

ENHANCING ORGANIZATIONAL AGILITY IN TRADITIONAL CORPORATIONS: A STRATEGIC INTERVENTION MODEL BASED ON GALBRAITH'S STAR MODEL AND CONSUMER PSYCHOLOGY INSIGHTS

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ABSTRACT

This study examines the challenges faced by traditional corporations in maintaining agility and competitiveness in rapidly evolving markets, focusing on TechGiant Corporation as a case study. The study identifies critical obstacles within hierarchical organizational structures using a qualitative research approach, including a mini-design ethnography and literature review. The research applies Galbraith's Star Model as a theoretical framework to propose a comprehensive strategic intervention addressing structure, processes, rewards, people, and strategy. The intervention aims to enhance organizational agility and innovation capacity while maintaining stability. The study also integrates insights from consumer psychology to align internal changes with market demands. Preliminary results indicate improvements in product launch frequency and time-to-market metrics, demonstrating the practical implications of the research. Limitations include the single case focus and time constraints of the ethnographic study. Future research directions are suggested, including longitudinal studies and multi-case analyses across diverse industries.

KEYWORDS: consumer psychology, Galbraith's star model, innovation management, organizational agility, strategic management

1. Introduction

Adaptability to market changes is crucial for businesses to maintain their competitive edge and ensure long-term success. Evidence suggests that most businesses need help with this adaptation, as Jones-Schenk (2019) reports that 70% of businesses fail to adapt to market changes within their first five years of operation. This failure to adapt has far-reaching consequences, affecting a company's market position and internal dynamics.

Analyzing this phenomenon, Wibisono (2023) identifies several detrimental outcomes, including loss of market position, diminished workforce morale, and stagnation in quality improvements. These findings underscore the critical importance of fostering adaptability and responsiveness to market dynamics within organizations. As we consider the implications of this research, it becomes clear that businesses must prioritize developing adaptive capabilities to navigate the ever-changing

business landscape effectively and secure their long-term viability.

“Today’s environment, characterized by global competition and the need for constant change, requires organizations to introduce innovations and changes that satisfy the needs of all stakeholders” (Rožman et al., 2023, p. 373). In this context, the need for organizational agility becomes paramount. As a result of this rapidly evolving business landscape, traditional corporations face unprecedented challenges in maintaining their competitive edge. The rigid hierarchical structures that once provided stability now impede these organizations’ ability to respond swiftly and effectively to market disruptions (Teece et al., 2016). This inflexibility significantly threatens their growth and success, potentially leading to decreased competitiveness and market share loss as more agile competitors capitalize on emerging opportunities.

The pressing need for organizational agility has become increasingly evident, particularly in the technology and manufacturing sectors, where innovation cycles are short and market demands shift rapidly. As Sarfraz et al. (2019) note, the impact of hierarchical structures on organizational innovation is profound, affecting everything from leadership transitions to employee motivation and social dynamics within the company. Organizations must critically examine and restructure their hierarchical models to address this issue. This is a crucial step in fostering excellent responsiveness and adaptability, a key focus of this paper. We will explore how strategic management frameworks or theories can help organizations avoid the fate of decreased competitiveness and market share loss. We will explore the design problem of enhancing organizational agility in traditional corporations, focusing on “TechGiant” Corporation, a large automation company struggling to keep pace with more nimble competitors.

TechGiant is a pseudonym for a real company. TechGiant has a well-defined hierarchical structure with rigid reporting lines. The Organizational Structure Details of TechGiant are:

- Executive Level: Executive Board (led by CEO)
- Senior Management Level: Senior Executives (reporting to the Executive Board)
- Middle Management Level: Mid-level Managers (reporting to Senior Executives)
- Operational Level: Supervisory Management.

Through a mini-design ethnography and literature review, we identify key challenges and propose a strategic intervention based on Galbraith’s (2005) Star Model. This holistic approach to organizational redesign aligns strategy, structure, processes, rewards, and people. It promises to create a more flexible and responsive system capable of thriving in an era of disruptive innovation, inspiring a new wave of organizational success.

2. Problem Statement

In today’s rapidly evolving business landscape, rigid organizational structures impede corporate innovation and market agility. While historically valuable for establishing clear lines of authority, traditional hierarchical structures now significantly constrain many corporations’ adaptability in the face of unprecedented market disruption and technological advancement (Sun et al., 2024; Sturmberg & Gainsford, 2024). This structural inflexibility has become particularly problematic as organizations face pressure to respond swiftly to evolving customer expectations, competitive threats, and regulatory changes.

Consider TechGiant Corporation, a once-dominant market leader now experiencing substantial performance challenges in an industry characterized by rapid innovation cycles and diminishing barriers to entry. Despite its established

market position and considerable resources, TechGiant experienced a 10% revenue decline in 2022, pointing to deeper structural issues impeding its ability to maintain its competitive advantage. The general problem is that rigid hierarchical organizational structures create communication silos and decision-making bottlenecks that significantly hinder corporate adaptability and market responsiveness in dynamic business environments. These traditional structures, characterized by vertical reporting relationships and standardized operating procedures, often prioritize control and predictability over flexibility and innovation (Waal et al., 2019). When departments operate in isolation, siloed decision-making processes create substantial barriers to interdepartmental collaboration for addressing complex, multifaceted business challenges. The specific problem facing TechGiant Corporation is that its entrenched hierarchical structure has demonstrably constrained its ability to respond effectively to three concurrent strategic challenges: intensifying market competition, accelerating technological disruption, and evolving regulatory requirements. These organizational rigidities have manifested in delayed product development cycles, inconsistent customer experiences across divisions, and difficulty implementing enterprise-wide.

2.1. Research Question and Significance of the Research Study

How can traditional corporations, exemplified by TechGiant Corporation, redesign their organizational structure to enhance agility and responsiveness to market challenges caused by disruptive innovations while maintaining necessary stability?

This research addresses a critical challenge traditional corporations' face in today's rapidly evolving business landscape. The study's significance lies in its practical application of theoretical frameworks to enhance organizational agility, a crucial

factor for survival and success in dynamic markets. By proposing a comprehensive and all-encompassing strategic intervention based on Galbraith's Star Model and integrating insights from consumer psychology, the study offers a holistic approach to organizational redesign. This research contributes to the body of knowledge on strategic management and organizational behavior, providing valuable insights for academics and practitioners on how traditional corporations can adapt to disruptive innovations and maintain competitiveness.

2.2. Research Methods

The study employs a qualitative research approach, primarily a mini-design ethnography method. This approach involves:

- Observations: The researcher conducted observations within TechGiant Corporation over a year, focusing on decision-making processes, communication patterns, and employee behaviors related to innovation and agility.

- Interviews: Employees at various levels of the organization, including mid-level managers, product developers, and senior executives, were interviewed. The author interviewed 50 participants for this study. The participants in the study are:

- Product Developers: 25 participants
- Mid-level Managers: 15 participants
- Senior Executives: 10 participants

These interviews provided insights into the challenges and bottlenecks created by the existing hierarchical structure.

- Literature Review: A comprehensive review of relevant literature was conducted to identify appropriate theoretical frameworks, notably Galbraith's Star Model, and to understand the current state of knowledge regarding organizational agility and innovation management.

- Case Study Analysis: TechGiant Corporation served as a case study, allowing for an in-depth examination of the challenges faced by traditional corporations in enhancing agility.

➤ **Interdisciplinary Integration:** The study incorporated insights from consumer psychology to complement the organizational change strategies and align them with market demands.

➤ **Strategic Intervention Design:** Based on the gathered data and theoretical frameworks, a multifaceted strategic intervention was designed to address the organization's structure, processes, rewards, people, and strategy.

➤ **Risk Assessment:** A systematic evaluation of potential risks associated with implementing the proposed changes was conducted.

This multifaceted qualitative approach allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the organizational challenges and the development of a tailored strategic intervention.

3. Literature Review

The interplay between organizational structure and adaptability in competitive markets has garnered significant attention. Teece et al. (2016) postulated that while hierarchical structures offer stability, they often impede rapid adaptation and innovation, critical factors for maintaining competitiveness in dynamic markets. Consequently, organizations must critically evaluate and reconfigure their hierarchical models to address this exigent issue and cultivate superior responsiveness and adaptability. This restructuring process demands a comprehensive approach, which includes [specific steps or strategies] to guide efficacious organizational change, informed by pertinent theoretical frameworks and empirical evidence from extant literature (Zimmermann et al., 2015).

The role of executives and decision-makers in this transformation is paramount. The crux lies in the hierarchical configuration, which, while providing stability and clear reporting lines, hinders the organization's capacity to swiftly capitalize on emerging opportunities to

innovate and respond effectively to market fluctuations (Jiji & N, 2024). Leadership is instrumental in fostering organizational agility within traditional corporate structures.

The challenge resides in recognizing the imperative for change and actively embracing and implementing it across all organizational echelons, from C-suite top management to all other levels or departments. These corporations may surmount their current limitations, enhance their competitive position, and significantly augment their market share (Kotter, 2014). However, this transformation necessitates a delicate equilibrium between maintaining stability and introducing the requisite flexibility to thrive in an environment characterized by rapid technological advancements and shifting market dynamics.

The literature offers valuable insights into seeking a theoretical framework for strategic intervention in this design problem. Sarfraz et al. (2019) examine the impact of hierarchical CEO succession on organizational innovation, elucidating how leadership transitions within the hierarchy can influence an organization's innovative capacity. Understanding the implications of leadership changes on innovation can inform interventions to restructure the hierarchical model to invigorate creativity and responsiveness.

Venketsamy and Lew (2022) explore the synergies between intrinsic and extrinsic rewards in fostering innovative work behavior. They indicate that organizational support for innovation and intrinsic motivation can propel employees towards more innovative practices. This insight underscores the importance of aligning incentives and recognition systems within the organization to promote a culture of innovation, a crucial aspect to consider when redesigning the hierarchical structure to enhance adaptability.

Zhang et al. (2019) investigate the influence of social capital on innovation

speed, presenting a framework that links social relationships within the organization to the pace of innovation. This perspective highlights the role of interpersonal networks in driving organizational growth and performance through accelerated innovation processes, emphasizing the significance of social dynamics in facilitating innovation. To restructure the hierarchical model, interventions should consider enhancing social capital to expedite innovation cycles.

Yang (2024) examines the transformation of creativity from entrepreneurs to organizations, emphasizing the importance of organizational creativity in gaining competitive advantages and fostering development. This research suggests that interventions targeting hierarchical restructuring should aim to cultivate a culture that nurtures and harnesses creativity at all organizational levels. This underscores the need to empower employees across hierarchies to contribute to innovation and enhance responsiveness and adaptability.

Building upon these insights from the literature, a focused search was conducted to identify a comprehensive theoretical framework that could guide the development of a strategic intervention for addressing the challenges of rigid hierarchical structures.

3.1. Strategic Management Theories

Organizations can leverage various strategic management theories, such as the agile framework, the resource-based view (RBV) framework, the dynamic capabilities framework, the blue ocean strategy, and Open innovation to navigate technological disruptions and adapt to market changes quickly and effectively.

Initially developed for software development, the Agile methodology has been adapted for broader strategic management (Rigby et al., 2016). It emphasizes flexibility, iterative progress, and rapid response to change. RBV, on the

other hand, focuses on developing and leveraging unique, valuable, and difficult-to-imitate resources and capabilities (Barney, 1991), stressing the significance of resource development in strategic management. The Dynamic Capability framework, developed by Teece et al. (1997), emphasizes the ability to integrate, build, and reconfigure internal and external competencies to address rapidly changing environments. The Blue Ocean Strategy approach, developed by Kim and Mauborgne (2005), focuses on creating uncontested market spaces rather than competing in existing markets. As Chesbrough (2003) proposed, the open innovation approach advocates for using external ideas and resources in addition to internal ones to drive innovation.

These theories provide valuable insights into how firms can enhance their strategic agility to respond to dynamic business environments and integrate members, infrastructure, and technology effectively (Shams et al., 2021). Let us examine a few companies that have successfully implemented these management strategies to navigate technological disruption, allowing them to adapt to market changes quickly.

3.2. Examples of Successful Implementations

Successful implementation of strategic agility has been observed in various sectors. Spotify has successfully implemented Agile principles across its organization, using “squads” and “tribes” to maintain startup-like agility despite rapid growth, a strategy that has significantly contributed to its success (Schneider et al., 2020; Mankins & Garton, 2017). On the other hand, Netflix has utilized RBV by developing proprietary algorithms and investing in original content creation, creating unique competitive advantages that have propelled it to the top (Barney & Mackey, 2016). Apple has demonstrated strong dynamic capabilities to

enter and reshape multiple industries, from personal computers to music distribution and mobile devices, a feat that has solidified its position as an industry leader (Teece, 2007). Cirque du Soleil revolutionized the circus industry by creating a new market space that combined traditional circus elements with theatrical artistry, which has set it apart from its competitors (Kim & Mauborgne, 2005). Procter & Gamble's "Connect + Develop" program has successfully leveraged open innovation to accelerate product development and enter new markets (Agafitei & Avasilcai, 2015; Huston & Sakkab, 2006).

While these examples illustrate the potent application of strategic management theories across diverse industries, it is imperative to acknowledge that such approaches are not without their limitations and potential drawbacks.

3.3. Limitations of These Strategic Management Theories

Acknowledging the limitations of strategic management theories like strategic agility is essential. One potential downside is the challenge of accurately predicting future agility. While artificial intelligence and strategic foresight can aid in forecasting organizational agility, uncertainties and complexities may still be difficult to anticipate (Shafiabady, 2023). Agile methodology can lead to a lack of long-term planning and may only be suitable for some projects or industries (Dikert et al., 2016).

The Resource-Based View (RBV) can lead to an overly internal focus, potentially neglecting external market factors, which is a significant limitation (Priem & Butler, 2001). It may need to catch up in rapidly changing environments where external factors are critical. On the other hand, dynamic capabilities can be challenging to identify and develop, and their effectiveness can vary across contexts (Easterby-Smith et al., 2009). Moreover, creating new market spaces is inherently risky and may only sometimes be feasible or sustainable

(Burke et al., 2009). Furthermore, Open innovation can lead to intellectual property challenges and may not be suitable for all innovations or industries (Dahlander & Gann, 2010; Bican et al., 2015).

Recognizing these constraints, scholars and practitioners have proposed various strategies to mitigate the shortcomings of strategic management theories and enhance their practical efficacy in dynamic business environments.

3.4. Strategies to Overcome the above Limitations

Organizations can take several strategic approaches to overcome the limitations of strategic management theories. Hybrid approaches that combine Agile with traditional management methods can help balance short-term flexibility with long-term strategy, providing a sense of reassurance and ease (Hobbs & Petit, 2017). Combining RBV with external analysis frameworks like Porter's Five Forces can provide a more balanced perspective (Teece, 2007). Focusing on micro-foundations of dynamic capabilities, such as specific organizational processes and managerial cognition, can make them more actionable (Teece, 2007). Continuous innovation and adaptation of the Blue Ocean Strategy over time can help maintain the competitive advantage (Kim & Mauborgne, 2015). Developing clear IP agreements and carefully selecting which aspects of innovation to open can help mitigate risks (Chesbrough & Bogers, 2014).

Furthermore, fostering a culture of strategic sensitivity and resource fluidity, which refers to the ability to reallocate resources quickly and effectively in response to changing market conditions, can enhance the organization's ability to sense and respond to changes swiftly, thereby bolstering strategic agility (Zubaedah, 2023). Moreover, leveraging responsible leadership can strengthen strategic commitments and facilitate effective management of continuous change, essential for navigating

uncertainties and risks (Chang et al., 2023). By focusing on building dynamic capabilities and meta-capabilities like strategic sensitivity and resource fluidity, organizations can cultivate strategic agility and adapt proactively to market disruptions (Jooss, 2023).

Having examined the various strategic management theories, their successful implementations, limitations, and strategies to overcome these constraints, it is crucial to identify a comprehensive theoretical framework that can guide the strategic intervention for restructuring hierarchical models to enhance Techgiant Cooperations' agility and innovation capacity.

3.5. Literature Search and Kernel Theory

A review of relevant literature identified Galbraith's Star Model (Galbraith, 2005) as an appropriate kernel theory to inform our strategic intervention. The Star Model postulates that organizational design should align five key components: strategy, structure, processes, rewards, and people (Galbraith, 2005).

Galbraith (2005) argues that effective organizations must balance these elements to create a flexible, responsive system. This theory is particularly relevant to our design problem as it provides a holistic framework for restructuring beyond simply flattening the hierarchy.

By conducting observations, interviews, and data analysis within the organization, it became possible to uncover the challenges and bottlenecks created by the hierarchical structure that impeded innovation and agility.

4. Mini-Design Ethnography

Over the past year, I have observed and interviewed employees at various levels of TechGiant, a large, traditional corporation in the technology sector that has struggled to keep pace with smaller, more agile competitors in recent years.

➤ My Observations:

1. Decision-making processes were slow, often requiring approval from multiple hierarchical levels.

2. Innovative ideas from lower-level employees frequently needed to catch up in middle management.

3. Interdepartmental communication could have been improved, leading to siloed knowledge and duplicated efforts.

4. Employees expressed frustration with the inability to respond quickly to market changes.

➤ Interview Insights:

"I have seen great ideas die in committee meetings because they do not fit our current structure." – **Mid-level Manager.**

"By the time we get approval to act on a new trend, our competitors have already launched products." – **Product Developer.**

"Our structure feels like a relic from a different era. We are trying to compete in a digital world with an analog mindset." – **Senior Executive.**

➤ Design Problem:

How might we redesign TechGiant's organizational structure to enhance agility and responsiveness to market challenges caused by disruptive innovations while maintaining necessary stability?

Considering these various perspectives, it became clear that more than a single, straightforward solution would be needed. Instead, a multifaceted approach was necessary to implement a strategic intervention that addresses the design problem of rigid hierarchical structures hindering organizational responsiveness to disruptive innovations. This approach considered restructuring, process changes, reward systems, and organizational social ties.

➤ Strategic Intervention:

Based on the Star Model, we proposed a multifaceted intervention to enhance TechGiant's organizational agility:

1. *Structure*: Restructuring the hierarchical model to flatten the organization's structure and promote cross-functional collaboration can facilitate faster decision-making and innovation diffusion (Sarfraz et al., 2019). By reducing layers of hierarchy and promoting a more agile organizational design, TechGiant can enhance its responsiveness to market changes and capitalize on emerging opportunities more swiftly (Kettunen & Laanti, 2017). The duration for implementing the restructuring process is proposed to be between 6-9 months following these steps:

- Months 1-3: Analysis and planning of new organizational structure
- Months 4-6: Gradual implementation of structural changes
- Months 7-9: Evaluation and refinement of new structure

2. *Processes*: TechGiant's digital transformation initiative will be executed through a tripartite, phased approach over 18 months.

- The initial phase (Months 1-6) will prioritize enhancing IT infrastructure (upgrading), laying the foundation for subsequent stages.

- The second phase (Months 7-12) will involve introducing and incorporating key elements of agile methodologies, including regular sprint reviews and stand-up meetings, to augment transparency and expedite decision-making processes.

- Phase 3 (Months 13-18) will fully implement and refine agile practices.

Adopting agile methodologies, characterized by their iterative and collaborative nature, will extend beyond the traditional confines of the IT department to permeate the entire organizational structure. This holistic implementation aligns with contemporary research that underscores the efficacy of agile practices across diverse domains (Zakrzewska et al., 2022; Rigby et al., 2016; Conforto et al., 2014).

The literature suggests integrating agile principles fosters enhanced teamwork

and organizational cohesion (Dingsøyr et al., 2022). This approach will facilitate more responsive and adaptive organizational behaviors, crucial in navigating TechGiant's complex and rapidly evolving digital transformation landscape (Vial, 2019).

By embracing agile methodologies organization-wide, TechGiant aims to cultivate a culture of continuous improvement and cross-functional collaboration, thereby accelerating the realization of its digital transformation objectives.

3. *Rewards*: Develop a new incentive system that rewards innovation, collaboration, and quick response to market changes (Kuczmarski & Kuczmarski, 2019). Active participation and support in implementing this comprehensive rewards system, which recognizes and incentivizes innovative behaviors, will be crucial. Employees can be motivated at all levels to contribute ideas and solutions, fostering a culture of continuous innovation within the organization (Sarfraz et al., 2019; Manso, 2017). TechGiant will implement the proposed rewards system in 6-8 months in the following order:

- Months 1-2: Design new incentive system
- Months 3-4: Pilot testing of new reward structure
- Months 5-6: Full implementation
- Months 7-8: Evaluation and adjustments

In addition, TechGiant must create a supportive environment that encourages experimentation and learning. One way to do this is by aligning rewards with innovation outcomes, allowing employees to showcase their creativity.

4. *Social Ties* (Ongoing, with an initial focus on the first six months):

Fostering social capital within TechGiant through initiatives that promote networking, knowledge sharing, and collaboration can accelerate the organization's innovation speed and

performance (Sarfraz et al., 2019). By investing in building weak social ties and facilitating communication across departments and hierarchies, TechGiant can leverage the collective intelligence of its workforce to drive innovation and adapt to market challenges effectively (Granovetter, 1983). This networking initiative can be achieved within the following timelines:

- Months 1-3: Launch networking and collaboration initiatives
- Months 4-6: Intensify cross-departmental projects
- Ongoing: Regular events and activities to foster social capital

5. *Encourage creativity* (Ongoing, with an initial focus on the first six months).

Integrating practices that enhance organizational creativity and empower employees to take ownership of innovation processes can further strengthen the organization's ability to respond to disruptive innovations (Sarfraz et al., 2019). By creating a culture that values experimentation, tolerates failure, and encourages continuous learning, companies can instill a mindset of innovation across all levels, enabling them to stay ahead in a rapidly evolving business landscape (Ahmed, 1998; Manso, 2017; Halmaghi & Todăriță, 2023). The following timelines were recommended:

Months 1-3: Introduce creativity-enhancing practices

A structured approach combining top-down and bottom-up initiatives is recommended to effectively introduce creativity-enhancing practices within the first three months (Li, 2023). This approach is based on established organizational creativity and innovation models, such as Amabile's (1997) componential theory of creativity and West's (2002) team climate for innovation model.

Month 1: Laying the Groundwork

1. *Creativity Assessment*: Conduct an organization-wide creativity assessment using validated tools such as the KEYS to

Creativity and Innovation (Amabile et al., 1996). This will establish a baseline and identify areas for improvement.

2. *Leadership Workshop*: Implement a one-day workshop for leadership to introduce the importance of creativity and innovation based on the transformational leadership model (Bass & Riggio, 2006; Jun & Lee, 2023). This workshop will focus on:

- o Understanding the role of leadership in fostering creativity
- o Techniques for encouraging and rewarding creative thinking
- o Strategies for creating a psychologically safe environment for idea-sharing

3. *Introduce "Innovation Time"*: Following Google's 20%-time model (Brock, 2015), allocate 10% of employees' time for creative pursuits unrelated to their primary tasks.

Month 2: Employee Engagement and Skill Development

1. *Creativity Training Workshops*: Implement a series of workshops based on the Creative Problem Solving (CPS) model (Treffinger et al., 2023). These workshops will cover:

- o Divergent and convergent thinking techniques
- o Brainstorming and idea generation methods
- o Problem reframing and opportunity finding

2. *Cross-functional Innovation Teams*: Form cross-functional teams to work on specific organizational challenges, promoting diverse perspectives and collaborative problem-solving (Edmondson & Harvey, 2018).

3. *Idea Management System*: Implement an idea management platform (e.g., Bright Idea) to capture, evaluate, and track innovative ideas from all employees.

Month 3: Embedding Creativity in Organizational Culture

1. *Innovation Spaces*: Designate physical and virtual spaces for creative

work and collaboration, incorporating elements of design thinking (Klooker & Hölzle, 2023).

2. *Creativity Metrics*: Introduce Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to measure and incentivize creative output and innovative behavior (Birkinshaw & Haas, 2016).

3. *“Fail Forward” Initiative*: Launch a program that celebrates and learns from failures, encouraging calculated risk-taking and experimentation (Edmondson, 2011; Rhaïem & Amara, 2019).

This three-month plan combines top-down strategic initiatives with bottom-up employee engagement, fostering a culture of creativity and innovation. The approach is based on established models and research in organizational creativity, ensuring a solid foundation for long-term innovation success.

It is important to note that while this plan provides a structured approach, it should be adapted to the organization's specific context and needs. Regular feedback and iteration will be crucial for optimizing the effectiveness of these interventions.

Months 4-6: Implement innovation processes across departments

Ongoing: Regular innovation challenges and idea-sharing sessions

4. *People (12 months)*: Invest in training programs to develop employees' adaptability skills and foster a culture of continuous learning. This will be achieved through the following:

- Months 1-3: Develop training programs

- Months 4-9: Roll out training across the organization

- Months 10-12: Evaluate effectiveness and refine programs

5. *Strategy (3-4 months)*: Communicate a new organizational strategy that prioritizes agility and innovation, aligning all other elements of the Star Model.

- Month 1: Develop a new strategic communication plan

- Months 2-3: Communicate new strategy across the organization

- Month 4: Gather feedback and refine communication

While the proposed strategic interventions offer a comprehensive approach to enhancing TechGiant's organizational agility and innovation capacity, it is imperative to acknowledge and systematically evaluate the potential risks associated with implementing such transformative changes.

5. Risk Assessment

1. *Resistance to Change*:

- Risk: Employees may resist new structures and processes.

- Mitigation: Implement a robust change management program, including clear communication and employee involvement in the change process.

2. *Disruption to Ongoing Operations*:

- Risk: Organizational changes may temporarily disrupt productivity.

- Mitigation: Phase implementation should be done carefully, and adequate support should be provided during transitions.

3. *Misalignment of New Rewards System*:

- Risk: New incentives may not effectively motivate desired behaviors.

- Mitigation: Conduct thorough analysis and pilot testing before full implementation.

4. *Ineffective Agile Implementation*:

- Risk: Agile methodologies may only be suitable for some departments.

- Mitigation: Tailor agile practices to each department's needs and provide comprehensive training.

5. *Loss of Key Personnel*:

- Risk: Organizational changes may lead to attrition of valuable employees.

- Mitigation: Engage key personnel in the change process and provide clear career paths in the new structure.

6. *Information Security Risks*:

- Risk: Increased collaboration may compromise sensitive information.

- Mitigation: Implement robust information security protocols and training.

7. *Cost Overruns:*

- Risk: Implementation costs may exceed the budget.

- Mitigation: Detailed budgeting, regular financial reviews, and phased implementation.

8. *Skill Gaps:*

- Risk: Employees may need more skills for new roles or processes.

- Mitigation: Comprehensive training programs and strategic hiring where necessary.

9. *Cultural Mismatch:*

- Risk: New practices may clash with existing organizational culture.

- Mitigation: Gradual culture change initiatives and leadership modeling of desired behaviors.

10. *External Market Changes:*

- Risk: Rapid market changes may outpace organizational transformation.

- Mitigation: Build flexibility into implementation plans and regularly reassess strategic goals.

This risk assessment provides a foundation for developing a comprehensive risk management plan to support the successful implementation of the proposed strategies.

While the proposed strategic interventions offered a comprehensive approach to enhancing TechGiant's organizational agility and innovation capacity, it was crucial to complement these internal changes with a deeper understanding of external market dynamics, particularly consumer behavior, to ensure the organization's strategies were effectively aligned with market demands and consumer preferences.

6. **Interdisciplinary Integration**

A more holistic insight into consumer behavior was believed to help TechGiant tailor its marketing strategies. Consumer psychology, a subdiscipline of psychology

and marketing, was considered an appropriate academic discipline.

Consumer Psychology offers a multifaceted approach to understanding consumer behavior, which provided valuable insights for TechGiant's strategic marketing efforts (Luo & Xiao, 2021). This discipline integrates principles from cognitive psychology, social psychology, and behavioral economics to explain how consumers think, feel, and act in the marketplace (Wänke, 2008).

➤ **Analysis of Consumer Psychology's potential contributions:** For instance, understanding how consumers process information creates more user-friendly interfaces, while insights into decision-making inform the design of persuasive marketing messages.

Emotional Factors: The discipline explores the role of emotions in consumer decision-making (Lerner et al., 2015; Achar et al., 2016), which is particularly relevant in the technology sector. Here, brand loyalty and user experience are crucial. TechGiant leveraged this understanding to create more emotionally resonant marketing campaigns and product designs, making the customers feel that the information directly applies to their work.

Social Influence: Consumer Psychology examines how social factors, including peer influence and cultural norms, affect consumer choices (Melnik et al., 2021; Hu et al., 2019). This insight guided TechGiant in developing marketing strategies that leverage social proof and community-building.

Behavioral Economics: Integrating economic principles with psychological insights helped TechGiant understand how consumers responded to pricing strategies, promotions, and choice architecture in digital environments.

Technology Adoption: Consumer Psychology provided frameworks for understanding how consumers adopt new technologies (Mick & Fournier, 1998),

which is critical for TechGiant's product development and marketing strategies in a rapidly evolving tech landscape.

Cross-cultural Considerations: As global markets become increasingly important, Consumer Psychology's insights into cross-cultural consumer behavior helped TechGiant tailor its marketing approaches for different regions (Michaelidou et al., 2015).

Digital Consumer Behavior: With digital platforms' increasing importance, Consumer Psychology's focus on online consumer behavior, including digital decision-making processes and e-commerce patterns, is particularly relevant for TechGiant (Martínez-Ruiz & Moser, 2019).

Hence, TechGiant developed more nuanced and effective marketing strategies by incorporating consumer psychology into its strategic planning. This approach aligned with the company's need for agility and innovation. It is helping TechGiant respond to current market trends and anticipate and shape future consumer needs and preferences. Moreover, the insights gained from Consumer Psychology can inform other aspects of TechGiant's operations, such as product development, customer service, and user experience design, contributing to a more holistic approach to organizational agility and market responsiveness.

In conclusion, leveraging Consumer Psychology can provide TechGiant with a competitive edge. Offering more profound insights into consumer behavior enables more targeted and effective marketing strategies, ultimately contributing to the company's overall goal of enhancing its agility and market position in the dynamic technology sector.

Having delineated the strategic interventions informed by Galbraith's Star Model and integrated insights from consumer psychology, it is instructive to examine these approaches' practical implementation and outcomes through an

experiential, participatory narrative that illustrates TechGiant's Corporation transformation in action.

➤ **Experiential, Participatory Story Framing:**

These recommendations have been adopted by TechGiant and put into practice since mid-June 2024. As TechGiant implemented these changes, we observed a gradual but significant shift in organizational dynamics. The matrix structure initially caused some confusion, but employees quickly adapted and appreciated the increased cross-functional collaboration.

One product team tasked with developing a response to a competitor's new AI-powered software exemplified the benefits of the new approach. Under the old structure, this project would have taken months to get off the ground. Now, with a cross-functional team empowered to make decisions and a clear reward structure for innovation, they were able to develop and launch a competing product in just six weeks. A junior developer on this team shared, *"For the first time, I feel like my ideas are being heard and acted upon. It is incredibly motivating."*

The agile methodologies introduced across departments led to more frequent, more minor releases of products and features. This allowed TechGiant to test market reception and iterate quickly based on real-time feedback.

While challenges remain, particularly in balancing the new flexible structure with necessary governance, the initial results are promising. Over the six months, TechGiant has seen a 30% increase in new product launches and a 25% reduction in time to market for significant features.

This experience demonstrates that traditional corporations can enhance their agility and responsiveness to market challenges by aligning structure, processes, rewards, people, and strategy, as Galbraith's Star Model suggested. The key lies in a holistic approach to organizational design beyond simply flattening hierarchies.

In conclusion, TechGiant Corporation must leverage its strengths and address its weaknesses to navigate the dynamic business environment. The strategic management plan outlined in this paper provides a roadmap for achieving competitive advantage and long-term success. This strategic management plan not only addresses the immediate challenges faced by TechGiant Corporation but also sets the foundation for sustained growth and innovation in the long term.

➤ **Research Limitations and Recommendations for Further Research: Limitations:**

1. *Single Case Study*: The research focuses on a single corporation (TechGiant), which may limit the generalizability of findings to other organizations or industries.

2. *Time Constraints*: The mini-design ethnography was conducted over a year, which may not capture the long-term effects of organizational changes.

3. *Potential Researcher Bias*: The subjective nature of qualitative research methods may introduce bias in data interpretation.

4. *Limited Quantitative Data*: The study relies heavily on qualitative data, which may not provide measurable metrics for assessing the effectiveness of the proposed interventions.

5. *Lack of Implementation Data*: The study proposes interventions but needs to include data on their implementation and outcomes.

Recommendations for Further Research:

1. *Longitudinal Studies*: Conduct long-term studies to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed interventions over time.

2. *Multi-Case Analysis*: Expand the research to include multiple corporations across different industries to enhance generalizability.

3. *Quantitative Assessment*: Incorporate quantitative metrics to measure the impact of organizational changes on agility and innovation.

4. *Cross-Cultural Studies*: Investigate how cultural factors influence the effectiveness of agility-enhancing interventions in global corporations.

5. *Technology Integration*: Explore the role of emerging technologies in facilitating organizational agility and their integration with the proposed interventions.

6. *Employee Adaptation*: Study the psychological and behavioral aspects of employee adaptation to organizational changes to enhance agility.

7. *Comparative Analysis*: Compare the effectiveness of different theoretical models in enhancing organizational agility.

8. *Market Performance Correlation*: Investigate the correlation between enhanced organizational agility and market performance metrics.

These recommendations address the current study's limitations and expand the understanding of organizational agility in traditional corporations facing disruptive innovations.

7. Conclusion

This study has examined the critical challenges traditional corporations like TechGiant Corporation face in maintaining agility and competitiveness in rapidly evolving markets. The research has proposed a comprehensive strategic intervention model based on Galbraith's Star Model and integrated insights from consumer psychology to enhance organizational agility and innovation capacity.

The findings from the mini-design ethnography revealed that TechGiant's rigid hierarchical structure significantly impeded its ability to respond swiftly and effectively to market disruptions. Employees expressed frustration with the slow decision-making processes and the inability to capitalize on emerging opportunities. These insights

highlighted the pressing need for a strategic intervention to address the organization's structural, process, reward, people, and strategic alignment.

The proposed intervention, grounded in Galbraith's (2005) Star Model, outlines a multifaceted approach to organizational redesign. This includes restructuring the hierarchy to promote cross-functional collaboration, implementing agile methodologies organization-wide, developing a new incentive system to reward innovation, fostering social capital and creativity, and aligning the overall strategy to prioritize agility and responsiveness. This comprehensive approach holds the potential to transform traditional corporations like TechGiant, making them more agile and competitive in dynamic markets.

The study further incorporated insights from consumer psychology to ensure that TechGiant's internal changes were effectively aligned with market demands and consumer preferences. By understanding emotional factors, social influences, and technology adoption patterns, the company could better tailor its marketing strategies and product development to meet its customers' evolving needs.

The experiential narrative provided an illustrative example of how these strategic interventions were implemented at TechGiant, demonstrating the positive initial outcomes, including a 30% increase in new product launches and a 25% reduction in time to market. This experience underscores the importance of a holistic approach to organizational redesign, moving beyond simply flattening hierarchies to cultivate a culture of agility and innovation.

While the results are promising, it is crucial to acknowledge this study's limitations, including its focus on a single case, the time constraints of the mini-design ethnography, and the need for more comprehensive quantitative data on the interventions' long-term effectiveness. Future research should explore longitudinal studies, cross-industry comparisons, and further integration of emerging technologies to enhance our understanding of organizational agility in traditional corporations.

By addressing the design problem of rigid hierarchical structures and proposing a strategic intervention model grounded in established theoretical frameworks, this study significantly contributes to the body of knowledge on strategic management and organizational behavior. The findings and recommendations offer valuable insights for academic researchers and practitioners, underscoring their work's significance in navigating disruptive innovations' challenges and maintaining a competitive edge in dynamic markets.

In conclusion, this research has demonstrated that traditional corporations can enhance their agility and responsiveness by aligning their organizational structure, processes, rewards, people, and strategic priorities. By embracing a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach that integrates insights from consumer psychology, these organizations can better position themselves to thrive in an era of rapid change and technological disruption. The potential benefits of this approach are significant, offering a promising future for traditional corporations in dynamic markets.

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