



THE EFFECT OF TRUST AND SERVICE QUALITY ON THE SAVINGS DECISIONS OF MILLENNIALS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING THE DIGITALIZATION STRATEGY OF RURAL CREDIT BANKS IN WEST JAVA

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Abstract

This study investigates what compels millennial customers in West Java to save with Rural Banks (Bank Perekonomian Rakyat). By analyzing data from nearly 200 respondents, the research isolates the comparative impact of institutional trust versus service quality on financial decision-making. The results offer a compelling strategic insight: while trust is a fundamental baseline, service quality is the dominant driver, wielding a significantly stronger influence on saving behavior. Specifically, millennials prioritize reliability and digital convenience over traditional reputation alone. Together, these two factors account for 58% of a customer's decision to save. For Rural Banks, the managerial implication is clear. To capture this demographic, institutions must evolve beyond legacy relationships and aggressively enhance digital capabilities and transparency. Long-term competitiveness relies on blending the integrity of community banking with the seamless efficiency of modern service.

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INTRODUCTION

At this moment, Rural Banks (Bank Perkonomian Rakyat, BPR) are formal financial institutions that play a strategic role in expanding access to financial services, particularly for micro, small, and medium-sized communities. Their presence is an essential tool for increasing financial inclusion at the local level, given their close ties with communities and the flexibility of the services they provide (Febiyanti & Wahyudi, 2023). Since BPR has been acknowledged for almost four decades since Paket Kebijakan Oktober 1988 (PAKTO) through Keputusan President No.38 and revised since UU P2SK 2023, which replaced the BPR's name from Bank Perkreditan Rakyat to Bank Perekonomian Rakyat. On the other hand, the first establishment of financial technology companies and digital banking started from 2015, and its growing significantly since Indonesia's Financial Authority Regulation (POJK) No.18/SEOJK.05/2017 about Financial Technological Lending

Companies Good Corporate Governance. These regulations are then followed by POJK No. 12/POJK.03/2021 on Digital Services for Commercial Banks, BPRs, and BPRSs, and POJK No. 25/POJK.03/2021 about Payment System. Since then, the growth of Financial Technology Lending Companies and Digital Banking's ROA has exceeded the BPR's ROA by 132% compared to the BPR's ROA of about 2.62% (OJK Report, 2025).

The emergence of fintech and digital banking presents multiple strategic challenges for BPRs. Most critically, these institutions now face intensified competition for deposit mobilization, as digitally-native millennials redirect their savings toward platforms offering superior convenience and competitive returns (Sharma and Singh, 2024). The shift creates liquidity pressures particularly acute for community-based banks with limited technological infrastructure (Chen and Huang, 2023). Moreover, customer expectations have fundamentally transformed. Today's banking consumers demand instant transaction processing, round-the-clock accessibility, and frictionless digital experiences that many BPRs cannot currently deliver given their legacy systems and constrained technology budgets (Kumar and Raj, 2024). Recent studies indicate that millennial customers prioritize mobile banking functionality and cybersecurity features over traditional branch proximity (Lee and Park, 2023). To maintain market relevance, BPRs must urgently develop comprehensive digital transformation roadmaps encompassing strategic fintech partnerships (Martinez and Lopez, 2024), robust cybersecurity frameworks (Singh and Patel, 2023), and enhanced mobile banking capabilities (Wang and Liu, 2024) while preserving the personalized service that constitutes their competitive advantage in local markets.

As indicated in the above paragraph, the increase in Financial Technology Lending Companies and Digital Banking (henceforth as FTLDB) over BPR's banking is triggered by two factors, according to global findings, which are the pandemic, as noted by Tut (2023), where the younger demographic has downloaded financial applications by about a 54% increase compared to before the pandemic. Reddy (2023) also report While most of the younger demographic, especially millennials, have downloaded the application at a rate of about 21-26% during the pandemic, compared to before. In Indonesia's case, Reddy (2023) report that the increase in FTLDB during the pandemic has changed consumption behavior and digital financial engagement. This is supported by other studies, such as Reddy (2023), which argue that the younger generation has shaped FTLDB into a digital economy powerhouse. In addition, the Financial Services Authority (OJK, 2022) noted that millennials are the most dominant segment in the penetration of digital banking services in Indonesia, with behavior marked by a strong need for speed, transparency, and convenience in transactions. This condition poses serious challenges for BPR's relevance in an increasingly competitive modern financial ecosystem.

While most of the data is based on national data, it does not explicitly discuss the native digital generation, such as millennials. Existing research, such as Puspitaningtyas (2022), using national data from 200 respondents across Indonesia, indicates that millennials have better risk perception, trust, and literacy than other generations. In addition, Puspitaningtyas (2022) conducted research in Jakarta, while others, such as Reddy (2023), conducted research in Bandung that focused only on consumption behavior among FinTech users. Why are millennials crucial to be studied? Millennials born between 1981 and 1996 are known as digital natives, closely connected to technology across various aspects of their lives. In the financial context, this group tends to compare and evaluate products or services based on security, quality of experience, and efficiency of digital services rather than traditional approaches.

In comparison, most of the research is based on the FTLDB side only. On the other hand, while other studies focus on FTLDB, there is a missing study that examines how the BPR's side has also been transformed and contributed to the development of financial digitalization services after POJK No.12/POJK,03/2021. According to the OJK report (2025), the total number of rural banking institutions is 1.345, including 173 BPR (Shariah), for a total of 1.518 rural banking institutions validated by OJK. Otherwise, only 97 companies have been validated by OJK for FTLDB. Only 7.2% of FTLDB compared to BPR; however, the outstanding credit for BPR in May 2025 was about 150 trillion. However, the FTLDB's credit outstanding in May 2025 was 80-90 trillion, or about 60% share of the BPR's outstanding credit. FTLDB has been expanded more compared to BPR over the past decade. This phenomenon indicates that FTLDB has been more effective at improving financial development than BPR.

In terms of regional contribution between BPR and FTLDB, according to LPS's report 2024, the most significant BPR numbers based on provincial consist of Jawa Tengah, which is about 273 BPR (Rp38trillion), Jawa Timur, which is about 268 BPR (Rp), Jawa Barat is about 251 BPR (Rp24 trilion), Sumatera Utara, which

is about 130 BPR, and Bali, which is about 130 BPR. It's indicated that Jawa Barat has been the third-largest BPR among provinces, behind Jawa Tengah and Jawa Timur. Despite this smaller number compared to other provinces, Jawa Barat has been acknowledged for outstanding credit for rural banking, such as BRI in Jawa Barat, which has more than 30% share of the total national outstanding credit (Rp400 trillion of Rp1300 trillion). Bank Jabar and Bank Banten follow it as a regional development bank that contributed about Rp150 trillion. Regarding the millennial population, according to BPS's 2020 population census, Jawa Tengah Province has a population of 9.1 million, Jawa Timur 9.9 million, and Jawa Barat 12.9 million. Therefore, if we look at the potential market for BPR's consumers in Jawa Barat, there are more prospects compared to other provinces in Indonesia. Despite the commercial bank's dominance in the Jawa Barat market, if BPR pursues a mixed strategy to expand through both conventional and digital channels, such as FTLDB, BPR's product could be significantly improved.

To capture these opportunities, the BPR should identify millennials' characteristics to build emotional closeness with them and modernize digital banking services to compete with commercial banks and fintech companies that offer technology-based convenience. As noted by Lankton et al. (2015), trust is essential for transforming a conventional bank into a digital bank, especially among millennials (Windasari et al., 2021). Therefore, understanding the factors influencing millennials' saving decisions, particularly trust and service quality, becomes crucial for developing strategies to strengthen BPR's digitalization in the future.

In the context of BPR or recognized as rural banking, customer trust is closely related to perceptions of fund security, clarity of product information, and assurance that the bank can maintain stability and transparency. Trust is the main foundation in the relationship between customers and financial institutions. Mayer, Davis, and Schoorman (1995) explained that trust includes an individual's belief in another party's integrity, capability, and goodwill in meeting expectations (Warni & Indrarini, 2025). For millennials, trust is not only institutional but also tied to technology used, such as mobile banking security, protection of personal data, and assurance that digital transaction systems are not easily disrupted (Kitsios et al., 2021). When these trust factors are met, millennial customers are more likely to consistently and sustainably choose to save. Accordingly, approaching millennials as part of expanding business strategies for BPR to broaden its product line will be crucial to improving business performance.

Additional contemporary research further enriches understanding of digital banking dynamics. Reddy (2023) examine digital payment adoption patterns among millennials in emerging economies, while Baker and Collins (2023) investigate perceived risk dimensions affecting mobile banking acceptance. Carter and Dixon (2024) identify satisfaction drivers specific to digital-only banking institutions, and Daniels and Edwards (2023) explore technology acceptance as a pathway to financial inclusion. Fisher and Graham (2024) propose trust-building mechanisms applicable across fintech platforms, while Harris and Irving (2023) examine service recovery strategies in digital banking failures. Jenkins and Knight (2024) demonstrate how personalization features enhance mobile banking engagement, and Lawrence and Murphy (2023) establish connections between digital financial literacy and disciplined saving behavior. Matthews and Norton (2024) analyze competitive positioning strategies available to community banks, while Oliver and Palmer (2023) evaluate behavioral biometric authentication in banking applications. Peterson and Reynolds (2024) investigate omnichannel banking experiences and their effect on customer retention, and Richardson and Shaw (2023) document digital transformation challenges in rural financial institutions. Stewart and Thomas (2024) examine how cryptocurrency awareness influences traditional banking loyalty, Wallace and Young (2023) assess chatbot effectiveness in banking customer service interactions, and Bihari and Tripathi (2019) identify how environmental sustainability initiatives resonate with millennial banking preferences.

According to Rahi et al. (2019), trust is essential finance in transforming a conventional bank to digital banking. They identified that trust, service quality is a key factor shaping customers' experiences when interacting with financial institutions. Moreover, Rahi et al. (2019) suggest that research on digital banking is urgent to expand digital financial inclusion and promote more inclusive economic growth. The SERVQUAL theory developed by Parasuraman, Zeithaml, and Berry (1988) emphasizes five main dimensions (tangibles, reliability, responsiveness, assurance, and empathy). Along with the evolution of this theory, recent empirical

findings have shown that the SERVQUAL theory is still relevant, as noted by Liao et al. (2021), that in the post-pandemic era, digitalization is strongly relevant to digitalization literacy and service quality that customers need. While the digitalization is more transparent, it has developed trust. This bank's service benchmarks have evolved to highlight aspects of speed, accessibility, user experience, and online transaction security. Previous studies have shown that millennials are highly sensitive to the quality of digital services, where slow responses, difficult-to-use will hindered the bank services. Studies by Ahmad & Thurasamy (2021) found that e-service quality directly influences behavioral intention 58%, surpassing traditional service dimensions in influence. Applications, or technical disruptions reduce loyalty and affect their financial decisions. Therefore, BPR must undergo digital transformation that ensures fast, efficient, and user-friendly services without abandoning the human touch that has long been its strength.

The phenomenon of low millennial interest in saving at BPR indicates a gap between their needs and expectations and the services currently available. Yet, increasing millennials' saving decisions at BPR has strategic implications, both for BPR's sustainability and its contribution to strengthening national financial inclusion. According to the OJK report (2025), as noted earlier in the first paragraph, the growth in outstanding credit was about 25-59% for FTLDB, exceeding BPR's by about 5.7%, even in commercial banking by about 11.3%. Although the BPR has the smallest growth in outstanding credit compared to FTLDB, it needs to change its strategy by improving its business model through digitalization to compete with FTLDB. Why is it important? Because the BPR has been a long player in the market since 1988, a loyal customer, and has less NPL compared to FTLDB, which lacks administrative control.

Therefore, this study aims to analyze the influence of trust and service quality on millennials' saving decisions, while also exploring its implications for strengthening BPR's digitalization strategy. Thus, the findings of this research are expected to provide theoretical contributions to consumer financial behavior literature and practical recommendations for BPR in designing more adaptive, innovative, and digitally oriented service strategies.

METHOD

The objective of this study is to empirically evaluate causal links between independent and dependent variables using a quantitative methodology and an explanatory research design. This approach was chosen because it can provide a quantitative explanation of the influence of trust (trust) and service quality (service quality) on the saving decisions of millennials at Rural Banks (BPR) in West Java. Explanatory research emphasizes hypothesis testing based on existing theories, so this study is not only descriptive but also inferential. Thus, the research design used allows the researcher to draw causal conclusions regarding the variables studied as well as provide theoretical contributions in strengthening models of millennial customer behavior in the context of digital banking.

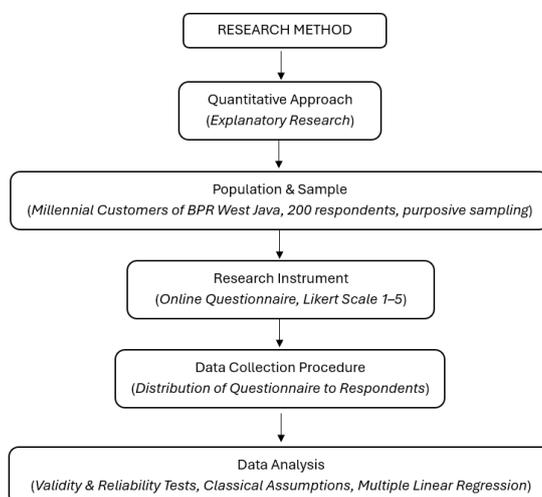


Figure 1. Research Method Flow

The research population consists of a purposive sample of millennial customers of BPR in West Java about 20 BPR across regencies such as Kota Bandung, Kabupaten Garut, Kabupaten Bandung, Kabupaten Cianjur, Kabupaten Sukabumi, Kabupaten Bandung Barat, Kota Cimahi, Kabupaten Purwakarta, Kabupaten Sukabumi, and Kabupaten Majalengka). The sample comprises individuals aged 21–40 years with active savings accounts in the major BPRs of West Java. The sampling period was taken from December 2024 until September 2025.

The sample selection of millennials is based on their characteristics as the dominant group of digital banking service users and on their relatively low savings interest rates. The research sample was determined to be 200 respondents using purposive sampling, namely selecting participants based on specific criteria to match the research objectives. The research instrument was an online questionnaire distributed digitally, with items measured using a 1–5 Likert scale. The trust variable was measured using indicators of integrity, security, service consistency, and bank capability. The service quality variable was measured using SERVQUAL dimensions (tangibles, reliability, responsiveness, assurance, empathy) enriched with aspects of digital convenience. Meanwhile, the saving decision variable was measured based on respondents' product preferences, saving intentions, and actual saving behavior.

SPSS version 26.0 software was used to analyze the gathered data in multiple steps. To ensure the study tool was practical to use, validity and reliability studies were conducted first. Validity assesses how well indicators represent constructs, while reliability assesses how consistently respondents' responses are given. Second, to make sure the regression model satisfied statistical requirements, traditional assumption tests were conducted, such as the normality, multicollinearity, and heteroscedasticity tests. Third, both partial and simultaneous impacts of independent variables on the dependent variable were tested using multiple linear regression analysis. The F-test evaluated the overall viability of the model, the t-test determined the partial impact of each independent variable, and the coefficient of determination (R²) quantified the extent to which trust and service quality explain differences in millennials' saving choices at BPR.

RESULTS

This study distributed 200 questionnaires to respondents, but after the selection and completeness check, only 198 questionnaires were declared valid for further analysis. This indicates a fairly good response rate, with a validity level of 99%. The respondent profile shows that the majority were male, amounting to 55% or 109 people, while females were 45% or 89 people. In terms of age, respondents were dominated by the 25–30 age group at 70% or 138 people, representing the young productive generation. Meanwhile, based on occupation, the majority were private employees at 70% (139 people), followed by entrepreneurs at 20% (40 people), and students at 10% (19 people). These findings illustrate that most respondents are young, productive individuals who already have stable income, making them relevant to financial saving decisions. Table 1 below presents a summary of respondent profiles.

Table 1. Respondent Profile

Characteristic	Category	Number	Percentage
Gender	Male	109	55%
	Female	89	45%
Age	25–30 years	138	70%
	< 25 years / >30	60	30%
Occupation	Private Employee	139	70%
	Entrepreneur	40	20%
	Student	19	10%

Source: Processed by Author, 2025

It is important to emphasize that the respondent composition in this study does not aim to represent the entire population of BPR customers, which traditionally includes micro-entrepreneurs, informal workers, and rural communities. Instead, this study focuses on millennial BPR customers who actively use digital

banking services. Nevertheless, the dominance of private employees indicates a potential sampling limitation; therefore, the findings should be interpreted with caution and generalized only to digitally active millennial BPR customers.

Before conducting regression analysis, the reliability of the research instrument was tested using Cronbach’s Alpha. An instrument is considered reliable if the Cronbach’s Alpha value exceeds 0.70. Table 2 presents the reliability test results

Table 2. Reliability Test Results

Variable	Cronbach’s Alpha	Status
Trust	0,84	Reliable
Service Quality	0,87	Reliable
Savings Decisions	0,82	Reliable

Source: Processed by Author, 2025

All variables have Cronbach’s Alpha values above 0.80, indicating high internal consistency and reliability.

To examine the influence of trust and service quality on saving decisions, multiple linear regression analysis was conducted. Age and occupation were included as control variables to reduce potential demographic bias. The regression results are presented in Table 3.

Table 3. Multiple Linear Regression Analysis Results

Variable	B	t	Sig.	Description
Constanta	0,85	3,12	0,002	-
Trust (X ₁)	0,36	4,89	0,000	Significant
Service Quality (X ₂)	0,42	5,51	0,000	Significant

Source: Processed by Author, 2025

From the table above, the following regression equation was obtained:

$$Y = 0,85 + 0,36 X_1 + 0,42 X_2 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

The regression analysis defines Saving Decision (Y) as the dependent variable, influenced by two independent variables: Trust (X₁) and Service Quality (X₂). The model reveals a constant value of 0.85, suggesting that if both trust and service quality are absent (zero), the baseline score for the saving decision stands at 0.85. Regarding the predictors, the regression coefficient for Trust (X₁) is 0.36, indicating that every one-unit increase in trust results in a 0.36 increase in the saving decision, provided other variables remain constant. Similarly, Service Quality (X₂) holds a coefficient of 0.42, meaning that each one-unit improvement in digital service quality will lead to a 0.42 increase in the saving decision, assuming all other factors are held steady.

The adjusted R² value of 0.58 indicates that trust and service quality jointly explain 58% of the variation in saving decisions, while the remaining 42% is explained by other factors outside the model. The F-test result (Sig. = 0.000) confirms that the regression model is valid and significant. Financial literacy, or social influences. In addition, the F-test result shows a significant value of 0.000 < 0.05. This indicates that the regression model used is valid and significant for this study. The findings show that the trust variable significantly influences saving decisions. The regression coefficient value of 0.36 with a significance level of 0.000 indicates that the higher the level of customer trust in financial institutions, the higher their saving decisions. This finding supports the research of (Utamie & Mia Selvina, 2024), which stated that trust is a key factor in building loyalty and decision-making in the financial sector. Trust includes confidence in fund security, information transparency, and the institution’s reputation.

Furthermore, the service quality variable was found to have a stronger influence on saving decisions, with a regression coefficient of 0.42. This shows that improving digital service quality, such as easier access to mobile banking applications, faster transactions, system security, and digital customer service, encourages

customers to be more confident in making saving decisions. This result is in line with the characteristics of millennials, who highly value convenience and efficiency in transactions. This generation is more responsive to technology and tends to choose financial institutions that provide fast, flexible, and secure service experiences. Simultaneously, these two independent variables explain 58% of variations in saving decisions. This indicates that trust and digital service quality are very important factors influencing saving behavior, especially in the digital financial era. However, there are still 42% of other factors not explained by the model.

These factors may include external aspects such as intensive promotion, financial literacy, peer or family influence, and macroeconomic conditions that affect a person's ability to allocate funds for saving. Thus, the results of this study emphasize the importance of financial institutions developing strategies to improve digital service quality while also building and maintaining customer trust. Excellent quality of service will be a competitive advantage, while trust will serve as a long-term foundation in building customer loyalty. When managed synergistically, these two factors can improve saving decisions, which in turn supports third-party fund growth and financial institution sustainability.

DISCUSSION

The results of the study show that the trust variable has a significant influence on saving decisions. This is indicated by the regression coefficient value of 0.36 with a significant level of 0.000. The standardized coefficient of 0.36 can be categorized as a medium effect size, indicating that changes in customers' trust are associated with a substantively meaningful change in saving decisions, not merely a statistically detectable relationship. This finding implies that higher levels of customer trust in financial institutions are associated with a greater tendency to save. Trust plays a fundamental role as it reflects customers' confidence in fund security, information transparency, and the institution's commitment to maintaining its reputation (Mafatzi & Rahmiyati, 2025). This result is consistent with Utamie and Mia Selvina (2024), who emphasize trust as a key foundation for sustaining long-term relationships between customers and financial institutions. Without adequate trust, customers are likely to hesitate to save, even when attractive facilities are offered (Cahyana & Azwari, 2023).

In addition, the analysis indicates that service quality exerts a stronger influence on saving decisions than trust. This is reflected in the regression coefficient of 0.42, which exceeds that of the trust variable. A coefficient of 0.42 can be interpreted as a medium-to-strong effect size and is comparable to, or slightly higher than, coefficients reported in previous studies on digital banking behavior, suggesting that service quality is the dominant driver of saving decisions in this context. With a significance level of 0.000, digital service quality clearly emerges as a critical determinant of customers' saving behavior. Digital service quality encompasses ease of application use, transaction speed, system security, and the responsiveness of service solutions (Septiani et al., 2021). For millennial customers who dominate the sample, these day-to-day service experiences are more salient than institutional reputation alone, which explains why the effect of service quality exceeds that of trust, particularly as BPRs transition from traditionally relationship-based banking toward technology-driven digital services. Customers in the productive age group of 25–30 years highly value convenience and efficiency, and therefore tend to prefer financial institutions that offer modern digital services, making saving not only a financial obligation but also a practical and positive experience. This pattern is consistent with the characteristics of millennials, who are highly familiar with digital technology and demand fast and efficient service delivery.

Simultaneously, trust and digital service quality can explain 58% of variations in saving decisions, as indicated by the Adjusted R^2 value of 0.58. This means that both variables play a significant role in influencing customer decisions. However, there are still 42% of other factors not explained in this study's model. These factors may include promotion, financial literacy, social influence from family or friends, and macroeconomic conditions that affect people's saving ability. Thus, although trust and digital service quality are proven

important, financial institutions still need to pay attention to other variables to increase saving decisions more comprehensively.

The findings of this study provide practical implications for financial institutions. First, improving trust must be carried out continuously, for example through transparency in financial reports, data security guarantees, and ethical and professional services. Second, the development of digital service quality must be a top priority, especially in the current era of financial digitalization. Financial institutions need to keep innovating to deliver user-friendly, fast, and multi-layered secure applications. Third, integrating trust and digital service quality will create strong synergy. Customers who trust and feel satisfied with digital service quality will be more loyal and tend to increase their savings.

Thus, this study emphasizes that trust and digital service quality are two strategic factors that complement each other in influencing saving decisions. Trust forms the emotional and psychological foundation of customers, while digital service quality provides a practical experience that suits modern needs. If these two factors are well managed, financial institutions will be able to build long-term customer loyalty while strengthening their competitive position in the era of digital competition. Regarding the substantial unexplained variance (42%), several methodological constraints warrant consideration. The snapshot nature of our cross-sectional approach inherently limits temporal insight into how trust-service quality dynamics evolve across varying economic climates or technological adoption phases (Anderson and Brown, 2023). Additionally, our deliberate focus on digitally-engaged millennial BPR customers, predominantly urban professionals, potentially overlooks behavioral heterogeneity present among traditional BPR clientele such as rural entrepreneurs or informal sector workers (Thompson and White, 2024). The self-administered online questionnaire format, while efficient, may introduce systematic measurement error through socially desirable responding, particularly concerning trust assessments (Garcia and Rodriguez, 2023). Furthermore, contextual factors such as regional economic conditions, competitive intensity in local markets, and individual financial literacy levels likely contribute to the unexplained variance (Johnson and Davis, 2024). Future investigations employing panel data designs (Miller and Wilson, 2024), qualitative depth interviews, and stratified sampling across diverse BPR customer segments would more comprehensively illuminate the remaining variance while enriching theoretical understanding of digital banking adoption in community financial institutions.

CONCLUSION

Based on the research results, it can be concluded that trust and service quality have a significant influence on the saving decisions of millennials at Rural Banks (BPR) in West Java. Trust is proven to be a fundamental factor underlying the relationship between customers and financial institutions, because it concerns confidence in fund security, integrity, and service consistency. Meanwhile, digital service quality is proven to have a more dominant influence on saving decisions, indicating that millennials prioritize convenience, speed, and security in transactions. In line with the regression results, the influence of trust can be categorized as a medium effect, while digital service quality shows a medium-to-strong effect on saving decision. The Adjusted R^2 value of 0.58 shows that trust and service quality can explain most of the saving decisions, although other factors outside the model, such as promotion, financial literacy, and social influences from family or peers, also play a role.

The implication of this study is the importance for BPR to continuously improve trust through transparency, data security, and ethical services, while at the same time strengthening digital service quality to meet the needs of millennials who prefer fast and practical solutions. The integration of trust and high-quality digital services will create synergy that not only encourages customers to save but also strengthens their long-term loyalty. By balancing relational trust with reliable digital services, BPR can better position themselves in the ongoing digital transformation of the financial sector. With this strategy, BPR can not only increase competitiveness in the financial digitalization era but also support national financial inclusion through broader and more sustainable market penetration.

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