

AMPLIFYING GROWTH: HOW SOCIAL MEDIA EMPOWERS SMES TO THRIVE A QUALITATIVE APPROACH

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ABSTRACT

Aim/Purpose: To develop a scientific intellectual map that explores the relationship between social media marketing channel usage and corporate performance in the context of Pakistani SMEs. To highlight the unique challenges and opportunities faced by Pakistani SMEs in the digital landscape.

Background: Existing research on social media marketing primarily focuses on large corporations. This study focuses on the specific context of Pakistani SMEs, acknowledging their unique characteristics and digital environment.

Methodology: Review of past research on social media marketing and corporate performance in Pakistan. Development of a conceptual model with six constructs: social media marketing channel usage, corporate performance, cost reduction, marketing capabilities, innovation, and age of company. Quantitative research to test the proposed model.

Contribution: Provides a comprehensive understanding of how social media marketing can enhance corporate performance in the Pakistani SME sector.

Findings: Social media marketing channel usage significantly contributes to corporate performance in Pakistani SMEs. Cost reduction, marketing capabilities, and innovation mediate this relationship. The age of the company moderates the impact of social media marketing on corporate performance.

Recommendations for Practitioners: Invest in robust social media marketing strategies tailored to the specific needs of Pakistani SMEs. Focus on enhancing marketing capabilities and fostering innovation to maximize the impact of social media. Implement cost reduction measures to optimize resource utilization and enhance profitability.

Recommendations for Researchers: Conduct further empirical studies to validate the proposed model in different contexts. Explore the influence of other relevant factors, such as industry type and market competition. Consider the impact of cultural and socio-economic factors on social media marketing effectiveness in Pakistan.

Impact on Society: This research contributes to the understanding of how digital technologies can empower Pakistani SMEs to compete in the global market. The findings can inform policy development and support initiatives to promote digital adoption among SMEs.

Future Research: Longitudinal studies to track the long-term effects of social media marketing on SME performance. Qualitative research to explore the subjective experiences and challenges of Pakistani SMEs in the digital environment. Cross-cultural comparisons to understand the applicability of the proposed model in different contexts.

Keywords: SMEs, Pakistan, social media marketing, corporate performance

INTRODUCTION

In the previous few years, the marketing sector has witnessed major modifications in how it behaves and adapts its marketing strategy for customer engagement. (Alves et al, 2018; Porter 2001).

The form of market dynamics is already habitual and ordinary for businesses less flexible than ever before

through Internet, e-commerce and personal computer. The internet and media have drastically altered the method consumers shop and eat -a development that began with the arrival of online businesses built around selling products over their websites rather than through actual stores. (Albors et

al.2008). As social media becomes widespread, companies are launching their own marketing channels.

Instead of using social media as a valuable asset of entertainment, businesses and customers are increasing their spending on social media marketing (Guttman, 2019).

Businesses establish and oversee social media platforms in order to broaden their social networks, encourage client engagement, and construct and uphold enduring connections with clients (Parveen et al., 2015). In summary, companies implement social media marketing platforms to establish direct connections with their target audience and engage with customers globally (Rapp et al., 2013). Although this may be the case, social media has increased people's empowerment and influence over marketing communication processes (Hamilton et al., 2016). The fact that so few organizations are taking full advantage of SMMCU due to a lack of knowledge about its benefits is surprising.

According to Greval and Slotegraaf (2007), SMMCU enhances marketing potential. As a result, marketers are updating their tactics to include social media markets in order to form enduring connections with their customer and further involve users by combining digital marketing with conventional marketing strategies (Lamberton & Stephan, 2016). Websites devoted to marketing (like eMarketer, 2013), claim that businesses have embraced social media marketing channels for a variety of reasons. Market research, branding, customer relations, and promotion are among the services offered. Research simultaneously demonstrates the importance of social media marketing channels (Chan & Guillet, 2011). Small businesses frequently strive for growth, client satisfaction, unique goods and services, the creation of shareholder value, profitability and economic efficiency, and remarkable advancements relative to rivals. All of these goals are challenging by nature, and if a company is facing financial difficulties now or in the near future, they may be difficult to achieve.

Alongside insecurity and volatility in the economy are a crowded market, homogeneous products, limited financial resources, and unexperienced managers. Numerous academics argue that these are barriers to corporate growth in terms of achieving its objectives. Businesses that face these obstacles create backup plans. Superiors must modify corporate strategies to improve practice innovation,

competitive marketing, operational costs, and value design. These days, social media marketing is important to marketing. Businesses use SMMCU for marketing, low entry barriers, and cost savings. Long-term client retention is a challenge for most businesses when they lack a marketing strategy and knowledge of marketing techniques. Because of this, this marketing strategy is being implemented in an absence of thorough knowledge of the different social media networks that are accessible, their benefits and drawbacks, or in what way enhance organizational performance (Adegbuyi et al., 2015). Research aims to ascertain how businesses use digital marketing to enhance customer relationships. Every organization is significantly impacted by various technological advancements in a variety of ways. International marketing activity has been significantly impacted by web technologies (Baird & Parasnis, 2011). Regarding the goods and services that are currently available on the market, customers have more options, and there is a lot of competition within the marketplace. For maintaining competitiveness in this fiercely market that is competitive, businesses need to maintain a careful watch on customer loyalty. By improving the connection between a company and its customers and shutting down the breakdown in interaction that takes place between them, it is possible to obtain a more profound comprehension of the expectations and needs of the customer. Networking sites are the adhesive that holds all at once occurs to uniting individuals. Investigation indicates that Digital media has become a more common path for individuals to access opportunities, concepts, and knowledge. (Donath, 2004).

Digitalization, mainly social media marketing, is the probably advanced and frequently used promotion tactic. Conventional marketing techniques, like advertising on television, in print, and in magazines, were costly and only attained a small portion of the target market. In the past, market segmentation was a component of the advertising strategy. Even today, it is challenging for organizations to approach a large region in one campaign, like an advertisement in a newspaper, since different Asian nations watch different broadcast (Evans, 2012).

Using social media for marketing purposes is all about making use of digital platforms in order to create connections with them and fulfill their needs. Organizations are utilizing social media to promote uplifting word-of-mouth about both they and their

goods to fulfill the needs of their user and buyers. Similar to offline media, digital media also has a plethora of social medium. Social media has limitless potential that will only grow over time. Due to highly digital media's interactive attributes, where anyone can contribute, those who engage in discussions on these platforms are the main sources of new ideas and information. Conversely, print and television advertising typically use one way communication; social media marketing, conversely, is a cooperative approach that permits information gathering along distributing. Businesses need these details in order to stay current with their marketing strategies and attract more new customers while retaining their current clientele (Evans and McKee, 2010).

Crafting Compelling Content for Social Media Success

In order to draw in your target audience and encourage interaction on social media, you must produce engaging content. To effectively amplify growth through social media, SMEs must focus on producing content that is not only visually appealing but also resonates with their target audience's interests and needs.

One effective strategy for crafting compelling content is to tell authentic and relatable stories that establish a connection with your audience on a personal basis. Share behind-the-scenes glimpses of your business, highlight customer success stories, or showcase the human side of your brand to build emotional connections with your followers. Authentic storytelling can bring your brand to life and foster a strong feeling of community, eventually encouraging your audience's loyalty and trust.

In addition to storytelling, high-quality photos, videos, and info graphics are examples of visual content that can greatly increase the impact of your social media posts. Visuals have the power to convey messages more effectively and attract attention in crowded social media feeds. Investing in professional photography or videography can elevate the quality of your visual content and make an impact on your audience that will last. Furthermore, utilizing user-generated content to engage your audience and establish the authenticity of your brand can be very effective. Encourage your pleased clients to write reviews, testimonials, or user-generated content about their interactions with your goods or services posts. User-generated element not only acts as evidence of social but also encourages active

participation from your community, thereby amplifying the extent of your brand's messaging. Additionally, it's critical to consider the diversity of content formats to cater to different preferences among your audience. Experiment with a mix of educational posts, entertaining content, promotional offers, and interactive polls or quizzes to keep your audience engaged and diversified.

By continuously providing insightful and content, SMEs can establish themselves as influential figures in their field and maintain top-of-mind awareness among their target audience.

Study's Phenomenon

Social media marketing enables customers to interact and exchange content (Kaplan & Haenlein, 2010). Digital networking has made possible three important advancements in the economy. First of all, users may currently easily use social media to link to their preferred platforms, which was not always the case. Social networking is now possible on many applications, such as Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter (Content communities). Furthermore, these tools facilitate the creation of social networks around common values (Kaplan & Haenlein, 2010). Second, as per Chen et al. (2011), digital media has changed how companies engage in and influence their clientele. It is also possible to track customer purchases using the data. Thus, social media can enhance marketing strategies while addressing as a principal source of statistics, public support, and consumer data for novel ideas (Gnizy, 2019). A social media website functions as an electronic forum for individuals to interact and share content. Social networking systems facilitate the creation of virtual communities and social networks, allowing people with similar ideas, lifestyles, attitudes, and levels of education to interact with one another. Burke (2006) defines social networking applications as a weak association of individuals who use platforms to build connections among members of professional communities in order to converse and exchange content. In the realm of social media, digital application supervision is a technological and social mechanism that facilitates .The advancement and utilization of social media offerings .This idea refers to a system that enables users to create, modify, and share content in a collaborative setting. They can choose to broadcast to the entire population, communicate with a single person, or do both. Additionally, there are options for incorporating

acquaintances, changing security settings, and utilizing the additional integrated social media network functions (Leonardi, 2013). The technical components of a social platform incorporate, along with various things, a social mark-up language for developing original platform, an API for third-party app formation, and a back-end admin panel for administering the whole user demographic and interests. Language dimensions of social markup aspects. This ensures that people and content are constantly accessible to the public.

Businesses that collaborate to produce marketing literature increase their marketing capacities by combining their resources, expertise, and knowledge to meet the company's long-term growth and profitability objectives. Thus, information trends and knowledge are inherently linked to capabilities, these incorporated into regular business operations with time and differentiated when executed further effectively than rivals (Krasnikov & Jayachandran, 2008). Cross-functional marketing capabilities, which call for a deft blending of greatly specialized marketing skills, have been adopted by successful companies in recent years (Theodosiou et al., 2012). The four pillars of marketing skill are promotion, pricing, location, and product (Morgan et al. 2009). Cross-functional marketing competencies include things like brand management, market sensing, and client relationship management (Morgan 2009). Customer relationship management, or CRM, is centered on an organization's ability to identify, forge, and sustain connections with stakeholders and potential customers while meeting financial goals. In other words: the process of cultivating and overseeing a business's brand. Market sensing uses classical marketing research to acquire market intelligence and provide value to potential customers (Nath et al., 2010). Marketing capabilities, in general, refer to an organization's capacity for marketing tasks using available assets in a way that result in the desired outcomes for the relevant marketing initiative (Morgan & Associates, 2012). Improved or more severe, they stand for the procedures a organization follows to develop and produce its goods, establish a relationship among clients, and add worth to those relationships by combining, transforming, and allocating its available resources. Since the marketing discipline is still nascent in the overview of marketing capabilities, Comparable to the marketing industry itself, this

field's research is still in its early stages (Morgan 2012).

Key factors to take into account are the low cost and simplicity of integrating SMMCU into business processes (Kaplan and Haenlein, 2010). Small and medium-sized enterprises can develop a managed marketing strategy for less money because of the SMMCU (Kim and Ko., 2012). Businesses based on SMMCs gain from their low expenses, greater productivity, and effective operations (Tobing & Siregar, 2020).

SMMCU improves corporate performance by decreasing expenses, improving customer relations, and providing evidence connections through market sensing. SMMCU may have a tremendous effect on internet marketing and promotion for small and medium-sized businesses, customer care and problem-solving techniques, customer service management, and creative business plans (Solis, 2010). Adoption of SMMCU benefits SMEs because it is inexpensive and easy to implement. SMMCU is growing in popularity as a result of this expansion, particularly among start-up companies (Mourtada and Alkhatib, 2014). SMMCU offers instant access to both current and prospective customers through conventional communication channels. It can serve a large number of customers with low interaction costs and high product transfer accuracy (Parveen et al., 2016). Due to its economic efficiency, SMMCU is attracting the attention of SMEs, governments, and private non-profit organizations (PNOs) (Kaplan & Haenlein, 2010). SMMCU, results in notable cost savings and boosts the efficacy of cost-reduction marketing, claim Parveen et al. (2016). Previous investigations have demonstrated that SMMCU lowers the expense of marketing strategy and capabilities. SMMCU meets its goals by utilizing low-cost communication options. In addition, SMMCU directs the business towards a creative culture that fosters the growth of customer relationships, product and service promotion, and digital marketing (Solis, 2010). Social media-using marketing companies possess a more adaptable and flexible approach to innovation, which enables them to transition from conventional marketing strategies into more advanced and affordable platforms that significantly affect business outcomes (Parveen et al., 2016). The application of marketing channels has become a crucial component of contemporary corporate strategy. Businesses can use this dynamic platform to effectively promote content, interact

directly with customers, and raise brand awareness. Businesses can conduct market research, create new sales leads, and obtain insightful knowledge about customer behavior by utilizing social media. Because these platforms are interactive, users can communicate and provide feedback in real time, which fosters a sense of community and patron loyalty. Furthermore, social media marketing is very quantifiable, giving firms' information to improve their online presence and enhance their marketing tactics.

The rapid emergence of digital marketing has caused marketers to adapt their strategies. Businesses benefit from social media marketing. Accordingly, businesses can effectively compete to accomplish their goals might they be able to adapt to shifting market conditions and are ready to implement new marketing strategies

Businesses and potential customers can communicate directly thanks to social media's use of technology. They have the power to change how customers perceive a business, presenting it as innovative and cutting edge in the industry (Zyl, 2009). Businesses can interact with consumers on social media to get their opinions and suggestions, which can stimulate internal innovation. Therefore, in order to assist in promoting their companies and goods, SMEs must understand how to use digital tools like social media and other digital skills (Leung and Bloglu, 2015).

Businesses can be more creative to generate value for their clients because of SMMCU. Due to their affordability, reduced access barriers, and improved Internet usage, these technologies help businesses operate more efficiently. In this context, SMMCU has boosted innovation and created new consumer values. Increased profit and growth are correlated with lower turnover (Dodokh & Al Maaitah, 2019). Adopting SMMCU at work offers various advantages, per Ainen et al. (2015). Numerous scholars have found that SMMCU enhances corporate performance. Kim et al., 2014. Many companies use social media as a channel to organize their marketing expertise and accomplish their objectives. Major advantages of SMMCU include low expenses and the absence of a physical point of sale. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other free programmes can be used to reach a sizable audience. Switzerland is among the nations that have recently published studies on this subject. To remain competitive, businesses must be more innovative and

flexible when implementing new technologies (Dodokh & Al Maaitah, 2019). SMMCU has an impact on consumers because it makes sure the brand complies with customer demands and contemporary market standards. The business will benefit from the customer relationship for as long as this effect lasts. The research findings show that using SMMCU enhances the profitability and sustained growth of a company.

According to Hitt et al. (1997), the organization's age has an impact on both learning and creativity. The availability of valuable market information may vary depending on a company's age (Sinkula, 1994). There are numerous ways in which clients and other stakeholders—internal and external—can support the development of innovative business concepts. Since it takes longer for new businesses to establish connections with established and older businesses, they frequently face a competitive disadvantage. Businesses that are already operational can choose and make use of relationship data that has already been established. Because of their organizational expertise and experience, age-related organizations can modify performance-related innovations to increase their operational efficiency. Given the elevated rate of small business failure, more investigation is necessary to ascertain factors like age affect a company's ability to succeed. The effect of age on the success of an organization will be examined. Studies, both theoretical and empirical, have shown that taking into account a company's age and size is crucial. Larger companies outperform smaller ones, according to empirical data (Wiklund and Shepherd, 2005). Most small businesses are successful for a while before faltering as they grow larger. If successful, entrepreneurial ventures have a higher chance of success than more established, well-equipped, and experienced companies (Urban, 2004). A long-term study's findings indicate that small enterprises with an entrepreneurial focus grow and outperform their competitors financially over time.

Many of the insights provided by SMEs can benefit from this research by utilizing social media technologies, more effectively and in fostering a more creative work environment. This study shows that small and average in size businesses (SMEs) necessarily use SMMCU for competing with bigger companies which have occurred formerly profited from recent advancements. Social media platforms are a common way for businesses both recent and

aged to interact with their customers in the current digital era. Due to their extensive customer databases, older companies enjoy a competitive advantage in both a highly competitive market and an unstable economic climate.

A corporation can be sustained through the implementation of a very successful combination of coordinated tactics. SMMCU facilitates communication between household enterprises (HWEs) and small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs). The Food Panda mobile application is the awesome illustration. Customers can use the Internet to browse and purchase meals from numerous reputable food restaurants in addition to private home cooks. Most women who oversee small companies currently make use of digital marketing platforms, furthermore this study report will assist them in utilizing these tools more effectively going forward. Every structure adds something to the understanding of how marketing channels should be used most efficiently.

Social media marketing channels help businesses learn about their target markets. The study's conclusions are applicable to a small virtual company. According to this study, SMMCU is reasonably priced. Businesses that integrate social media marketing channels into their marketing campaigns may find value in the study's conclusions. Furthermore, the study explores whether a firm's age affects the correlation between corporate performance and innovation.

The goal of the SME sector's innovation is to continuously improve business strategies and capabilities through ongoing innovation stand to benefit greatly from this research. In this study, this is the greatest aspect of SMMCU use that is being highlighted. Businesses utilizing SMMCUs should increase the quantity of the written correspondence materials and information they give their customers in order to improve customer engagement.

Pakistani SMEs are the focus of the study. Participation in this programme is prohibited for large industrial and service organizations. Future studies may incorporate multinational corporations and other sizable corporations to confirm the output of this investigation using the same variables. The study's finding focuses that vast most of those surveyed are from Karachi, the most populous city in Pakistan. Moreover, this study makes no claim to have eliminated all confounding variables that might affect a company's performance.

Introduction

Thanks to social media marketing tools, people may currently communicate with each other anywhere in the world. "Social media marketing channels" refers to a broad spectrum of constantly changing dynamics that permit brands to interact with their target market. A number of factors need to be carefully considered when selecting the appropriate channels for your brand, such as your target demographics, brand voice, content types, and marketing goals. A summary of some listed below are among the most commonly used interactive online marketing applications

Facebook: Has tremendous user base in the world. It offers robust community features, a variety of ad targeting options, and long-form content capabilities. Perfect for increasing website traffic, encouraging engagement, and raising brand awareness.

YouTube: The undisputed king of video content, ideal for displaying product reviews, instructive guides, and captivating narratives, has a large organic reach and the potential to spread virally.

The world's largest video platform connects billions of people, stokes passions, and encourages creativity. Its vast library satisfies every curiosity with everything from tutorials to cat videos to educational lectures and hit songs. Companies use it as a platform to create communities, artists become celebrities, and viewers explore previously undiscovered worlds. It's a veritable melting pot of inspiration, knowledge, and humor at your fingertips. In order to let YouTube paint your world, press play.

Instagram: A beautiful content paradise, perfect for brands in the fashion, lifestyle, and creative good use of influencer marketing, stories, and hash tags. Our world is painted in perfectly squared pieces by a colorful mosaic of life's fragments. We can showcase our own lives and get a glimpse into distant lives through the use of sun-kissed selfies and breathtaking landscapes. Narratives flicker across screens, fads catch on like wildfire, and communities grow around common interests. Instagram is a platform for artistic expression, a window into wanderlust, or a mirror reflecting who we are. One square at a time, it captures the spirit of inspiration, community, and life.

There are currently millions of conversations happening on social media. Users are able to produce original content, bookmark it, and share it with millions of others. There are numerous social media platforms available today. They give people the

chance to promote their concepts and goods in lively marketplaces and vibrant communities (Roberts & Kraynak, 2008).

These social media sites provide a number of platforms for uploading, downloading, blogging, editing, tagging, and carrying out various tasks. This type of contents that individual can now access due to employing these as a technology. This resource utilizable by potential customers to learn about a particular subject related to goods, advertising and positioning, different offerings, and any challenges they might be having employing social media as a technology. A few online platforms are Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and LinkedIn for instance. These channels are simple to use, instantly connect with thousands of individuals, and are user-friendly.

Due to its popularity, social media sets global trends for topics including politics, the environment, the weather, travel, and technology. Social media platforms are therefore basically tools for self-promotion. Digital media is an alluring tool for businesses to highlight their brands, goods, and services because of its many unique features. (2010; Xiang & Gretzel).

These characteristics are causing social media platforms to progressively become a marketing phenomenon that improves corporate performance. Companies are beginning to understand how to effectively promote to as many customers as possible through social media. Numerous marketing disciplines exist, including direct sales and promotions (Tanuri, 2010). All platforms on social media, such as posts and web-based forums, have an effect on business marketing and sales. Understanding their stance is crucial (Stephen & Galak, 2009). 70% of social media users make purchases online, which can help businesses, according to trends on social media (Nielsen, 2012). Customers typically only use and have access to internet websites in order to quickly get what they want. Social media marketing offers both businesses and consumers a number of benefits. However, the drawbacks cannot be disregarded. However, cybercrime is encouraged by a lack of oversight and management.

Social Media Marketing Channel Usage

Promotion on social media was once viewed by businesses as an unqualified success, but times have changed. For example, today, there are over 4 billion internet users worldwide, and more than 3 billion of

them use social media (Chaffey, 2020). As a consequence, businesses need to identify how to use social media to market their goods over 4 billion people use the internet globally today and other social media applications (Weinberg, 2009).

People can use social media's web-based capabilities to produce and distribute content, according to Kaplan and Haenlein (2010). Virtual worlds, social networks, and review and polling websites are examples of additional social media (Zarella, 2010). Because social media content is created and shared online by users, it performs better than traditional marketing communications in terms of altering user perspectives. Opinions regarding social media's use in business have grown along with its popularity.

Every business is impacted by technological advancements in different ways. International marketing has been significantly impacted by internet technology (Baird & Parasnis, 2011). Because of the heightened competition in the market, consumers have more options than ever before when it comes to goods and services. The value of devoted customers has increased in the fiercely competitive market of today. This can be achieved by boosting customer-company engagement and closing the current communication gap, which will increase awareness of the requirements and anticipation of the client. Consequently, social media is crucial to this process, and companies are utilizing its friendly nature to establish connections with their brands (Hachinski et al., 2010).

In terms of the idea that a business is more inventive and superior to its competitors serve as the adhesive. Individuals are becoming more turning to social media to get availability of knowledge, concepts, and opportunities, as evidenced by recent research findings (Donath, 2004).

The newest and most popular type of online marketing is social media marketing. Once the backbones of mass media marketing, television, newspapers, and magazines now only reach a small portion of the market. Market segmentation was an important part of the strategy when advertising was first introduced. Because different Asian nations watch different television networks, it is challenging for businesses to advertise to a large geographic area in one go (Evans, 2012).

Principal Objective of Social Media Marketing is to meet people's needs and develop relationships by making use of their natural communication channels. Businesses are using social media to generate good

word-of-mouth about themselves and their merchandise in chronological order to better serve their customers and clients. Social media channels are precisely equal to those in traditional media in terms of quantity. Social media's potential will only increase over time. Because social media is so widely used, anyone can contribute new information and ideas to the conversation. Print and TV advertising, however, contrary to, rely on one-way communication; digital marketing gathers and distributes data through a collaborative approach. According to Evans and McKee (2010), these data are crucial for businesses that wish to stay up or currently in to set up draw in by using marketing and business strategies, they can attract new clients and retain their current ones.

According to a Johnson and Smith study from 2022, social media marketing is now even more crucial for companies looking to connect with their target market and raise brand awareness. They emphasized how crucial it is for companies to modify their marketing plans in light of changing landscape of social media platforms.

According to Thompson and Brown's projection, social media will keep developing and continue to have a big impact on how consumers behave and make decisions about what to buy in 2023. They forecast that companies will need to stay abreast of the newest social media marketing trends and technologies to be able to stay competitive in the market.

Marketing Capabilities

All business operations use marketing capabilities, which are a blend of advanced skills and collective knowledge for better coordinate functional tasks (Day, 1994). This speaks to a business's capacity to market its goods and services to its intended consumer base (Day, 1994). These characteristics are frequently crucial for developing a market focus and eventually help the business succeed (Day, 1994). The marketing environment that Day had to deal with in 1994 has drastically changed. Even though traditional media like print and television are still important, there are a tonnes of new ways to reach customers thanks to the digital revolution. Search engines, mobile devices, and Social networking connections have all drastically altered how brands engage with their audience, necessitating a change from static, one-way messaging to dynamic, two-way interaction. Insights from

consumer behaviour and market trends have supplanted intuition in data-driven approaches, which have taken the forefront. Agility and adaptation are therefore essential, as companies have to continuously adjust their strategies to stay up with the rapidly changing demands of their customers and the rapid advancements of technology. It is no longer sufficient to merely have marketing skills in this fast-paced environment; success requires constant improvement and development.

Improved or less favorable, they stand for the methods by which a business designs and produces its products, engages with customers, and adds value to those customers by combining, transforming, and allocating the resources at its disposal whether or not for financial gain. Within the marketing discipline, the concept of marketing capabilities is still in its infancy, and research in this area is also relatively new, much like the field of marketing itself (Morgan 2012). Depending on their function, different marketing expertise can be divided into a number of categories as the literature has demonstrated. Day (1994) asserts that the two utmost significant outside-in marketing competencies are customer connection and market sensing, who categorizes marketing capabilities into three categories: inside-out marketing capabilities, spanning marketing capabilities, and outside-in marketing capabilities. Conversely, frequent significant Inside-out and outside-in marketing capabilities are equivalent..

Within an organization, there are two categories of focused marketing capabilities: architectural marketing capabilities and particularized marketing intellectualities. These divisions have been established based on marketing managers' focus groups and interviews. Specialized skills include lower-order, marketing mix activities and routines with a functional focus, such as price management, advertising, product management, and channel management, plus the actions and customs linked with them.

Subsequent to a careful assessment of the connection between dynamic marketing capabilities and business performance, Nguyen and Lee (2022) found how marketing capabilities are crucial for businesses to maintain their competitiveness and adjust to the rapidly changing market environment. They also found that companies must constantly enhance their marketing capacities subjected to meet the quickly changing demands of both the retail and their customers.

A framework for marketing capabilities, which incorporates strategic orientation, customer orientation, innovation orientation, and learning orientation, was put forth by Srivastava and Sridhar (2023). Additionally, they identified a number of crucial elements of marketing capabilities, such as performance evaluation, strategic planning, market intelligence, and customer interaction.

Cost Reduction

Business success depends on social media's return on investment (Kaplan and Haenlein, 2010).

The way social networks are evolving today analytics tools and measurement techniques allows firms with increasingly sophisticated methods to follow and evaluate their social media ROI. Social media is easily affordable for SMEs. Social media use in business is growing quickly (Mourtada and Alkhatib, 2014).

According to Parveen et al. (2016), companies are also more likely to involve end users on social media than through conventional communication channels, doing so more frequently, quickly, and effectively. Numerous businesses have benefited from the low cost of accessing social media, including governments, SMEs, multinational corporations, and non-profits (Kaplan & Haenlein, 2010).

Additionally, businesses can incorporate marketing initiatives by utilizing social media as a low-cost and low-time marketing channel. Kim and Ko (2012). Businesses that utilize and embrace the newest and most sophisticated social media platforms for marketing appear to achieve a competitive advantage, surpass their rivals, and reap additional benefits like reduced expenses and more effective business operations (Harris & Rea, 2009).

Halbusi et al. (2022) emphasized that digitalization adoption has a major influence on business performance, including lower costs, the client interaction, customer care, availability of information, and interpersonal activities.

Innovation

Theoretical and practical studies on this subject indicate that the size and duration of a business's operations are important components to take into account. New goods and services are developed with the assistance of experts exchanging ideas and utilizing user-generated content (Bell & Loane, 2010). Tools facilitate international professional collaboration (Schenckenberg, 2009). Innovation is a

measure of efficiency, growth, and success. Finding out how much innovation address to the explanation of corporate performance and digital channels use is the aim of the study. In fiercely competitive industries, technological know-how and technical proficiency are essential for quickly and efficiently enhancing corporate performance. Social media platforms facilitate transparent communication between businesses and their clientele, address their complaints, and gather feedback on a regular basis to improve operations. The perception of a company as being innovative and better than its rivals is impacted by all of these efforts (Zyl, 2009). Apps for social media are numerous.

Social media is still a major factor in influencing marketing innovation and business performance. Studies conducted in 2022 have revealed that social media capabilities are changing how businesses perform in competitive markets as well as how they engage with their audience. (Emmanuel et al.2022) emphasized the role of social media in advertising and overall SME performance, demonstrating the beneficial effects of social media on market worth with customer satisfaction. Additionally, as demonstrated by (Bai & Yan's, 2023) research, utilizing internet usage into business strategies has been associated with improved company performance and customer engagement

Determining the impact of their brands and offers on business performance is crucial. Word-of-mouth, social media, and user involvement can all help compete firms in today's fast-paced business contexts (Leung & Baloglu 2015).

It is anticipated that social media will be crucial to marketing innovation. This can be accomplished both internally by valuing openness and cooperation and externally by interacting with both present and potential clients (Harris & Rae, 2009). For social media businesses, metrics like brand image, feedback, and client satisfaction are crucial.

Additionally, it promotes digital marketing through long-term relationships, creative concepts, and customer service management (Solis, 2010). Businesses that implement social media platforms are more subject to employ innovative marketing and business strategies.

The implementation of channels to drive business processes and improve company output particularly in terms of market share value and customer relationships is covered by (Marconatto et al. 2022).

Corporate Performance

Social media provides information seekers with a platform through which they can discover products and services that align with their interests and needs (Hajli, 2013). For businesses, Social media is advantageous equipment for interacting and marketing. Consequently, increased funding is allocated to customer service and marketing (Kim & Park, 2013; Nisar & Whitehead, 2016). Social media is already widely used by businesses to communicate with both present and future customers.

Social media is now a potent corporate performance engine, moving beyond its origins in entertainment. These platforms are demonstrating their ability to produce real business outcomes in addition to increasing brand awareness and engagement. Now let's examine how social media marketing platforms work and can enhance different facets of business performance:

As businesses expand quickly, virtual communities thrive and unite. International organizations can easily communicate (Aichner & Jacob, 2015). To fully utilize social media, businesses build a massive network of suppliers, customers, and themselves. Companies are using social media more and more to boost productivity (Naude et al., 2014). In order to increase brand exposure, For the purpose of to encourage customers to post, comment, discuss, and rate their business, businesses have recently embraced social media marketing channels (Gensler et al., 2013). Additionally, it might support PR and marketing initiatives (Trusov et al., 2009). The other advantage was using social media marketing platforms to boost corporate performance by having information easily accessible when and where needed (Harrigan et al., 2017). As a result, a sizable customer base can be reached anywhere in the globe, contributing to increased sales volumes that boost expansion and profitability (Seth, 2012). In order to boost sales and turn a profit, word-of-mouth marketing may also be crucial (Litvin et al., 2008). Social media is still a vital instrument for business to interact and promote their offerings, as well as for consumers to find goods and services that suit their needs and interests. According to recent research, these applications have a major emphasis on customer relationships and market share value, which improves the performance of SMEs as a whole (Marconatto et al., 2022; Emmanuel et al., 2022).

Additionally, research has shown that social media marketing can help MSMEs perform better by increasing sales volume, lowering marketing and sales expenses, effectively identifying customer needs, improving employee creativity, and raising product awareness (Velijaj & Mustafa, 2023).

International organizations use social media to build huge networks of suppliers and customers, improving communication and performance, as businesses expand and virtual communities come together (Venciute et al., 2023). Using social media marketing channels to increase brand exposure and encourage customer interaction can lead to a worldwide customer base, higher sales volumes, and profitability. PR and marketing campaigns are also supported by these tactics (Bruce et al., 2022).

Age

It has been demonstrated that age and organizational size have an effect on both commercial performance and innovation. The advantageous relationship is also influenced by each firm's age and size. However, due to their increased capacity to fund R&D and innovation, larger or older companies have demonstrated a positive correlation between innovation and firm success. Newer and smaller companies usually don't have the funding and resources needed to innovate.

(2015; Abd Aziz & Samad). Furthermore, this study showed that it is possible to completely moderate and make revolutionary effects on any business years of age competitiveness.

Consequently, innovation is more important in providing a business with a competitive edge if it is less than five years old. As a company gets older, innovation becomes more important. These data provide evidence that the connection between performance and innovation is significantly impacted by business age. To gain a competitive advantage and increase business success, companies should concentrate on innovative approaches. Considering how frequently small businesses fail, moreover investigation is required to ascertain whether age is also factors among that affect enterprise chances of success. We will shortly conduct an investigation into how age affects corporate performance. The duration and extent of a business's activities are critical considerations based on this topic's theoretical and empirical research. According to research, big organizations do better than smaller ones regarding growth and profitability (Wiklund and Shepherd, 2005). A majority of small

firms operate profitably for a smaller period of time, but as they grow larger, they start to falter and eventually fail.

The intricate relationship between age, innovation, and business performance has received a lot of attention in recent literature. Research published in 2022 has illuminated the moderating influence of age, indicating that although older IT users may behave less creatively, this can be countered by aspects like job control, IT support, and user satisfaction (Tams & Dulipovici, 2022).1. Additionally, an analysis of age and experience at the work unit level has shown that, although age by itself has little bearing on business performance, age-related tenure and experience can have a positive impact (Guzzo, Nalbantian, & Anderson, 2022).

If an entrepreneurial venture is launched and operated successfully, its chances of success are higher than those of older, more seasoned, and better-equipped organizations (Urban, 2004).

Conceptual Model

In any investigation, conceptual model is vitally viewed as the first step in developing theory and identifying the current and possible outcomes of the whole research process. Theoretical knowledge is the currency of academia and scientists, claims by Hambrick (2007). For this reason, developing a theoretical framework is crucial. Different constructions and their relationships cannot be undermined. However, with the aim to accomplish the desired outcomes for the study, modeling and frameworks are required.

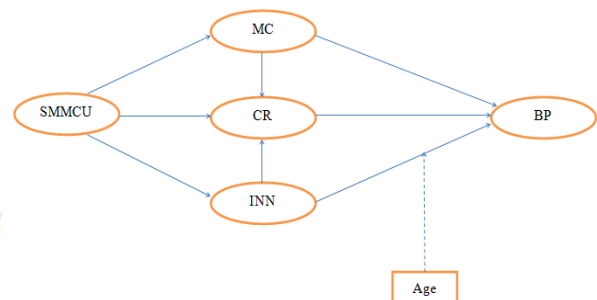
Furthermore, the theoretical research contribution is regarded as a crucial component in determining the significance of any given work. It highlights the value of theory and how it is applied to writing, investigation, and conclusions. Despite the fact that many scholars have studied this problem, there is little to no agreement on a single, widely accepted theory. The most commonly used word theory's primary meaning is found in Roberts and Grover (2009). "A decision of connections between concepts (exogenous and endogenous constructions) within a few limitations" is what they define as theory (p. 94). This idea aids in appreciating the significance and accomplishment of the theoretical contribution.

Conceptual Framework

The conceptual framework and the body of existing literature can be compared before analyzing the best method for looking at the correlations that have already been established between the study's variables. I researched marketing, social media, cost-cutting, profit-growth, customer relations, organizational effectiveness, and quick adaptation. Regardless of their location, size, industry, or age, all businesses in today's fast-paced business environment experience rapid changes in their daily operations. Companies need to maintain their competitive edge and adjust to the changing world we live in. Because of this, companies that are adept at adapting to change usually prosper in the fast-paced business world.

Figure No 1. Conceptual Framework.

According to earlier research, using social media



marketing platforms has enhanced business performance. Marketing, innovation, and cost-cutting strategies also act as mediators in this relationship. Examined were the effects of creativity, cost cutting, and marketing prowess on company success. Utilizing social media helps with innovation, cost-cutting, and marketing as well. Finally, it is found that age has an effect on how innovation and corporate performance are related.

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