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Role Of Behavioral Economics in Shaping Business Decision-Making Processes

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ABSTRACT

Behavioral economics integrates insights from psychology and economics to explain why individuals and businesses often deviate from rational decision-making models. This paper explores the role of behavioral economics in influencing business decision-making processes. It highlights how cognitive biases, heuristics, and social influences affect managerial strategies, consumer behavior, and organizational outcomes. Furthermore, the paper emphasizes the importance of nudges, framing effects, and loss aversion in shaping sustainable business decisions. By combining theoretical insights with practical implications, the study underscores how firms can design better policies and strategies by understanding behavioral patterns in economic choices.

KEYWORDS: *Behavioral Economics, Decision-Making, Cognitive Bias, Business Strategy, Nudges, Heuristics*

INTRODUCTION

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SOCIAL INFLUENCES AND ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR

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CASE ANALYSIS AND PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS

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CHALLENGES AND FUTURE SCOPE

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CONCLUSION

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Table 1: Common biases in business decision-making and strategies to mitigate them.

Bias/Heuristic	Business Impact	Management Strategy
Loss Aversion	Risk-averse decisions, missed opportunities	Balanced risk-taking, scenario planning

Table 2: Application of behavioral economics tools in organizations.

Behavioral Tool	Application in Business	Outcome
Nudges	Encouraging employees to adopt healthier work habits	Improved productivity, reduced absenteeism

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