



STRATEGIC MEDIA MANAGEMENT: BALANCING CREATIVITY AND BUSINESS

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Abstract: *This article examines the strategic role of media management in maintaining a sustainable balance between creative innovation and commercial profitability. In today's rapidly transforming media landscape, media organizations must simultaneously protect artistic originality and ensure economic efficiency. The study explores theoretical foundations and practical applications of strategic media management, emphasizing its growing importance in global digital markets.*

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Introduction

The digital transformation of the global media industry has intensified competition among content creators, streaming platforms, and advertising-based media companies. Modern media institutions no longer operate solely as cultural producers but also as strategic business entities competing for global audiences [1]. As a result, strategic media management has emerged as a critical discipline that aligns creative decision-making with long-term commercial sustainability.

Theoretical Foundations of Strategic Media Management

Strategic media management lies at the intersection of creativity, business strategy, and technological innovation. According to Küng, media leaders must possess “dual literacy” — the ability to understand both storytelling dynamics and market economics [1]. This field focuses on:

- ✓ Long-term positioning and brand identity
- ✓ Audience behavior forecasting using data analytics
- ✓ Integration of AI, automation, and distribution platforms



✓ Protection of cultural integrity while expanding globally

Scholars argue that creativity alone is insufficient without structured management frameworks and performance evaluation models [2].

Practical Significance in the Digital Media Industry

In recent years, platforms such as Netflix, YouTube, and Disney+ have demonstrated the economic power of data-driven strategic media models [3].

Practical applications of strategic media management include:

✓ Content personalization through algorithmic recommendation systems [2]

✓ Budget optimization and investment risk assessment

✓ Multi-platform content distribution and brand positioning

✓ Monetization models such as subscription, advertisement, and partnership ecosystems

Failure to implement strategic management may result in creative content being overshadowed or commercially unsustainable.

Conclusion

Strategic media management ensures that creativity and business objectives function not in conflict but in mutual reinforcement. By integrating artistic innovation with market intelligence and technological adaptation, media organizations can secure long-term sustainability in the global digital economy. In the future, ethical responsibility, AI integration, and audience trust will further define the evolution of media management practices.

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