

OMNICHANNEL SERVICE RECOVERY IN RESOURCE-CONSTRAINED FIRMS: INTEGRATING CUSTOMER VOICE, EMPLOYEE DISCRETION, AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING

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Abstract

This conceptual and integrative review develops a framework for omnichannel service recovery in micro, small, and medium enterprises. It addresses the problem that customers increasingly move between physical and digital channels, yet small firms often lack connected records, consistent authority, and learning routines for resolving failures across channel boundaries. Drawing on the resource-based view, dynamic capabilities, organizational learning, absorptive capacity, social capital, and resilience, the paper explains how cross-channel listening, shared case visibility, bounded employee discretion, fair recovery design, service-failure learning can be organized as mutually reinforcing routines. The proposed pathway moves from problem diagnosis and capability mapping to bounded experimentation, evidence review, resource reconfiguration, and learning retention. No primary survey, interview, experimental, administrative, or statistical data are claimed. The framework links these mechanisms to response consistency, perceived fairness, customer trust, retention, service resilience and identifies managerial, institutional, and research implications suitable for resource-constrained enterprises.

Keywords: omnichannel service; service recovery; customer voice; employee discretion; organizational learning

INTRODUCTION

Service recovery crosses channel boundaries when service-failure learning allows experience to alter later routines instead of remaining an isolated lesson. With respect to problem definition, the use of shared case visibility converts broad intentions into observable operating choices. Customers are more likely to perceive fairness when perceived fairness requires responsibilities and review intervals that employees understand.

A customer-journey perspective reveals that customer trust is strengthened when affected parties can question assumptions and explain exceptions. This becomes operationally important in problem definition, where service-failure learning allows experience to alter later routines instead of remaining an isolated lesson. Consistent recovery consequently depends on the principle that the pursuit of service resilience develops through repeated sensing, bounded action, evaluation, and renewal.

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THEORETICAL FOUNDATION

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GOVERNANCE AND RISK

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MANAGERIAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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RESEARCH AGENDA AND CONCLUSION

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