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Assessing the Moderating Role of Customer Orientation on the Impact of Business Intelligence Tools on Digital Marketing Strategy Optimization

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ABSTRACT

This research examines the interplay between Business Intelligence tools and digital marketing strategy optimization, with a focus on the moderating role of customer orientation. Utilizing a quantitative research design, the study explores how BI tools enhance digital marketing strategies and how customer orientation amplifies this effect among 207 respondents from the Jordanian telecommunications sector, reflecting a diverse range of experiences and perceptions within the industry. Through Structural Equation Modeling - Partial Least Squares (SEM-PLS), based on a stratified sample of these employees, the results confirmed that BI tools positively influence digital marketing strategy optimization. Additionally, customer orientation was found to significantly moderate this relationship, highlighting the importance of aligning technological capabilities with a customer-centric approach. The findings contribute valuable insights to marketing and business intelligence fields, suggesting strategies for organizations to enhance their market competitiveness and customer satisfaction, underpinned by a substantial engagement rate from the targeted demographic.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The induction of the BI system into the sphere of digital marketing represents a change in the frame of the BI system as a whole toward data-driven strategies, yet mainly preceding customer demand and the way that the market operates. New-age Marketing Intelligence tools that advantage sophisticated data analytics tools, tools of artificial intelligence, and machine learning make an announcement of the new frontier in understanding customer behavior (Venkatesan and Lecinski, 2021). Marketers get their best view yet with which to navigate the now-familiar but still uncharted waters of consumer interaction. The other important role that can be drawn from these innovative tools, then, is that their success essentially resides on how they are centered to the customer, other than anything else, such as on-going deep-seated understanding, value, responsiveness to needs of a customer. The confluence of technology and customer-oriented strategies in the pooling of BI and marketing intelligence do not just enhance efficiency of digital marketing effort but redefine paradigms of market competition and customer service excellence in the digital age.

These continuous changes in the landscapes of consumer behaviors and preferences, have largely redefined the marketing strategies (Khan et al., 2022). In such contexts, BI tools are among the crucial enablers allowing the enterprise to move through vast data landscapes, predict trends, find opportunities, and explicitly describe marketing efforts. However, when considers the concept of customer orientation, the implementation of BI tools is closely related to this concept and influences the effectiveness of these

tools in improving digital marketing strategy (Saura et al., 2023). The degree of customer orientation in an organization directly influences both the effectiveness of BI tools, thereby defining the extent to which these technologies can be leveraged to strategic advantage (Ramakrishnan et al., 2020). High customer orientation has been seen tending to result in commitment to in-depth insights and longitudinal understanding of customer and consumer needs, hence strategic application of derived insights from BI, to both an effective and responsive marketing strategy (Fedushko and Ustyianovych, 2022; Tripathi et al., 2021). On the contrary, low customer orientation may result from underuse of these insights, never allowing the insights to be reached by the BI tools in the optimization of digital marketing activities. This dichotomy underscores the basic interplay of customer orientation and the successful deployment of BI technologies, pointing to the fact that organizations need to align their approaches to customer engagement with the capabilities of BI tools to achieve the best results that, actually, it is probable to achieve in the digital marketing space.

This study provide insights into BI tools in the setup of the intersection of technology with a customer-centric business philosophy, in order to dedicate further research given that customer orientation moderates the link between the usage of BI tools and the optimization of digital marketing strategy. In this context, it is expected that this study will provide resilient findings for marketing and business intelligence to provide a direction to the organizations and companies, where the technological investment is properly to be aligned along the path of a customer-centric approach for proper market competitiveness and proper customer satisfaction.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

BI tools have been instrumental in the organizational approach to accessing up-to-date information that is utilized during strategic operations (Abousweilem et al., 2023). Currently available tools have opened up the online platforms for digital marketers in the manner they are now over-endowed with information relating to consumer activities, performance, and even the current market movements. Any business that would ever wish to have a scintillating online presentation must consider digital marketing strategy with social media campaigns ahead of others while the search engine optimization activities are always related to what is happening in the markets. It can offer a competitive edge in today's data-based markets. Integrations into BI tools of such strategies can boost their effectiveness. BI is about gathering, processing, and transforming mammoth data sets into corporate intelligence and meaningful business. Therefore, all these tools allow a marketer to fish through data from social media interactions, traffic on websites, or other online purchase-related footprints. This data gives resulting emergent patterns and insights that are important to mold the marketing strategy. Collecting customers' information by using digital tools will channel the direction of the company's vision towards the behaviors of their end-users, in other words, their marketing intelligent or BI (Saura et al., 2022). Long-term use of these digital marketing tools actually has brought a change in the positive measure of business metrics; therefore, it is imperative to be a means of competitive advantage. (Giantari et al., 2022) With so many tools of digital marketing and approaches changing so fast the business environment, David et al. (2014) affirm that firms today have to change and innovate too, needing to make strategies for competitiveness.

BI provides insightful pieces of information and tracks customer behaviors, preferences, and most importantly, current trends in the market (Alzghoul et al., 2022; Khaddam et al., 2023). Hence, being a benefit to gaining maximum productivity and profit in marketing campaigns (Verma, 2018). Thus, current paradigms of modern digital marketing are oriented toward some uses of the internet and social network platforms sustained through the development of digital tools and technologies (Martynenko et al., 2020). AI and machine learning precisely go a long way in the process of decision-making and, hence, help enable the implementation of a digital strategy in marketing, thereby offering competitive advantage for companies in the markets (George et al., 2022). BI systems have become the most promising technology related to marketing in healthcare, as they allow one to obtain insights looking for customer segmentation, personalized marketing, and tracking of key performance indicators (Kurolov, 2023). The overall objective of using BI tools to be integrated into Digital Marketing is based on decision-making, improvement centers towards marketing strategies, and to gain a competitive edge in the market for the organization. We need to understand that the incorporation of business intelligence tools works with digital marketing strategies and represents the perspective that drives forward to cut through the complexity in the digital market. The potential benefits of BI in digital marketing evidently laid an open way toward super-efficiency and competitive advantage. In the future, the technology revolution is doubtlessly set to facilitate much more synergy between BI and digital marketing to open doors in both innovation and growth.

Core to the digital marketing sphere is an infusion of a combined AI with BI tools that allow companies to drive excellent customer relationships, personalized services, and quick responses to changes within the market (Nalbant and Aydin, 2023; Aladayleh, 2020). On the whole, the employment of the given tool does well not only for sharpening marketing activities but also in a wide range of overall business performances, adding to the improvement of customer engagement and, as a result, the performance of sales (David et al., 2022; Katongo and Musawa, 2022). The use of BI in forecast and AI in digital risk management shall aid organizations in making the proper decisions to stay ahead in the ever-dynamic digital marketing world (Buntić et al., 2021; Rayed, 2019). BI tools help in the optimization of the strategies of digital marketing by giving insights on consumer behavior, market trends, and competition. These tools are supportive of data-centric decision-making, more effective marketing performance, while, in return, enhancing operational efficiencies (Romero et al., 2021; Ilmudeen, 2021). The use of BI tools helps a business look deeply towards the market trends that are effective to ensure competitiveness, more especially in responding to consumer and market dynamics right-timely (Kurdi et al., 2022). Integrating BI tools with digital marketing practice therefore has a positive impact both at the economic and business end, therefore promoting an informed

decision cycle process (Romero et al., 2021). Indeed, the Artificial Intelligence (AI) platform is just that kind of technology forming the key enabler toward change with regard to practices within the digital marketing environments, for purposes like seeking more insight into customer behavior and preference (Mogaji et al., 2020). Having highlighted that fact, it is also a fact that AI will improve the performance of digital marketing for businesses but improve user engagements on their websites through secure and interactive systems (Suleiman et al., 2021). The use of digital marketing tools may also further enable the AI to tweak strategies by the companies to adapt to a change in consumer behavior by which improvement in the outcomes for marketing is realized (Zaman, 2022; Febriani et al., 2022).

According to Saura et al. (2022) concretize that business entities must apply digital tools in implementing their marketing activities, such as Business Intelligence and Artificial Intelligence. Under this digital wing with such tools, businesses shall be able to acquire and analyze user data very easily in their marketing strategies focusing on some particular user behaviors. BI tools, a spectrum of digital tools that supports companies in optimizing efforts toward marketing, achievement of sustainable goals, and improvement in business performance. Previous research establishes synergies between BI tools and digital marketing strategies and the ways with which the two areas may positively influence marketing strategy optimization (Ziółkowska, 2021; Velentza and Metaxas, 2023). In that way, if companies would adopt the power of BI and AI, it would give them the moving advantage, develop decision-making processes, and well engage customers within the digital domain. From the above, the following hypotheses are presented:

H1: The use of Business Intelligence tools positively influences the optimization of digital marketing strategies.

Previous studies note that the concept of customer orientation is important in a discussion about its role in management enterprise systems and performance (Lee et al., 2019; Abrokwah-Larbi, 2023). This is to say that customer orientation is one of the factors considered in marketing implementation, therefore, an integral condition for the long-term strategic orientation of a company (Zhao, 2022). The literature overview on customer orientation tells us about the importance put on customer orientation upon success in business, showing that it is the real essence of customer co-creation, networking ties, customer insight, and artificial intelligence marketing (Rudevska, 2022). Besides, research on customer orientation insists on the customer-centric model of business in parallel with the measurement of the customer Net Promoter Score as the indicator of customer focus. Inasmuch as BI tools are at play, generally, the entire process of digital marketing should have been optimized by defining what it is and what it is not through implied technologies. As per Romero et al. (2021) and Saqib and Zarine (2021), the usage of such tools is intended to let the company derive meaningful insights from customer data for better decision-making processes and efficient operations. Awareness of the implementation of AI features into digital marketing activities creates a platform toward more improved performance in business operations, as well as bringing deep insights into customer preferences (Suleiman et al., 2021; Aladayleh, 2020). BI tools also promote real-time analysis of customer feedback. This inconclusively is meant to aid companies to better tailor their marketing strategy to be able to meet their need (Cho et al., 2022).

Customer orientation refers to businesses putting their customers in the first position with respect to different business decision-making and understanding of their needs. With such a customer-centered approach, the business can digitally relate with its customer starting from the time before the initiation of the transaction until post-sales (Daradkeh et al., 2023). On the other hand, some researchers have found the relationship between customer orientation, business performance, and firm innovativeness, which leads to business growth. In general, there are a bunch of advantages related to BI tools. Connected to customer orientation, BI tools help the organization to have "real" analytics and insights that are in real time from customer feedback which assist said organization in understanding customer preferences and market trends well (Cho et al., 2022). Analytics mean that organizations must respond quickly to changing customer preferences, have effective customer segmentation, and personalize the offered services and products (Saqib and Zarine, 2021). Therefore, BI tools help businesses analyze patterns of customer behavior that consequently give the analytic decisions on the source of increased revenue and customer satisfaction by business organizations (Subramanian et al., 2021).

The synergy between customer orientation and BI tools would play a great role in the optimization of the digital marketing strategy. The BI tools will support the production of consumer-oriented advertisements, the identification of the market trend, and forecasting customer behavior (Priyadarshini and Veeramanju, 2022). This rationalizes the proactive business way of pre-determining customer behavior on online platforms by analyzing sentiments towards the betterment of the local tourism business sectors (Pillarisetty and Mishra, 2022; Yu et al., 2021; Kurdi et al., 2022). Further, BI tools enhance better forecasting of the market, upgrading of the processes of management in the quest to attain elevated consumer satisfaction, and enhance the process of the decision-making itself (Shuleski et al., 2019; Rayed, 2019; Yusof et al., 2019). Thus, in view to the above-mentioned research work, business growth within the emerging international markets has to shift towards customer-focused. From the above, it can be derived that apart from scope economies and customer satisfaction, predictions of using digital technologies in firm digital marketing activity may allow the business to focus on targeting diverse customer segments, e.g., vulnerable ones, in predictive algorithms. Within the company context, customer orientation affects the portfolio of customers they operate and overall business control. That is to say, an entrepreneurial marketing orientation and coopetition bear a positive moderating effect on business performance (Crick et al., 2021). From such an outlook, the reason will obviously sound strategic as it ensures such a balance between competitive and cooperative strategies that enhance overall performance. Besides, factors such as knowledge acquisition and market commitment affect this relationship (Osano, 2019).

It is inferred that the relationship existing between the digital marketing platforms and the customer and entrepreneurial

orientation of the firm has played a critical role in shaping the marketing performance (Ikramuddin et al., 2021). Further embeddedness of these businesses in the adoption of the tools for implementation of strategic digital marketing strategies (Dabas et al., 2021). Accordingly, the result of the research by Kim et al. (2024) reveals the centrality of applicable use of AI tools as a part of operational activities of a customer-oriented firm. Researchers have made close note of the impact this fact underlines as is directly related to the centrality of customers in achieving success in the optimization of business performance and realization of ways to achieve business objectives (Abrokwah-Larbi, 2023), through the focusing on customer-oriented determinants such as AI marketing. This clearly represents how marketing strategies must concentrate on their customers' needs and preferences. Customer orientation can be said to be a critical ingredient that advances the power of the use of BI tools and digital marketing. An orientation that is keen to know and satisfy the needs of the customer can help a business outcompete several others and cause growth. Combined, clients are set to be a mighty force to reckon with in case a business looks forward to the implementation of holistic Business Intelligence tools in their digital marketing strategy. Almost immediately when understanding customers' needs, preferences, and behaviors are made, an organization can channel marketing efforts, drive innovation, and eventually boost business performance. Thus, customer orientation is an important factor in exploiting BI tools and digital marketing strategies; thus, making focus on customers a customer-centric business approach toward its success. From the aforementioned, the following research hypotheses are formulated:

H2: Customer orientation moderates the relationship between the use of Business Intelligence tools and the optimization of digital marketing strategies.

3. RESEARCH METHODS

The methodology of this work lies in a quantitative research design that provides an explanation to the dynamics of the employee environment within Jordanian Telecommunication companies. The consideration for a quantitative method is drawn by the need for numerical information that is essential in testing different hypothesizes concerning variables of the study. The basic assumption for stratified sampling is that it brings in greater generalizability. This has the effect of enabling the researcher to conclude on valid, reliable, and statistically significant findings, which are paramount for the testing of the hypothesized relationships. Based on a number of research questions, and the population of the study which is approximately 4204 employees working in Jordanian telecommunications companies, this study will employ the stratified sampling method in selecting the sample. Stratified random sampling is a process where an individual first considers a division of the population into homogeneous subgroups, then draws specimens from each stratum. The choice of the technique is with a view to capturing divergent experiences and perceptions across different sectors within the organization, hence taking care of the study findings reliability and validity. Of the 352 employees invited to participate, using online questionnaire forms, in this study, 207 responses were returned to us, pointing to a high response rate and underlining the overall relevance of the study topic to the respondents.

Data was amply collected with the aid of a well-structured questionnaire, duly designed to take care of measurements for various elements of workplace experiences and employee perceptions. The effective response rate of 58.8% tends not only to assure the interest from the participants in the topic but also the security of the strong dataset for the analysis. This study used Structural Equation Modeling with Partial Least Squares (SEM-PLS) to evaluate the rich dataset, an apt analytical framework that allows for testing complex models. The model is assessed within the SEM-PLS framework, considering the capability of the model in small samples, distributed normally or not, and having particular strength in testing the measurement and structural models (Sarstedt et al., 2014). This, using SEM-PLS, was meant to disclose the obscure relationships between observed and latent variables and in turn was to generate acute findings into the hypothesized dynamics within Jordan Telecommunications. All this methodological approach, from the rigorous rationale collection of data in the format numeric to the nuanced analysis through SEM-PLS, is planned with ultimate rigor and precision so that even the most minute point within the research objectives is met.

4. RESULTS

Convergent validity analysis for the constructs Business Intelligence Tools (BIT), Digital Marketing Strategy (DMS), and Customer Orientation (CO) comes up to deliver significant details related to the cohesions and consistency associated with the measured items for (See table 1). Definitely, with Factor Loadings, Cronbach's Alpha, Composite Reliability (CR), and Average Variance Extracted (AVE) being under scrutiny, the evidence that can be obtained will be on how well the constructs are reliably measured and to what extent the Items represent their respective variables. For the construct Business Intelligence Tool (BIT), the item loading is highly significant and falls between a range of 0.731 and 0.849. This portrays a strong relationship amid items and how strongly these items represent the latent variable. Mean strong linkages of the concern items concerned, and being able to capture the essence of BIT confirm the reliability brought out in the construct. The Cronbach Alpha and Composite reliability also depict the fact this construct is on the recommended threshold of 0.7, 0.87 and 0.84, respectively. On the other hand, with an AVE above the cutoff of 0.5, it means that the construct represents more than half of the language items; hence, the measure is a valid one.

In the case of item loadings for Digital Marketing Strategy (DMS), the range of item loadings goes from 0.735 to 0.846. This range not only shows a strong relationship of the items with the DMS construct but also reflects the same trend with the BIT construct in order to ensure there is constant relevance at the item level across the constructs. The Cronbach's alpha and the composite reliability come out to be 0.83 and 0.82, signaling values >0.70, which usually represents high internal consistency and reliability of the DMS construct. Along with the high mean value AVE of 0.64, that shows good explained variance opportunity of the

Table 1: Assessment of measurement validity for constructs

Latent variable	Items loading	Cα	CR	AVE
Business intelligence tools				
BIT1	0.816	0.87	0.84	0.67
BIT2	0.757			
BIT3	0.731			
BIT4	0.783			
BIT5	0.849			
BIT6	0.791			
BIT7	0.824			
BIT8	0.818			
Digital marketing strategy				
DMS1	0.759	0.83	0.82	0.64
DMS2	0.846			
DMS3	0.786			
DMS4	0.764			
DMS5	0.735			
DMS6	0.837			
Customer orientation				
CO1	0.751	0.84	0.83	0.61
CO2	0.852			
CO3	0.749			
CO4	0.711			
CO5	0.843			
CO6	0.813			
CO7	0.781			
CO8	0.793			
CO9	0.805			

Table 2: HTMT ratios: Discriminant validity results

	Variables	1	2	3
1	Business	-		
2	Digital marketing strategy	0.82	-	
3	Customer orientation	0.78	0.65	-

DMS construct. Turning to the construct of Customer Orientation (CO), the item loadings range between 0.711 and 0.852, showing good alignment with the CO-construct. Therefore, CO is reliable, proved by very high scores on Cronbach's Alpha and Composite Reliability: 0.84 and 0.83 correspondently. Nevertheless, the AVE was 0.61, a bit lower than the AVEs of BIT and DMSRs. That scores were marginally lower implies a marginally lessening of variability explained reassuringly but still within parameter bounds, connoting convergent validity of the construct.

The analysis of discriminant validity will be shown in the table 2 using the Heterotrait-Monotrait (HTMT) ratio, which describes to be one of the biggest stages promising the distinction of all the constructs in the Business Intelligence Tool, Digital Marketing Strategy, and Customer Orientation. The following HTMT ratios were extracted from the analysis, showing that discriminant validity exists between the constructs, thus illustrating that each of the constructs has enough uniqueness to capture differentiated aspects of the phenomena under study: Business Intelligence Tools and Digital Marketing Strategy is the distinguishing factor, seriously but highly co-related between the two constructs. From the above, it is evident that the variating constructs have very specific, nuanced roles in a general business and marketing context, but they clearly reflect that the constructs are not measuring the same underlying phenomenon. The HTMT ratio of the Business Intelligence Tools vis-à-vis Customer Orientation is on the higher hedge of 0.78. Lastly, the discriminant validity score is lower than 0.85, but when the satisfied threshold standard is higher than 0.6, this is satisfactory. The lowest score is the comparison between Digital Marketing Strategy and Customer Orientation, where the ratio of HTMT 0.65 shows very strong discriminant validity. This key result emphasizes the very strong difference between the conceptualization of digital marketing strategies and how they are to be implemented compared to the orientation that a business adopts toward the market and customers.

The findings from the hypothesis testing in Table 3 provide a sort of substantive discussion regarding the relation modeling of Business Intelligence Tools (BIT) within the Digital Marketing Strategy (DMS). Accrue with the analysis of a path from BIT to DMS; Path Coefficient = 0.258, t-statistic = 3.60, P = 0.001, Range of confidence interval = 0.154 to 0.359. From the obtained result "Supported," these findings have strongly supported that there is an anticipated positive influence of BIT on DMS. The path coefficient, as obtained by the researcher in this regard, is 0.258, which has not shown an extreme effect but depicted a moderate and marked positive effect of Business Intelligence Tools on the efficacy and strategic development of Digital Marketing Strategies. This underscores, in other words, the dire need to capitalize on business intelligence towards the shaping and polishing of best practice in digital marketing strategies: the embracement of analytics and data-driven insights derived from Business Information Technology would really make a very big difference in improving outcomes to marketing. Still, on statistical proof on this relationship, a T-statistic of 3.60 is very strong and extremely above traditionally observed levels of statistical significance. This is further complemented by the very low P = 0.001, that very strongly reduces the possibility to observe an effect of such magnitude and quality by pure chance alone, thereby fortifying the reliability of the results. The confidence interval ranging from 0.154 up to 0.359 further enforces the positive direction of the effect and gives a kind of indication of an overall effect with a likely true effect size high in confidence. The absence of zero in this interval in the data series above confirms that the relation is statistically significant and so the influence of BIT on DMS is positive and materially significant.

The moderation role has been established for Customer Orientation (OC) between Business Intelligence Tools (BIT) and Digital Marketing Strategy (DMS). The detailed findings of the Path Coefficient (β), t-statistic at 3.89, P = 0.0001 and confidence interval for which is between 0.207 and 0.468 is as shown in Table 4. The results as shown in the table clearly proves the research hypothesis that customer orientation has a very strong moderating effect on BIT and DMS thereby increasing the positive impact of BIT on DMS. From the path coefficient of 0.331 one can say that the moderating effect of CO on the BIT-DMS relationship is strong and highly positive. Consequently, it follows that the ability of business intelligence tools to affect digital marketing strategies is highly dependent on available customer orientation. This means that BIT's strength and direction of influence on DMS are enhanced in an organizational customer orientation that can provide nurturing, support, and seamless blending and integration

Table 3: Hypotheses testing

Path	Original sample	t-statistic	P-value	Confidence interval LL-UL	Result
BIT --->DMS	0.258	3.60	0.001	0.154-0.359	Supported

Table 4: Moderating effect test

Path	Original sample	t-statistic	P-value	Confidence interval LL-UL	Result
BIT * OC --->DMS	0.331	3.89	0.0001	0.207-0.468	Supported

of business intelligence with the facilitation of strategic planning and execution.

5. DISCUSSION

In this view, the study seeks to embark on a quest to understand the dynamics in place between BI tools and digital marketing strategies, with an olive branch keen on the role of customer orientation in moderating this relationship. Towards this, the first postulated hypothesis usage of BI tools positively impacts the optimization of digital marketing strategies was supported with robust empirical support and a strong statistical analysis back. This is ascertained by the BI tools recording a path coefficient of 0.258, with a high t-statistic of 3.60 registering a P = 0.001, BI tools become indispensable assets to help firms fine-tune digital marketing efforts. This supports the scholarly findings by Kurdi et al. (2022) and Kurolov (2023), who opine in their works that BI can be transformative in shaping and assisting social media marketing strategies, and alike digital healthcare marketing strategies. The research establishes that the integration of BI tools assists organizations to yield value from potential data-driven insights, thus making marketing cutting-edge in the digital marketing arena.

According to this perspective, the second stage of the study will delve into the moderating effect of customer orientation on the relationship between BI tool utilization and digital marketing optimization. Certainly, the second hypothesis is also supported while the impact of customer orientation is even not only strong but also significantly great. The statistical indicators are such that the original sample value for the said test stands at 0.331, and t-statistic is 3.89, supported if anything further by the incredibly low P = 0.0001. Backing such result is a confidence interval that would highly exclude zero; hence, the case of which one may say that customer orientation is a critical lever in maximization toward BI tools' efficacy at one's disposal in digital marketing strategies. On a concurred idea, research findings by Abrowkah-Larbi (2023) and Kim et al. (2024) have proven the tremendous effect borne by customer-centricity to business performance, particularly when enhanced by AI and BI technologies. Such technologies play a significant role in delving deeper into what customers are doing and what preferences they have, in turn, assisting companies in acquiring more effective personalization for their digital marketing strategy. Weaving the findings from these hypotheses, the research elaborates on a much more detailed narrative. Definitely, this is not a reinforcement of an information background in relation to the use of BI tools being prevalent to an optimally programmed digital marketing strategies but an upgrading promised by the approach underlined by the authors of the present research paper, pointing out a synergistic effect of customer orientation. The synthesis of the BI tools with a customer-oriented approach produces a very potent formula to design digital marketing strategies that are not just data-driven but very much in tune with the needs and preferences of the customers. Thus, the theoretical and practical contributions of this research lie in providing a pathway for businesses to adapt to the power of BI tools towards carving competitive advantages in a digitalizing marketplace.

6. CONCLUSION

The present research study aimed to explore the detailed association between BI tools and optimization of the digital marketing strategy, specifically with concern to the moderating role of customer orientation. Current research study rigorous empirical analysis brought to the surfacing of the BI tools' substantial positive impact on enhancing digital marketing strategies. Most importantly, it has underlined that customer orientation may here serve as critical moderators of the effectiveness of BI tools in this area. In doing so, the findings from hypotheses testing are able to say an interesting story regarding the interplays of technological adoption with strategic marketing focus in a synergistic manner. Primarily, the research avers that the usage of BI tools and applications is not a technology exercise but a strategic imperative in contributing to optimization in digital marketing strategies. Most importantly, this relationship, founded on a sound statistical base, adds perspective to the current dimension of the literature with regard to the transformational potential of business intelligence in marketing. These have explained for the moderation on the customers' orientation to this core as the research takes on the debate a front step. This brought to the fore how customer-focused approach does not only complement but significantly enhanced the implications of the BI tool impacts on digital marketing strategies. This is arguably proof positive that technology value is maximized only if leveraged through the lens of customer-centricity; digital marketing strategy must be data-informed but also acutely attuned to the needs and preferences of customers.

The conclusions of the study provide different audiences. For academicians, it will be an interest in very valuable empirical evidence and theoretical reflections on how BI tools might be enablers of customer orientation in digital marketing. In essence, for practitioners, it provides a clear direction regarding the strategic advantages on effecting the incorporation of BI tools with a customer-focused strategy in essence horizontally associating the technological capabilities with the customer insights to boost marketing efficiency. This has essentially become one of the strategic advantages and in a way more of a necessity emanating from strategically planning the optimization of the digital marketing strategies - the convergence of business

intelligence tools and customer orientation in their essence. The paper suggests a well-balanced mix of technology innovation with customer-driven strategies while putting forth a perspective of organizations in the way of digital marketing excellence. While the digital future continues to shape-shift, this research insight remains awe-inspiring for further probing and its adaption within the understanding that the future of marketing lies within the harmonic integration of technology, strategy, and insight into the customer. It really does not stop there; this is a further provocation towards the far deeper questioning of new technologies, new forms of consumer behavior, and new strategies in marketing, epitomizing a growing and dynamic topic very much interwoven with nuances of the digital age.

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