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# A STUDY ON PUBLIC PERCEPTION ON WOMEN'S CAPABILITIES IN TOP POSITION

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#### ABSTRACT

The purpose of the current study was to investigate prominent skills associated with leadership that posed by female leaders in public organisations. It also aimed to compare the perceptions on the skills between the female superiors themselves and their direct-report subordinates. Three research factors were adopted into the research framework, including leadership skills, leaderships style and women social communication skill. Major results revealed how the public generally view women's working performance today and what determines their level of capabilities in leading any organisations. Therefore, it is important for the public to be aware of women's advancement in today's world and how they could help in pushing the industry to move forward. The study also provided suggestions for female leaders on how to improve their leadership behavior to match the subordinates' expectations.