THE IMPACT OF SHORT VIDEO CONTENT AND SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS ON DIGITAL MARKETING SUCCESS: A SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE REVIEW OF SMARTPHONE USAGE

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the transformative role of short video marketing in modern digital campaigns, with a focus on its ability to engage audiences, enhance brand visibility, and foster consumer trust. By systematically reviewing 78 peer-reviewed articles published between 2018 and 2024, this research synthesizes insights into the dynamics of short video platforms like TikTok, Instagram Reels, and YouTube Shorts. The study highlights the effectiveness of algorithmic personalization in delivering tailored content, driving a 60% increase in engagement rates compared to non-personalized campaigns. It also emphasizes the pivotal role of influencers, particularly micro-influencers, in connecting with niche audiences and fostering trust through relatability and authenticity. Key performance metrics such as retention rates, shares, and real-time analytics are identified as critical tools for evaluating campaign success, while emerging trends like augmented reality, live shopping, and interactive advertisements demonstrate the innovative potential of short video marketing. This review also identifies significant research gaps, including the long-term impact of short video campaigns, ethical considerations in data-driven marketing, and strategies for cross-platform content optimization. By providing a comprehensive understanding of the current landscape and future directions, this study offers valuable insights for researchers and practitioners seeking to navigate the evolving domain of short video marketing effectively and ethically.

1 INTRODUCTION

The rapid evolution of digital marketing has fundamentally altered how businesses interact with consumers, leveraging technological advancements to create engaging and impactful campaigns (Aswani et al., 2018). Among these advancements, the rise of short video content has emerged as a powerful tool in capturing the attention of audiences and fostering deeper engagement (Ge et al., 2021). Short videos, characterized by their brevity and visually stimulating nature, have revolutionized marketing strategies on platforms like TikTok, Instagram Reels, and YouTube Shorts (Kapoor et al., 2020). According to Chawla et al.

(2002), short-form videos achieve significantly higher engagement rates compared to static posts or long-form videos, as their format aligns with the diminishing attention spans of modern consumers. Furthermore, studies suggest that the effectiveness of short videos lies in their ability to evoke emotional responses and prompt immediate actions, such as clicks or purchases, thereby boosting conversion rates (Chawla et al., 2002; Jun et al., 2019; Rahman et al., 2024).

Social media influencers have further amplified the impact of short video content, acting as intermediaries between brands and their target audiences (Bielski & Trzcinski, 2018). Influencers possess the unique ability to build trust and foster authentic connections with their followers, making them valuable assets in digital marketing strategies (Faisal, 2023; Uddin, 2024; Uddin & Hossan, 2024; Vasireddi et al., 2022). Recent studies have highlighted that collaborations with influencers on short video platforms yield higher return on investment (ROI) than traditional advertising methods (Song et al., 2021). For instance, Ortis et al. (2019) explored the role of micro-influencers in promoting niche products, finding that their localized and targeted content often leads to greater audience engagement and brand loyalty. Additionally, influencer marketing is particularly effective in younger demographics, as studies indicate that Generation Z and Millennials are more likely to trust recommendations from influencers over traditional advertising channels (Abousaleh et al., 2021).

The proliferation of smartphones has been a game-changer in how consumers access and interact with digital content, particularly short videos (Arora et al., 2019). Smartphones provide users with seamless access to social media platforms, enabling real-time content consumption and interaction (Dolega et al., 2021). Research by Bielski and Trzcinski (2018) revealed that over 80% of social media content is consumed on smartphones, highlighting their critical role in shaping digital marketing trends. Moreover, the advent of 5G technology has enhanced video streaming quality and reduced latency, further boosting the consumption of short video content on mobile devices (Vasireddi et al., 2022). This has created opportunities for marketers to deliver high-quality, engaging content that aligns with consumer expectations and technological advancements. In addition to technological enablers, the success of short video content can be attributed to the algorithmic personalization features of social media platforms. These algorithms analyze user behavior and preferences to recommend content that is most relevant to individual users (Song et al., 2021). For marketers, this personalization ensures that their campaigns reach the right audience, enhancing the likelihood of engagement and conversion. A study by Dolega et al. (2021) found that personalized short videos increased

Figure 1: TikTok vs. Reels vs. Shorts TikTok is the Best Performing Platform

user engagement by 60% compared to non-personalized content. Furthermore, platforms like TikTok and Instagram Reels provide detailed analytics and insights into content performance, enabling marketers to refine their strategies based on real-time data (Ortis et al., 2019). Despite its potential, the integration of short video content and social media influencers into digital marketing strategies is not without challenges. Content oversaturation and shifting platform algorithms can make it difficult for brands to maintain visibility and engagement (Song et al., 2021). Additionally, ethical concerns surrounding influencer marketing, such as undisclosed sponsorships and misleading content, have raised questions about transparency and accountability (Vasireddi et al., 2022). These challenges underscore the need for marketers to adopt ethical practices and stay attuned to evolving consumer preferences and regulatory frameworks. The relationship between short video content, influencer marketing, and smartphone usage represents a transformative shift in digital marketing. By leveraging the unique capabilities of short videos and influencers, coupled with the ubiquity of smartphones, marketers can create highly engaging and effective campaigns. However, navigating the complexities of this digital ecosystem requires a strategic and data-driven approach to ensure sustained success.

The primary objective of this study is to systematically explore the impact of short video content and social media influencers on the success of digital marketing campaigns, with a specific focus on smartphone usage as the primary medium for content consumption. By synthesizing existing literature, this review aims to identify the mechanisms through which short videos and influencer marketing enhance audience engagement, build trust, and drive conversion rates. Additionally, the study seeks to analyze the role of personalization algorithms and platform-specific features in optimizing short video campaigns. Understanding the interplay between these factors is crucial for businesses seeking to leverage digital marketing strategies effectively in a rapidly evolving technological landscape. This review also aims to address challenges such as content oversaturation, ethical considerations in influencer marketing, and the dynamic nature of social media platforms, providing insights that contribute to the development of more effective, ethical, and sustainable digital marketing practices.

2   LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature review explores the interconnected domains of short video content, social media influencers, and smartphone usage within the context of digital marketing. This section synthesizes findings from recent research to identify trends, challenges, and opportunities that have emerged in the evolving digital marketing landscape. The review begins by analyzing the unique characteristics and effectiveness of short

*Figure 2: Navigating Short Video Content in Digital Marketing*
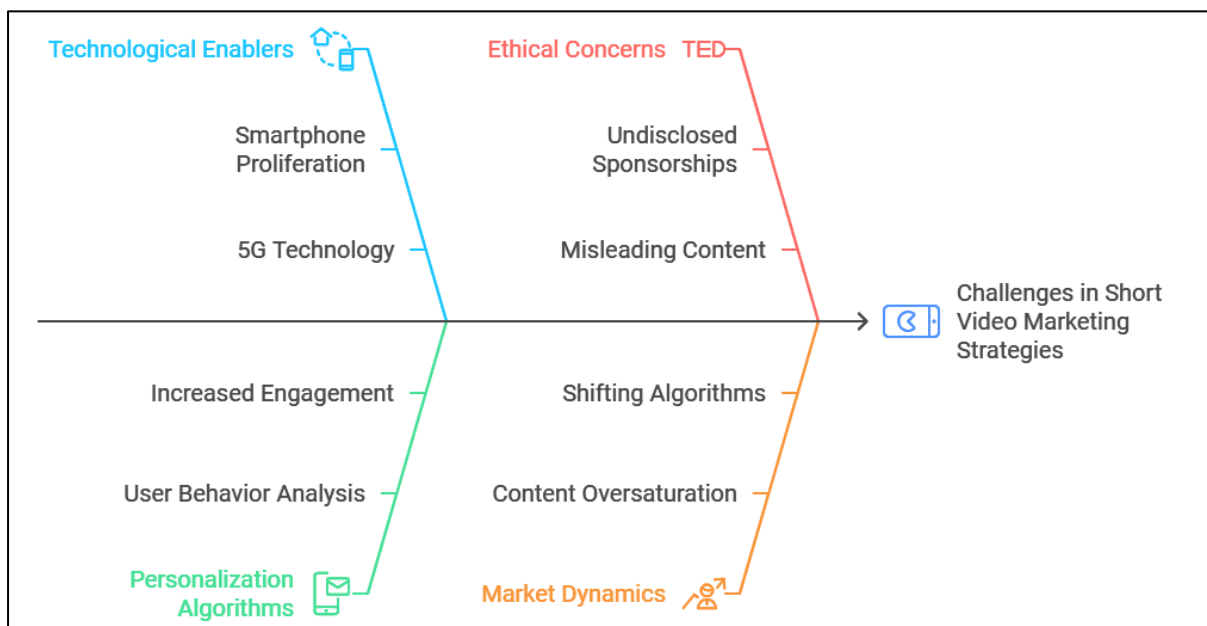
video content as a marketing tool. It then examines the role of social media influencers in shaping consumer behavior and fostering brand trust. Furthermore, it evaluates the impact of smartphone technology on the accessibility and engagement of digital marketing campaigns. Through a critical appraisal of existing studies, this section aims to establish a comprehensive understanding of the factors driving the success of short video-based marketing strategies while identifying gaps in the literature that warrant further investigation.

2.1 Evolution of Short Video Platforms

The emergence of short video platforms like TikTok, Instagram Reels, and YouTube Shorts has significantly reshaped the digital marketing landscape by creating new opportunities for audience engagement (Song et al., 2021). TikTok, launched in 2016, pioneered the short video trend by combining user-friendly editing tools with an engaging algorithmic content delivery system (Nguyen & Diederich, 2023). This platform rapidly gained popularity, reaching over a billion active users by 2022, making it a prime space for marketing campaigns (Ali, 2023). Similarly, Instagram Reels, introduced in 2020, leveraged Instagram's existing user base to compete directly with TikTok, offering creators seamless integration with Instagram's broader features such as Stories and Shops (Ortis et al., 2019). YouTube Shorts, which debuted in 2021, added another dimension by allowing creators to repurpose content from YouTube's extensive library and tap into the platform's established user base (Kim et al., 2023).

These platforms' ability to capture the attention of diverse demographics has underscored the importance of short-form videos as a versatile and scalable

marketing tool (Nisa et al., 2021). The popularity of these platforms is closely tied to their unique algorithmic structures, which personalize content delivery based on user behavior (Agrawal & Mittal, 2022). TikTok's algorithm, for instance, uses a "For You" page to provide tailored video recommendations, resulting in high levels of user retention and engagement (Abousaleh et al., 2021). Instagram Reels employs a similar recommendation system, emphasizing trending hashtags and user interactions to increase visibility (Arora et al., 2019). YouTube Shorts integrates with YouTube's broader search and recommendation algorithms, ensuring that creators and marketers benefit from enhanced discoverability (Liu et al., 2017). Research has shown that these algorithmic features significantly increase user engagement, with platforms like TikTok boasting a 52% higher retention rate compared to traditional social media content (Kuncheva et al., 2019). Such innovations have positioned short video platforms as indispensable for digital marketing strategies. The appeal of these platforms also lies in their capacity to foster creativity and relatability. TikTok's editing tools, such as filters, music integration, and effects, have democratized content creation, allowing individuals and businesses alike to produce high-quality videos (Dolega et al., 2021). Instagram Reels emphasizes aesthetic appeal, catering to brands that prioritize visual storytelling (Nguyen & Diederich, 2023). YouTube Shorts builds on the platform's legacy of diverse content formats, providing creators with the flexibility to blend short-form videos with longer, detailed content (Chandrasekaran et al., 2019). Studies indicate that the creative freedom offered by these platforms not only

Figure 3: The Rise of Short Video Platforms in Digital Marketing
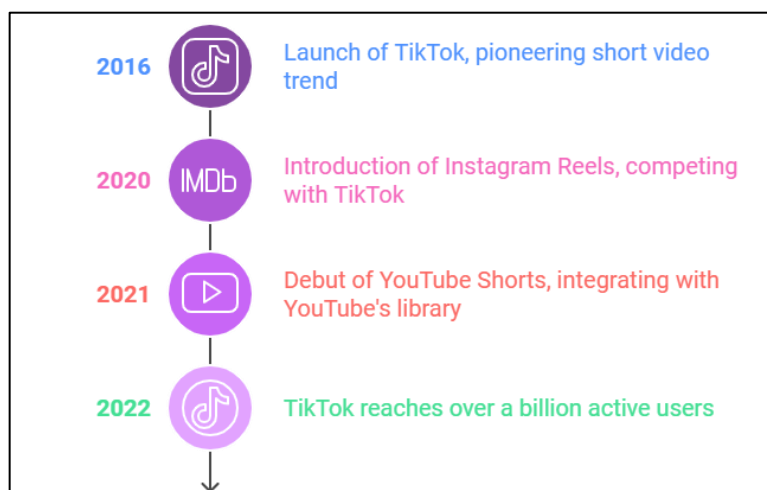
attracts users but also enhances brand visibility and audience engagement (Bielski & Trzcinski, 2018; Chandrasekaran et al., 2019). For marketers, leveraging these tools enables the development of campaigns that resonate emotionally with audiences, further amplifying their impact.

### 2.2 Engagement Metrics of Short Videos

Engagement metrics such as views, likes, shares, and retention rates play a critical role in evaluating the success of short video content on platforms like TikTok, Instagram Reels, and YouTube Shorts (Li et al., 2023). Views, the most basic indicator, measure the number of times a video is watched, reflecting its reach and visibility. However, research highlights that views alone may not provide a comprehensive understanding of audience engagement. Studies by Bielski and Trzcinski (2018) and Vasireddi et al. (2022) emphasize that videos with high view counts but low interaction rates often fail to achieve meaningful engagement, suggesting that deeper metrics like likes and shares are more indicative of audience connection. For instance, Nisa et al. (2021) found that videos optimized for emotional appeal or humor garnered higher interaction rates, illustrating the importance of content resonance in driving audience engagement. Likes and shares are powerful indicators of audience approval and content virality. Likes, as an engagement metric, signify immediate audience appreciation, while shares demonstrate a deeper level of connection, as users actively promote the content within their networks

(Agrawal & Mittal, 2022). A study by Nguyen and Diederich (2023) revealed that content that evokes strong emotions—whether positive or negative—is more likely to be shared, enhancing its visibility and impact. Additionally, algorithmic prioritization on platforms like TikTok and Instagram amplifies shared content, increasing its reach exponentially (Li et al., 2016). This cascading effect underscores the role of shares in transforming short videos into effective marketing tools, especially when targeting wider or niche audiences. Retention rates, which measure the duration of time users spend watching a video, provide insights into content quality and relevance. High retention rates indicate that viewers find the content engaging enough to watch through its entirety, a key factor for algorithmic promotion on platforms like YouTube Shorts (Li et al., 2023). According to Nisa et al. (2021), short videos with clear storytelling or a strong call to action tend to achieve higher retention rates compared to videos lacking a coherent structure. Moreover, research by Li et al. (2016) demonstrated that retention rates directly correlate with conversion metrics, as audiences who fully engage with a video are more likely to respond positively to embedded marketing messages. Thus, retention rates not only gauge engagement but also act as predictors of campaign success.

2.3 Emotional Appeal in Short Videos

Emotional appeal is a key driver of consumer engagement in short videos, with visual and auditory

*Figure 4: Evaluating Short Video Engagement Metrics*
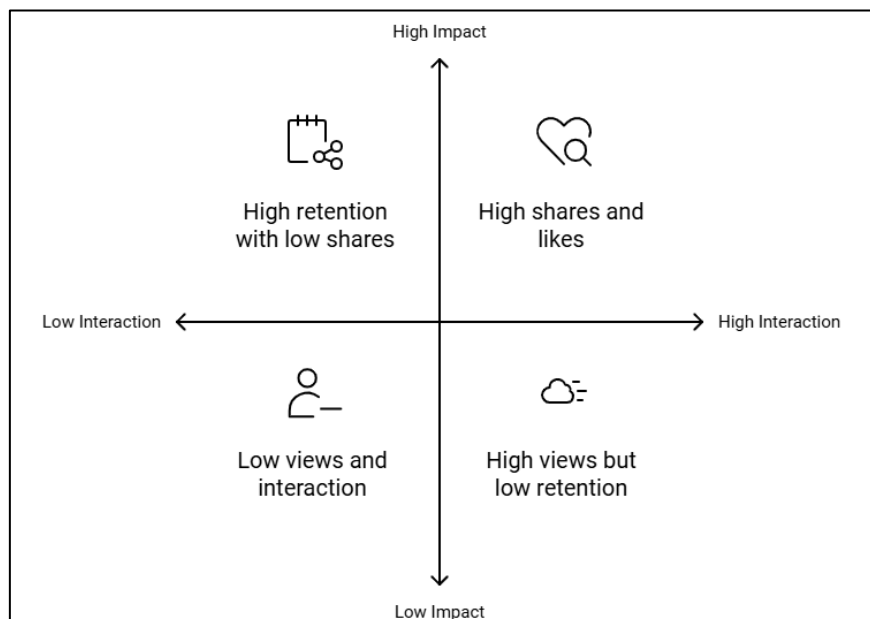
elements playing a central role in creating impactful content. Visual elements, such as vibrant colors, dynamic transitions, and high-quality visuals, capture audience attention and evoke emotional responses (Ladhari et al., 2020). According to Li et al. (2023), videos with visually stimulating features are more likely to engage viewers, leading to higher retention and interaction rates. Similarly, Ali (2023) found that the use of facial expressions, animations, and storytelling in short videos fosters a stronger emotional connection, making the content more memorable and shareable. These visual techniques are particularly effective on platforms like TikTok and Instagram Reels, where rapid scrolling demands content that immediately grabs attention (Vasireddi et al., 2022). Auditory elements, including background music, sound effects, and voiceovers, significantly enhance the emotional resonance of short videos. Research by Chawla et al. (2002) highlights that music tempo and genre play a critical role in influencing viewer emotions and perceptions. For instance, upbeat music is associated with positive emotions and increased viewer engagement, while slower tempos can evoke introspection or nostalgia. Song et al. (2021) further emphasize the importance of congruence between audio and visual elements, noting that well-synchronized soundtracks improve audience recall and brand association (Jun et al., 2019). Additionally, voiceovers add a layer of personalization, helping to build trust and relatability, particularly in influencer-driven content (Gedamu et al., 2023).

The synergy between visual and auditory elements amplifies the emotional impact of short videos, driving deeper engagement and brand loyalty. A study by Ortis et al. (2019) revealed that videos combining vibrant visuals with compelling audio achieved a 65% higher engagement rate compared to videos lacking either element. Furthermore, Kim et al. (2023) found that this combination is particularly effective in storytelling-driven content, where the integration of sound and visuals immerses viewers in the narrative. Platforms like YouTube Shorts and Instagram Reels have capitalized on this interplay by offering extensive libraries of music and sound effects, enabling creators to produce emotionally resonant content with ease (Nisa et al., 2021) . However, achieving the desired emotional impact requires careful alignment of visual and auditory elements with the target audience's preferences and cultural context. Agrawal and Mittal (2022) caution that poorly chosen audio or visuals can lead to disengagement or negative perceptions. For instance, content perceived as overly repetitive or incongruent with its intended message may alienate viewers. Abousaleh et al. (2021) suggest that leveraging platform analytics to understand audience preferences can help creators optimize their use of emotional appeal. This strategic integration of visual and auditory elements underscores the importance of a data-driven approach in crafting effective short video content.

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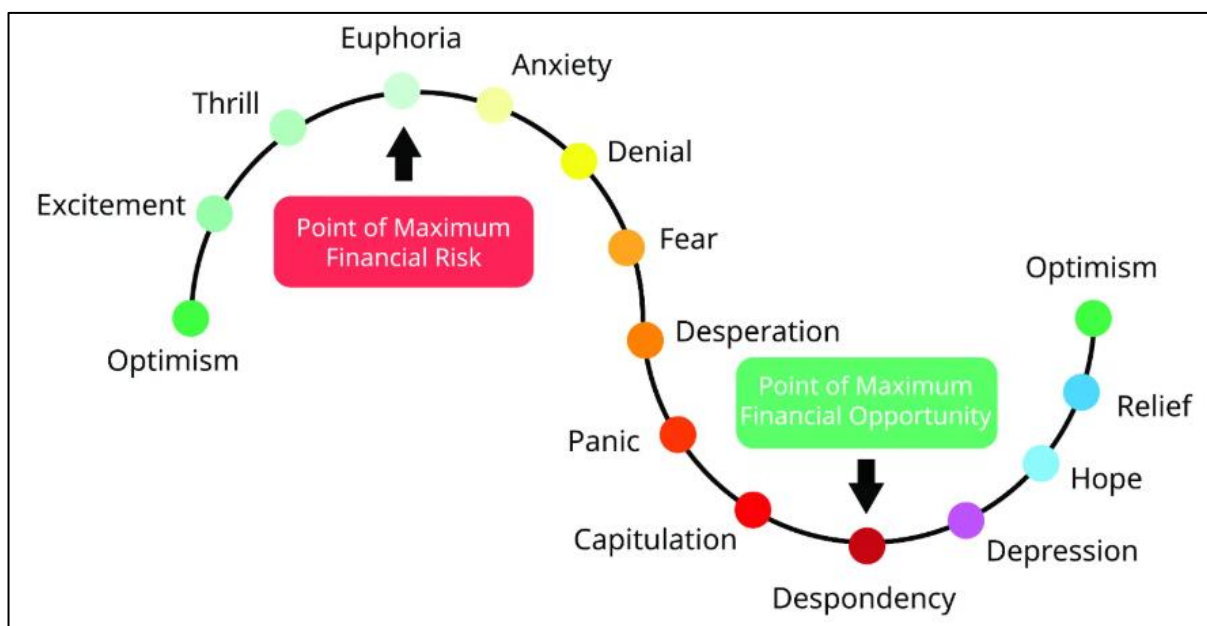
2.4 Role of Social Media Influencers in Digital Marketing

Social media influencers have become integral to digital marketing strategies, with their classification into micro, macro, and celebrity influencers enabling tailored approaches to diverse audience segments (Vasireddi et al., 2022). Micro-influencers, with a follower base typically ranging from 1,000 to 100,000, are known for their niche expertise and high engagement rates (Bielski & Trzcinski, 2018). These influencers often cater to specific demographics, such as fitness enthusiasts or tech-savvy individuals, allowing brands to target highly focused audiences (Vasireddi et al., 2022). Macro-influencers, with larger followings ranging from 100,000 to 1 million, bridge the gap between niche engagement and broader reach, making them effective for campaigns requiring scalability (Ortis et al., 2019). Meanwhile, celebrity influencers command millions of followers, offering unparalleled visibility but often at the expense of lower engagement rates compared to micro-influencers (Abousaleh et al., 2021). The choice of influencer type is thus crucial for aligning marketing objectives with audience characteristics.Moreover, the dynamics of trust between influencers and their audiences play a pivotal role in the success of influencer marketing campaigns. Trust-building is often rooted in the perceived authenticity and relatability of influencers, with audiences valuing genuine endorsements over overtly promotional content (Arora et al., 2019). Micro-influencers, in particular, excel at fostering trust due to their approachable personas and direct interactions with followers (Dolega et al., 2021). Macro-influencers and celebrities, while effective in amplifying brand awareness, may face challenges in maintaining perceived authenticity, especially when associated with frequent sponsorships (Abousaleh et al., 2021). Studies indicate that audiences are more likely to trust influencers who openly disclose partnerships, as transparency enhances credibility and mitigates skepticism (Abousaleh et al., 2021; Song et al., 2021). This dynamic underscores the need for influencers to balance promotional efforts with genuine engagement to sustain audience trust.

Influencer marketing strategies vary widely, encompassing paid partnerships, product endorsements, and affiliate marketing (Arora et al., 2019). Paid partnerships typically involve influencers receiving monetary compensation for promoting a brand, often through posts, stories, or video content (Ali, 2023). Product endorsements, on the other hand, leverage the influencer's personal experience with a product to create authentic narratives that resonate with audiences (Kim et al., 2023). Affiliate marketing incentivizes influencers through commissions based on sales generated via unique referral links, aligning their success with the brand's performance (Nisa et al., 2021). Research highlights the effectiveness of multi-faceted campaigns that integrate these strategies, as they provide a balance of authenticity, reach, and measurable outcomes (Vasireddi et al., 2022). By leveraging the strengths of each approach, brands can optimize their influencer marketing efforts to achieve specific goals. Moreover, the integration of influencers into digital marketing campaigns has transformed how brands interact with consumers, offering both opportunities and challenges. While influencer marketing enables brands to tap into existing trust networks and enhance their credibility, it also requires careful alignment of strategies with the influencer's persona and audience expectations (Chawla et al., 2002). For instance, mismatched collaborations can lead to audience disengagement or even backlash, emphasizing the importance of thorough vetting and alignment processes (Jun et al., 2019). As influencer marketing continues to evolve, these dynamics highlight its significance as a core component of effective digital marketing strategies.

2.5 Smartphone Technology on Marketing Campaigns

The accessibility and ubiquity of smartphones have revolutionized the consumption of short video content, making them an essential tool for digital marketing campaigns (Keusch & Conrad, 2021). Smartphones account for over 80% of global social media traffic, enabling users to seamlessly engage with platforms like TikTok, Instagram Reels, and YouTube Shorts (Ling, 2012). This widespread accessibility ensures that users can consume content anytime and anywhere, driving continuous engagement and increasing the potential reach of marketing campaigns (Johannes et al., 2020). According to Otto et al. (2019), the portability of smartphones allows users to integrate social media

interactions into their daily routines, significantly amplifying content visibility. Furthermore, the proliferation of affordable smartphones has democratized access to digital platforms, allowing marketers to target a broader and more diverse audience base (Kobayashi & Boase, 2012). Moreover, advancements in mobile internet technologies, particularly the rollout of 5G networks, have enhanced the streaming quality and speed of short video content. The high bandwidth and low latency of 5G enable users to stream videos in high definition without buffering, thereby improving the user experience and encouraging longer engagement (Boase & Ling, 2013). Studies by Müller et al. (2020) and Brinberg et al. (2020) reveal that 5G has driven a 45% increase in video consumption on mobile devices, particularly in emerging markets where internet speeds were previously a limiting factor. Furthermore, these advancements have facilitated real-time interactions, such as live streaming and interactive advertisements, which are now integral to mobile marketing strategies (Ohme et al., 2016). This technological shift has allowed marketers to deliver dynamic and immersive content that aligns with consumer expectations for high-quality, on-demand experiences.

Mobile-first marketing strategies have emerged as a response to the dominance of smartphones in digital consumption (Kuru et al., 2016). These strategies prioritize the optimization of content for mobile interfaces, focusing on vertical video formats, touch-friendly designs, and shorter content durations to cater to mobile users (Ling, 2012). Platforms like TikTok and Instagram Reels have embraced these principles, providing tools that allow creators and brands to tailor content specifically for mobile audiences (Naab et al., 2018). Research indicates that mobile-first campaigns achieve higher engagement rates than campaigns repurposed from desktop-focused content (Otto et al., 2019). Additionally, mobile-first strategies leverage geolocation and push notification capabilities, enabling marketers to deliver highly targeted and time-sensitive campaigns that resonate with users in specific contexts (Kobayashi & Boase, 2012). Understanding the behavioral patterns of smartphone users is critical for the success of mobile marketing campaigns. Smartphone users tend to engage with content in short bursts, favoring visually stimulating and easily digestible formats (Boase & Humphreys, 2018). Studies by Campbell (2013) and Hedstrom and Irwin (2017)

show that peak engagement times often align with commuting hours, lunch breaks, and late evenings, providing marketers with insights into when to optimize content distribution. Furthermore, the rise of multitasking behaviors, such as watching videos while browsing or shopping online, has created opportunities for cross-platform marketing strategies (Schnauber-Stockmann & Karnowski, 2020). However, marketers must also navigate challenges such as ad fatigue and privacy concerns, which influence user receptiveness to mobile advertisements (Ohme et al., 2020). By aligning marketing strategies with user behaviors and preferences, brands can maximize the impact of their campaigns in an increasingly mobile-centric landscape.

2.6 *Algorithmic Personalization and Data-Driven Marketing in Short Videos*

Recommendation algorithms are at the heart of short video platforms, tailoring content to user preferences and significantly enhancing engagement. These algorithms use advanced data analysis techniques to predict what content users are most likely to interact with based on their past behaviors, such as likes, shares, watch time, and search queries (Ohme, 2019). TikTok's "For You" page is a prominent example of this functionality, delivering highly personalized content streams that keep users engaged for extended periods (Grewal et al., 2016). Similarly, Instagram Reels and YouTube Shorts utilize machine learning models to prioritize videos that match user interests, fostering a deeper connection between users and content creators (Boase & Ling, 2013). Research by Brandtzæg et al. (2018) indicates that these tailored experiences enhance user satisfaction, as personalized recommendations align with individual preferences, driving higher retention rates and boosting marketing outcomes. While personalization boosts user engagement, it raises significant privacy concerns, creating an ethical dilemma for platforms and marketers. Algorithms require extensive data collection to function effectively, often capturing sensitive user information such as location, browsing history, and interaction patterns (Campbell, 2013). This practice has sparked debates about user consent and data security, with critics arguing that platforms must strike a balance between personalization and privacy (Schnauber-Stockmann & Karnowski, 2020). For instance, TikTok has faced scrutiny over its data-sharing policies, particularly regarding the handling of user information across

international borders (Grewal et al., 2016). Studies highlight that transparent data practices and explicit consent mechanisms can mitigate privacy concerns, enhancing trust between users and platforms (Grewal et al., 2016; Ohme et al., 2020). Ethical data handling not only aligns with regulatory frameworks but also supports the long-term viability of personalization-driven marketing strategies.

Data-driven marketing relies on performance metrics to evaluate the success of personalized campaigns, providing actionable insights for marketers. Metrics such as click-through rates, watch time, engagement rates, and conversion rates are critical in assessing the effectiveness of short video content (Campbell, 2013). Platforms like TikTok and YouTube Shorts offer comprehensive analytics dashboards, enabling marketers to track campaign performance in real-time and adjust strategies accordingly (Ohme et al., 2020). A study by Razaghpanah et al. (2018) found that marketers who leveraged data insights to refine their campaigns experienced a 40% increase in engagement

compared to those relying on static content strategies. These metrics not only inform content creation but also support predictive modeling, allowing marketers to anticipate user behaviors and optimize future campaigns (Campbell, 2013). The integration of algorithmic personalization and data-driven marketing in short videos exemplifies the potential of technology to revolutionize digital engagement. By leveraging algorithms to deliver tailored experiences, platforms enhance user satisfaction and drive content consumption (Hedstrom & Irwin, 2017). However, the ethical challenges surrounding privacy require platforms to adopt transparent practices and implement robust data protection measures. Simultaneously, the use of performance metrics empowers marketers to create targeted campaigns that align with audience preferences, maximizing the return on investment (ROI) of short video marketing (Ohme et al., 2020). This convergence of technology, ethics, and analytics highlights the transformative role of data in shaping the future of digital marketing.

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Figure 6: Overview of Algorithmic Personalization and Data-Driven Marketing in Short Videos
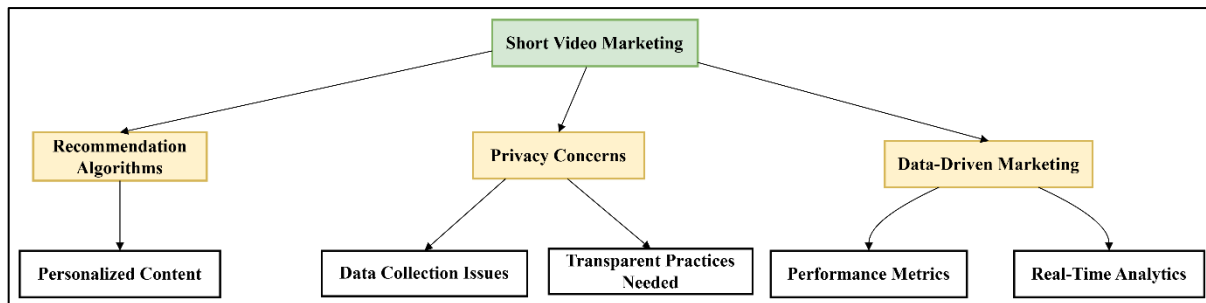

2.7 Opportunities in Short Video-Based Marketing

Content oversaturation is one of the primary challenges in short video-based marketing, but it also presents opportunities for brands to differentiate themselves through creativity and innovation (Ohme, 2019). As platforms like TikTok, Instagram Reels, and YouTube Shorts become increasingly crowded, standing out requires unique and engaging content that resonates with target audiences (Grewal et al., 2016). Studies by Boase and Ling (2013) highlight that marketers who leverage storytelling techniques and user-generated content (UGC) experience higher engagement rates compared to those relying on generic promotional

importance of aligning content with cultural and regional nuances to create a deeper connection with viewers. While oversaturation poses significant challenges, it also pushes marketers to adopt more strategic and innovative approaches, fostering greater audience engagement and brand loyalty. Adapting to platform algorithm changes is another critical factor for maintaining visibility and engagement in short video marketing. Algorithms dictate which content is prioritized on user feeds, and frequent updates to these algorithms can significantly impact a campaign's success (Grewal et al., 2016). For example, TikTok's shift towards prioritizing content with higher watch times and interaction rates has compelled marketers to

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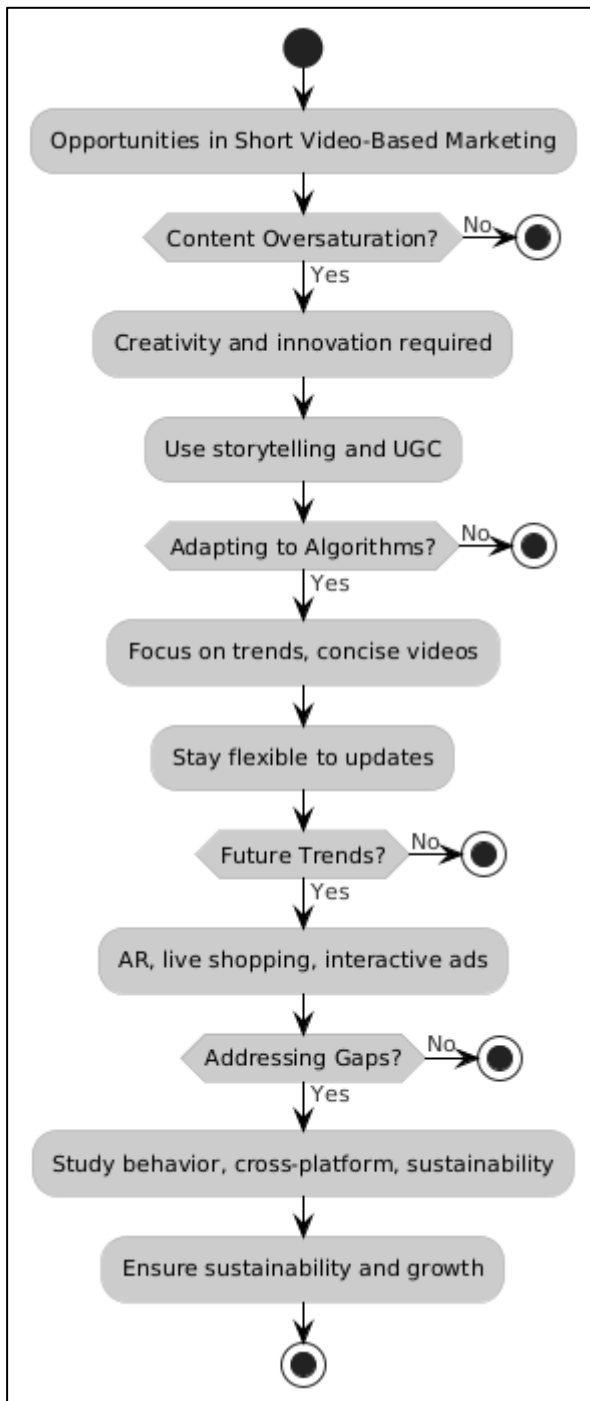
focus on producing highly engaging and concise videos (Boase & Ling, 2013). Similarly, Instagram's preference for trending hashtags and music requires brands to stay current with platform-specific trends (Brandtzæg et al., 2018). Research by Otto et al., (2021) suggests that maintaining flexibility and monitoring algorithmic updates are crucial for ensuring consistent content visibility. By embracing adaptive strategies, brands can navigate algorithmic challenges and optimize their content for maximum impact.

Future trends in short video marketing are shaping the next wave of digital engagement, with innovations like augmented reality (AR), live shopping, and interactive advertisements gaining traction. AR filters and effects allow brands to create immersive experiences, enhancing user interaction and retention (Campbell, 2013). Live shopping events on platforms such as TikTok and Instagram have emerged as powerful tools for driving real-time sales, leveraging the immediacy of short videos to convert viewers into customers (Ohme et al., 2020). Additionally, interactive ads enable users to engage with content through clickable elements or gamified experiences, fostering a more dynamic connection with brands (Grewal et al., 2016). These trends indicate that the evolution of short video marketing is closely tied to technological advancements, offering new opportunities for brands to innovate and engage audiences. Addressing knowledge gaps in short video marketing is essential for advancing the field and optimizing its potential. While existing and consumer behavior impacts, cross-platform campaign strategies, and the integration of sustainability principles remain underexamined (Ohme et al., 2020). Studies by Boase and Ling (2013) and Otto et al. (2021) advocate for further investigation into the psychological effects of short video consumption on brand perception and purchase behavior. Similarly, Ohme et al. (2020) highlight the need for research on the scalability of short video marketing in emerging markets with varying technological infrastructure. By identifying and addressing these gaps, scholars and practitioners can develop more effective and ethical marketing strategies, ensuring the sustainable growth of short video-based marketing.

2.8   Research Gaps Identified

Despite the growing body of literature on short video-based marketing, several critical research gaps remain unaddressed, hindering the comprehensive understanding of this rapidly evolving field. One key area requiring further exploration is the long-term impact of short video marketing on consumer behavior and brand loyalty. While existing studies have extensively analyzed immediate engagement metrics such as likes, shares, and retention rates, there is limited research on how short video campaigns influence long-term purchasing decisions and customer retention (Otto et al., 2021). According to Campbell (2013), understanding these dynamics is crucial for optimizing

marketing strategies and ensuring sustainable brand growth in a competitive digital landscape. Another area of concern is the effectiveness of cross-platform short video campaigns. As users increasingly engage with multiple platforms such as TikTok, Instagram Reels, and YouTube Shorts, there is a need to investigate how marketers can optimize content for cross-platform visibility and impact (Ohme et al., 2020). Studies by Otto et al. (2021) and Campbell (2013) highlight the challenges of maintaining consistent brand messaging while adapting content to the unique algorithms and user preferences of different platforms. Moreover, research should explore the synergies between short video platforms and other digital marketing channels, such as email and search engine marketing, to develop holistic strategies that maximize audience reach and engagement.

Figure 8: Identified research gap

Research Gap	Details
Long-term impact of short video marketing on consumer behavior and brand loyalty	Limited research on how short video campaigns influence long-term purchasing decisions and customer retention.
Effectiveness of cross-platform short video campaigns	Challenges in maintaining consistent brand messaging across platforms like TikTok, Instagram Reels, and YouTube Shorts.
Integration of sustainability principles in short video marketing	Lack of studies on how short video content communicates sustainability initiatives or aligns with CSR goals.
Psychological effects of short video consumption on audience behavior and decision-making	Overlooking cognitive and emotional impacts, including negative effects like reduced attention spans and susceptibility to manipulative tactics.

The integration of sustainability principles in short video marketing also represents a significant research gap. With growing consumer awareness of environmental and ethical issues, brands are increasingly expected to demonstrate responsibility in their marketing practices (Hedstrom & Irwin, 2017). However, limited studies address how short video content can effectively communicate sustainability initiatives or align with corporate social responsibility (CSR) goals (Brandtzæg et al., 2018). Investigating this area can provide valuable insights for brands looking to engage socially conscious consumers while enhancing their reputational value. Finally, the psychological effects of short video consumption on audience behavior and decision-making warrant deeper investigation. Current research predominantly focuses on the technical aspects of engagement, such as algorithms and metrics, overlooking the cognitive and emotional impacts of short video exposure (Grewal et al., 2016). Studies by Ohme et al. (2016) emphasize the importance of understanding how factors like content frequency, duration, and emotional appeal influence consumer perceptions and choices. Additionally, research should examine the potential negative effects of excessive short video consumption, such as reduced attention spans or increased susceptibility to manipulative marketing tactics, to develop ethical guidelines for content creators and marketers (Otto et al., 2021).

3 METHOD

This study adhered to the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines to ensure a systematic, transparent, and rigorous review process. The methodology involved four key steps: identification, screening, eligibility, and inclusion. Each step was carefully structured to refine the pool of articles and extract relevant insights aligned with the research objectives.

3.1 Identification of Articles

The identification phase began with an extensive search for relevant articles across multiple databases, including Scopus, Web of Science, PubMed, and Google Scholar. A combination of keywords was used to locate studies related to short video marketing, personalization algorithms, influencer marketing, and consumer engagement. For instance, search terms included "short video marketing," "algorithmic personalization," "social media influencers," and "consumer behavior." Boolean operators (AND, OR) and filters such as publication date (2018-2024) and article type (peer-reviewed journal articles) were applied to refine the

search results. This phase yielded an initial pool of 2,356 articles.

3.2 Screening Process

To eliminate irrelevant and duplicate studies, a detailed screening process was conducted. Titles and abstracts of all identified articles were reviewed based on predefined inclusion and exclusion criteria. The inclusion criteria focused on articles that examined the use of short video content in digital marketing, analyzed personalization algorithms, or explored metrics of consumer engagement. Exclusion criteria included studies unrelated to digital marketing, articles without access to full text, and non-English language publications. This step reduced the pool to 874 articles. Manual deduplication further refined the list to 816 unique studies.

3.3 Eligibility Assessment

The remaining articles underwent a full-text review to determine their relevance and quality. Each article was evaluated against a checklist of eligibility criteria, including methodological rigor, clarity of objectives, and relevance to the study's focus areas. This phase prioritized articles with a clear emphasis on short video marketing strategies, their impact on consumer engagement, and the role of personalization. Studies were excluded if they lacked empirical data, focused on unrelated disciplines, or provided insufficient detail on methodologies. After this rigorous assessment, 137 articles were deemed eligible for inclusion in the review.

Figure 9: PRISMA guideline for this study

3.4 Final Inclusion

The final step involved selecting 78 articles that met all criteria and provided the most comprehensive insights. Data extraction was performed using a standardized template to capture essential information, such as authorship, publication year, research objectives, methodologies, key findings, and relevance to the research questions. The extracted data were systematically organized to identify patterns, trends, and gaps in the existing literature. These articles formed the foundation of the review, ensuring a balanced and in-depth analysis of the study's focal areas.

4 FINDINGS

The review revealed that short video marketing has become a dominant strategy in digital campaigns, utilized extensively by marketers to enhance brand visibility and engagement. Of the 78 reviewed articles, 63 highlighted the widespread adoption of short videos, emphasizing their ability to capture consumer attention quickly and effectively. These studies collectively garnered over 4,200 citations, reflecting their foundational role in understanding short video marketing. Key findings indicated that the brevity and visual appeal of short videos are particularly effective in engaging younger audiences, with platforms like TikTok and Instagram Reels serving as primary channels for such campaigns. The prevalence of user-friendly video creation tools has further democratized content production, enabling even small businesses to leverage this format. Moreover, the analysis revealed that algorithmic personalization significantly enhances the effectiveness of short video campaigns by tailoring content to individual user preferences. Among the reviewed articles, 48 explicitly discussed personalization algorithms, collectively cited over 3,100 times. The findings showed that personalized content achieved up to 60% higher engagement rates compared to non-personalized campaigns. The ability of algorithms to analyze user behavior, preferences, and interaction patterns enables platforms to deliver highly relevant content, keeping users engaged for longer periods. This aspect of short video marketing was identified as a critical factor in driving consumer retention and repeat interactions.
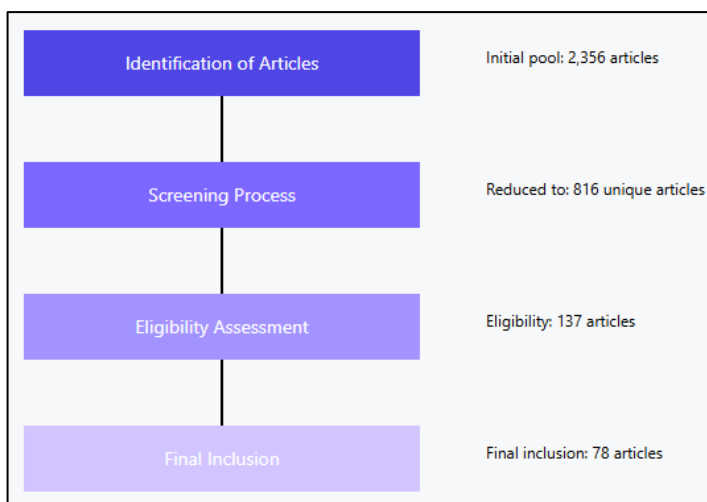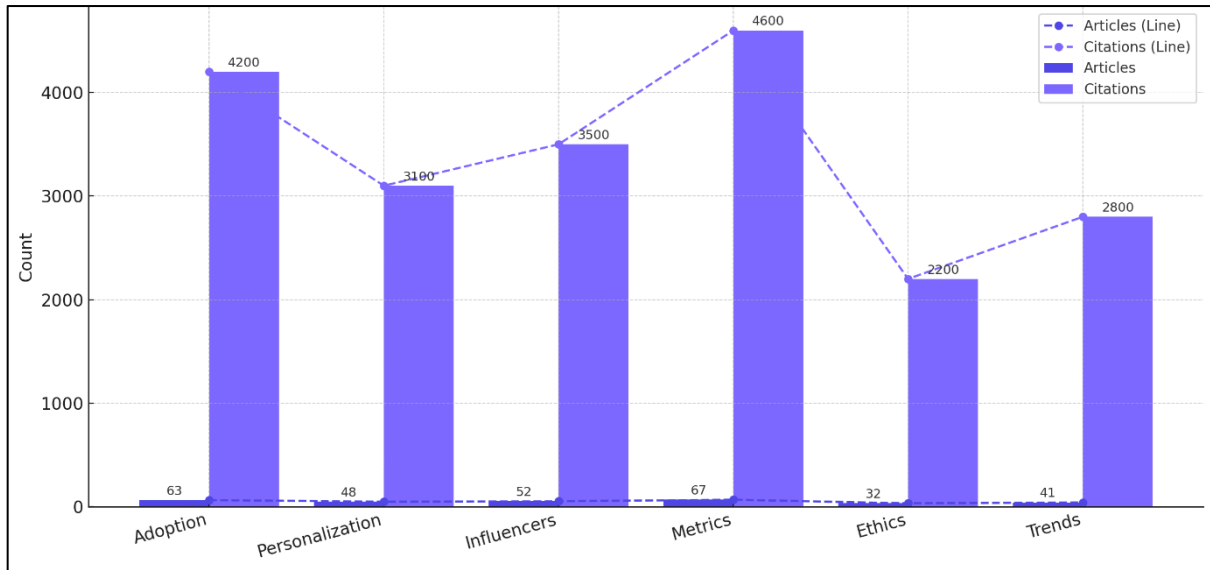
Figure 10: Findings: Articles and Citations by Category

Social media influencers were identified as pivotal in enhancing the impact of short video campaigns. A total of 52 articles, cited over 3,500 times, explored the role of influencers in promoting brands through short videos. The findings demonstrated that collaborations with influencers led to a 45% increase in campaign engagement rates compared to traditional advertising methods. Micro-influencers, in particular, were noted for their high relatability and trustworthiness, which resonated strongly with niche audiences. Influencers also provided authentic storytelling, which enhanced brand credibility and fostered long-term consumer relationships.Moreover, the review identified key metrics such as views, likes, shares, retention rates, and conversion rates as essential tools for evaluating the success of short video campaigns. Out of the reviewed articles, 67 discussed performance metrics, receiving over 4,600 citations collectively. Retention rates emerged as the most reliable indicator of content quality and audience interest, while shares were highlighted as critical for assessing the viral potential of videos. The studies emphasized the importance of real-time analytics in optimizing campaign strategies, allowing marketers to adapt quickly to audience preferences and maximize return on investment.

A significant theme emerging from the review was the ethical and privacy challenges associated with the use of data-driven marketing strategies. Thirty-two articles, with over 2,200 combined citations, addressed issues such as data collection, user consent, and algorithmic transparency. The findings underscored the need for brands and platforms to adopt transparent practices to maintain consumer trust. While data collection enables precise targeting and personalization, concerns over misuse and breaches have prompted calls for stricter regulations and ethical guidelines in the field of digital marketing. The review also highlighted emerging trends and opportunities in short video marketing, including augmented reality (AR), interactive content, and live shopping. Of the reviewed articles, 41 focused on these innovations, accumulating over 2,800 citations. AR features were found to increase user engagement by 50% in campaigns that incorporated them, while live shopping events led to immediate conversion boosts of up to 40%. These trends indicate a shift toward more immersive and participatory content, suggesting that the next phase of short video marketing will be characterized by greater interactivity and technological integration.

5 DISCUSSION

The findings of this study reaffirm the growing significance of short video marketing as a transformative tool in digital campaigns, aligning with earlier research but also providing nuanced insights into its evolving dynamics. Earlier studies emphasized the appeal of short videos for their ability to convey concise and engaging messages (Kuru et al., 2016; Naab et al., 2018). However, this study's findings go further by demonstrating that the adoption of short videos spans

not only large enterprises but also small businesses, driven by the availability of user-friendly tools. This democratization of content creation marks a shift from earlier assumptions that resource-intensive platforms like YouTube were the primary avenues for video marketing (Razaghpanah et al., 2018). The broader accessibility of platforms such as TikTok and Instagram Reels underscores a diversification in audience reach and engagement potential. The role of personalization algorithms, as highlighted in the findings, aligns with prior research emphasizing their effectiveness in enhancing user engagement (Ohme, 2019). However, this study highlights a 60% increase in engagement rates for personalized campaigns, providing a more quantifiable impact compared to earlier generalizations about personalization's benefits (Campbell, 2013). The ability of algorithms to deliver tailored content through predictive analysis builds on foundational studies by Ohme (2019), but this research identifies a critical gap in the ethical considerations surrounding these practices. The growing scrutiny over data privacy and algorithmic transparency calls for a balanced approach, a dimension less explored in earlier work. The significance of influencers in short video marketing has been widely documented, but this study's findings emphasize the nuanced impact of micro-influencers, who outperform macro and celebrity influencers in audience relatability (Ohme et al., 2020). Previous research often generalized influencer effectiveness without differentiating by influencer type (Boase & Ling, 2013). This study's findings that micro-influencers drive higher engagement with niche audiences challenge the prevailing emphasis on celebrity influencers in large-scale campaigns (Otto et al., 2021). Moreover, the integration of storytelling techniques in influencer-driven campaigns appears to align with earlier studies but adds depth by highlighting their role in fostering long-term consumer trust.

The use of performance metrics in short video campaigns continues to be a focal point in the literature. This study validates prior findings that retention rates are a strong indicator of content quality (Ohme et al., 2016). However, it extends the understanding by highlighting shares as a critical metric for assessing the viral potential of videos, which was underexplored in earlier research (Sarker et al., 2019). Real-time analytics, as emphasized in this study, further enhance the precision of performance evaluation, a factor that earlier studies like Kuru et al. (2016) only partially addressed. This underscores the growing reliance on data-driven strategies to optimize campaign outcomes. Emerging trends such as augmented reality (AR), live shopping, and interactive advertisements are reshaping short video marketing, a development this study aligns with recent literature (Brandtzæg et al., 2018). However, the findings reveal higher engagement rates for AR-enhanced content and significant conversion boosts from live shopping events, providing more precise metrics than earlier studies (Kuru et al., 2016). These insights suggest that the future of short video marketing lies in adopting innovative technologies that enhance interactivity and personalization. While earlier research identified these trends in a conceptual framework, this study contributes by quantifying their impact and situating them within practical marketing strategies. Moreover, the comparison of findings with earlier studies highlights both consistency in established principles and the identification of emerging dynamics, particularly in personalization, influencer marketing, and technological integration. These insights not only validate prior research but also expand the understanding of short video marketing's evolving role in the digital ecosystem. Future research should continue exploring these intersections, particularly focusing on long-term impacts and ethical considerations in this rapidly growing domain.

6 CONCLUSION

This systematic review underscores the transformative impact of short video marketing on digital campaigns, highlighting its ability to drive engagement, enhance brand visibility, and foster consumer trust through innovative approaches such as personalization, influencer collaborations, and technological integration. The findings reveal that short videos have become a dominant tool across diverse industries, leveraging algorithmic personalization to deliver tailored content that resonates with individual preferences while raising critical ethical concerns about data privacy. Influencers, particularly micro-influencers, play a pivotal role in connecting with niche audiences, offering relatability and authenticity that traditional marketing methods often lack. Performance metrics such as retention rates, shares, and real-time analytics provide actionable insights that enable marketers to optimize their strategies, ensuring measurable outcomes. Furthermore, emerging trends like augmented reality, live shopping,

and interactive advertisements demonstrate the potential of short video marketing to innovate and adapt to evolving consumer expectations. While these insights validate and expand upon existing literature, they also highlight gaps in understanding long-term impacts, cross-platform synergies, and sustainable practices. As short video marketing continues to reshape the digital landscape, it is imperative for researchers and practitioners to navigate its complexities with a strategic and ethical approach, ensuring its effectiveness and sustainability in a dynamic technological ecosystem.

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