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Development Opportunities for Traditional Media in the New Media Post-print Era

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Abstract

With the advent of the new media era, traditional media has experienced tremendous impact, yet has also gained unprecedented development opportunities. To ensure more robust development, traditional media must seize these opportunities and utilize them effectively. As the pace of technological development continues to accelerate, internet technology has matured and plays a crucial role across various industries; however, the application of new technologies in traditional media has been suboptimal, thereby constraining its development. Relevant personnel must develop a clear understanding of the inherent characteristics of traditional media, and on this basis identify viable measures to ensure the full utilization of new media, thereby achieving development objectives effectively. This paper conducts an in-depth investigation into how traditional media can seize development opportunities and enhance its competitive capacity.

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The advent of the new media era has profoundly impacted traditional media, yet it has also created unprecedented development opportunities. To ensure more robust growth, traditional media must seize and fully leverage these opportunities. As technological advancement accelerates and internet technology matures, playing an increasingly vital role across all industries, traditional media's suboptimal adoption of new technologies has constrained its development. Stakeholders must develop a clear understanding of traditional media's inherent characteristics and identify viable measures to effectively integrate new media, thereby achieving their development objectives. This paper provides an in-depth exploration of how traditional media can capitalize on these opportunities to enhance its competitive capacity.

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1. Comparison of Characteristics Between New Media and Traditional Media

From the perspective of information dissemination, immediacy represents a critical factor. A comparison between new and traditional media reveals that new media holds distinct advantages in this regard. Audiences demand high immediacy when accessing information; when news events occur, networks typically present them instantly, whereas traditional media's reporting offers greater depth. In terms of dissemination scope, the maturation of the internet has facilitated new media development, significantly expanding information reach. Audiences can access news without temporal or spatial constraints, enabling smoother information flow—unlike traditional media, which remains confined to limited distribution ranges.

Media information dissemination should also demonstrate professionalism [?], an area where traditional media maintains substantial advantages that new media currently cannot match. Traditional media's news reporting involves professional staff who complete editing and production work, resulting in stronger authority. New media information release tends to be more casual, with less professional content presentation and questionable authenticity. Furthermore, interactivity differs markedly between the two media forms. New media possesses strong interactive capabilities; audiences can communicate through platforms like Weibo and forums, disseminating related content to expand its reach and generate influence—factors that contribute to the formation of public opinion. Traditional media lacks such advantages and suffers from notably deficient interactivity.

2. Current Development Status of Traditional Media in the New Media Era

Comparing the strengths and weaknesses of new and traditional media reveals that the former demonstrates greater dissemination power with marked immediacy and interactivity, winning audience favor and exerting substantial impact on traditional media. Examining traditional media's actual development, several challenges emerge. First, audiences are gradually decreasing. New media's interactive advantages allow audiences to access information anytime and anywhere while enabling commentary, significantly reducing interest in radio, tele-

vision, newspapers, and magazines, consequently diminishing traditional media's audience base.

Second, traditional media's related businesses cannot proceed smoothly. Following new media's emergence, audience attention has gradually shifted, causing traditional media's advertising revenue to decline noticeably, market share to shrink substantially, and business operations to encounter considerable difficulties. Third, talent drain has become severe. As new media's development accelerates, its demand for outstanding talent continues to increase, while traditional media faces prominent brain drain, negatively affecting its development.

3. New Development Opportunities for Traditional Media in the New Media Era

Entering the new media era, traditional media must transform, particularly by integrating with new media. New media's advantages in openness and efficiency are substantial; compared with traditional media, it can deliver richer information content with diverse sources. Stakeholders must clearly recognize this and identify viable pathways to ensure genuine integration between new and traditional media, especially by fully leveraging new media platforms to achieve information dissemination objectives [?].

Currently, with internet technology ubiquitous in people's work and lives, audiences can access news information through various channels, significantly reducing traditional media's prominence. Traditional media professionals must identify feasible approaches to ensure effective new media integration. As new media's development accelerates, traditional media innovation becomes essential; otherwise, its developmental position will face threats and mounting pressure. To ensure robust development, traditional media must identify viable pathways for self-improvement, particularly emphasizing conceptual innovation. By enhancing information sensitivity, professionals can identify and promote high-value content from complex information streams to meet audience demands. Although traditional media currently faces substantial impact, this also represents an unprecedented opportunity. If traditional media can seize it effectively, its strength will inevitably increase substantially.

4. Strategies for Traditional Media Development

4.1 Leveraging Traditional Media's Strengths

Content represents the most critical element in media information dissemination, and traditional media holds obvious advantages in this area. Therefore, effective pathways must be employed to ensure these advantages are fully demonstrated to gain audience recognition. While new media content appears relatively casual, traditional media content is mostly original, significantly enhancing its competitiveness and credibility. Additionally, traditional media must excavate depth and leverage its strengths by effectively completing information compila-

tion and packaging, thereby presenting its professional advantages. To facilitate smoother information release, more robust mechanisms must be established to ensure noticeable improvements in news quality and maintain authority.

4.2 Integrating with the Internet for Digital Transformation of Journals

The internet provides audiences with vast amounts of information through more accessible channels. With its long history, traditional media possesses strong capabilities in information collection and processing. Combining these strengths with the internet can facilitate successful journal transformation. Examining our nation's publishing industry, digital transformation must become the priority work at present, firmly seizing development opportunities to showcase the advantages of both new and traditional media. This approach enables traditional media to grasp development initiative and achieve digital development goals while identifying the most suitable development models.

Taking scientific journals as an example, new-era scientific journals must undertake their responsibilities to disseminate scientific knowledge, ensure transformation of scientific achievements, and achieve objectives in academic evaluation, academic atmosphere purification, and talent cultivation [?]. Multiple factors influence scientific journal development, particularly social transformation and market economy impacts. From the perspective of changing circumstances, three main trends emerge: First, multimedia and internet development continues to accelerate, requiring scientific journals to value traditional dissemination methods while identifying new approaches to provide more convenient services with noticeable quality improvements. Second, content demands will change significantly. While content represents traditional media's advantage, the emergence of network media has caused content resources to become diverted. Network media blurs the boundary between interpersonal and mass communication, requiring communicators and audiences to interact on equal footing—especially since audiences are no longer passive but can actively participate in news dissemination with 选择权, while reading patterns also become more diversified, making digitization the primary development direction.

4.3 Developing Personalized Products

To ensure more robust development, traditional media must recognize the importance of innovation opportunities and utilize them effectively. Starting from users' actual needs, traditional media must ensure developed products are more personalized, thereby significantly enhancing media influence. Traditional media must understand users' special needs and complete product development accordingly, ensuring not only good benefits but also demonstrated specificity. For example, utilizing mobile newspapers and electronic magazines can enable audiences to participate more actively in news events, achieve interactive communication objectives, and facilitate broader information dissemination without temporal or spatial constraints. Customers can select news content according

to their needs, thereby truly satisfying user requirements—something traditional media must clearly recognize and effectively implement in personalized product development.

4.4 Strengthening Talent Cultivation

New media's rapid development has substantially impacted traditional media, particularly as outstanding talent migrates to the new media industry, making it difficult for traditional media to meet its human resource needs and limiting its development. To change this situation, traditional media must prioritize talent cultivation to ensure the achievement of new media professional training objectives [?]. Traditional media should complete employee training programs and conduct strict evaluations. Training activities should proceed according to plan to improve employees' information literacy and professional capabilities, enhance their moral responsibility, ensure they possess innovative thinking, and actively implement it, thereby substantially improving overall news program quality.

4.5 Integrating New Media into Traditional Media News Gathering Skills

New media's advanced features are relatively obvious. Utilizing new media characteristics can transform traditional media, particularly in innovating dissemination content and interview channels. For example, journalists can select appropriate tools based on actual circumstances to complete interviews. Traditional media should seize development opportunities, effectively respond to challenges, and fully leverage its inherent advantages to formulate feasible optimization plans, thereby diversifying dissemination forms, naturally accelerating traditional media's development speed, and enabling audiences to develop new perceptions of traditional media.

5. Reform Path and Win-Win Cooperation Between Traditional and New Media

As new media's development accelerates, advertising placement rates increase noticeably. However, compared with traditional media, new media's credibility remains lower—meaning traditional placement models maintain stronger practicality [?]. The broadcasting, television, and newspaper industries should utilize existing technological resources to facilitate data collection and sample acquisition while ensuring effective two-way communication. To maintain stable advertising revenue, traditional media must prioritize innovation. Traditional media holds obvious advantages in professional capabilities and reporting experience, which should serve as the foundation for strengthening innovation efforts, such as expanding release platforms through more channels and stimulating creativity to produce more fresh content. Future media development trends will involve fully utilizing existing competitiveness to create and reform

digital content, thereby achieving expanded and optimized service platforms.

6. Development Direction for Traditional Media in the New Media Era

First, traditional media must actively strengthen integration with the internet. Overall, new media represents the inevitable product of scientific and technological development, playing an important role in promoting rapid human society development. Therefore, to ensure its own healthy development, traditional media must understand social development trends, optimize its models based on actual circumstances, and actively integrate with internet technology to enhance its comprehensive performance. Second, traditional media must also focus on continuous innovation in its business models [?]. Traditional media staff should improve the allocation of existing resources, practically apply internet technology, and thereby continuously enhance market competitiveness. Traditional media should also pay greater attention to developing new network resources to identify more space for its own development.

Both traditional and emerging media must respect the laws of development and proceed with planned transformation, innovation, and development. Traditional media must establish firm beliefs during innovative transformation to shine together with new media and achieve mutual development.

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