An Exploratory Study of The Customer's Side of Service Failure, Service Recovery—with The Retailing Service Industry

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ABSTRACT

Nowadays Service Industries play a significant role in economics as well as leads the major economic development all over the world, which reveals the importance of service management. Service Industries have actively improved their service; nevertheless, customers still complain. Most of the customers continue unsatisfied. The service amending does not change anything. The problems about the service makeup and the service processes are waiting for solutions. The study focuses on the use of depth interviews as an applied method. The respondents are customers. This research mainly studies the customer service mistake and service amending in the retail shops. In the viewpoint of the customers to discuss the whole consumption process and analyze the service problems.

Further, suggestions for the service industries about how to read the behaviors of the customers and promote the service quality and satisfaction of the customers will be offered in this study. The research reports:

I. The cases that "go far away":
1. The contracts are not carried out.
2. The unsuited products are not exchangeable.
3. Requesting for refund is denied.
4. The attendants are with bad attitude, expressions, and answers.
5. The attendants ignore the customers.
6. The attendants have poor product knowledge.
7. The attendants passively serve and respond to the customers.
8. Recommended products are not suited.
9. Products do not match the expectation.
10. The attendants ask too far.
11. The attendants question customers.
12. The attendants do not treat and solve the problem in time.
13. The attendants deny forgetting to give free gifts and mis-charging.
14. The attendants show off their eloquence.
15. The attendants force the customers to purchase or sign contracts.
16. Different service attitudes before and after purchasing make customers feel utilitarian of the attendants.
17. The products are in shortage.

II. "The sequent Responses" of the customers:
1. Helplessly cooperating with.
2. Continuously waiting and observing.
3. Asking for rearrangement.
4. Procrastinating.
5. Arguing.

III. "Actions" of the customers:
1. Immediately requesting or responding.
2. Being patient, oppressive, or silent.
3. Losing temper.
4. Blaming the attendants.
5. Leaving with anger.
6. Arguing furiously.
7. Refusing to purchase again.
8. Leaving the unsuited products.
9. Complaining to the others (friends or family).

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