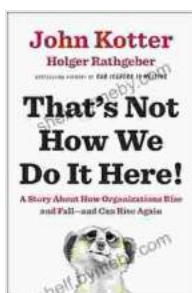


The Rise and Fall of Organizations: Lessons from History

Organizations are complex entities that are constantly evolving. They can rise to great heights, only to fall just as quickly. What are the factors that contribute to the success or failure of an organization? What can we learn from history to help us avoid the pitfalls that have led to the downfall of so many organizations?

In his book, "Story About How Organizations Rise And Fall And Can Rise Again," author Jim Collins explores the factors that contribute to the success and failure of organizations. Collins interviewed leaders from a variety of organizations, including companies, non-profits, and government agencies. He identified a number of key factors that distinguish successful organizations from those that fail.



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One of the most important factors is **leadership**. Successful organizations have leaders who are clear about their vision and who are able to inspire others to follow them. They are also able to create a culture of trust and collaboration, where people are willing to take risks and work together to achieve common goals.

Another important factor is **strategy**. Successful organizations have a clear strategy that is aligned with their mission and values. They are also able to execute their strategy effectively, adapting to changing circumstances as necessary.

Finally, successful organizations have a strong **foundation**. They have a clear understanding of their core competencies and they are able to build on those competencies to create a sustainable competitive advantage.

Collins' book is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to understand the factors that contribute to the success or failure of organizations. He provides a wealth of insights that can help leaders avoid the pitfalls that have led to the downfall of so many organizations.

Here are some of the key lessons that Collins learned from his research:

- Successful organizations have leaders who are clear about their vision and who are able to inspire others to follow them.
- Successful organizations have a clear strategy that is aligned with their mission and values.
- Successful organizations have a strong foundation that is based on their core competencies.

- Organizations that fail often make the mistake of trying to be too many things to too many people.
- Organizations that fail often underestimate the importance of culture.
- Organizations that fail often make the mistake of not adapting to changing circumstances.

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The Rise and Fall of Finance and the End of the Society of Organizations

by Gerald F. Davis

Executive Overview

Large corporations were a dominant force in American society for generations through their employment practices, expansion drives, and equitainment contributions. As the United States has shifted to a post-industrial economy—however, fitting the somewhat false center stage. This article documents shifts in corporate employment, institutional investments, corporate operations, financial services, government, and the role of the nation's financial leaders. I argue that all these shifts can be seen as part of an interconnected movement toward a finance-oriented economy, and that the recent economic downturn can be viewed as just another of the broader movement.

The global economic downturn that closed the first decade of the 21st century revealed the centrality of finance in American society. Problems in the economic sector traded by obscure financial institutions rapidly spun out of control, eventually putting global capitalism itself at risk. Like a loose thread that managed to unravel an entire sweater, the mortgage crisis evolved into a credit crisis and ultimately into an economic crisis that is treating the Great Depression of the 1930s. The economic crisis in turn has forced us to grapple with the fact that the United States is now a fully postindustrial economy. By March 2009, more Americans were unemployed than were employed in manufacturing, and all signs pointed to further displacement in the goods-producing sector.

The disappearance of manufacturing employment has corresponded to another change: large corporations have lost their place as the central

pillars of American social structure. For most of the 20th century, social organizations in the United States orbited around the large corporation like moons around a planet. Understanding the workings of the corporation was the key to understanding the "society of organizations" Peter Drucker described this vision of society in 1949: "In the industrial enterprise the structure which actually underlies all our society can be seen. . . . It symbolizes the new organizing principle of an industrial society in the purest and clearest form, just as the perfect crystal in a mineralogical museum presents in perfect form the organizing principle which the mineral always tends to follow in whatever shape it is found" (Drucker, 1949, pp. 28–29). But today, as this paper argues, corporations are no longer the organizing principle of U.S. society. As a result, we are left to pick up the pieces of an economic crisis saddled with institutions and a conceptual model of society ill-fitted for an era that has passed.

In this article, I describe how we got here and suggest some of the implications for managing

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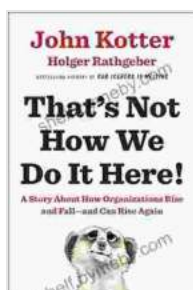
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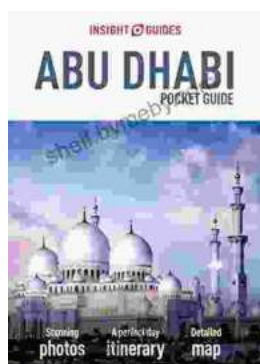


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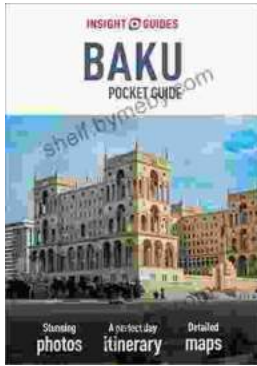
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