# The Impact of Perceived e-WOM on Purchase Intention: The Mediating Role of Corporate Image

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#### **Abstract**

The main objective of this research is to examine the impact of perceived electronic word of mouth (eWOM) on purchase intention; by taking the corporate image as mediating variable. This research adopted the customers' views; secondary schools students who are familiar and have an active account on one or more of these social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, and Instagram). The conceptual framework of this study was tested using data gathered from the questionnaires directed to a total sample of 1000 students located in Amman. The statistical results of the multiple regression test indicated that eWOM quality, eWOM credibility, and eWOM quantity respectively; are significantly and positively impact purchase intention. In terms of the mediating role of corporate image the results indicated that corporate image mediate the relationship between the independent and dependent variables. Accordingly, Research conclusion, recommendations and future research are also discussed.

**Keywords:** perceived eWOM (eWOM credibility, eWOM quality, eWOM quantity), corporate image, purchase intention, education sector, Jordan

#### 1. Introduction

The fast growth of the Internet with its improved communication capabilities has considerably amplified the scale and scope of word-of-mouth WOM communication; which presented a fertile base for electronic word-of-mouth (eWOM) communication. For the most part, the Internet's far-reaching, transparency, and accessibility have set new meaning to WOM concept, and that's what made marketers more interested to get involve in WOM activities (Kozinets et al., 2010). Regardless of the buzz neighboring counterfeit online business ratings and reviews, customers haven't stopped reading other people's posts about their experiences with firms. The escalating use of companies' social networking sites (SNSs) presents customers with high opportunities to start searching for more trusted information about products, and simultaneously; permit customers to provide their own experience with the products. According to emarketer (2014) report; respondents still read more online reviews before putting trust in a local business. As well as, in order to exchange product information; customers started increasingly use various types of Web 2.0 tools e.g., customer review sites, weblogs, social network sites, online discussion forums etc., (Lee, Park, & Han, 2008). The influence of conventional marketing efforts seems to be on the way out (e.g., Sweeney et al., 2008; Gil-Or, 2010). Moreover, custmers are now clearly can be described as vehicles to spread communication (San José-Cabezudo & Camarero-Izquierdo, 2012). The concept of eWOM emerged in marketing literatures only one decade ago (Breazeale, 2009). Because of that, the concept is not considered as a precise concept among schoolers and practitioners. Therefore, eWOM reflects a precious area of research to be examined. According to the literatures, the influence of eWOM communication has been classified into two levels: (1) Market-level analysis and (2) Individual-level analysis (Lee & Lee, 2009). At the market-level analysis, researchers were paying high attention to the market parameters e.g., sales volume; whereas in the second level; the researchers assumed eWOM as a personal influence process, in which communications among a communicator (sender) and a receiver can change the receiver's attitude toward buying decision (Park & Lee, 2008, Cheung, Lee, & Thadani, 2009). As a consequence, this research will try to highlits on the individual-level of eWOM. According to the (2013) Survey provided by Pew Global Attitudes; the survey demonstrated that Lebanon take the lead in Internet usage rate

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with (57%) in the Arab world, while Jordan ranked second with (47%), and respectively; Egypt (43%), Tunisia (40%). In addition, 84% of Jordanian internet users are using SNSs, keeping in touch with family and friends is highest driver for them to use SNSs. The survey also indicated that (63%) of total SNSs users in Jordan share opinions about politics, while (69%) share their views about music, and finally (64%) share views about religion.

Its known that the university represents high involvement service experience; students become overtime more familiar with the university's (facilities, services, majors, courses, teachers, and even non-academic activities such as social works, entertainment, trips, etc.) thus, the university student's recommendations of the whole experience at the university reflects an appropriate and fertile area to explore the role of eWOM in formulating a clearer picture between prospect student's for their future favorable university. Moreover, as a result of the increased availability of online recommendations and evaluation information; secondary schools students might depend seriously on opinions provided by those graduates or undergraduates while making their choices of a certain university. In view of that, the purpose of this research is to examine the impact of eWOM factors including (eWOM credibility, eWOM quality, and eWOM quantity) on purchase intention between secondary schools students in Jordan.

# 2. Conceptual Framework and Hypothesis Development

#### 2.1 Perceived eWOM

In the field of social psychology, a great attention was given to the interpersonal communication; studies in this line have without fail explained how personal influence impacts persons to make choices. The traditional phrase word of mouth (WOM) can be defined as "a process of sharing opinions and information about specific product between customers" (Jalilvand et al., 2011). Regarding the context of the internet and online channels; the eWOM describes any negative or positive statement made by current or prospects customers about the organization or its products by the use of the Internet (Hennig-Thurau et al., 2004). Likewise, the concept eWOM might occur in different settings; customers can post their comments, opinions and reviews of products and services on different channels; like discussion forums, weblogs, review websites, and social networking sites (e.g., facebook, Youtube, Twitter etc.). According to Hennig-Thurau et al. (2004) marketing professionals needs to pay more attention for eWOM communications. For many researchers, the eWOM concept seems to be the cornerstone of the promotional mix (e.g., Shu-Chuan & Yoojung, 2011, Yeh & Choi, 2011). A lot of customers preferred reading suggestions given by experienced customers before buying certain types of products or services, especially those related to product information in general, opinions given by experienced customers were found to significantly have an effect on new customers' purchasing decision-making (Senecal & Nantel, 2004). While many customers search for comments about products and service online during pre purchasing stage, a lot of customers also shared opinions both positive and negative comments about their experience of using the products and services online at the post purchasing stages (Frambach, Roest, & Krishnan, 2007). Throughout direct and continous interacting with customers; marketers can drive customers to carry out more effective eWOM behaviors from different platforms. The variety of online platforms includes: corporate official websites, online communities, newsgroups, chat rooms, emails, blogs, microblogs, customer review websites, virtual customer communities, forums and other SNSs; enabled customers to interact with each others swiftly and easily without boundaries (Strutton et al., 2011, San José-Cabezudo & Camarero-Izquierdo, 2012). The marketers' ability to recognize the key reasons behind customer's engagement in eWOM communications; can establish clearer picture in which eWOM affects buying decisions (Goldsmith and Horowitz, 2006). In this research, perceived eWOM is defined as the extent to how secondary schools students can perceive marketing related information (e.g., reviews/comments), provided by graduates or undergraduates universities students through social networking sites, like (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, and Instagram). As well as, the concept of eWOM in this research will be viewed through three dimensions (eWOM credibility, eWOM quality, and eWOM quantity).

# 2.1.1 eWOM Credibility

Customers perceive interpersonal communication about product and services as more dependable source of information than marketer-generated content (Mangold & Faulds, 2009). The receiver's judgment of the information credibility consider as a key of early stage of information persuasion process (Hilligoss & Rieh, 2008). The eWOM credibility refers to the extent to which one perceives the recommendation from certain source whether person/organizations as believable (Fogg et al., 2002). If the customers perceived the products and services reviews/comments as credible source, they might use it to make their purchasing decision. In contrast, if it is perceived as less credible, the customers probably will ignore it, and the review will be discounted. Furthermore, people agreement to become friends and reach each other's profiles, possibly will

enhance the credibility of their contacts over time, and encourage more social trust. Therefore, the eWOM credibility in this research refers to the dependence degree of people on the contact list such as friends or peers etc, and not in the online message (review/comment) itself. Consequently, it can be hypothesized that:

H1: There is an impact of eWOM credibility on purchase intention.

# 2.1.2 eWOM Quality

The eWOM quality can be described as the convincing power of comments rooted in an informational message (Bhattacherjee, 2006). When customers are looking for information, the quality of information possibly will impact on customer's acceptance of it regarding eWOM communication channels (Cheung & Thadani, 2009). According to Cheung (2008) Customer choice and buying decision can be built on certain criteria that meet their needs. For that reason, the extent to which provided information is helpful, clear, and easy to understand could be an essential request to determine student's perception of information quality as element for assessing their probable purchasing intention. Consequently, it can be hypothesized that:

**H2:** There is an impact of eWOM quality on purchase intention.

# 2.1.3 eWOM Quantity

When taking into consideration the huge quantity of information that individuals sharing online, most of them during shopping may possibly need a reference to strengthen their confidence to decrease the feeling of making mistakes or risks, because the online reviews'/comments quantity possibly be a sign of how much the product is valuable and popular. According to Lee et al. (2008) the amount of information customers received affect on customers decisions to purchase products and services. Furthermore, through product review websites, customers tend to believe negative comments more than the positive ones. A study by Sher and Lee (2009) on undergraduate student's attitudes after presenting them with product review websites to read showed that; students with less curiosity to read were simply influenced by the product reviews posted on the website. Besides the organizations official websites, the growing number of online blogs, web boards, chat rooms, product review websites and social networking sites; became the major sources of information that many customers read before making a decision to purchase products and services. Consequently, it can be hypothesized that:

**H3:** There is an impact of eWOM quantity on purchase intention.

### 2.2 Corporate Image

In general, customers intended to acquire products and services from a company with superior corporate image to reduce risks. According to (Keller, 1993) the term corporate image refers to a special associations held in customer memory for a certain company. Corporate image consider as one of the most important strategic resources that provide companies with the fertilize ground to build strong and long-term sustainable competitive advantage over competitors in the market (Boyd et al., 2010). There are many researches revealed that good image encourage customers commitment and facilitate brand extensions (Hem et al., 2003; Casalo et al., 2007). Corporate image facilitate customers' knowledge about the level of quality offered by a certain company, and decrease hesitation during the purchasing decision. In this research, the overall university image will be discussed through broad statement like how much potential students perceive the university as widely-known, the attractiveness of physical appearance, stability, likeability, and trustworthy. Consequently, it can be hypothesized that:

**H4:** The impact of eWOM credibility, eWOM quality, and eWOM quantity on purchase intention will be mediated by corporate image.

#### 2.3 Purchase Intention

According to the literatures, purchase intention is one of the most prominent and popular variable resulting from eWOM communication (Sher & Lee, 2009; Lee & Lee, 2009). Customer's attitudes become favorable or unfavorable depending on the negative and positive amount of online customer reviews (Lee, Park, & Han, 2008). Customers recommendations are positively associated with intentions to purchase, and in a straight line can affect customers' choices (Chang & Chin, 2010). Customer reviews/comments and feedback are tremendously vital for online marketers. For both (online quality and online quantity) were found to have positive influence on customer's purchase intentions (Do-Hyung et al., 2007).

### 3. Research Model

Throughout a thorough analysis of eWOM literatures, the researcher proposed this model, as shown in figure (1), which includes three interrelated parts that are: Perceived eWOM which includes (eWOM credibility, eWOM quality, and eWOM quantity), corporate image, and finally the purchase intention.

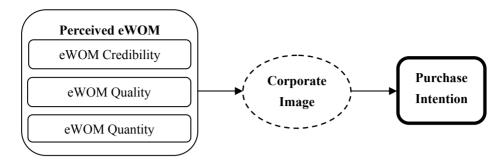


Figure 1. Proposed research model

# 4. Research Methodology

# 4.1 Research Population and Sample

The research population is defined as all secondary schools students in Jordan, for this research, Amman city is considered as a representative sample because it has diversity and population intensity at the same time. Students who are familiar with social networking sites, and have an active account of one or more of these social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, and Instagram), only get involved in this research, and that was an essential prerequisite. Convenience sampling technique has been used in data collection; the sample size was determined to be (1000) students. This was identified based on the number of items included in the questionnaire and the number of questionnaires needed for each item to have a stable statistical analysis (Hair et al., 2010). After using both electronic and traditional channels to distribute the 1000 questionnaires, unfortunately, 820 questionnaires were returned, the response rate (82%) was relatively high, where the valid number of questionnaires used was (778) from the returned questionnaires.

#### 4.2 Ouestionnaire and Data Collection

The research questionnaire was developed based on relevant literatures, and used to collect data from the research sample, the research variables measures and questionnaire statements adapted from previous researches. The questionnaire consisted of two parts as follows:

Part one: (asking respondents about general use of social networking sites; and respondent gender) this part consists of five main questions: (1) Which is the social networking site that you use frequently? (2) How often do you visit this social networking site on an average day? (3) What is the most activity do you usually do on this social networking site? (4) Roughly, how many university students do you know between your contacts on this social networking site? (5) Respondents gender.

Part two: collecting data for all research variables; the independent variables; perceived eWOM which includes (eWOM credibility, eWOM quality, and eWOM quantity), and the mediating variable (corporate image), and finally the dependent variable (purchase intention), using five-point Likert scale, ranging from (strongly disagree) to (strongly agree). Moreover, the research main statistical analytical tool is SPSS software.

#### 4.3 Research Validity and Reliability

In this research, two types of validity have been used; the face validity and Content validity. Face validity was assessed through the pilot work of the research instrument with many experts in the field of this research, from well known Jordanian universities, who checked the suitability of the questionnaire to achieve the research objectives providing evidence of face validity. For content validity, the essential issue is the methodology used to build up the research questionnaire (Churchill and Brown, 2014). The research instrument reliability has been assessed by testing the coefficient of Cronbach's alpha (Sekaran and Bougie, 2013). Table 1 show the reliability coefficients for all variables of this research, which ranged between (0.694 to 0.807). In view of that, the research instrument and variables have a reasonable internal reliability coefficient.

Table 1. Cronbach's alpha values

Variables	Number of Items	Cronbach's Alpha
eWOM credibility	5	0.795
eWOM quality	5	0.807
eWOM quantity	3	0.730
Corporate image	8	0.795
Purchase intention	4	0.694

## 5. Data Analysis and Findings

## 5.1 Sample Characteristics

Table 2 exhibits the research sample characteristics. A filtering question was used to reveal if each respondent has an active account on social networking sites to proceed in answering the questionnaire.

Table 2. Sample characteristics

Variable	Frequency	Percent	
The social net	working site that used frequently	y	
Facebook	338	43.4	
Twitter	210	27.0	
YouTube	136	17.5	
Instagram	94	12.1	
Visiting this social	al networking site on an average	day	
1	224	28.8	
2	108	13.9	
3	314	40.4	
4	82	10.5	
5	50	6.4	
The most activity usually	respondents do on this social net	working site	
Chatting	360	46.3	
Posting comments	86	11.1	
Making new friends	126	16.2	
Searching products/services	206	26.5	
Number of university student	ts between contacts on this social	networking site	
Less than 5	368	47.3	
6 - 10	230	29.6	
11 – 15	68	8.7	
More than 15	112	14.4	
	Gender		
Males	418	53.7	
Females	360	46.3	
Total	778	100.0	

Descriptive statistical analysis has been used to describe the sample characteristics. Table 2 shows the research sample characteristics using frequencies and percentages. Table 2 results show that 43.4% of secondary schools students are using the Facebook most frequently, and Twitter came the second with 27%; this findings reflect the fact that the Facebook is still dominate the highest share between Jordanian users of social networking sites, which is consistent with the international statistics. Moreover, 40.4% of respondents on average are visiting their favorable social networking site three times a day, which means that they will be vulnerable to send or receive different types of information or content. In terms of the most activity usually respondents do on marked social networking site is chatting with average of 46.3%, and then searching products/services with average of 26.5%; this finding specify that respondents main concern in social networking sites is to connect and communicate with family, peers, friends, and colleagues, but they are also in ready to search of certain products and services from those of contact list. Furthermore, the majority of respondents mentioned that they have an university students between their contacts, 47.3% of respondents know less than five contacts as university students, and 29.6% of respondents have between 6-10 university students on the contact list; this finding points that the respondents will be open to receive reviews/comments from university students about their negative or positive experience in the university, which might influence respondents choices of universities in the future, and play a key role on

shaping an good or bad image for discussed university on social networking site. Finally, the highest percentage of respondents are males representing 53.7% of total sample, while the females were 46.3%; this finding is reasonable because Jordanian males are more interested in chatting with each other's, reading news, and to track the latest ads or offers related to finding jobs, clothing, sports, and so on.

## 5.2 Hypothesis Testing

With the purpose of testing the research hypotheses, the researcher depended on multiple regression analyses to examine the impact of independent variables perceived eWOM credibility, perceived eWOM quality, and perceived eWOM quantity on the dependent variable purchase intention.

# H1: There is an impact of eWOM credibility on purchase intention.

As shown in table 3, the multiple regression model (R square = 0.287) is significant at 0.000, and (beta = 0.536, is significant at 0.000). Hence, the findings point out that there is a significant and positive impact of eWOM credibility on purchase intention. Thus, the overall findings offer support to accept H1. Furthermore, (28.7%) of the variation in purchase intention can be explained by the eWOM credibility.

Table 3. Regression model summary for H1

R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	F	Sig.	H1 Result
.536ª	.287 .2		.59526	312.595	.000 <sup>b</sup>	Accepted
			Coefficients			
	ndardized fficients	Standardized Coefficients				
В	Std. Error	Beta	T		Sig.	
2.338	.104		22.537		.000	
.458	.026	.536	17.680		.000	

# **H2:** There is an impact of eWOM quality on purchase intention.

As shown in table 4, the multiple regression model (R square = 0.314) is significant at 0.000, and (beta = 0.560, is significant at 0.000). Hence, the findings point out that there is a significant and positive impact of eWOM quality on purchase intention. Thus, the overall findings offer support to accept H2. Furthermore, (31.4%) of the variation in purchase intention can be explained by the eWOM quality.

Table 4. Regression model summary for H2

R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	F	Sig.	H2 Result
.560ª	.314	.313	.58411	354.562	$.000^{b}$	Accepted
			Coefficients			
	ndardized fficients	Standardized Coefficients				
В	Std. Error	Beta	T		Sig.	
2.245	.102		21.926		.000	
.483	.026	.560	18.830		.000	

#### **H3:** There is an impact of eWOM quantity on purchase intention.

As shown in table 5, the multiple regression model (R square = 0.145) is significant at 0.000, and (beta = 0.381, is significant at 0.000). Hence, the findings point out that there is a significant and positive impact of eWOM quality on purchase intention. Thus, the overall findings offer support to accept H3. Furthermore, (14.5%) of the variation in purchase intention can be explained by the eWOM quality.

Table 5. Regression model summary for H3

R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	F	Sig.	H2 Result	
.381ª .145		.145 .144 .65174		132.118	.000 <sup>b</sup>	Accepted	
			Coefficients				
	ndardized efficients	Standardized Coefficients					
B Std. Error		Beta	T		Sig.		
3.189	.085		37.341	.000			
.273	.024	.381	11.494	.000			

**H4:** The impact of eWOM credibility, eWOM quality, and eWOM quantity on purchase intention will be mediated by corporate image.

As shown in table 6, the multiple regression model (R square = 0.379) is significant at 0.000. The findings point out that there is a significant and positive impact of eWOM credibility, eWOM quality, and eWOM quantity on purchase intention. Hence, the overall findings offer support to accept H4. Furthermore, (37.9%) of the variation in purchase intention can be explained by the independent variables. According to weighted least square regression test (WLS) the findings point out that eWOM quality (beta is 0.308, significant at 0.000), and eWOM credibility (beta is 0.280, significant at 0.000) were the strongest predictors of variations respectively. Accordingly, and compared with the R square values in the previous tables; the overall impact of the independent variables on purchase intention is stronger through the corporate image.

Table 6. Regression model summary for H4

R	R Square	Adjusted R Square		Std. Error of the Estimate	F	Sig.	H4 Result	
.616 <sup>a</sup>	.379	.377		.377 1.07965		.000°	Accepted	
				Coefficients				
			ndardized efficients	Standardized Coefficients				
	E		Std. Erro	or Beta		T	Sig.	
(Con:	stant)	1.902	.108			17.649	.000	
credi	bility	.241	.038	.280		6.312	.000	
quali	ty	.268	.042	.308		6.424	.000	
quant	ity	.075	.024	.105		3.065	.002	

### 6. Results Discussion and Conclusion

Prior researches have studied the impact of traditional word of mouth on customer behavior; by means of the extensive development in electronic word of mouth, marketer's needs to better recognize and analyze how eWOM might influence customer's intention to purchase certain product. The findings of the multiple regression analyses point out that there is a significant and positive impact of the independent variables (eWOM credibility, eWOM quality, and eWOM quantity) on the dependent variable purchase intention. As well as, the corporate image was found to mediate the relationship between the independent variables and the dependent variable. The findings provide support for the eWOM literatures, which advocate that a trust in people on contact list, the easiness of understanding the message (reviews/comments), and the volume of the message through social networking sites would be able to attract and influence the purchasing decision of prospects customers. Moreover, based on beta values and significance; the findings indicated that eWOM quality is the most influential dimension (predictor) on purchase intention; this results is consistent with previous literatures (Do-Hyung et al. 2007; Cheung & Thadani, 2009), and respectively; eWOM credibility (Mangold & Faulds, 2009), eWOM quantity (Do-Hyung et al., 2007; Lee et al., 2008). Furthermore, the multiple regression analyses findings indicate that the corporate image positively mediate and strengthen the relationships between the perceived eWOM variables and the purchase intention; according to the researcher best knowledge; this result is new to the eWOM literatures, and might be supported by other researchers in the future. Accordingly, online reviews/comments are useful for universities prospects students, because it can make them sense and believe that they are taking a reasonable purchasing decision. Furthermore, understandable, helpful, and convincing reviews/comments about the university; possibly will have a powerful impact on schools students purchasing intention. Hence, Managing and supervising online reviews/comments provided by university students can be applied as a communication tool. For instance, the admin of social networking sites at the university could provide easy and attractive formats that allow university students to share and post their best experience with prospect students.

#### 7. Recommendations and Future Research

Based on the research empirical findings; it seems that using social networking sites for different purposes are very high between Jordanians customers, especially those of our research (schools students and university students), for that reason, marketers need to discover the most appropriate platforms, where their potential buyers are interacting. As mentioned earlier, Jordanian universities have intangible product, so they need to gather more and more information about their prospects, to build and create distinctive competitive advantage that affects target students purchase intention in the future. Through monitoring online reviews/comments provided by students in the university; all universities in Jordan can forecast the future demand. As well as, universities might be capable to encourage their current students to share and post large and high quality of reviews/comments; by using the most common social networking sites between universities students and schools students. Besides that, universities may reward best reviews/comments; or arrange contest for the most attractive content.

Finally, future research in this field may take another sample, or to extend the research model based on latest literatures, in order to enrich this growing area of research. Moreover, other researchers might take the universities attitudes toward using social networking sites in their marketing strategy.

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Appendix A		
Research Questionnaire		
Part (1) Sample characteristic	s:	
		g respondents about general use of social networking sites and gender; please swer for you in the following questions?
1. Which is the social network	ing s	ite that you use frequently?
Facebook	(	)
Twitter	(	)
YouTube	(	)
Instagram	(	)
2. How often do you visit this s	ocia	l networking site on an average day?
1	(	)
2	(	
3	(	
4	(	
5	(	)
3. What is the most activity do	you	usually do on this social networking site?
Chatting	(	)
Posting comments	(	)
Making new friends	(	)
Searching products/services	(	)
4. Roughly, how many universite?	sity	students do you know between your contacts on this social networking
Less than 5	(	)
6 - 10	(	)
11 – 15	(	)
More than 15	(	

**Part (2)** This section is concerned with asking questions about the research variables; the independent variable perceived eWOM which includes (eWOM credibility, eWOM quality, and eWOM quantity), and the mediating variable (corporate image), and finally the dependent variable (purchase intention), using five-point Likert scale, ranging from (strongly disagree) to (strongly agree). For each statement please mark (X) in the box which best describes your opinion to what extent you agree or disagree with each described statement.

Statements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
eWOM Credibility		_			
1. Most contacts on my social networking site can be trusted.					
2. I feel confident about having discussions with the contacts on					
my social networking site.					
3. The contacts on my social networking site will do everything					
within their capacity to help others.					
4. My contacts on my social networking site always offer honest					
opinions.					
5. I can believe in the contacts on my social networking site. <b>eWOM Quality</b>					
6. The online reviews/comments provided by university students					
on my social networking site are clear.					
7. The online reviews/comments provided by university students					
on my social networking site are understandable.					
8. The online reviews/comments provided by university students					
on my social networking site are helpful.					
9. The online reviews/comments provided by university students					
on my social networking site have sufficient reasons supporting					
the opinions.					
10. Overall, the quality of each online reviews/comments provided					
by university students on my social networking site is high.					
eWOM Quantity					
11. The number of online reviews/comments provided by					
university students is large, inferring that the university is popular.					
12. The quantity of online reviews/comments provided by					
university students is great, inferring that the university is trendy.					
13. Highly ranking and recommendations, inferring that the					
university provides high quality services.					
Corporate Image					
14. The university discussed in the online reviews/comments is					
widely-known.					
15. The university discussed in the online reviews/comments has a					
good physical appearance.					
16. The university discussed in the online reviews/comments					
always involve in social works.					
17. The university discussed in the online reviews/comments is					
well liked from students.					
18. The university discussed in the online reviews/comments has a					
distinguish image from others.					
19. The university discussed in the online reviews/comments has a					
deep experience in the market.					
20. The university discussed in the online reviews/comments is					
stable.					
21. The university discussed in the online reviews/comments is					
trustworthy.					
Purchase Intention					
22. After reading online reviews/comments, provided by					
university students it makes me desire to join this university.					
23. I intend to seek more reviews/comments provided by					
university students on my social networking site.					
24. I intend to visit the university discussed in the online					
reviews/comments.					
25. In the future, I will consider the university discussed in the					
online reviews/comments as my first choice.					

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