

A Comparative Evaluation of Competing Frameworks for Strategic Decision-Making in Organizational Resilience

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Abstract. In an increasingly volatile global landscape, organizations face unprecedented challenges necessitating adaptive strategies for resilience. This study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative surveys with qualitative interviews to investigate the effectiveness of three strategic decision-making frameworks: the Contingency Theory, the Resource-Based View, and the Dynamic Capabilities Model. A sample of 150 middle to senior managers from various sectors was subjected to a structured questionnaire alongside in-depth case studies. Our findings reveal that the Dynamic Capabilities Model significantly outperforms the other frameworks in fostering organizational agility and responsiveness, evidenced by a 23% improvement in decision-making efficiency and a statistically significant p-value of <0.01 . This research contributes to the discourse on strategic management by providing empirical insights that challenge traditional approaches, offering a nuanced understanding of how organizations can better navigate complexity and uncertainty. The implications for both theory and practice are profound, underscoring the necessity for a paradigm shift in strategic management education and implementation.

Keywords: organizational resilience, strategic decision-making, Dynamic Capabilities Model, Resource-Based View, Contingency Theory, management frameworks, adaptive strategies, quantitative analysis, qualitative insights

Introduction

The global economy is currently grappling with unprecedented levels of volatility and uncertainty, driven by factors such as rapid technological advancement, geopolitical tensions, and the repercussions of climate change. Organizations are increasingly recognized as complex adaptive systems that must evolve continuously to remain competitive in this dynamic environment. A core challenge facing these entities is the ability to make informed strategic decisions that enhance organizational resilience. Resilience is defined herein as the capacity of an organization to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disruptive events. As we look towards the years 2024 to 2026, it becomes increasingly evident that organizations must leverage strategic frameworks that not only account for immediate operational challenges but also facilitate long-term adaptability. However, existing literature reveals critical gaps in understanding the practical implications of these frameworks. Notably, while prior research has identified various models for strategic decision-making—such as the Contingency Theory, Resource-Based View, and Dynamic Capabilities—many studies have failed to empirically validate their effectiveness in real-world settings, often relying on theoretical constructs rather than rigorous testing. Moreover, previous analyses tend to overlook the contextual variables that may influence decision-making efficacy, leading to a disjointed understanding of how to best implement these frameworks across different industries. This study is motivated by these identified literature gaps and aims to directly address the following research questions: 1) How do different strategic frameworks compare in their effectiveness for developing organizational resilience? 2) What contextual factors enhance or inhibit the application of these frameworks within various sectors? To answer these questions, the paper is structured as follows: the subsequent section outlines the methodology employed; following this, we present the results and discussion; and finally, we conclude with implications for practice and future research directions.

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Methodology

This study employs a sequential explanatory mixed-methods design, focusing on the interplay between quantitative data collection and qualitative insights. The quantitative phase utilized an online survey distributed to 150 middle- and senior-level managers across various sectors, including manufacturing, healthcare, and technology. The survey was crafted using Qualtrics version 2022.4, incorporating validated scales measuring the effectiveness of the Contingency Theory, Resource-Based View, and Dynamic Capabilities Model. Each item was measured on a 5-point Likert scale, ensuring robust statistical analysis. Following the quantitative analysis, which included regression analysis and ANOVA using SPSS version 27, the qualitative phase involved conducting semi-structured interviews with 30 managers who completed the survey, providing deeper insights into their experiences and perceptions related to resilience frameworks. These interviews were recorded, transcribed using Otter.ai, and thematically analyzed using NVivo 12 software.

The methodological rigor was enhanced through a triangulation approach, ensuring the reliability and validity of findings. The analytical models applied include multivariate regression analysis to assess the influence of organizational factors on decision-making efficiency, with focus metrics including error rates and decision latency. The findings from these two phases were then integrated to provide a comprehensive understanding of how strategic frameworks can inform organizational resilience, highlighting both statistical significance and contextual relevance.

Results and Discussion

The analysis yielded compelling findings that underscore the superiority of the Dynamic Capabilities Model in enhancing organizational resilience. Specifically, organizations utilizing this framework reported a 23% increase in decision-making efficiency, corroborated by a significant p-value of <0.01 , indicating high statistical relevance. In contrast, the Contingency Theory demonstrated a mere 12% efficiency gain, while the Resource-Based View yielded a 15% improvement. These results suggest that the Dynamic Capabilities Model not only facilitates quicker decision-making processes but also enhances the overall adaptability of organizations to external shocks. Further analysis revealed that contextual factors such as industry type, organizational size, and management experience played crucial roles in the successful implementation of these frameworks. For instance, the technology sector exhibited the highest adaptation rates, with a noted latency reduction of 30% in decision-making timelines when applying the Dynamic Capabilities Model compared to traditional methods. This underscores the necessity of tailoring strategic frameworks to specific organizational contexts. The implications of these findings extend beyond theoretical contributions; they inform practitioners about the critical need to reassess existing strategic frameworks in favor of those that enhance resilience. Future research should explore longitudinal studies to validate these findings over time and expand upon the variables influencing the effective application of these frameworks.

Conclusions

In conclusion, this study provides empirical evidence supporting the effectiveness of the Dynamic Capabilities Model as a superior framework for enhancing organizational resilience in today's complex business environment. The policy implications are significant, suggesting that organizations must reassess their strategic approaches to decision-making in light of these findings to foster long-term sustainability and adaptability. Furthermore, this research opens avenues for future investigations, particularly longitudinal studies that explore the impact of evolving external factors on the efficacy of strategic frameworks. The ongoing evolution of the global marketplace necessitates continuous refinement of these models, guiding organizations towards a more resilient future.

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