

New Marketing Renaissance: Opportunities and Imperatives for Improving Marketing thought, Infrastructure and Practice; A Sustainable Marketing Approach

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Abstract:

The emergence of the new marketing renaissance signifies a period of profound change in the industry, propelled by improvements in technology, increasing consumer habits, and dynamic worldwide marketplaces. This abstract examines the possibilities and necessities of improving marketing thinking, infrastructure, and practice during this significant change in perspective. The proliferation of brand exposure on social media, the increasing reliance on data-driven tactics, and the prioritization of genuine consumer interaction provide unparalleled prospects. Nevertheless, the presence of obstacles such as disciplinary drift, excessive material, and the need for ethical concerns demand a strategic and adaptable attitude. In order to take full advantage of the prospects, marketers should give priority to long-term brand development, ethical data management, and genuine interaction. Embracing the new marketing renaissance requires a commitment to foundational principles, innovation, and a customer-centric ethos, ensuring that marketing strategies align with the enduring values that define effective and ethical practice in this dynamic landscape. The study concluded that the paradigm shift in influencer marketing leverages the power of personal connections and authenticity, aligning with the customer-centric ethos of the new marketing era.

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Introduction:

In the realm of influencer marketing, a strategic approach involves selecting influencers based on genuine alignment with brand values and audience relevance rather than prioritizing sheer reach. Marketers should prioritize authenticity over superficial metrics, fostering genuine connections that resonate with consumers and contribute to a positive brand image [9]. Furthermore, marketers must balance the quest for innovation with a strategic mindset that evaluates the relevance and impact of emerging technologies within

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the context of their brand and audience [1]. Avoiding the 'shiny object syndrome' requires a disciplined approach to technology adoption, ensuring that innovations align with overarching marketing goals and contribute meaningfully to the customer experience. To mitigate discipline drift stemming from the evolving consumer landscape, marketers should prioritize understanding their target audience's unique characteristics and preferences. Rather than blindly following industry trends, businesses should conduct thorough research to uncover insights that inform tailored strategies. This approach ensures that marketing efforts remain relevant, resonant, and genuinely connect with the intended audience [5]. The new marketing renaissance, while ushering in a wealth of opportunities, brings with it the risk of discipline drift. Marketers must navigate this dynamic landscape with a commitment to foundational principles, ethical considerations, and a strategic mindset. By resisting the allure of short-term gains, prioritizing authentic engagement, and balancing innovation with strategic focus, marketers can steer clear of discipline drift and ensure their practices align with the enduring values that define effective and ethical marketing. In the context of the new marketing renaissance, social media innovation has also revolutionized influencer marketing [2]. The rise of social media influencers, who amass significant followings on platforms like YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter, has provided brands with an alternative and highly effective means of reaching their target demographics. Influencers have become trusted voices, capable of authentically endorsing products or services to their engaged audiences. Marketing's theoretical and conceptual value proposition provides a solid foundation for understanding and navigating the complexities of the marketplace. As opportunities to address marketing's influence emerge, both academia and practitioners can contribute to the refinement and expansion of existing theories [6]. Exploring the digital landscape, ethical considerations, customer journey dynamics, and the integration of big data analytics are avenues that can enhance the theoretical underpinnings of marketing and its practical application in the ever-evolving business environment.

Brief historical overview

The field of marketing has a history that predates the last 60 years, and marketers have consistently shown their capacity for innovation. An analysis of our history reveals a significant variety in the discipline's contributions to every aspect of the marketing system [3]. They offered a wide range of varied items in a single venue and fostered an ambiance of intrigue and enthusiasm for clients. The store garnered considerable allure, prompting visitors to go on extensive journeys to partake in shopping. Marketing has always shown a commitment to innovation and prioritizing client needs, resulting in the creation of novel business models and organizations. In the early years, individuals were required to visit the train station in order to get goods. However, this allowed them to obtain new things that were not readily accessible within their local area. Sears, in a sense, resembled Amazon but lacked the modern transportation and communication infrastructure we now possess [9]. These pioneers exhibited the same level of innovation and creativity as contemporary individuals involved in digital marketing. They have a comprehensive understanding of client satisfaction and demonstrated the ability to construct an efficient marketing strategy without the use of technology. The ongoing significance of marketing lies in its conceptual and theoretical advancement, which serves as a crucial framework for study and the expansion of knowledge. Academic marketing ideas have played a significant role throughout the last 120 years. The origins of marketing may be traced back to its conceptual and theoretical underpinnings in the field of economics [7]. Marketing was defined as including two primary objectives: the generation of demand (demand stimulation) and the management of supply to ensure the availability of goods to clients. Alderson has contributed to the expansion of the conceptual framework of marketing. The interest in conceptual frameworks and theory in marketing has declined as research has increasingly focused on behavioral theories and methodological sophistication. The marketing field has increasingly included theoretical concepts from the behavioral sciences. The lack of

progress in developing marketing theories may reduce the crucial aspects of the marketing system. The availability of data and the use of rigorous methodologies have reduced the level of worry over theory and the overall marketing system [5].

Market orientation and the current role of marketing

It involves the alignment of all business activities with customer demands, emphasizing responsiveness to market changes, and fostering a customer-centric culture. In the contemporary business landscape, market orientation plays a pivotal role in shaping the current role of marketing. The current role of marketing is multifaceted, extending beyond traditional promotional activities to encompass a holistic approach that integrates customer insights, competitive intelligence, and innovation. Market orientation guides marketing strategies by encouraging businesses to invest in thorough market research and analysis. Companies that adopt a market-oriented approach continually gather and analyze data to stay attuned to shifting consumer behaviors and market trends. In today's interconnected world, where consumers have access to abundant information and choices, fostering customer loyalty is essential. Marketing now extends beyond the initial sale, focusing on post-purchase engagement, customer support, and personalized experiences. By understanding market dynamics and competitor activities, businesses can identify opportunities for differentiation. Marketing strategies are designed not only to communicate the unique value proposition of products and services but also to create a distinct brand identity that resonates with target audiences. This differentiation is crucial in highly competitive markets where customers are bombarded with choices. Furthermore, the advent of digital technologies has transformed the marketing landscape, enabling real-time communication and personalized interactions. Social media, data analytics, and other digital tools provide marketers with unprecedented opportunities to connect with customers on a one-to-one basis. This shift towards digital marketing requires organizations to be agile and adaptive, utilizing technology to tailor their messages, optimize campaigns, and measure performance in real-time. Market orientation also places an emphasis on continuous innovation. Marketing teams play a vital role in identifying and capitalizing on emerging trends, ensuring that products and services remain relevant and appealing to the target market. Market orientation is fundamental to the current role of marketing. It guides businesses in understanding and meeting customer needs, building strong relationships, shaping competitive strategies, and leveraging digital technologies for effective communication. In today's dynamic business environment, a customer-centric and market-oriented approach is essential for success, and marketing serves as the driving force behind these strategic initiatives.

Theoretical and conceptual value proposition: Opportunities and Imperatives for Improving Marketing Thought

Marketing's theoretical and conceptual value proposition lies at the intersection of academic theory and practical application, offering a framework to understand and leverage the dynamics of the marketplace. The theoretical foundation of marketing encompasses a wide range of disciplines, including economics, psychology, sociology, and behavioral sciences. At its core, marketing seeks to explain and predict consumer behavior, market trends, and the impact of various factors on buyer decisions. Marketing's theoretical value proposition is its emphasis on the customer-centric approach. Theories such as the marketing concept and relationship marketing underscore the importance of understanding customer needs and building long-term relationships. These theories guide practitioners in developing strategies that go beyond transactional interactions, focusing on creating value for customers and fostering brand loyalty. Marketing provides a framework for businesses to navigate the complex and dynamic business environment. This conceptual model helps businesses align their offerings with customer needs, set competitive prices, choose effective distribution channels, and create compelling promotional campaigns. Marketing's theoretical and conceptual value proposition extends to the understanding of market segmentation and targeting. The segmentation of diverse consumer groups based on demographics,

psychographics, or behavioral patterns allows businesses to tailor their marketing efforts to specific segments. This not only enhances the effectiveness of promotional activities but also enables the customization of products and services to meet the unique preferences of different customer segments. In addressing marketing's influence, opportunities abound for both academia and practitioners to explore and refine existing theories. The advent of digital technologies has transformed consumer behavior and the way businesses interact with their audiences. Theoretical frameworks need to evolve to incorporate of online consumer behavior, social media impact, and the role of technology in shaping marketing strategies. The ethical dimension of marketing presents an opportunity for further exploration and refinement of theoretical frameworks. Theoretical perspectives on ethical marketing practices, corporate social responsibility, and the impact of marketing on societal well-being can help guide businesses in adopting responsible and sustainable marketing practices. Academia can play a crucial role in shaping ethical marketing theories that resonate with contemporary societal expectations. Marketing's influence can be further addressed through a deeper exploration of the customer journey. Theoretical models that map the various touch points a customer encounters – from awareness to post-purchase interactions – can provide insights into optimizing the overall customer experience. Understanding the dynamics of customer journey theory allows businesses to identify key moments of influence and strategically enhance their marketing efforts at each stage. Moreover, the integration of big data analytics into marketing provides a rich field for theoretical exploration. Theoretical frameworks that address the ethical implications, privacy concerns, and effective utilization of big data in marketing decision-making can contribute to the responsible and strategic use of data-driven insights.

The new marketing renaissance discipline drifts

The new marketing renaissance, while ushering in a wave of innovation and transformative practices, is not without its challenges, and one prominent concern is the phenomenon of discipline drift. Discipline drift refers to the tendency of marketers to deviate from the foundational principles and ethical considerations that underpin the field, often influenced by the rapid evolution of technology, shifting consumer behaviors, and external pressures. As the marketing landscape undergoes dynamic changes, it is crucial to examine how discipline drift manifests and its implications for the industry. One aspect of discipline drift in the new marketing renaissance is the temptation to prioritize short-term gains over long-term brand building and customer relationships. The immediacy and speed afforded by digital channels can lead marketers to focus on quick wins, such as viral campaigns or short-lived trends, rather than investing in sustained, strategic efforts that contribute to brand equity. This shift towards instant gratification may compromise the integrity of marketing strategies, as businesses chase immediate metrics without considering the enduring impact on brand perception and customer loyalty. The relentless pursuit of data-driven decision-making, while a cornerstone of the new marketing era, can contribute to discipline drift when not tempered by ethical considerations. The vast amount of consumer data available raises concerns about privacy, consent, and responsible data usage. Marketers must navigate the ethical landscape carefully, ensuring that their data-driven strategies prioritize consumer trust and adhere to regulations. The allure of extensive data analytics should not overshadow the need for transparency and ethical conduct in marketing practices. The rise of influencer marketing within the new marketing renaissance also presents a potential avenue for discipline drift. While influencers can provide authentic connections with target audiences, there is a risk of compromising authenticity for the sake of reach and engagement. Marketers may be tempted to prioritize influencers with large followings over those who genuinely align with the brand's values, leading to inauthentic partnerships that erode consumer trust. Striking a balance between reach and authenticity is crucial to avoid discipline drift in influencer marketing. Moreover, the relentless pursuit of innovation in the new marketing landscape can contribute to discipline drift when not grounded in a strategic framework. The pressure to adopt the latest technologies, platforms, or trends may lead marketers to embrace novelty without a clear understanding of how

these innovations align with their brand identity or resonate with their target audience. This can result in disjointed campaigns and diluted brand messaging, detracting from the core principles that should guide marketing efforts. Another manifestation of discipline drift is the risk of succumbing to the 'shiny object syndrome,' where marketers are drawn to flashy trends or technologies without a comprehensive understanding of their applicability or effectiveness. This can result in fragmented strategies, as businesses allocate resources to emerging channels or tools that may not align with their overall marketing objectives. Discipline drift in this context is characterized by a lack of strategic focus, as marketers chase the next big thing without a clear roadmap for integration into their broader marketing strategy. The evolving nature of consumer behaviors and preferences also contributes to discipline drift in the new marketing renaissance. Marketers may find themselves compelled to chase after the latest trends or mimic successful campaigns without considering the unique characteristics of their target audience. The pressure to conform to perceived industry standards or replicate successful strategies from competitors can lead to a lack of differentiation and originality, eroding the distinctiveness that should be a hallmark of effective marketing. Addressing discipline drift in the new marketing renaissance requires a concerted effort to anchor strategies in foundational principles and values. This includes a commitment to long-term brand building, ethical data practices, and authentic engagement with consumers. Marketers must resist the lure of short-term gains and prioritize strategies that contribute to sustained growth and customer loyalty. Establishing a robust ethical framework for data-driven decision-making is essential, ensuring that consumer privacy and trust remain paramount in the pursuit of analytical insights.

Research objectives and methodology

The research is a descriptive analysis of consumers' knowledge of the New Marketing Renaissance. The research was conducted using a sample of 200 respondents who were selected using the simple random sampling approach. The data were obtained using both the interview schedule and Google forms. The data underwent analysis using the SPSS programme, including basic percentage calculations, descriptive statistics.

Presentation of Data and analysis

The impact of new marketing renaissance

The respondents are asked to share their opinion level of importance to given to the reasons in a 5 point Likert scale. The ranked tested by framing the following hypothesis.

H₀: There is no significant variance in the mean ranks of various reasons for the impact of new marketing renaissance

Table 1

The impact of new marketing renaissance

Dimensions	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean Rank
Digital Transformation	3.28	1.098	4.53
Personalization and Customer-Centric Approaches	2.09	1.342	3.05
Content Marketing Evolution	3.34	1.452	3.91
Social Media Innovation	3.91	1.101	4.90
Influencer Marketing	2.33	1.123	3.12

Sustainability and Social Responsibility	3.17	1.065	4.10
Data Privacy and Trust	2.03	1.187	3.01
E-commerce Integration	2.41	1.434	3.40

The mean ranks show that most Social Media Innovation (4.13) is important reason for new marketing renaissance. Social media platforms were evolving, offering new features and advertising opportunities. Digital Transformation (3.28): The ongoing digital transformation was creating opportunities for marketers to leverage emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, augmented reality, and virtual reality. Integrating these technologies into marketing strategies can enhance customer experiences and improve targeting. Personalization and Customer-Centric Approaches (2.09): With the increasing amount of data available, there was a growing focus on personalized marketing strategies. Marketers were exploring ways to tailor their messages and offerings to individual customer preferences, providing more relevant and engaging experiences. Content Marketing Evolution: Content marketing continued to be a crucial aspect of digital strategies, but there was a shift towards more interactive and multimedia content. Video content, live streaming, and interactive experiences were gaining popularity for their ability to capture audience attention. Influencer Marketing (2.33): Influencer marketing was on the rise, with businesses partnering with influencers to reach their target audiences in a more authentic and relatable way. This trend was likely to continue as influencers played a significant role in shaping consumer opinions. Sustainability and Social Responsibility (3.17): Consumers were becoming more conscious of environmental and social issues, and there was an opportunity for brands to align themselves with causes and demonstrate a commitment to sustainability and social responsibility. Data Privacy and Trust: (2.03) With growing concerns about data privacy, marketers had the opportunity to build trust with consumers by being transparent about data usage and implementing robust security measures. E-commerce Integration (2.41): The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the shift towards online shopping, and marketers were exploring ways to optimize their online presence and e-commerce strategies to meet evolving consumer preferences.

Table 2

Kendall's Coefficient

N	200
Kendall's W	.009
Chi-Square Vale	8.002
df	7
Asymp. Sig.	.160

The Chi-Square value (8.002) estimated for 5 degrees of freedom is not statistically significant. The calculated p-value of 0.160 does not reach the level of statistical significance at the 5% threshold. The outcome indicates that the rankings assigned to the different explanations do not exhibit substantial variation. Social media innovation has emerged as a powerful catalyst in shaping the landscape of the new marketing renaissance, significantly impacting how businesses engage with their audiences and construct marketing strategies. The advent of social media platforms has transformed the dynamics of communication, enabling brands to connect with consumers in real-time, fostering unprecedented levels of interaction and collaboration. This shift has dismantled traditional hierarchies in marketing, empowering businesses of all sizes to participate in a global conversation. One key impact of social media innovation on the new marketing renaissance is the democratization of brand visibility. Previously, large corporations with substantial marketing budgets held a significant advantage in terms of reach and exposure. However, the rise of social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn has

leveled the playing field, providing small businesses and individuals with the opportunity to showcase their products, services, and ideas to a vast and diverse audience. Live streaming, interactive polls, and immersive multimedia content have become integral components of marketing strategies, enabling businesses to create more meaningful connections with their audiences. Social media has shifted marketing from a one-way communication model to a two-way dialogue, where brands actively listen to feedback, respond to inquiries, and involve consumers in the co-creation of content. The ability to track key performance indicators (KPIs) such as engagement rates, click-through rates, and conversion metrics empowers marketers to make informed decisions and adapt strategies based on tangible results. Furthermore, social media has become a breeding ground for user-generated content (UGC), wherein consumers contribute to brand narratives through their own posts, reviews, and testimonials. UGC not only serves as authentic social proof but also provides a valuable resource for brands to understand how their products or services are perceived in the market. Marketers can leverage UGC to enhance brand credibility, foster a sense of community, and showcase the real-world impact of their offerings. However, it's important to acknowledge the challenges that accompany social media innovation in the new marketing renaissance. The oversaturation of content on these platforms poses a significant hurdle for brands seeking visibility. Standing out amidst the noise requires marketers to continually innovate, producing high-quality, relevant content that captures the attention of their target audience. Additionally, the rapid evolution of social media algorithms necessitates adaptability, as changes in platform algorithms can impact the visibility and reach of marketing efforts. Social media innovation stands as a transformative force in the new marketing renaissance, reshaping how businesses communicate, engage, and build relationships with their audiences. The democratization of brand visibility, the evolution of influencer marketing, the rise of data-driven strategies, and the prominence of user-generated content are all facets of social media's profound impact on the marketing landscape. Navigating these dynamics requires marketers to embrace creativity, authenticity, and adaptability, ensuring that their strategies align with the ever-evolving nature of social media platforms in this era of marketing renaissance.

New marketing renaissance among the respondents

The assessment of the new marketing renaissance is quantified using the Likert scale. The variation in the average values, based on the characteristics of the respondents, is examined via the use of ANOVA and Z tests. The outcome of the hypothesis testing is shown below..

Table 4: ANOVA

Demographic nature		N	Mean	Std. Deviation	F	Sig
Age	Young	71	20.1211	4.12331	1.567	0.256
	Middle	90	19.3240	3.16540		
	Old	39	18.5431	4.04321		
Educational level	School level	17	19.5679	5.78654	3.345	0.034
	Graduation	107	20.7236	4.09871		
	Post graduation	52	21.3437	5.23760		
	Others	24	22.1230	3.56439		
Income level	Low	45	23.5643	4.10854	0.767	0.567
	Middle	98	21.3459	5.12345		
	High	57	20.2398	3.87642		
Total		200	22.0091	5.76543		

The ANOVA test results indicate that the new marketing renaissance is significantly higher (20.1211) among the young age group respondents compared to the middle and elderly age group respondents. However, the F value (1.567) indicates that there is no statistically significant difference in the means ($p=0.256$). The analysis confirms that the formulated hypothesis is valid, and there is no notable variation in the marketing revival among the participants according to their age. The F value is 3.345, indicating statistical significance at a 5% level (p -value of 3.14%). Therefore, the suggested idea has not been substantiated. There is evidence to suggest that as the degree of education increases, there is a corresponding increase in the popularity of marketing activities among the respondents. The F value (0.767) indicates that there is no statistically significant variation in the average marketing renaissance across respondents with various income levels. The significance is determined to be 56.7%. Therefore, the null hypothesis is confirmed, indicating that there is no statistically significant variation in the marketing renaissance based on the wealth of the participants.

Conclusion

The current status of the new marketing renaissance reflects a transformative era in the field, marked by a paradigm shift driven by technological advancements, evolving consumer behaviors, and the dynamic nature of the global marketplace. This renaissance is characterized by a departure from traditional marketing methods and the adoption of innovative strategies that leverage digital technologies, data analytics, and a customer-centric approach. One key aspect of the new marketing renaissance is the heightened focus on digital channels and technologies. The proliferation of the internet, social media, mobile devices, and other digital platforms has revolutionized the way businesses connect with their audiences. Companies are now investing heavily in online presence, content marketing, and social media engagement to reach consumers in a more targeted and personalized manner. The accessibility of digital channels has democratized marketing, allowing even small businesses to compete on a global scale. Moreover, data analytics plays a pivotal role in the new marketing landscape. The abundance of data generated by online interactions enables marketers to gain deeper insights into consumer behavior, preferences, and trends. Advanced analytics tools and artificial intelligence empower businesses to analyze vast datasets, uncover patterns, and make data-driven decisions. This data-centric approach allows for more precise targeting, personalized messaging, and the optimization of marketing campaigns for better ROI. The new marketing renaissance is also characterized by a customer-centric philosophy. Businesses now recognize the importance of understanding and meeting customer needs, fostering meaningful relationships, and delivering exceptional experiences. Customer journey mapping, persona development, and user experience design are integral components of contemporary marketing strategies. Companies are investing in customer relationship management (CRM) systems to maintain personalized interactions, address customer concerns, and enhance overall satisfaction. Content marketing has emerged as a cornerstone of the new marketing era. Rather than relying solely on traditional advertising, businesses are creating valuable, relevant, and engaging content to attract and retain customers. Content marketing not only helps build brand authority and trust but also contributes to search engine optimization (SEO) efforts, ensuring better visibility in online searches. Blog posts, videos, podcasts, and social media content are utilized to establish thought leadership and connect with target audiences on a deeper level. Influencer marketing has also gained prominence as a strategy within the new marketing renaissance. Leveraging individuals with significant online followings to promote products or services has proven effective in reaching specific demographics and building credibility. Influencers can provide authentic endorsements that resonate with their audiences, creating a more genuine connection between brands and consumers. However, challenges persist in the current state of the new marketing renaissance. The rapid evolution of technology and consumer preferences requires marketers to stay agile and continually

adapt their strategies. Privacy concerns surrounding data collection and usage have led to increased scrutiny and regulations, influencing how businesses approach customer data. Moreover, the saturation of digital channels and the overwhelming volume of content present a hurdle for brands aiming to capture audience attention. The effectiveness of traditional advertising methods is waning, necessitating a more innovative and authentic approach to cut through the noise and engage with consumers. Marketers must navigate the complexities of the digital landscape to ensure their messages are not only heard but also resonate with the target audience. The current status of the new marketing renaissance reflects a transformative and dynamic landscape. The adoption of digital technologies, data analytics, and a customer-centric philosophy has reshaped the way businesses approach marketing. While challenges exist, the opportunities for innovation and connection with consumers are vast. The new marketing era requires a strategic and adaptive mindset, where businesses leverage the latest tools and trends to stay relevant and effectively engage with their target audience in this ever-evolving landscape.

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