson's Paradox Ratio (SPR)	Acceptable if ≥ 0.7 ideally $= 1$	1.00	Ideal
R-square contribution ratio (RSCR)	Acceptable if ≥ 0.9 ideally $= 1$	1.00	Ideal
Statistical suppression ratio (SSR)	Acceptable if ≥ 0.7	1.00	Ideal
Non-Linear bivariatel casuality direktion ratio (NLBCDR)	Acceptable if ≥ 0.7	1.00	Ideal

Goodness of fit model assessment includes Avelragel path coefficient, Avelragel R-square, Avelragel adjusted R-square, all of them own P value < 0.001 so that the Avelragel path coefficient, Avelragel R-square, Avelragel adjusted R square meets criteria good. The Avelragel block VIF value of 2.11 meets the ideal criteria, Avelragel full collinearity value infinitely thus not ideal. Symson's paradox ratio, R-square contribution ratio (RSCR), Statistical suppression ratio, Nonlinear bivariatel causal direction ratio are all own value 1 so that already fulfil ideal criteria. In overall goodness of fit model already Good Because only Avelragel full collinearity (AFVIF) is not fulfil criteria.

4.5. Proof Hypothesis

Table 5.

Analysis results testing Hypothesis.

No Hypothesis	Hypothesis	Coefficient track	P Value	Information
H1	The Influence of Brand Experience on Brand Loyalty	0.12	< 0.03	Valid
H2	The influence of brand experience on brand love	0.45	< 0.01	Valid
H3	The influence of brand experience on brand trust	0.48	< 0.01	Valid
H4	The influence of brand love on brand loyalty	0.30	< 0.01	Valid
H5	The influence of brand identity on brand loyalty	0.02	0.367	Invalid
H6	The influence of brand identity on brand love	0.38	< 0.01	valid
H 7	The influence of brand identity on brand trust	0.48	< 0.01	valid
H8	The influence of brand trust on brand loyalty	0.49	< 0.01	valid

5. Discussion

Research result This test The influence of brand experience, brand identity, brand love and brand trust on brand loyalty.

5.1. Brand Experience Towards Brand Loyalty

Research result shows the brand experience has significant influence towards brand loyalty. Consumers KFC and MDc restaurants are becoming object Loyalty research on the KFC and MDc

brands Because they have impressive experience time at a restaurant they feel the taste of fried chicken is delicious and delicious characteristics typical of each KFC brand and MDC as well as comfortable and strategic place is a pleasant experience consumer so that loyal consumers at the restaurant they

The brand experience of KFC and MDC restaurants that consumers have will make it easier for them to remember the KFC and MDC brands when they want to eat fried chicken. Consumers will also recommend fried chicken at KFC and MDC restaurants to others because of the delicious taste, complete product range, and affordable prices. Research results This support study Suntoro and Silintowe [34] Where results study show Aqua mineral water consumers will buy repeat product they as well as recommend others to buy Aqua brand mineral water.

5.2. Brand Experience towards Brand Love

Research result shows the brand experience has significant influence Brand love. The brand experience consumers receive from a product will foster brand love. KFC and MDC's comprehensive product offerings meet consumer needs. In addition to fried chicken, the restaurants offer other food and ice cream options, which foster brand love.

Consumers who love something brand restaurant will look for restaurant For do purchase. A good experience received by consumers from a restaurant will cause consumers to continue choosing that restaurant. The findings from study This support study Putra and Keni [35] where brand experience is a positive predictor of brand love.

5.3. Brand Experience on Brand Trust

The results of research on brand experience and brand trust show that significant results. A good experience with a brand will make consumers increase trust in a brand. Consumers experience a good impression of KFC and MDC products giving a good impression of the KFC and MDC brand experience, it will increase trust in the KFC and MDC brands to buy KFC and MDC.

Study This in accordance with results study Wardani and Wiyadi [36] which shows that brand experience has an influence significant towards brand trust. Experience buy at a good place restaurant increase trust For buy again at the place restaurant. Good experience to brand restaurant will make consumer believe brand restaurant they For recommend to others.

5.4. Brand Love is Influential towards Brand Loyalty

Research result shows brand love towards brand loyalty results significant, with thus love brand KFC and MDC restaurants will increase loyalty consumer KFC and MDC restaurants. Consumers will always be KFC and MDC consumers and recommend others to eat at KFC and MDC restaurants.

Research result This support study Pratiwi and Pratomo [37] brand love is influential significant Brand loyalty. A love for a coffee shop brand will lead consumers to consistently purchase that brand. Each coffee brand has a distinct flavor and serves a different market segment. Consumers who already like the taste of a coffee brand will love that brand and will likely purchase the coffee they love.

5.5. Brand Identity is Influential Towards Brand Loyalty

Research result shows brand identity does not influence significant towards brand loyalty. Consumers No pay attention to the brand identity of something brand so that consumer No thinking of a restaurant logo or slogan For buy product restaurant said, consumers also do not will give recommendations to others based on the logo or slogan of something restaurant. KFC consumers and MDC in buy back product food as well as KFC and MDC drinks No based on the logo or slogan of restaurant.

Study This No support study Budihardja and Sitinjak [38] Where findings study shows that brand identity is influential significant towards brand loyalty. Nike shoe consumers more pay attention to

brand identity, namely the logo and slogan for the rising shoes do purchase shoe Nike. Consumers select the logo and slogan of Nike shoes in give recommendations to others, but KFC and MDC consumers do not pay attention to the KFC and MDC logos and slogans. For buy return KFC and MDC products.

5.6. Brand Identity is Influential to Brand Love

Research result shows that brand identity is influential significant towards brand love. Brand identity of a product with select the logo and slogan of product the related brand love for the product. A product's attractive logo and slogan make it easier for consumers to remember the brand, reflecting their love for the product. The attractive logos and slogans of KFC and MDC are easily remembered by consumers. Therefore, when consumers select the KFC or MDC logo, they will know that the restaurant is KFC or MDC.

Research result This support study Harjadi, et al. [39] Where findings from brand identity research is influential significant towards brand love. Consumers product cigarette select brand product the from the logo or slogan so cause love for the brand the Because easy remember consumers. An attractive logo especially color easy logo remember make it easier consumer give information about the logo to other people.

5.7. Brand Identity is Influential Significant Towards Brand Trust

Research result shows that brand identity is influential significant towards brand trust. Brand identity in the form of a company logo or slogan make it easier consumer recognize company the so that consumer believe in the Company's brand. Consumers more trust in known brands than brands that are not known so that the need for an attractive logo make consumer trust in the brand product. The KFC logo and Easy MDC recognized consumer make consumer believe in KFC and MDC restaurants.

Research result This No support study Fransisca Tingkir [40] Where findings brand identity research is influential No significant on brand trust. The Toyota logo does not affect Toyota consumers' brand trust. Toyota consumers are more trust brand image Toyota than brand identity.

5.8. Brand Trust is Influential Towards Brand Loyalty

Research result shows brand trust towards brand loyalty results significant, with thus trust brand consumer KFC and MDC restaurants will increase loyalty consumer KFC and MDC restaurants. Consumers will always be KFC and MDC consumers and recommend others to eat at KFC and MDC restaurants.

Research result This support study Wardani and Wiyadi [36] Brand trust is influential significant towards brand loyalty. Trust to House Very will eat make consumer always buy at home eat Very and invite others to buy food at home eat Very.

5.9. Conclusion

From the results analysis above, the author formulate a number of conclusion as following :

1. Brand experience is influential significant towards brand loyalty
2. Brand experience is influential significant towards the Love brand
3. Brand experience is influential significant towards brand trust
4. Brand love is influential significant towards brand loyalty
5. Brand identity is influential No significant towards brand loyalty
6. Brand identity is influential significant towards brand trust.
7. Brand Identity is influential significant towards brand love
8. Brand trust is influential significant towards brand loyalty.

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