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An Analysis of the Knowledge-Attitude-Behavior Approach to Personal Data Security Resilience Among Students in West Java

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***Abstract*— Digital transformation in the higher education sector poses significant risks to students' personal data security. Data breach incidents within campus environments demonstrate that state-of-the-art technological infrastructure will not be effective unless complemented by user security awareness. This study aims to analyze the personal data security resilience of students in West Java through the Knowledge-Attitude-Behavior approach. A quantitative survey method was applied to collect and evaluate students' empirical responses regarding their cognitive understanding of cyber risks, emotional responses to privacy policies, and concrete actions in protecting sensitive information. The evaluation results of these three dimensions are expected to measure the readiness and effectiveness of students as the first line of defense, or a human firewall, against various cybercrime threats. The findings of this study are projected to provide an empirical foundation for higher education institutions and policymakers in designing mitigation strategies and comprehensive, sustainable cybersecurity literacy programs.**

***Index Terms*— Human firewall; personal data security; Knowledge-Attitude-Behavior; cyber literacy; West Java students**

I. INTRODUCTION

The development of digital transformation in higher education institutions has fundamentally altered the landscape of academic and administrative information management. While this digitalization provides massive operational efficiency, it has drastically expanded the attack surface for cybercriminals, positioning students' personal data at unprecedented risk. The phenomenon of data exploitation and data breaches within the campus environment currently exhibits an alarming escalation, encompassing identity theft, social engineering attacks, and large-scale academic database hacking. Higher education institutions frequently become strategic targets due to the vast volume of sensitive data and intellectual property managed, while the cybersecurity literacy level of their users tends to vary and remains uneven.

In this context, conventional approaches that merely focus on strengthening information technology infrastructure have proven to be no longer adequate. While technical infrastructure forms the baseline of defense, the efficacy of these systems is heavily mediated by human factors specifically, user security awareness and compliance. System users, in this case, students, often become the weakest link vulnerable to exploitation within an institution's cybersecurity ecosystem. The limitations of such a technocentric approach emphasize that in confronting increasingly asymmetric cyber threats, the data protection paradigm must radically evolve by positioning humans as the central element of defense, conceptually known as a "human firewall." This concept assumes that well-educated users with critical awareness can transform into proactive protectors against cyber threats, rather than mere passive vulnerabilities.

In Indonesia, this issue has gained critical legal and institutional urgency following the enactment of the Personal Data Protection Act (*Undang-Undang Perlindungan Data Pribadi* or UU PDP No. 27 of 2022). The law mandates data controllers and processors to implement stringent security measures, yet a significant gap remains in understanding how macro-level legal frameworks translate into individual micro-level behavioral compliance among digital natives like Generation Z students. To measure the effectiveness and actual implementation of this human defense, a systematic and tested analytical evaluation framework is required. The Knowledge-Attitude-Behavior (KAB) model offers a highly relevant multidimensional approach to dissecting individuals' cybersecurity profiles and hygiene. Through this framework, a comprehensive analysis can be conducted to examine the extent to which theoretical understanding of cyber risks is capable of shaping individuals' attitudes of vigilance, which in turn manifests into concrete behavior when responding to threats against their digital privacy.

The urgency of implementing this KAB evaluation model becomes increasingly crucial when situated within a specific regional context, such as West Java Province. As one of the regions with the largest concentration of higher education institutions and student populations in Indonesia, West Java represents a highly dynamic young internet user demographic, which simultaneously exists at the epicenter of high

cybersecurity risks. The intensity of students' daily interactions with various digital platforms renders them highly crucial subjects to evaluate within the context of cyber resilience.

Nevertheless, there is a significant research gap in the current literature; the majority of previous studies tend to focus on testing the technical aspects of infrastructure or solely measuring the level of cyber knowledge partially, without confirming how these aspects correlate with the formation of attitude and the manifestation of concrete behavior. Furthermore, there is a lack of comprehensive studies based on the KAB model that specifically map the cyber characteristics of students in regions with as high a density of higher education institutions as West Java. This empirical gap underscores the importance of conducting this study at present.

Therefore, structured data collection through a validated questionnaire instrument serves as a crucial step in mapping empirical conditions in the field. The measurement of fundamental security knowledge levels, the evaluation of attitudes towards privacy management, and the analysis of password protection measures and online fraud detection are essential indicators in this observation. By mapping these KAB pillars, this study is directed toward identifying cybersecurity literacy gaps with precision, while simultaneously formulating intervention strategies to strengthen the capacity of West Java students so that they are capable of functioning as a robust, adaptive, and responsive human firewall against the dynamics of cyber threats.

II. THEORETICAL FOUNDATION

A. *The Concept of Personal Data Security Resilience and the Role of Students as a Human Firewall*

Personal data security resilience within the digital ecosystem of higher education institutions can no longer be reduced merely to the technical capability to prevent intrusions. Conceptually, this resilience is a multidimensional construct encompassing the ability of the system and its users to anticipate, withstand, adapt to, and rapidly recover from data compromise incidents [1]. The open and decentralized characteristics of campus networks create an asymmetric threat landscape, where the significance of traditional security perimeters is often diminished by user mobility. In this context, the human-centric security paradigm positions humans not as a passive point of vulnerability, but rather as an essential line of defense or a human firewall [2].

Students, as the majority demographic of academic information system users, play a central role in determining the institution's security posture. The human firewall concept assumes that the integration of situational awareness and security literacy will transform students into proactive cognitive intrusion detectors [3]. When technical infrastructure fails to filter social engineering-based threats such as phishing or psychological manipulation, data resilience depends entirely on students' ability to validate, verify, and respond to information anomalies. Therefore, the effectiveness of a human firewall is largely determined by the harmonization of an individual's cognitive, affective, and conative aspects, which can be dissected through the Knowledge-Attitude-Behavior (KAB) framework. Psychologically, these three dimensions do not operate in isolation but form a continuous cycle of causality; the mastery of knowledge constructs risk perception, this perception validates affective attitudes, and ultimately manifests in measured defensive actions.

B. *The Knowledge Dimension in Academic Cybersecurity*

The knowledge dimension serves as the cognitive foundation underlying the holistic formation of security awareness. In the domain of academic cybersecurity, knowledge does not refer to an encyclopedic understanding of technical terminology, but rather to the capability of critical literacy regarding contemporary threat tactics, system vulnerabilities, and data exploitation mechanisms [4]. This includes a schematic understanding of how personal data is potentially monetized by threat actors and how exploitative attack vectors infiltrate through students' daily communication channels, such as institutional emails and academic collaboration platforms [5].

Furthermore, synthesis analysis indicates that partial knowledge can conversely generate an illusion of security. Students who solely possess a procedural understanding for instance, merely knowing how to change a password without understanding the concepts of cryptographic entropy or multifactor authentication tend to fail in identifying advanced threats [6]. Consequently, strengthening the knowledge dimension requires a transition from compliance-based education to risk-based learning, enabling students to internalize cyber threats as tangible risks lurking behind the continuity of their academic activities. Psychologically, this cognitive internalization serves as an anchor of rationality. When students are exposed to threat stimuli, comprehensive knowledge will activate the sense-making process, which prevents a reactive emotional response while simultaneously preparing an empirical foundation for the formation of an attitude of vigilance in the subsequent stage.

C. *The Attitude Dimension Towards Data Privacy*

Attitude functions as a crucial psychological mediation bridge between the mastery of theoretical knowledge and the execution of practical actions. This dimension represents the affective evaluation and internal tendencies of students in responding to data privacy issues. The high penetration rate of social media and digital platforms frequently triggers the optimism bias phenomenon, wherein students feel that hacking incidents or identity theft only happen to other, less vigilant individuals [7]. This attitude evaluation is directly influenced by the psychological calibration

between perceived severity and perceived susceptibility to cyber threats.

Theoretical synthesis indicates that an apathetic attitude towards privacy policies often stems from the phenomenon of consent fatigue, where students ignore the terms and conditions of digital platforms for the sake of convenience or access speed [8]. To build cyber resilience, this compromising attitude must be transformed into a prescriptive attitude of vigilance. Students with a mature security attitude will inherently place the intrinsic value of privacy above functionality or short-term convenience, thereby forming a psychological resistance against social engineering manipulation attempts. The psychological interaction between Knowledge and Attitude is highly evident in this phase: knowledge serves to disrupt optimism bias by presenting facts of vulnerability, while attitude serves to process this spectrum of facts into a sense of urgency and personal responsibility.

D. The Behavior Dimension of Digital Data Protection

Behavior is a concrete manifestation as well as the highest output variable of the KAB model, which directly determines the level of data security resilience in the field. This dimension reflects a series of conscious, repetitive, and measurable actions implemented by students to mitigate cyber risks, such as strong credential management, the application of encryption, and caution in sharing sensitive information (oversharing) in public spaces [9]. In the discourse of information security behavior, the greatest psychological challenge is overcoming the privacy paradox, namely the discrepancy between high concern for privacy (attitude) and contradicting actual actions, such as utilizing public Wi-Fi without a virtual private network (VPN) to access academic portals [10].

The success of students as a human firewall is ultimately measured not merely by affective intentions, but by the consistency of proactive behavior. In-depth analysis reveals that ideal secure behavior does not emerge in isolation, but rather requires an ecosystem that supports habituation both cognitively and motorically. Once the knowledge dimension has successfully dismantled information asymmetry, and the attitude dimension has successfully reduced cognitive bias, the behavior dimension will manifest precisely. At this stage, the interaction of these three dimensions merges: Knowledge guides the technical mechanism of protection (how), Attitude provides the internal motivational drive (why), and Behavior executes it into concrete action (action). Through this complete psychological integration, digital data protection is no longer perceived as a restrictive institutional regulation, but evolves into a social norm and a defensive routine organically integrated into the students' digital lifestyle.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Quantitative Phase: Stratified Sampling and Instrument Design

The initial phase utilizes a multi-stage stratified random sampling technique across universities in West Java. The sample is stratified by academic discipline clusters to allow for comparative analysis: Social Sciences and Humanities (Soshum) account for 58% of the sample, while Science and Technology (Saintek) comprise 42%. The quantitative instrument measures Knowledge (cognitive understanding of phishing, public Wi-Fi risks, and legal rights under UU PDP), Attitude (affective concern regarding privacy), and Behavior (conative implementation of data protection actions).

1. Population and Determination of the Higher Education Institution Sample in West Java

This study employs an explanatory quantitative design to map and measure the personal data security resilience of students in West Java Province. The population in this study encompasses all active students enrolled in State Higher Education Institutions (PTN) and Private Higher Education Institutions (PTS) in the West Java region. Given the extensive geographical coverage and the high density of the student population in the region, the sampling technique was conducted using the multi-stage stratified random sampling method [11].

The selection of this sampling method is crucial and deemed the most precise because the educational demographics in West Java possess a high degree of heterogeneity. There is a significant disparity regarding digital infrastructure, technological literacy, and socio-economic characteristics between urban areas (such as metropolitan regions) and sub-urban or rural areas. Therefore, stratification was conducted based on geographical regional clusters (Greater Bandung, Eastern Priangan, and the Bogor-Bekasi-Depok Megapolitan) as well as the scientific disciplines of the study programs (science and technology, and social sciences and humanities) [12]. This stratification approach methodologically prevents sample dominance bias from solely major city centers, thereby ensuring each sub-population has an equal and proportional probability of representation.

The minimum sample size was determined using the calculation of Slovin's formula with a margin of error of 5%, or adjusted according to the sample adequacy rule for structural modeling, which requires a minimum number of respondents to be ten times the number of observed variable indicators [13]. Empirical data collection was carried out online utilizing an electronic questionnaire instrument distributed through official student communication networks at each sample higher education institution to guarantee data heterogeneity.

2. KAB-Based Questionnaire Instrument Design

The data collection instrument was developed deductively through the operationalization of the theoretical constructs of Knowledge, Attitude, and Behavior (KAB) tailored to the contemporary cyber threat landscape. Each question item was designed as a manifest indicator to measure latent variables using a modified five-point Likert Scale for the attitude and behavior dimensions, as well as factual multiple-choice for the knowledge dimension [14].

- *Knowledge Dimension*

The instrument items were derived to test students' objective cognitive understanding of basic encryption concepts, the anatomy of phishing attacks, public wireless network risks, strong password policies, and legal aspects of privacy regulations referring to the Personal Data Protection Law (UU PDP) [15].

- *Attitude Dimension*

The instrument items were designed to evaluate the respondents' affective disposition, which includes perceived susceptibility, perceived severity resulting from cyber incidents, and subjective assessment regarding the urgency of implementing cybersecurity protocols in the campus environment [16].

- *Behavior Dimension*

The instrument items reflect self-reported behavior regarding actual defensive actions, such as the consistency of software updates, the implementation of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), caution in sharing personal information on social media (oversharing), and verification procedures for unfamiliar links [17].

Prior to widespread distribution, the research instrument initially underwent a content validity index test by a panel of information security and research methodology experts, followed by pilot testing on a small sample to evaluate the Cronbach's Alpha reliability value and the validity of the question items [18]. The elaboration of this instrument testing phase is a strictly required methodological step, considering that the KAB variables in the cybersecurity domain are highly abstract latent constructs and prone to subjective interpretation bias. The validity test serves to secure the accuracy of the measurement tool ensuring that the questionnaire truly measures cybersecurity resilience and not other variables while the reliability test guarantees the consistency and stability of student responses if this instrument is replicated under different conditions, such that the quality of the empirical data obtained is free from systematic error.

3. Data Analysis Method

The empirical data analysis in this study was conducted through two complementary statistical analysis stages. The first stage involves descriptive statistical analysis aiming to provide a general overview of the respondents' demographic distribution and to categorize the accumulative scores of each KAB dimension into high, moderate, and low levels [19]. The second stage applies inferential analysis using a variance-based Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) approach (Partial Least Squares - PLS-SEM) [20].

The use of PLS-SEM is deemed the most appropriate to accommodate a research model that tests simultaneous linear causality relationships and mediation effects among latent constructs without requiring strict assumptions of data normality [21]. The evaluation procedure was conducted through two main stages, namely the testing of the measurement model (outer model) to ensure convergent validity, discriminant validity through the Fornell-Larcker criterion, and internal consistency reliability through composite reliability. Furthermore, the testing of the structural model (inner model) was applied to assess the significance of the path coefficients, the coefficient of determination (R-square) value, and the effect size (f-square) in order to prove the hypothesis regarding the influence of knowledge and attitude on the manifestation of students' behavior as a human firewall [22].

B. Qualitative Phase: Semi-Structured Interviews

To contextualize the statistical findings and dissect complex psychological constructs such as optimism bias, convenience trade-offs, and consent fatigue, a follow-up qualitative phase is integrated. Semi-structured interviews are conducted with a purposive subsample of respondents who exhibited high knowledge and attitude scores but low behavioral scores. This phase bridges the methodological gap by capturing the lived digital experiences and underlying rationales of students directly, moving beyond mere self-reported compliance numbers.

C. Experimental Extension Framework (Future Drill Integration)

To completely mitigate the discrepancy between stated behavior and actual behavior, the methodology establishes a blueprint for Direct Cyber Behavioral Experiments. Future iterations will integrate non-intrusive, institution-approved simulation drills (e.g., controlled phishing drills). By measuring real-time click rates and credential-submission frequencies on simulated malicious links, researchers can record un-biased, objective behavioral data rather than relying entirely on self-reports.

IV. ANALYSIS

A. Demographic Characteristics of West Java Student Respondents

This study successfully collected empirical data from 450 active student respondents across various higher education institutions in West Java. The demographic characteristics of the respondents were dominated by the 19–22 age group (82%), reflecting the critical age phase of regular undergraduate students as active internet users. The regional distribution

encompassed the Greater Bandung cluster (45%), the Bogor-Bekasi-Depok Megapolitan (35%), and Eastern Priangan (20%). Based on scientific disciplines, the respondents were divided into the Social Sciences and Humanities field (58%) and the Science and Technology field (42%). These demographic data confirm the heterogeneity of the sample representing the profile of West Java students in their daily digital interactions.

B. *Evaluation of Knowledge, Attitude, and Behavior Levels*

Based on the descriptive statistical processing results of the manifest indicators' accumulative scores, an asymmetrical distribution pattern was discovered among the three KAB latent constructs. These findings are briefly outlined in Table I presented below.

TABLE I. TABEL 1. ACCUMULATIVE SCORE DISTRIBUTION OF THE KAB DIMENSIONS

KAB Dimension	Category & Percentage	Empirical Findings & Institutional Implications
Knowledge (Cognitive)	High: 78%	Students demonstrate robust theoretical awareness regarding cyber threat vectors (e.g., phishing mechanics), the vulnerability of public networks, and institutional data policies.
Attitude (Affective)	High: 83%	Reflects an overwhelming consensus regarding the value of personal privacy and strong psychological intent to condemn illicit data exploitation.
Behavior (Conative)	High: 31% Moderate: 42% Low: 27%	Only a critical minority (31%) consistently translates awareness into defensive digital habits. The majority fall into moderate/low tiers, highlighting an alarming operational vulnerability and empirically confirming the presence of the *Privacy Paradox*.

The data above indicate a highly crucial anomaly in the students' cybersecurity posture. On the one hand, the Knowledge dimension falls into the high category (78%), indicating that students cognitively possess a strong understanding of contemporary cyberattack tactics such as phishing, the dangers of public wireless networks, and the legal consequences of the Personal Data Protection Law (UU PDP). In alignment with this, the Attitude dimension demonstrates a significantly higher percentage (83%), signifying a highly agreeable affective response towards the importance of maintaining data privacy and condemning cyber data misuse. However, a contradictory condition occurs in the Behavior construct, where only 31% of the students consistently implement digital defensive actions. The majority of the respondents fall into the moderate (42%) and low (27%) categories, implying that their actual data protection actions remain highly vulnerable and fluctuating.

To evaluate whether academic background influences cybersecurity resilience, an independent samples t-test and Chi-square analysis were executed between the Soshum and Saintek cohorts. Interestingly, while Saintek students displayed a marginally higher technical baseline in Knowledge ($\mu = 81\%$ vs. $\mu = 75\%$, $p < 0.05$), the behavioral drop-off in the Behavior dimension was remarkably uniform across both clusters. No statistically significant difference was observed in the high-tier behavior percentage (Saintek = 32.4%, Soshum = 30.1%, $p > 0.05$). This proves that technical literacy does not automatically shield an individual from the behavioral vulnerabilities induced by pervasive digital environments.

C. *Analysis of the Gap Between Attitude and Actual Behavior*

The emergence of data asymmetry, wherein students' knowledge and attitude are high yet their behavior is low, serves as empirical confirmation of the privacy paradox phenomenon within the academic environment [23]. The anomaly documented in Table I represents a textbook manifestation of the Privacy Paradox, structurally conceptualized in the manuscript's analytical model (Figure 1). While the linear cognitive-to-affective progression functions seamlessly where comprehensive Knowledge shapes a vigilant Attitude the causal pathway from attitude to actual Behavior is severely disrupted by three distinct psychological and contextual barriers. Theoretically, the possession of cognitive capital (having the knowledge) and affective capital (caring about privacy) should be directly proportional to defensive actions. However, in the digital reality of West Java students, there are psychological and situational gaps that sever this chain of causality. This deviated correlation relationship structure can be conceptually illustrated through the chart in Figure 1.

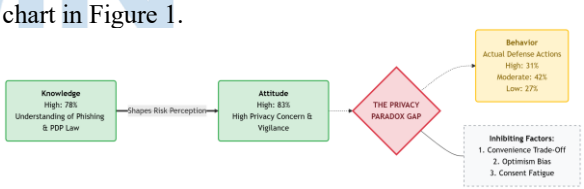

Fig. 1. Fig. 1. Knowledge-Attitude-Behavior (KAB) Model Gap and the Privacy Paradox

A critical analysis utilizing a digital sociology approach indicates that this gap is deeply rooted in the characteristics of Generation Z (Gen-Z) as digital natives. For them, technology is not merely a tool, but an extension of their identity and social space. There are three primary factors triggering the fracture in the relationship between students' attitudes and actual behaviors:

1. *Convenience vs. Security Factor (Convenience Trade-Off)*

Students frequently sacrifice security for access speed. For instance, although they know (Knowledge)

that public Wi-Fi without a VPN is highly susceptible to data interception, they continue to use it (Behavior) to access academic portals due to the urgent need for a free connection [24]. In the fast-paced academic workflow, immediate utility and seamless access (e.g., connecting to unencrypted campus Wi-Fi networks without activating a Virtual Private Network) routinely override delayed security considerations. Convenience acts as a primary behavioral inhibitor. For Gen-Z, accustomed to a seamless digital ecosystem, compliance with security protocols is frequently perceived as a procedural friction that diminishes efficiency and speed (instant gratification) in both their academic and social activities.

2. Optimism Bias and Illusion of Control

There is a false psychological belief among students that large-scale data breach incidents will only target institutional entities or prominent figures, rather than students' personal accounts. Students exhibit a cognitive distortion wherein they perceive themselves as statistically less vulnerable to cyber incidents than their peers or major corporations. This illusion of safety undermines the necessity of executing repetitive safety actions like updating complex passwords or managing active sessions. As digital natives, Gen-Z often equates digital fluency with digital security, thereby generating an illusion of safety. This bias degrades their sense of urgency, resulting in theoretical knowledge not being internalized into daily vigilance.

3. Consent Fatigue in the Attention Economy Era

The consequence of massive interactions with academic and non-academic applications causes students to mechanically click "Agree" on privacy terms and conditions without reading or considering the implications. Driven by the attention economy of modern mobile and web applications, students are exposed to an overwhelming frequency of privacy notices, cookies pop-ups, and user agreements. This triggers a mechanical, reflexive clicking behavior ("I Accept") without cognitive processing, bypassing affective safety attitudes entirely. In the midst of the attention economy era where students experience cognitive overload their initial attitude of caring about privacy is ultimately defeated by digital routines that demand practicality. This dismissive behavior does not stem from ignorance, but rather from the mental fatigue of continuously processing risk mitigation.

D. Implications of the Findings for Campus Security Policies

These empirical findings carry fundamental strategic and reflective implications for information technology management and policymakers in West Java higher education institutions. The fact that high Knowledge and Attitude fail to produce safe Behavior proves that blaming students for their negligence is an oversimplification of the problem. Campus cybersecurity policies must no longer be designed conventionally under the assumption that unidirectional socialization or the distribution of information brochures (knowledge-based approach) is sufficient to alter the institution's security posture.

Since the primary issue lies in the conversion failure from attitude to behavior, interventions implemented must shift towards cyber environment engineering that enforces the formation of new habituations (behavioral nudging) [25]. Higher education institutions must transform their system architecture from voluntary compliance to secure-by-design.

Higher education institutions are recommended to implement proactive technological policies that close the gap of human negligence. This can be realized through the mandatory utilization of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) on all student academic information system accounts systemically, without providing a bypass option. Furthermore, campuses need to provide easily accessible and "low-friction" security support infrastructure, such as official campus virtual private network (VPN) facilities directly integrated into students' devices, as well as integrating practical-simulative cybersecurity education into new student orientation activities. Through the strengthening of architectural habituation-based policies, students are not merely encouraged to "know and care," but are systematically forced to "behave securely" collectively, thus enabling them to realize their role as a robust human firewall in protecting the campus's personal data ecosystem.

V. CONCLUSION

A. Conclusion

This study successfully demonstrated a significant structural discrepancy in the cybersecurity posture of students in West Java through the lens of the Knowledge-Attitude-Behavior (KAB) model. Although students possess strong cognitive capital regarding cyber risks and demonstrate an affective disposition that highly supports personal data privacy protection, their capacity as a human firewall remains highly vulnerable in practice. This privacy paradox phenomenon is triggered by the compromise of access convenience, the presence of optimism bias, and psychological fatigue in scrutinizing digital consent (consent fatigue). This gap emphasizes that strengthening theoretical knowledge aspects and conventional cyber awareness campaigns are no longer adequate if not balanced with structured behavioral interventions.

The significance of this study lies in the deconstruction of the assumption that the younger digital generation (digital natives) automatically possesses secure digital behavior. The results of this study provide a new empirical foundation for information security governance in the higher education sector, confirming that systemic vulnerabilities frequently do not stem from technological failures, but rather from the weak points of user behavior. Traditional, information-centric awareness campaigns are proven insufficient to bridge

the KAB gap among West Java students. Higher education institutions must shift from passive socialization to active environmental engineering employing behavioral nudging mechanisms. This includes implementing mandatory Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for all institutional portal accesses, forcing a default security habit.

B. Suggestions for Practical Application and Research Extension

As a practical application step, higher education institutions are recommended to immediately adopt cyber defense policies based on the formation of new habituations (behavioral nudging). This can be realized through the mandatory implementation of systematic two-factor authentication across the entire academic ecosystem, periodic cyberattack simulations (phishing drills) to train students' situational awareness, and the provision of an easy-to-use internal campus virtual private network (VPN) facility.

For further research extension, it is suggested that future researchers expand the scope of variables by integrating external control factors, such as the influence of organizational security culture and the effectiveness of the Personal Data Protection Law (UU PDP) regulation on individual compliance. The use of mixed-methods with in-depth interview techniques or direct cyber behavior experiments is also highly recommended to explore the deepest psychological motives behind students' compromising actions in the digital space.

- *Longitudinal Intervention Studies*

Future research should deploy a longitudinal framework, tracking student behavioral data across multiple semesters specifically pre- and post-implementation of mandatory institutional security controls (e.g., mandatory MFA rollout) to accurately quantify the long-term efficacy of environmental nudges.

- *Macro-Systemic Control Integration*

Models should expand to incorporate organizational security culture and assess how national regulatory mechanisms, such as enforcement metrics of the UU PDP, structurally incentivize or alter individual behavioral accountability within public spheres.

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