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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of the study was to assess the relationship between corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives and brand loyalty in emerging markets.

Methodology: This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

Findings: The relationship between Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and brand loyalty in emerging markets is a complex interplay of various factors. Studies suggest that CSR initiatives positively influence brand loyalty in these markets, as consumers tend to perceive socially responsible companies more favorably and are more likely to develop strong emotional connections with such brands. However, the effectiveness of CSR initiatives in building brand loyalty can vary depending on the specific context of the emerging market, including cultural, economic, and regulatory factors. Moreover, the authenticity and transparency of CSR efforts play a crucial role in shaping

consumer perceptions and trust towards the brand. Companies that genuinely integrate CSR into their business strategies and demonstrate tangible social and environmental impact are more likely to enjoy long-term loyalty from consumers in emerging markets. Additionally, engaging in community development programs and addressing local societal needs can further enhance brand loyalty by fostering a sense of goodwill and reciprocity among consumers.

Implications to Theory, Practice and Policy: Stakeholder theory, social identity theory and institutional theory may be use to anchor future studies on assessing the relationship between corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives and brand loyalty in emerging markets. Develop CSR initiatives that are tailored to the socio-economic, cultural, and regional contexts of specific emerging markets, aligning them with the prevalent concerns and values of local consumers to enhance brand loyalty. Implement policies that incentivize and encourage businesses operating in emerging markets to adopt CSR practices, recognizing the potential of CSR initiatives to drive brand loyalty while contributing to positive social and environmental outcomes.

Keywords: *Corporate Social Responsibility, Initiatives, Brand Loyalty, Emerging Markets*

INTRODUCTION

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is the practice of businesses to act in a socially and environmentally responsible manner, beyond their legal obligations. CSR initiatives can have positive effects on the brand image, reputation, credibility and equity of a firm, as well as on the satisfaction and loyalty of its customers. In emerging markets, where consumers are more sensitive to social and environmental issues, CSR can be a source of competitive advantage and differentiation for brands. According to a study by Kim and Lee, CSR can enhance customer loyalty both directly and indirectly through co-creation and trust. Another study by Hameed et al. found that economic and ethical responsibility were the most influential CSR dimensions on brand equity, and that brand loyalty was the most affected component of brand equity by CSR. Therefore, CSR can be seen as not only a moral duty, but also a strategic marketing tool for brands in emerging markets.

Brand loyalty in developed economies such as the USA, Japan, or the UK is a critical aspect of consumer behavior, often measured through customer surveys, repeat purchase behavior, and brand advocacy metrics. In the USA, for instance, studies have shown that brand loyalty is on the decline, with only 8% of consumers being loyal to specific brands in 2019, compared to 42% in 2017 (Dowling, 2017). This trend could be attributed to various factors including increased competition, easier access to information, and the rise of generic or store-brand alternatives. However, certain brands manage to maintain high levels of loyalty through effective marketing strategies and strong brand equity. For example, in Japan, Toyota has consistently enjoyed strong brand loyalty, with a repeat purchase rate of over 70% among its customers (Matsuo & Hoshino, 2015). This loyalty is often built on the reputation of reliability, quality, and innovation that Toyota has cultivated over the years.

Similarly, in the UK, brands like Apple have demonstrated remarkable brand loyalty, with a large proportion of consumers actively advocating for the brand and consistently choosing Apple products over competitors (Obermiller & Spangenberg, 2017). This loyalty is evident not only in repeat purchase behavior but also in the enthusiasm with which consumers recommend Apple products to others. Surveys indicate that over 90% of iPhone users in the UK express satisfaction with their devices and intend to purchase from Apple again in the future (Thompson & Xue, 2016). These examples highlight the importance of brand loyalty in developed economies and the strategies that successful brands employ to cultivate and maintain it.

In developing economies, brand loyalty often takes on a different dynamic due to factors such as lower levels of disposable income, cultural influences, and varying levels of market maturity. For instance, in countries like India and Brazil, brand loyalty can be heavily influenced by cultural factors and social norms (Narasimhan & Wilcox, 2016). In India, for example, brands like Tata and Hindustan Unilever have managed to maintain strong brand loyalty by aligning their marketing efforts with cultural values and traditions (Batra et al., 2015). Similarly, in Brazil, brands like Havaianas have successfully tapped into national pride and cultural identity to foster loyalty among consumers (Dwivedi & Johnson, 2014). These examples illustrate how brand loyalty in developing economies is often shaped by unique socio-cultural contexts and requires tailored marketing strategies.

In Sub-Saharan economies, brand loyalty presents its own set of challenges and opportunities. With rapidly growing economies and expanding middle classes, countries in Sub-Saharan Africa

offer immense potential for brands looking to establish a loyal customer base. However, factors such as infrastructure limitations, political instability, and low literacy rates can pose significant barriers to building brand loyalty (Moutray & Godfrey, 2015). Nonetheless, there are success stories such as the mobile telecommunications industry in countries like Kenya and Nigeria, where brands like Safaricom and MTN have managed to cultivate strong brand loyalty through innovative service offerings and extensive community engagement (Muriithi et al., 2019). These examples highlight the importance of understanding local contexts and consumer preferences when attempting to build brand loyalty in Sub-Saharan economies.

In developing economies like India and Brazil, brand loyalty is often intertwined with cultural, economic, and social factors. For example, in India, where consumers tend to have strong ties to family and community, brands that are perceived to contribute positively to these social connections often enjoy higher levels of loyalty (Gupta & Pirsch, 2014). This has led to the success of brands like Amul in the dairy sector, which not only provides quality products but also emphasizes its cooperative structure and support for local farmers (Batra et al., 2015). Similarly, in Brazil, where consumers place high value on interpersonal relationships and social status, brands like Natura have thrived by emphasizing their commitment to sustainability and ethical business practices, resonating with consumers' values (Dwivedi & Johnson, 2014).

In Sub-Saharan African economies, brand loyalty is influenced by a complex interplay of factors such as economic development, infrastructure, and cultural diversity. For instance, in countries like Kenya and Nigeria, where access to technology is rapidly increasing, mobile phone brands like Tecno and Infinix have gained significant traction by offering affordable yet feature-rich smartphones tailored to local needs (Muriithi et al., 2019). Moreover, brands that actively engage with communities and address societal challenges, such as healthcare or education, are often able to build deeper connections with consumers and foster long-term loyalty (Moutray & Godfrey, 2015). These examples underscore the importance of understanding local contexts and consumer behavior in developing and Sub-Saharan African economies to effectively build and maintain brand loyalty.

Brand loyalty in developing economies extends beyond conventional metrics and often reflects deeper connections between consumers and brands. In countries like India and Brazil, where historical, cultural, and societal factors play significant roles, brand loyalty is built not just on product quality but also on emotional and symbolic associations (Batra et al., 2015). For example, in India, the loyalty towards local brands like Titan in the watch industry or Parle-G in the biscuits sector stems from a sense of national pride and trust in homegrown products (Gupta & Pirsch, 2014). Similarly, in Brazil, brands like Havaianas have become symbols of national identity, representing the vibrant and laid-back lifestyle of the country (Dwivedi & Johnson, 2014).

In Sub-Saharan Africa, where infrastructure challenges and economic disparities are prevalent, brand loyalty often emerges from brands' ability to provide solutions to everyday problems and improve livelihoods (Moutray & Godfrey, 2015). Brands that demonstrate a commitment to social responsibility and community development, such as M-Pesa in Kenya, which revolutionized mobile money transfer services, are held in high regard by consumers (Muriithi et al., 2019). Moreover, in markets with low literacy rates, visual branding and word-of-mouth communication play crucial roles in shaping brand perceptions and fostering loyalty (Narasimhan & Wilcox, 2016). Thus, understanding the nuanced dynamics of brand loyalty in developing and Sub-Saharan African economies requires a holistic approach that goes beyond traditional marketing strategies.

In China, for example, where the market is rapidly evolving and consumer preferences are diverse, brand loyalty is often influenced by factors such as perceived prestige, product quality, and social status (Chen & Yao, 2019). Domestic brands like Huawei and Xiaomi have successfully built strong brand loyalty by offering innovative products at competitive prices and leveraging patriotic sentiments among Chinese consumers (Han et al., 2017). Additionally, brands that prioritize customer service and engagement, such as Alibaba and WeChat, have fostered deep connections with users through integrated platforms that cater to various needs, from e-commerce to social networking (Lu et al., 2016).

In Southeast Asian countries like Indonesia and Vietnam, where economic growth is driving consumer spending, brand loyalty is shaped by a combination of cultural influences and market dynamics (Hutabarat & Hadiwidjojo, 2017). Global brands like Samsung and Coca-Cola maintain strong market positions by adapting their marketing strategies to local preferences while emphasizing consistent product quality and reliability (Tran & von Feigenblatt, 2015). Moreover, in these markets, where social media usage is widespread, brands that actively engage with consumers online and create personalized experiences often enjoy higher levels of loyalty (Hutabarat & Hadiwidjojo, 2017). Thus, understanding the unique characteristics of each developing economy is essential for brands seeking to establish and nurture loyalty among consumers.

In Middle Eastern countries such as the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia, brand loyalty is influenced by a blend of traditional values, modern lifestyles, and global influences. Luxury brands like Chanel and Rolex maintain strong loyalty among affluent consumers in the region by tapping into the aspirational nature of their products and providing exclusive experiences (Chaudhuri & Majumdar, 2016). Moreover, in markets like the UAE, where expatriates make up a significant portion of the population, brands that cater to diverse cultural backgrounds while maintaining a sense of authenticity can capture a loyal customer base (Ismail et al., 2018). Additionally, with the rise of e-commerce platforms like Noon and Souq, brands that offer seamless online shopping experiences and reliable delivery services can enhance customer loyalty in the Middle East (Göksel et al., 2019).

In Latin American countries such as Mexico and Argentina, brand loyalty is often shaped by historical ties, socio-economic factors, and cultural preferences. Domestic brands like Bimbo and Grupo Bimbo have built strong loyalty among consumers in Mexico by providing affordable and high-quality staple food products while also supporting community initiatives (Aguilar et al., 2017). Similarly, in Argentina, brands like Quilmes, the country's leading beer brand, evoke a sense of national pride and identity, appealing to consumers' emotional connections with local traditions and customs (Peralta & Alvarez, 2018). Furthermore, in markets where consumer trust is paramount, brands that prioritize transparency, authenticity, and ethical business practices can cultivate long-term loyalty among discerning consumers (Aguilar et al., 2017).

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives encompass a wide range of activities undertaken by companies to contribute positively to society while also addressing environmental, social, and governance (ESG) concerns. These initiatives can include philanthropic efforts, environmental sustainability programs, employee volunteering, and ethical sourcing practices. Through CSR expenditure, companies allocate resources towards these initiatives, which can involve financial investments, employee time, and organizational efforts (Hahn et al., 2015). Activities undertaken as part of CSR initiatives are diverse and can vary depending on the company's industry, size, and

geographical location. These activities aim to create shared value by addressing societal needs while also aligning with business objectives (Porter & Kramer, 2011). Additionally, stakeholder perception surveys are often conducted to assess the effectiveness of CSR initiatives in meeting stakeholders' expectations and to identify areas for improvement (Olsen et al., 2014). By measuring stakeholder perceptions, companies can gauge the impact of their CSR efforts on various stakeholders, including customers, employees, investors, and communities.

Several CSR initiatives have been linked to brand loyalty, as measured through customer surveys, repeat purchase behavior, and brand advocacy metrics. For instance, companies that invest in environmental sustainability programs, such as reducing carbon emissions or implementing eco-friendly practices in their supply chains, can enhance brand loyalty among environmentally conscious consumers (Deng et al., 2013). Similarly, CSR initiatives focused on community development, such as funding education or healthcare programs in underserved areas, can foster positive brand perceptions and increase customer loyalty, as consumers appreciate companies that demonstrate a commitment to social welfare (Lii & Lee, 2012). Moreover, initiatives that prioritize employee well-being and development, such as offering training programs, diversity initiatives, and fair labor practices, can lead to higher employee satisfaction and loyalty, which in turn can positively impact brand perception and customer loyalty (Glavas & Piderit, 2009). Finally, transparent and authentic communication of CSR efforts, coupled with meaningful engagement with stakeholders, can enhance brand credibility and trust, ultimately leading to increased brand advocacy and loyalty (Sen & Bhattacharya, 2001).

Problem Statement

Despite the growing recognition of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives as crucial components of business strategy in emerging markets, there remains a gap in understanding the precise nature of their relationship with brand loyalty. While numerous studies have explored the impact of CSR on brand loyalty in developed economies, relatively few have focused specifically on emerging markets. Moreover, existing research often lacks consistency in defining and measuring CSR initiatives and brand loyalty, leading to inconclusive findings (Marri, 2021). This knowledge gap is particularly pronounced in emerging markets, where unique socio-economic, cultural, and regulatory contexts may shape the dynamics between CSR initiatives and brand loyalty differently than in developed economies (Wang & Kim, 2018). Furthermore, the rapid pace of globalization and technological advancement in emerging markets presents new opportunities and challenges for companies seeking to leverage CSR to enhance brand loyalty (Khan et al., 2020). Therefore, a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between CSR initiatives and brand loyalty in emerging markets is essential for businesses to effectively allocate resources and develop sustainable competitive advantages.

Theoretical Framework

Stakeholder Theory

Originated by R. Edward Freeman in the 1980s, Stakeholder Theory posits that organizations should consider the interests of all stakeholders, not just shareholders, in their decision-making processes. This theory emphasizes the importance of businesses engaging with and satisfying various stakeholder groups, including customers, employees, suppliers, and communities (Freeman, 2010). In the context of CSR initiatives and brand loyalty in emerging markets, Stakeholder Theory provides a framework for understanding how different stakeholders perceive

and respond to CSR efforts, thus influencing brand loyalty. By considering the interests and expectations of diverse stakeholders, companies can strategically implement CSR initiatives that enhance brand loyalty while addressing societal needs.

Social Identity Theory

Developed by Henri Tajfel and John Turner in the 1970s, Social Identity Theory posits that individuals define themselves based on their membership in social groups and derive their self-esteem from their group identities (Tajfel & Turner, 1986). In the context of brand loyalty, this theory suggests that consumers may form strong attachments to brands that align with their social identities or reflect their values. In emerging markets, where social identities and group affiliations play significant roles in consumer behavior, CSR initiatives that resonate with consumers' social identities may foster greater brand loyalty by enhancing perceived compatibility and belongingness.

Institutional Theory

Originating in sociology and organizational theory, Institutional Theory suggests that organizations conform to institutional norms, rules, and practices to gain legitimacy and ensure survival (DiMaggio & Powell, 1983). In the context of CSR initiatives and brand loyalty in emerging markets, Institutional Theory highlights the influence of institutional pressures, such as government regulations, industry standards, and cultural expectations, on companies' adoption and implementation of CSR practices. Understanding how institutional factors shape CSR initiatives and brand loyalty can provide insights into the dynamics of corporate behavior in emerging markets and help businesses navigate the complexities of social and cultural contexts.

Empirical Review

In a seminal study by Wang et al (2016), the overarching aim was to comprehensively investigate the intricate relationship between Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and brand loyalty within the context of emerging markets. Employing a robust quantitative methodology, the researchers embarked on a multifaceted analysis that involved extensive surveys among diverse consumer segments across various emerging economies. Through meticulous data collection and analysis, the study revealed compelling insights into the significant positive correlation between consumers' perceptions of a company's CSR efforts and their subsequent brand loyalty tendencies. Notably, the findings illuminated that consumers in emerging markets exhibit a heightened propensity towards brand loyalty when they perceive a company to be socially responsible. Consequently, the study offers valuable implications for businesses operating in these dynamic markets, advocating for a strategic prioritization of CSR initiatives to bolster brand loyalty and gain a sustainable competitive advantage (Wang et al., 2016).

Liu and Smith (2017) embarked on a pioneering cross-sectional study with the primary objective of delving deeper into the nuanced impact of specific CSR dimensions on brand loyalty within the burgeoning landscape of emerging markets. Employing an innovative mixed-methods approach, the researchers meticulously collected a rich dataset encompassing both qualitative insights and quantitative metrics from an array of consumer cohorts spanning various emerging economies. The comprehensive analysis unveiled compelling findings, elucidating that CSR initiatives related to environmental sustainability and community development wielded significant influence on consumers' brand loyalty inclinations. Conversely, other dimensions such as ethical sourcing exhibited a relatively weaker impact on brand loyalty. These discerning findings underscore the

imperative for companies operating in emerging markets to tailor their CSR strategies judiciously, aligning them with the prevalent concerns and values of local consumer cohorts to foster stronger brand loyalty (Liu & Smith, 2017).

Delving into the longitudinal dimension of the intricate interplay between CSR initiatives and brand loyalty in emerging markets, Gupta and Sharma (2018) embarked on a rigorous empirical investigation aimed at elucidating the enduring effects of sustained CSR endeavors on brand loyalty dynamics. Employing a meticulous panel data analysis methodology, the researchers embarked on a comprehensive examination of consumer perceptions and brand loyalty metrics spanning multiple years across diverse emerging economies. The longitudinal analysis unveiled intriguing insights, elucidating a discernible pattern wherein consistent engagement in CSR activities engendered a gradual but palpable escalation in brand loyalty over time. This nuanced understanding underscores the pivotal significance of fostering a sustained commitment to CSR initiatives for companies seeking to cultivate enduring relationships with consumers in the dynamic milieu of emerging markets (Gupta & Sharma, 2018).

Chen and Wu (2019) endeavored to elucidate the differential impact of CSR initiatives on brand loyalty across the distinctive landscapes of emerging and developed markets. Leveraging a meticulously designed comparative analysis framework, the study harnessed data gleaned from extensive consumer surveys conducted in both emerging and developed economies. The discerning analysis unearthed compelling evidence affirming the universally positive impact of CSR endeavors on brand loyalty across diverse market contexts. However, the study notably underscored a heightened magnitude of this effect within the dynamic milieu of emerging markets, thus accentuating the strategic imperative for companies operating in these burgeoning economies to leverage CSR initiatives as potent tools for augmenting brand loyalty and fortifying market positioning (Chen & Wu, 2019).

Embarking on a comprehensive meta-analytical journey, Zhu and Li (2020) embarked on a seminal endeavor aimed at synthesizing the collective insights garnered from a myriad of empirical studies exploring the intricate nexus between CSR initiatives and brand loyalty within the dynamic terrain of emerging markets. Through a meticulous review and synthesis of extant literature, the researchers systematically collated and quantitatively synthesized the effect sizes of CSR initiatives on brand loyalty across diverse industry verticals and geographical regions. The comprehensive meta-analysis yielded compelling insights, affirming a robust and statistically significant positive relationship between CSR endeavors and brand loyalty within the dynamic landscape of emerging markets. The study's synthesis of disparate empirical evidence offers invaluable strategic guidance for companies endeavoring to design and implement effective CSR strategies tailored to the unique exigencies of emerging markets, thus fostering robust brand loyalty and sustainable market growth (Zhu & Li, 2020).

Offering a qualitative exploration into the underlying mechanisms underscoring the profound impact of CSR initiatives on brand loyalty within the vibrant tapestry of emerging markets, Rahman and Nguyen (2021) embarked on an illuminating investigative journey. Employing a rich tapestry of in-depth interviews with consumers and industry experts across diverse emerging economies, the researchers endeavored to unravel the intricate web of factors mediating the relationship between CSR initiatives and brand loyalty. The qualitative inquiry unearthed a myriad of nuanced insights, highlighting the pivotal role played by factors such as perceived corporate reputation, alignment with ethical values, and emotional resonance in shaping consumers' brand

loyalty inclinations. These discerning insights offer actionable guidance for companies seeking to design and implement targeted CSR initiatives that resonate deeply with consumers in the dynamic milieu of emerging markets, thus engendering robust brand loyalty and sustained competitive advantage (Rahman & Nguyen, 2021).

Kim and Jung (2022) embarked on a pioneering cross-cultural expedition aimed at unraveling the intricate interplay between cultural dynamics and the perception of CSR initiatives vis-à-vis brand loyalty within the diverse mosaic of emerging markets. Employing a meticulously crafted mixed-methods approach, the researchers conducted a comprehensive analysis encompassing diverse consumer cohorts hailing from culturally distinct emerging economies. The discerning analysis unveiled compelling insights, illuminating the profound impact of cultural values such as collectivism and uncertainty avoidance on shaping consumers' perceptions of CSR initiatives and subsequent brand loyalty tendencies. The study's cross-cultural lens offers invaluable strategic guidance for companies navigating the complex terrain of emerging markets, underscoring the imperative for culturally sensitive CSR strategies tailored to resonate deeply with the prevailing cultural ethos, thereby fostering robust brand loyalty and sustainable market growth (Kim & Jung, 2022).

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

RESULTS

Conceptual Gap: While the studies collectively demonstrate the positive relationship between CSR initiatives and brand loyalty in emerging markets, there is a conceptual gap in terms of understanding the underlying mechanisms driving this relationship. Although Rahman and Nguyen (2021) offer insights into factors such as perceived corporate reputation and alignment with ethical values, there remains a need for further exploration into the psychological processes and consumer behaviors that mediate the impact of CSR initiatives on brand loyalty. A deeper conceptual understanding of these mechanisms would enhance the effectiveness of CSR strategies in fostering brand loyalty in emerging markets.

Contextual Gap: Despite the comprehensive analysis conducted by the studies, there exists a contextual gap regarding the specific socio-economic and cultural contexts of emerging markets. While Kim and Jung (2022) touch upon cultural dynamics, there is still limited research exploring how contextual factors such as economic development, political stability, and cultural values influence the effectiveness of CSR initiatives in driving brand loyalty. Understanding these contextual nuances is crucial for tailoring CSR strategies to the unique needs and preferences of consumers in diverse emerging market contexts.

Geographical Gap: The geographical scope of the studies is primarily focused on emerging markets in general, without delving into regional variations within these markets. While Zhu and Li (2020) conduct a meta-analysis across different geographical regions, there is a lack of granularity in examining how regional differences impact the relationship between CSR initiatives and brand loyalty. Investigating geographical variations in consumer perceptions, preferences, and

behaviors would provide valuable insights for companies operating in specific regions within emerging markets, enabling them to design more targeted and effective CSR strategies.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Conclusion

The relationship between Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and brand loyalty in emerging markets is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon. Empirical studies have consistently demonstrated a positive correlation between consumers' perceptions of a company's CSR efforts and their subsequent brand loyalty tendencies. However, there remain conceptual, contextual, and geographical gaps in our understanding of this relationship. Further research is needed to delve deeper into the underlying mechanisms driving the impact of CSR initiatives on brand loyalty, considering the specific socio-economic, cultural, and regional contexts of emerging markets. Addressing these research gaps would not only advance academic knowledge but also provide valuable insights for companies seeking to design and implement effective CSR strategies tailored to the unique needs and preferences of consumers in diverse emerging market contexts. Ultimately, fostering brand loyalty through CSR initiatives holds significant potential for businesses operating in emerging markets to gain a sustainable competitive advantage and contribute to positive social and environmental outcomes.

Recommendation

The following are the recommendations based on theory, practice and policy:

Theory

Undertake longitudinal research to track changes in consumer perceptions and brand loyalty over time, allowing for a deeper understanding of the causal relationships between CSR initiatives and brand loyalty in emerging markets. Investigate the psychological processes and consumer behaviors that mediate the impact of CSR initiatives on brand loyalty, contributing to the development of theoretical frameworks that elucidate the mechanisms driving this relationship.

Practice

Develop CSR initiatives that are tailored to the socio-economic, cultural, and regional contexts of specific emerging markets, aligning them with the prevalent concerns and values of local consumers to enhance brand loyalty. Communicate CSR efforts transparently and effectively to consumers in emerging markets, leveraging various communication channels to build trust and credibility, thereby strengthening the relationship between CSR initiatives and brand loyalty.

Policy

Implement policies that incentivize and encourage businesses operating in emerging markets to adopt CSR practices, recognizing the potential of CSR initiatives to drive brand loyalty while contributing to positive social and environmental outcomes. Allocate resources to support research and education initiatives focused on CSR and brand loyalty in emerging markets, fostering a deeper understanding of the relationship and its implications for businesses, consumers, and society at large.

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