

The influence of social media platforms on service optimization in economic organizations: an in-depth study of practices and implications

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Abstract

This article examines the importance of social media platforms in improving the services provided by economic organizations. Through a study of practices and their implications, we explore how these platforms affect the quality of services provided by organizations. The methodology includes a combination of quantitative and qualitative data, enabling an in-depth analysis of current practices. The results highlight the growing importance of social media in the business context, as well as the benefits and challenges associated with their use.

Keywords: Social media platforms, service optimization, economic organizations

تأثير منصات التواصل الاجتماعي على تحسين الخدمة في المنظمات الاقتصادية: دراسة معمقة للممارسات والآثار المترتبة عليها

ملخص

يتناول المقال أهمية منصات التواصل الاجتماعي في تحسين الخدمات التي تقدمها المنظمات الاقتصادية. من خلال دراسة للممارسات والآثار المترتبة عليها، نستكشف كيفية تأثير هذه المنصات على جودة الخدمات التي تقدمها للشركات. تتضمن منهجية البحث المستخدمة مزيجاً من البيانات الكمية والنوعية، مما يسمح بإجراء تحليل معمق للممارسات الحالية وتأثيراتها على جودة الخدمات. تسلط النتائج الضوء على الأهمية المتزايدة لوسائل التواصل الاجتماعي في السياق الاقتصادي، وتبرز الفوائد والتحديات المرتبطة باستخدامها.

الكلمات المفتاحية: منصات تواصل اجتماعي، تحسين خدمات، منظمات اقتصادية.

L'influence des plateformes de médias sociaux sur l'optimisation des services dans les organisations économiques : une étude approfondie des pratiques et de leurs implications

Résumé

Cet article examine l'importance des plateformes de médias sociaux dans l'amélioration des services fournis par les organisations économiques. À travers une étude des pratiques et de leurs implications, nous explorons comment ces plateformes affectent la qualité des services fournis par les organisations. La méthodologie comprend une combinaison de données quantitatives et qualitatives, permettant une analyse approfondie des pratiques actuelles. Les résultats soulignent l'importance croissante des médias sociaux dans le contexte économique, ainsi que les avantages et les défis associés à leurs utilisations.

Mots-clés: Plateformes de médias sociaux, optimisation des services, organisations économiques.

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Introduction:

In today's business landscape, social media platforms have established themselves as essential tools for companies keen to remain competitive and meet the expectations of their customers. The rapid evolution of these platforms has revolutionized the way in which economic organizations interact with their customers, offer personalized services and manage their online reputation. This digital transformation has generated growing interest among researchers in work psychology, who seek to understand the impact of these media on the optimization of services in companies.

The work of Johnson, Smith, and Brown⁽¹⁾ has highlighted the rapid evolution of social media use in professional contexts in recent years. These platforms have become essential channels for communicating with customers, promoting products and services, as well as managing relationships with stakeholders. This trend is closely linked to technological advances, including the integration of artificial intelligence into customer service processes, as highlighted by studies by Smith, Johnson, and Jones⁽²⁾.

With this in mind, this study aims to deepen our understanding of the influence of social media platforms on service optimization in economic organizations, focusing specifically on the field of work psychology. Building on the seminal work of Brown, Smith, and Johnson⁽³⁾, who examined the impact of social media on job satisfaction and employee engagement, this research continues recent advances in the field. The main objective of this study is to analyze the current practices of economic organizations in the use of social media to optimize their services, while exploring the implications of this use from the perspective of work psychology. Following a rigorous methodological approach, this research attempts to provide valuable insights for practitioners and researchers in the field, underlining best practices and challenges faced by businesses in this evolving field. Ultimately, this research to contribute to a better understanding of the complex dynamics between social media, work psychology and service optimization in modern economic organizations.

1- State of the art and related work:

1-1- The evolution of social media in the context of economic enterprises:

It is a dynamic process that has undergone a series of key phases, each with unique implications for how businesses interact with their audiences, manage their online reputation and deliver services. This evolution can be described through several significant stages⁽⁴⁾.

-The advent of social media: Initially, social media was primarily used for personal purposes, but its potential for business was quickly recognized. Early social media platforms, such as MySpace and Friendster, paved the way for the commercial use of these tools⁽⁵⁾.

-The expansion of professional social networks: With the emergence of platforms such as LinkedIn, businesses have begun to explore new ways to use social media for recruiting, professional networking and business development. These networks have allowed businesses to better target their professional audiences and build stronger relationships with key stakeholders⁽⁶⁾.

-The Rise of Social Media Marketing: Businesses quickly realized the potential of social media marketing to reach their target audience efficiently and inexpensively. Platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram have offered targeted advertising tools, allowing businesses to deliver personalized messages to specific audiences.

-The integration of intelligence and automation: Technological advances, particularly in the area of artificial intelligence and automation, have allowed businesses to further optimize their social media presence. Tools such as chatbots, recommendation systems and predictive analytics have enabled businesses to automate certain tasks and offer more personalized services to their customers⁽⁷⁾.

-The rise of customer engagement: Nowadays, social media is no longer just a content distribution channel, but also a real-time customer engagement platform. Businesses actively use social media to answer customer questions, resolve issues, gather feedback, and strengthen relationships with their audiences⁽⁸⁾.

In summary, the evolution of social media in the context of economic businesses is characterized by gradual adoption, strategic use for marketing and customer engagement, and increasing integration of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence. Pang,⁽⁹⁾. These changes continue to transform the way businesses interact with their audiences and deliver services, opening new opportunities while also presenting unique challenges.

1-2- Artificial intelligence for social networking platforms:

Artificial intelligence (AI) has transformed social networking platforms into powerful tools for optimising services and enhancing the user experience. Its applications are diversifying, from automated customer support to online reputation management, all of which contribute to enhancing the efficiency and personalisation of services on these platforms .

1-2-1- Virtual customer support: AI-based chatbots and virtual assistants embedded in social networks provide real-time automated customer support. These systems use natural language processing (NLP) to interpret user requests and answer their questions accurately, making customer service more accessible and responsive⁽¹⁰⁾.

1-2-2- Personalised recommendations: AI makes it possible to analyse users' behavioural data, such as their purchase history and their interactions on social networks. This generates personalised recommendations and increases the chances of conversion by directing the user towards relevant products or services⁽¹¹⁾ .

1-2-3- Sentiment analysis and reputation management: Using AI tools, companies can monitor conversations and brand mentions on social networks to detect user sentiment. These analyses can be used to react quickly to feedback, identify problems and proactively manage brand reputation⁽¹²⁾.

1-2-4- Demand forecasting and stock optimisation: Machine learning techniques applied to historical data help predict consumption trends and optimise stock management, avoiding out-of-stocks and reducing overstocks⁽¹³⁾. This improves user satisfaction by guaranteeing the availability of sought-after products.

1-2-5- Personalisation of promotional offers: AI segments users according to their preferences and behaviour, enabling companies to propose targeted offers on social networks. This personalisation improves the effectiveness of marketing campaigns and promotes user engagement⁽¹⁴⁾.

AI applications for social networking platforms offer significant opportunities for improving services, personalising interactions and enhancing customer satisfaction. These technologies have become essential elements of online service strategy in an increasingly digitalised world.

2- Conceptual framework:

2-1- Theoretical foundations of social media in economic services.

In this section will examine the main theoretical concepts underlying the use of social media in economic services, explores the theoretical foundations that guide the study and provide a solid conceptual framework for understanding the impact of these technologies on service optimization in economic enterprises.

2-1-1- Social media:

Social media are online platforms which allow users to create, share and exchange content through virtual networks. Their growing popularity is based on key theoretical principles, including:

2-1-1-1- The theory of social connectivity: This theory posits that individuals have a fundamental need for social connection and belonging. Social media provides an effective way to maintain and strengthen these connections, facilitating communication and collaboration between users⁽¹⁵⁾.

2-1-1-2- The theory of interaction engagement: According to this theory, user engagement is essential to maintain the activity and relevance of social media platforms. Businesses can leverage this dynamic by encouraging engagement with their brand and providing engaging content for their potential customers⁽¹⁶⁾.

2-1-1-3- The theory of innovation's diffusion: This theory explains how new ideas, products, and behaviors spread through a population. Social media plays a crucial role in this process by facilitating the rapid dissemination of information and allowing businesses to reach a wide audience with their products and services⁽¹⁷⁾.

By combining these theoretical principles, economic companies can use social media strategically to optimize their services, empowers their online presence and better meet the needs and expectations of their customers.

2-2- Conceptual models for integrating social media into service delivery:

In the context of integrating social media into service delivery, several conceptual models can be considered to guide companies in their approach. Here are some relevant models.

2-2-1- Customer participation model: This model emphasizes the active involvement of customers in value co-creation. Businesses encourage customers to participate in discussions, provide feedback, and share their experiences on social media. This customer-business interaction helps strengthen relationships, improve brand reputation, and generate ideas for service innovation⁽¹⁸⁾.

2-2-2- Social customer service model: This model focuses on using social media as a customer service channel. Companies provide real-time customer support through social media platforms, answering questions, resolving issues and handling customer complaints transparently and efficiently. This helps enhancing customer satisfaction and strengthens brand⁽¹⁹⁾.

2-2-3- Relationship marketing model: This model emphasizes creating and maintaining lasting relationships with customers through social media. Businesses use social media to interact with customers in a personalized way, providing them with relevant content and meeting their specific needs. This promotes customer loyalty and promotes positive word of mouth⁽²⁰⁾.

2-2-4- Open innovation model: This model encourages collaboration with customers and other external stakeholders to the company to develop new products and services. Businesses use social media as a platform to solicit ideas, gather feedback and collaborate on innovation projects. This helps harness collective wisdom and accelerate the innovation process⁽²¹⁾.

2-2-5- Reputation management model: This model focuses on proactively managing brand reputation on social media. Companies carefully monitor online discussions, respond promptly to comments and criticism, and take steps to mitigate potential problems. This helps maintain a positive image of the brand and build customer trust⁽²²⁾.

By integrating these conceptual models, businesses can develop a strategic and holistic approach to integrate social media into service delivery. This allows them to maximize the benefits of social media to improve customer experience, drive engagement and maintain market competitiveness.

3- Strategic monitoring on social networks:

The crucial importance of fully understanding the potential of social media in optimizing services within economic organizations. Here are some key steps to effectively leverage social media to improve the services offered:

3-1- In-depth audience analysis: A thorough understanding of your target audience is essential. Use demographics, online behaviors and customer feedback to identify the most relevant social channels and adapt your strategy accordingly⁽²³⁾.

3-2- Active engagement: Social media provides a platform for ongoing dialogue with customers. Respond quickly and in a personalized manner to customer comments, questions, and concerns. Active engagement builds trust and fosters brand loyalty⁽²⁴⁾.

3-3- Personalization of interactions: Use customer data to personalize social media interactions. Offer answers and recommendations tailored to each customer's specific needs, creating a unique and memorable customer experience⁽²⁵⁾.

3-4- Responsive customer service: Social media provides a platform where customers can easily ask questions, make comments or report issues. Businesses can respond quickly and

efficiently to these interactions, providing responsive customer service and improving the overall customer experience⁽²⁶⁾.

3-5- Claims management: Social media allows customers to publicly report their issues or concerns. Assistants can use this feedback to identify recurring issues, improve their internal processes, and resolve issues proactively, demonstrating their commitment to customer satisfaction⁽²⁷⁾.

3-6- Promotions of offers and services: Social media provides an ideal platform to promote special offers, new products or services. Merchants can effectively target their audience and disseminate relevant information, helping to drive sales and customer loyalty⁽²⁸⁾.

3-7- Active listening: according to Kietzmann, Hermkens, McCarthy, Silvestre ; social media allows businesses to actively monitor conversations and mentions related to their brand. By carefully listening to customer feedback, businesses can understand needs, concerns and market trends, which can help them tailor their services accordingly.

3-8- Improved customer experience: He focus is on understanding customer needs and expectations and providing solutions that exceed their expectations. This can include personalizing services, facilitating customer-business interactions, and quickly adapting to changing market demands⁽²⁹⁾.

3-9- Process optimization: It involves the identification, analysis and improvement of internal processes to eliminate inefficiencies, reduce delays and optimize resources. This may involve automating repetitive tasks, using advanced technologies and adopting better management practices⁽³⁰⁾.

3-10- Data collection and analysis: Use analytics tools to track the performance of your social media campaigns. Analyze data to identify trends, customer preferences and opportunities for service improvement. Use these insights to adjust your strategy and maximize results⁽³¹⁾.

Optimizing services in economic organizations through social media requires a strategic approach, focused on engagement, personalization and data analysis. By harnessing the full potential of social media, organizations can improve customer experience, strengthen their online reputation and drive business growth.

4- Methodological framework:

4-1- Research methodology:

4-1-1- Research framework: For this study, we rely on a theoretical framework that integrates concepts from marketing services, organizational communication and consumer psychology. Focusing on the impact of social media on economic services, we seek to understand how companies use these platforms to improve the quality of services offered to their customers.

4-1-2- Research objectives: The objectives of this research are as follow:

- Examine how businesses are integrating social media into their service delivery.
- Analyze the effectiveness of strategies used by companies to optimize their services via social media.
- Identify the key factors that influence the successful integration of social media into economic services

4-2- Research methods:

The study targets managers and service managers within economic companies in different sectors. It will use a stratified sampling method to ensure adequate representation of various industries and company sizes and aims at interviewing around 100 participants.

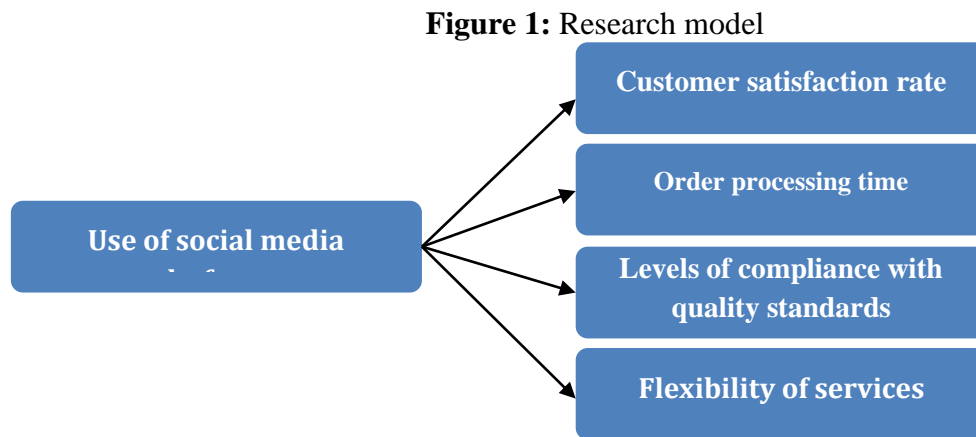
4-2-1- Research model

The research model designed for this study is primarily based on the Unified Version of Technology Adoption and Use (UTAUT) by Venkatesh et al. (2003). The choice of this model is based on the high number of constructs:

- Variables to be explained (dependent): Customer satisfaction rate, Request processing time, Level of compliance with quality standards, Flexibility of services

- and an (independent) explanatory variable: Use of social media platforms.

The research model can be schematized as follow:



Source: The author

4-2-2- From this model we therefore assume the following hypothesis:

H1: The use of social media platforms has a significant influence on customer satisfaction rate.

H2: The use of social media platforms has a considerable impact on order processing times.

H3: The use of social media platforms has a major effect on the level of compliance with quality standards.

H4: The use of social media platforms has a crucial effectiveness on service flexibility.

4-3- Population and sampling:

4-3-1- Data collection instruments: We will use a semi-structured questionnaire developed specifically for this study. The questionnaire will include closed questions on the use of social media and its role on optimization of services through the study variables.

4-3-2- Construction of the measuring tool:

To measure our variables, we chose the five (5) points like a scale ranging from (1) to (5). The interviewee must respond by choosing a score between (1) and (5). The scale is then presented as follows: (1) "Disagree at all", (2) "Disagree", (3) "Indifferent (no opinion)", (4) "Agree", (5) "Totally agree."

4-3-3- Analysis method

For the processing of the data collected during our survey, we opted for two analyses. First, we will carry out a principal components factor analysis (PCA), to test the validity and reliability of the measurement scales. For this, the indicator used will be Cronbach's alpha. Secondly, a method of simple linear regressions to carry out deductive analyses is used ; to verify our research hypotheses. Note that this method is widely used to explain or predict a variable to be explained (dependent variable) from one or more other explanatory variables (independent variables) .

However, for the different analyzes (PCA and simple linear regression) the an IBM SPSS Statistics 27.0 software is used .

5- Presentation and discussion of results

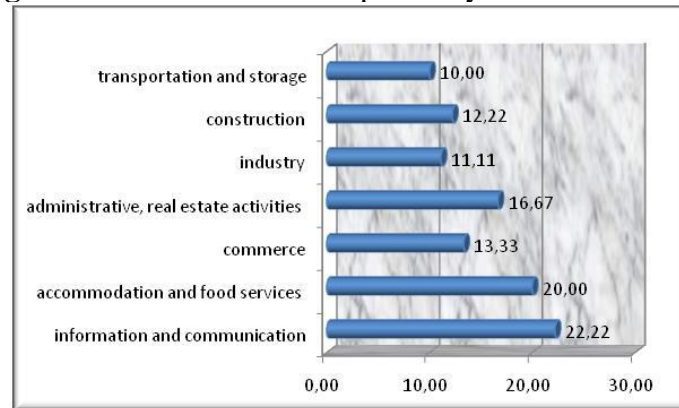
5-1- Descriptive analysis of the results

5-1-1- Socio demographic characteristics of our sample

As mentioned previously at methodology section, we sent 100 questionnaires and collected 95 valid responses. The study presented the socio-demographic characteristics of the sample in Figure 2 below.

5-1-2-Distribution of companies by branch of activity:

Figure 2: Distribution of companies by branch of activity.



Source: The author

This graph shows the percentage of companies in the sample by sector of activity 22.22% of companies active in the information and communication sector, 20% in the accommodation and catering sector, 13.3% in the commerce sector, 16.67% in the administration and support sector, 11.11% in the industrial sector, 12.22% in the construction sector and 10% in the transport and warehousing sector.

5-1-3- The use of social networks in businesses:

Figure 3: the platforms most used by businesses



Source: The author

We can see that all the companies in our sample use Facebook, 55% use LinkedIn, 68% use YouTube and 72% use Instagram. Which shows the importance of social networks in the companies surveyed.

5-2- Test of correlation and reliability of the constructs of our model:

This seeks to verify the existence of (internal) consistency in the respondents' answers regarding the different items used to measure a variable. To carry out this test, we used Cronbach's alpha. The coefficient of Cronbach's alpha, which aims to reduce random errors that modify the answers to the questions, is an estimate of the variance of the total score due to all the common factors specific to the items of the tested scale. It indicates how much of the total score depends on general factors specific to all of the statements rather than on particular items .Cronbach (1951). The work of Evrard et al (1993) suggests that this coefficient should have a value between 0.5 and 0.8 for an exploratory study and that for a confirmatory study, a value greater than 0.8 is recommended. All variables in our study have alpha coefficients of more than 0.7.

6- Testing the validity of hypotheses:

The aim here is to test the validity of our research hypotheses.

6-1- Analysis of hypothesis 1:

H1: The use of social media platforms has a significant influence on customer satisfaction rate.

We seek to explain on customer satisfaction rate in terms of Business Use of Social Media Platforms.

A simple linear regression was therefore carried out.

Table 1: Verification of hypothesis H1

Dependent variable Independent variable	Customer satisfaction rate			
Business Use of Social Media Platforms	β	R ²	Fischer's F coefficient	Sign of F
	0.817	0.638	107,481	<0.001

Source: The author

We see in table no.1 that the model has an R² of 0.638. Thus, the use of social media platforms by companies explains 63.8% of the variability in the credibility of the customer satisfaction rate. So we have a good model. Indeed, the p-value in the table below is less than 0.05.

We can perform our simple linear regression. In the table we see that beta (b), is positive (0.817). Our relationship is therefore positive, the higher the use of social media platforms by companies, the higher the customer satisfaction rate, it is positively impacted. Hypothesis H1 is therefore accepted.

We can then describe that Businesses strategic use of social media platforms can have a significant impact on customer satisfaction by facilitating communication, improving customer service, collecting feedback, building community, and fostering engagement and interaction.

6-2- Analysis of hypothesis 2:

H2: The use of social media platforms has a considerable impact on order processing times.

Table 2: Verification of hypothesis H2

Dependent variable Independent variable	Order processing time			
Business Use of Social Media Platforms	β	R ²	Fischer's F coefficient	Sign of F
	0.548	0.238	19,078	<0.001

Source: The author

In the same way as the first hypothesis, the research attempted to explain a dependent variable using an independent variable. In this case, Order Processing Time based on Business Usage of Social Media Platforms is suggested and a simple linear regression was therefore carried out.

As seen in table no. 2 that the model has an R² of 0.238. Thus, the use of social media platforms by companies explains 23.8% of the variability in the credibility of order processing time. This confirms that it's a good model. Indeed, the p-value in the table below is less than 0.05.

As it is seen also that beta (b), is positive (0.548). Our relationship is therefore positive, the higher the use of social media platforms by companies, the faster the order processing time, it is positively impacted. Hypothesis H2 is therefore accepted.

By effectively integrating social media platforms into their fulfillment processes, businesses can improve communication, automate repetitive tasks, quickly resolve issues, personalize the customer experience, and improve visibility, which can result in significant reduction in order processing time.

6-3- Analysis of hypothesis 3

H3: The use of social media platforms has a major effect on the level of compliance with quality standards.

Table 3: Verification of hypothesis H3

Dependent variable Independent variable	The level of compliance with quality standards.			
Business Use of Social Media Platforms	β	R ²	Fischer's F coefficient	Sign of F
	0.224	0.532	4.225	0.041

Source: The author

Through this hypothesis the research work demonstrated the positive influence of platforms of social media by companies on the level of compliance with quality standards. in table no. 3; the model has an R² of 0.532. Thus, the use of social media platforms by companies explains 53.20% of the level of compliance with quality standards. Indeed, the p-value in the table below is less than 0.05.

We can perform our simple linear regression. In the table we see that beta (b), is positive (0.224). Our relationship is therefore positive, the more the use of the platforms of social media by companies is higher the higher the level of compliance with quality standards, it is positively impacted. Hypothesis H3 is therefore accepted.

Strategic use of social media platforms by businesses can help improve the level of compliance with quality standards by enabling continuous monitoring, increased responsiveness, direct feedback collection, continuous improvement and community engagement. These combined efforts can help companies maintain high standards of quality and meet changing customer expectations.

6-4- Analysis of the hypothesis:

H4: The use of social media platforms has a crucial effectiveness on service flexibility

Table 4: Verification of hypothesis H4

Dependent variable Independent variable	Flexibility of services			
Business Use of Social Media Platforms	β	R ²	Fischer's F coefficient	Sign of F
	0.526	0.291	26,532	< 0.001

Source: The author

Finally, our fourth and final hypothesis seeks to explain the link between Business Use of Social Media Platforms and Service Flexibility.

To test the statistical validity of this last hypothesis, a simple linear regression is carried out to allow analyzing the causal relationship between the two quantitative variables.

in table no. 4 the model has an R² of 0.291. Thus, the use of social media platforms by companies explains 29.10% of Flexibility of services. Indeed, the p-value in the table below is less than 0.05.

We can perform our simple linear regression. In the table we see that beta (b), is positive (0.224). Our relationship is therefore positive, the higher the use of social media platforms by

companies, the higher the flexibility of services, it is positively impacted. Hypothesis H4 is therefore accepted.

The result demonstrates that the use of social media platforms by companies enables real-time communication, personalization of services, rapid launch of new offers, effective crisis management and data analysis, which enhances their flexibility to adapt to changing customer needs and market fluctuations.

7- Conclusion:

The study examined how social media positively impacts the improvement of services in companies. By analyzing current practices, it demonstrates how businesses take advantage of social media platforms to optimize their services. The results indicated that the strategic use of social media enables rapid and personalized communication with customers, effective feedback collection, proactive problem management, agile adaptation to market trends and the creation of communities around the brand. These practices result in better customer satisfaction, increased compliance with quality standards and greater service flexibility. The study thus highlighted the growing importance of social media in the strategy of companies to adapt to the changing needs of customers and maintain their competitiveness in the economic market.

8- Recommendations for practitioners and researchers:

For practitioners, it is recommended to develop social media strategies focused on customer engagement and personalization of interactions. This involves training staff and allocating resources to maintain an active presence on social platforms and proactively respond to customer feedback. Additionally, businesses should invest in data analysis tools to evaluate the effectiveness of their efforts and adjust their strategy accordingly. For researchers, it is suggested to continue studies on social and communication dynamics in the digital environment, focusing on interactions between companies, consumers and social platforms. Longitudinal and qualitative research could deepen our understanding of emerging trends and challenges in this evolving field.

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