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Disentangling the Effects of Experience-Based Faultlines on Team Performance: An Empirical Investigation in Electronic Sports Teams

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Abstract

To win in professional tournaments, the deliberate selection of team members with diverse experience is necessary to ensure an element of surprise while maintaining a certain degree of coordination. Building on the faultlines perspective, we posit experience-based faultlines as a focal determinant of team performance in eSports tournaments. Through a comprehensive review of extant literature, we derive a typology of experience attributes that are implicit to eSports teams and from which experience-based faultlines could emerge. Analyzing data gathered for a popular Multiplayer Online Battle Arena (MOBA) game on 71,195 teams, this study yields novel insights into how experience-based faultlines affect team performance. Particularly, we discovered an inverted U-shaped relationship between experience-based faultlines and team coordination effectiveness, which in turn exerts a significantly positive impact on team performance. Additionally, results revealed an inverted U-shaped relationship between experience-based faultlines and team coordination instability, which in turn exerts a significantly negative impact on team performance. Implications for faultlines theory, experience, and team coordination research are discussed.

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