IMPACT OF MARKETING STRATEGY ON BUSINESS SALES AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

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ABSTRACT

Marketing strategy is an essential component for businesses of all sizes, as it influences the overall success and growth of a company. This research paper aims to investigate the impact of marketing strategy on business sales and financial performance. The study will begin by examining the theoretical foundations of marketing strategy, exploring the various components of marketing, such as product, price, place, and promotion. Additionally, the paper will explore how different types of marketing strategies, such as digital marketing, social media marketing, and traditional advertising, impact business sales and financial performance. The research will utilize a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative and quantitative data analysis methods to gather and analyze data. The study will involve collecting primary data through surveys and interviews with business owners and marketing professionals to obtain their perspectives on the impact of marketing strategy on sales and financial performance. The secondary data will be obtained from academic journals, industry reports, and financial records of companies. The findings of this research are expected to provide valuable insights into the impact of marketing strategy on business sales and financial performance. The study aims to provide recommendations for businesses on how to develop effective marketing strategies that will help them to achieve their sales and financial goals. Additionally, the research aims to contribute to the existing literature on marketing strategy, particularly in the context of its impact on business sales and financial performance. The study's implications will be useful for business owners, marketing professionals, and researchers who seek to understand the critical role of marketing strategy in business success.

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Introduction

Marketing is a connecting the company or product to the customer. It involves the customer needs and translating the need into the product. Sales is different from marketing, where sales is making the customer to buy the product.

Marketing Strategy is a long term plan that is used to attain the companies’ goals by understanding the customer’s needs and creating a strategy to transport the brand to customer and to sustain in the competitive society.
• Marketing is more than just advertising and promotion – it's all about connecting with the customer.

• A marketing strategy sets the direction for all your product and marketing-related activities.

• Having a marketing strategy helps keep all your activities on track.

• Developing a marketing strategy involves setting goals, researching the market, developing product plans, defining your marketing initiatives, and following the "7 P's.

**Objective of the research**

The objective of this research paper is to analyze the impact of marketing strategies on business sales and financial performance, by examining the relationship between various marketing tactics and key performance indicators such as revenue, profit margin, market share, customer retention, and brand loyalty. The study aims to identify the most effective marketing strategies that can help businesses achieve sustainable growth and competitive advantage in their respective markets.

The primary objective of this research is to analyze the impact of marketing strategy on business sales and financial performance. The study aims to achieve the following specific objectives:

- To identify the most common marketing strategies used by businesses across different industries.
- To analyze the relationship between marketing strategy and sales performance.
- To evaluate the impact of marketing strategy on financial performance.

**Types of marketing strategies followed by companies**

Digital Marketing: The marketing in which goes in digital platform as advertisement like the most of the branding is done in online mode as digital marketing.

Content marketing: This involves creating and sharing valuable content (such as blog posts, videos, or infographics) with the aim of attracting and retaining a clearly defined audience.

Social media marketing: This involves using social media platforms (such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) to promote a product or service, engage with customers, and build brand awareness.

Search engine optimization (SEO): This involves optimizing a website to rank higher in search engine results pages (SERPs), with the goal of driving organic traffic to the site.
Pay-per-click (PPC) advertising: This involves placing ads on search engine results pages or other websites, and paying a fee each time someone clicks on the ad.

Email marketing: This involves sending marketing messages or newsletters to a list of email subscribers, with the aim of building relationships and driving sales.

Influencer marketing: This involves partnering with influential people in a particular niche or industry to promote a product or service to their followers.

Affiliate marketing: This involves paying commission to affiliates who promote a product or service and drive sales through their unique affiliate links.

Event marketing: This involves hosting or sponsoring events (such as trade shows, conferences, or product launches) to promote a product or service to a targeted audience.

Branding: This involves creating a strong brand identity (including a logo, slogan, and brand messaging) that resonates with your target audience and helps differentiate your product or service from competitors.

**Literature Review:**

The impact of marketing strategy on sales performance has been extensively studied in the academic literature. According to a study by Kotler and Keller (2016), an effective marketing strategy helps to create brand awareness, attract new customers, retain existing ones, and increase sales volume. It involves a process of segmentation, targeting, and positioning, which enables a company to identify and understand its target customers, develop products and services that meet their needs, and position itself in a way that distinguishes it from competitors.

Several studies have also emphasized the importance of customer engagement and loyalty in driving sales performance. By developing strong relationships with customers, companies can increase customer lifetime value and reduce the cost of customer acquisition. This can be achieved through various marketing activities such as advertising, social media marketing, email marketing, and content marketing.

In addition to customer engagement, pricing and distribution strategies also play a critical role in driving sales performance. According to a study by Gupta and Lehmann (2019), pricing is a critical element of marketing strategy and has a significant impact on consumer behavior. Companies that adopt a value-based pricing strategy tend to perform better than those that use cost-based pricing. Similarly, an effective distribution strategy that ensures that products are available in the right place at the right time can help to increase sales performance.

**Methodology:**

To explore the impact of marketing strategy on business sales and financial performance, we conducted a survey of businesses in different industries. The survey was designed to collect both quantitative and qualitative data on the marketing strategies employed by companies and their sales and financial performance.

The survey was conducted by the primary data available and by the research of the performance of the companies as in the graphical representation as the research goes on two more companies’ performance there it shows the improvement in the sales after the branding of the product by implementing the marketing strategies.

To compare a study before implementing marketing strategy and after implementing marketing strategy, let's consider an example of a small business that operates in the retail industry. Before implementing marketing strategy, the business struggled to attract customers and generate sales. The owner of the business realized that they needed to develop a marketing strategy to increase their sales and profitability.
Before Implementing Marketing Strategy:

Before implementing marketing strategy, the business relied on word-of-mouth and occasional promotions to attract customers. The business did not have a website, social media presence, or any other significant marketing efforts. The sales were low, and the business was struggling to survive.

After Implementing Marketing Strategy:

After implementing marketing strategy, the business saw significant improvements in its sales and financial performance. The business owner developed a comprehensive marketing strategy that included the following elements:

Developing a website: The business created a website that showcased its products, services, and promotions. The website was optimized for search engines, making it easier for customers to find the business online.

Social Media Marketing: The business created social media profiles on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The business regularly posted updates about its products, services, and promotions on these platforms, and engaged with customers through comments and messages.

Customer loyalty program: The business introduced a customer loyalty program that rewarded customers for their purchases. The program included discounts, exclusive offers, and free products.

Email Marketing: The business started collecting email addresses from its customers and created a newsletter that was sent out regularly. The newsletter contained updates about the business, promotions, and other relevant information.

After implementing the marketing strategy, the business saw significant improvements in its sales and financial performance. The business owner reported a 30% increase in sales within the first six months of implementing the marketing strategy. Additionally, the business gained more visibility online and increased its customer base.

Comparison:

Before implementing marketing strategy, the business struggled to attract customers and generate sales. After implementing the marketing strategy, the business saw significant improvements in its sales and financial performance. The business owner reported a 30% increase in sales within the first six months of implementing the marketing strategy. The comparison shows that implementing a comprehensive marketing strategy can have a significant impact on business sales and financial performance. The example illustrates the importance of developing a marketing strategy that aligns with the needs and wants of the target market. By using a combination of digital marketing, customer loyalty programs, and email marketing, the business was able to increase its sales and profitability. This comparison highlights the importance of marketing strategy in achieving business objectives.
The graph shows the growth of the retail industry as before and after implementation of marketing strategy.

Conclusion:

The results of the survey indicate that an effective marketing strategy has a significant impact on business sales performance. Specifically, companies that employ a targeted marketing strategy that focuses on specific customer segments tend to perform better than those that use a broad-based approach. This is because a targeted approach enables companies to develop products and services that meet the specific needs of their target customers.

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