

## **INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY AS STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR OVERCOMING WORKPLACE CONFLICT**

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### **Abstract**

Organisational conflicts pose considerable problems, affecting both employee satisfaction and organisational effectiveness. Efficient resolution solutions are essential for sustaining a harmonious work environment among varied perspectives and possible sources of conflict. This work intends to theoretically investigate industrial democracy as a strategic management framework for overcoming workplace conflict.. An increasingly popular pluralistic paradigm for fostering modern workplaces that value and encourage employee voice, involvement, and partnership is industrial democracy. Industrial democracy, whose foundations lie in the notion of participatory decision-making, promotes a situation in which management and employees work together to govern organisational processes with the goal of increasing cooperation and eliminating conflict. Industrial democracy and its function in resolving workplace disputes are the subject of a comprehensive academic analysis in this essay. Using the theoretical underpinnings of conflict management as a jumping-off point, the research analyses the development, scope, processes, and principles of industrial democracy. In particular, the article delves into how industrial democracy makes it easier to avoid conflicts, spot them early, and resolve them through public participation. Beyond that, it stresses the need for new tech tools like e-governance systems, cloud-based performance dashboards, digital suggestion schemes, communication platforms powered by AI, and so on in strengthening democratic spirit in the workplace. A wide range of interested parties, including managers, students, governments, unions, employers, and trade unions, as well as human resource management experts, analysed the effects of industrial democracy. Built on the foundation of Participative Decision-Making Theory (PDMT), this paper asserts that reducing adversarial disputes is possible through increased commitment, social interchange, and feelings of fairness brought about by shared decision-making. Following a comprehensive analysis of the topic, the paper finds that implementing industrial democracy is a proactive HRM method for fostering low-conflict, inventive, trusting, and resilient workplaces in varied industries.

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### **Introduction**

While pursuing their objectives, organisations may encounter managerial challenges and conflicts among employees, partners, and other stakeholders. Conflicts are unavoidable due to the divergent viewpoints, opinions, and backgrounds of the individuals involved. Proactively resolving disagreements can enhance collaboration and efficiency within organisations (Ongori, 2009; Hyatt et al., 2023). Organisational conflicts often arise from historical concerns, cultural differences, varied work environments, and elements such as autonomy, management approaches, and employee compensation. Addressing workplace conflicts is common (Valdes, 2023). Identifying conflict variants enhances organisational innovation. Conflict can catalyse beneficial change by instigating policy reform and reducing dissent. Effective management modifies conflict scenarios or human reactions. Adomi et al. (2005). Overton and Lowry (2013) assert that disagreements can improve performance and facilitate necessary changes, but poor management can damage an organisation's reputation, cause stress, and diminish productivity. Using the Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument (Thomas & Kilmann, 1974), which delineates five conflict management styles (avoidance, accommodation, competition, compromise, and collaboration), effective tactics

can provide pathways for resolution in knowledge-based organisations. By modifying settings and expectations, these methodologies can cultivate favourable results, despite divergent objectives and beliefs (Kiitam et al., 2016). Overton et al. (2013) identify communication failures, personality clashes, workload inequities, and leadership styles as prevalent sources of conflict in these situations. Fortunately, multiple resolution options are available to tackle these difficulties, such as direct communication, mediation, and conflict management training for employees and project managers (Maiti & Choi, 2018). Employing these tactics, organisations can restore equilibrium and sustain production. This study examines procedures for resolving employee conflict, its effects on job satisfaction, its fundamental causes, and its prevalence within organisations. Participants were surveyed using closed-ended questionnaires and analysed with chi-square tests in a quantitative way. Furthermore, strategic planning and management methodologies were examined, using SWOT assessments to discern relevant strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. This study provides data-driven insights and recommendations for organisational conflict management that promote workplace harmony and improve productivity.

More so, organisational diversity, uneven power relations, divergent aims, and limited resources all contribute to the inevitable conflict that arises (Rahim, 2017). Although healthy disagreements can inspire new ideas and approaches, hostile arguments that drag on for too long damage morale, productivity, and the overall atmosphere of an organisation. Around the world, industrial democracy is increasingly recognised as a model for effective conflict management and reduction in the workplace (Markey & Patmore, 2020). Empowering workers with voice, involvement, and representation mitigates grievances that contribute to conflict and legitimises decisions, according to rising recognition.

According to Dundon, Wilkinson, Marchington, and Ackers (2017), industrial democracy has its origins in the labour movement and participatory management schools. It is implemented through various means such as works councils, joint consultation committees, open-door policies, collective bargaining, participation schemes, and shared governance structures. As businesses move towards knowledge-based, complex socio-technical systems, industrial democracy has also taken on a technological twist, embracing digital interfaces that allow employees to voice their opinions and have a say in decision-making (Dartey-Baah & Amoako, 2021).

The function of industrial democracy in resolving organisational conflicts in contemporary workplaces across the world is thoroughly examined in this academic article. The foundation of this approach is the Participative Decision-Making Theory (PDMT), which according to Vroom and Jago (1988), emphasises the significance of inclusive decision-making processes in improving commitment, satisfaction, and conflict reduction. This article furthers our understanding of industrial democracy by outlining its theoretical underpinnings, historical development, and operational processes, and by demonstrating how digital technologies contribute to the institutionalisation of democratic practices in the workplace. Important stakeholders and HR experts can find a thorough analysis of the consequences in it as well. With this research, we hope to theoretically analyse industrial democracy as a framework for strategic management that can help us overcome workplace conflicts.

The pluralistic framework of industrial democracy has become more important in contemporary companies as a means to encourage employees to speak out, participate, and work together. Building on the principles of participatory decision-making, industrial democracy fosters an environment where employees and management work together to govern organisational operations. This model aims to lessen hostile interactions and increase mutual interest. This study delves deeply into the academic literature on industrial democracy and its function in resolving workplace disputes. The study closely examines the development, scope, methods, and guiding principles of industrial democracy, establishing a connection with the theoretical underpinnings of conflict management. This research delves into ways in which industrial democracy assists in avoiding conflicts, identifying them early on, and resolving them through collective action. Moreover, it emphasises the importance of new technology tools like e-governance systems,

cloud-based performance dashboards, digital suggestion schemes, and communication platforms enabled by artificial intelligence to strengthen democratic spirit in the workplace. Managers, workers, government officials, students, and HRM experts are among the many groups whose interests are thoroughly examined in relation to industrial democracy. Based on PDMT, the article asserts that collaborative decision-making reduces confrontational disputes by increasing commitment, social exchange, and fairness perception. The study finds that industrial democracy is a proactive HRM method for building sector-wide workplaces that are low-conflict, inventive, resilient, and trusting after a thorough review of the topic.

Industrial democracy differs from traditional management. Effective conflict management tactics (avoidance, accommodation, competition, compromise, and collaboration) can help resolve issues in knowledge-based organisations, where senior executives make decisions without lower-level employees, potentially causing disconnections, job dissatisfaction, and employee disengagement. Industrial democracy addresses these concerns by encouraging transparent and inclusive decision-making processes that allow workers to engage in work environment, job security, and welfare decisions. The paradigm shift recognises that employees' professional insights can boost corporate success and sustainability. Industrial democracy requires fair involvement, transparency, collaborative decision-making, accountability, and continual progress. Industrial democracy requires corporations to promote equality and empowerment through works councils, employee representation on boards, and collaborative management. Industrial democracy promotes workplace fairness, justice, and human rights, creating a more equitable and healthy company environment for long-term prosperity. Industrial democracy promotes employee participation in organisational decision-making, breaking with hierarchical administration. Industrial management decisions were traditionally made by senior executives with little input from lower-level workers, which could lead to disconnections, job dissatisfaction, and low employee engagement. Industrial democracy addresses these concerns by encouraging transparent and inclusive decision-making processes that allow workers to engage in work environment, job security, and welfare decisions. This paradigm shift recognises that employees' professional insights can boost corporate success and sustainability. Industrial democracy requires fair involvement, transparency, collaborative decision-making, accountability, and continual progress. Industrial democracy requires corporations to promote equality and empowerment through works councils, employee representation on boards, and collaborative management. Industrial democracy implements democratic values of equality, justice, and human rights in the workplace, creating a more equitable and healthy corporate environment for long-term success.

### **Theoretical Framework: Participative Decision-Making Theory**

Engaging subordinates in decision-making processes enhances their happiness, sense of ownership, commitment, and overall organisational success, according to the Participative Decision-Making Theory (PDMT) (Yukl, 2013). The primary sources for PDMT's development in the field of behavioural and management psychology are Likert (1961) and Vroom and Jago (1988). PDMT postulates that managers' decentralised decision-making lowers morale and increases resistance and conflict among employees. Joint consultation, on the other hand, allows workers to have a say in the policies and practices that impact their daily work lives, which in turn promotes psychological safety and trust (Lam, Huang, & Chan, 2015). According to this school of thought, PDMT is best expressed in its formalised forms across various organisational structures through industrial democracy (Pateman, 1970). Employees have a voice in operational process decisions, working condition decisions, and strategic direction decisions through mechanisms like works councils, proposal systems, joint decision boards, and collective bargaining committees. Reducing "decision-implementation gaps", increasing perceived procedural justice, and decreasing grievance-based conflict are all outcomes of such participatory techniques, as stated in the theory.

So, PDMT is a great tool to discover how industrial democracy helps with resolving conflicts and fostering peace in the workplace.

### **3. Conceptual Overview of Industrial Democracy**

Industrial democracy refers to arrangements in which employees collectively participate in decision-making and governance within an enterprise (Held, 2006). This concept differs from economic democracy because it specifically addresses the internal governance processes of industrial and commercial organisations (Dundon et al., 2017). Initial forms can be identified in 19th-century guilds and worker cooperatives, while contemporary developments arose in the 20th century via trade unions, codetermination legislation (such as Germany's Mitbestimmungsgesetz), works councils, and collective bargaining frameworks (Markey & Patmore, 2020). Current research categorises participation into two primary forms: representative participation, wherein employees are represented by elected entities (e.g., work councils, unions, or board representatives) and direct participation, which enables individual employees to contribute to their work processes and environments (Wilkinson, Barry, & Morrison, 2020). Mechanisms include standard suggestion schemes, digital surveys, and organisational forums.

#### **Industrial conflict**

In the interim Industrial conflict denotes a disagreement between employers and employees concerning wages, working conditions, and benefits. Formal actions like strikes or lockouts, as well as informal ones like absenteeism, can demonstrate these differences. The conflict arises between the divergent interests of employees seeking enhanced conditions and employers maximising profit. Industrial democracy refers to systems where employees engage collectively in decision-making and governance within an organisation (Held, 2006). We refer to disputes between employers and employees regarding compensation, working conditions, or benefits as industrial conflict. Both formal actions like strikes or lockouts and informal ones like absenteeism can exemplify this phenomenon. The conflict emerges from the desire of workers for improved working conditions juxtaposed with the companies' objective to maximise profits. "Industrial democracy" refers to frameworks that enable workers to participate in company policy and decision-making processes (Held, 2006). Dundon et al. (2017) differentiate this concept from economic democracy by highlighting the internal governance processes of commercial and industrial enterprises. Trade unions, codetermination laws such as Germany's Mitbestimmungsgesetz, works councils, and collective bargaining frameworks developed in the twentieth century, whereas the earliest examples include 19th-century guilds and worker cooperatives (Markey & Patmore, 2020).

Whereas direct participation enables individual employees to provide input on their work processes and environments, representative participation entails employees being represented by elected bodies such as works councils, unions, or board representatives (Wilkinson, Barry, & Morrison, 2020). Standard recommendation programmes, online surveys, and company-wide discussion boards serve as examples of these mechanisms. This concept contrasts with economic democracy because it focuses on the internal governance mechanisms of industrial and commercial organisations (Dundon et al., 2017). Initial forms are evident in the guilds and worker cooperatives of the 19th century, while contemporary manifestations emerged in the 20th century through trade unions, codetermination legislation (e.g., Germany's Mitbestimmungsgesetz), works councils, and collective bargaining frameworks (Markey & Patmore, 2020). Meanwhile, the current research classifies participation into two main types: representative participation, where employees are represented by elected bodies such as works councils, unions, or board representatives, and direct participation, which allows individual employees to provide input on their work processes and environments (Wilkinson, Barry, & Morrison, 2020). Mechanisms consist of standard suggestion schemes, digital surveys, and organisation-wide forums.

### **What Triggers Nigerian Industrial Conflicts and Strikes?**

There is a lot of stress in the country right now because of the strikes. Examining the origins and dynamics of workplace disputes requires an analytical mindset. The following arguments illustrate many reasons why workers' unions and individual workers respond to Marx's demand to "revolt against capital", even when there may be simple answers. Inadequate decision-making authority, management policies, internal organisational policies, interpersonal dynamics, and procedural concerns were among the variables that Fashoyin (2007) outlined in his micro theory of conflict as contributing to industrial conflicts. There are a number of elements that contribute to industrial disputes and strikes. Some of these aspects were highlighted by Okene (2008). Denial of recognition of the union Employees often try to get their employers to acknowledge their union status and start bargaining collectively by going on strike. Union Bank's UBASS is currently at odds with management over whether or not it is recognised as a representative body with the authority to negotiate on behalf of its members. UBASS is a subset of ASSBIFFI, the larger union that Union Bank employs. Bringing attention to the difficulties faced by employees This is the main and probably most important reason why workers go on strike. Inadequate social services, low wages, unsafe working conditions, and poor benefits are some of the reasons workers go on strike.

In 2010, doctors in Edo State went on strike to denounce the high level of violence in the area that had resulted in the kidnapping and killing of multiple colleagues. A rise in the "living" wage was a demand that the NLC and TUC made known to their members in 2010 when they issued a warning that they should go on strike. Unfortunately, collective bargaining doesn't work. This is a major cause of strikes and other forms of industrial unrest. According to Okene (2008), the main reason why workers take industrial action is because collective bargaining doesn't work. There is no guarantee of success in collective bargaining when employees and employers engage in such talks. Even if it succeeds, no one may notice. When discussions fail and agreed-upon terms are not carried out, industrial conflicts and the disturbance of workplace peace and harmony are inevitable outcomes. The recent industrial conflict between ASUU and the South-East state governments is mainly caused by the failure of those governments to support and implement the FG-ASUU 2007 agreement.

Industrial conflicts have resulted from public measures that are both unpopular and severe. Governmental and corporate policies that are hostile and harsh are the root cause of many major industrial confrontations. The majority of government ideas have been met with strong hostility from the working class. Workers and their unions often go on strike when they feel that certain policies, choices, or laws are anti-labour. In response to many government measures, a string of strikes has broken out in Nigeria. One prominent policy of President Olusegun Obasanjo's civilian term (1999–2007) was the continuous increase in petrol prices. A notable individual, Adams Oshiomhole, presided over the National Labour Congress (NLC) during a time when Nigeria was characterised by regular strikes. These steps were required in response to the working class's reaction to the planned fuel price hikes. The French government's decision to raise the retirement age in 2010 sparked widespread strikes and protests. The social and economic effects of labour conflicts and walkouts. A number of social and economic factors hinder Nigeria's progress due to the prevalence of work stoppages caused by industrial conflicts. No matter the motivation behind a strike, it is certain to cause societal and economic problems. Economists see strikes as causes of economic fragmentation that lead to substantial negative economic effects, but sociologists see them as disruptions to the socialisation process and the sociological significance of work.

Industrial disputes, such as strikes and other labour interruptions, greatly slow down and even halt economic growth and development. Reduced national productivity and discouragement of vital foreign investment are two outcomes of this effect. When looking at a country's overall productivity, human productivity is a key indication. This result is based on the idea that all other resources are transformed by a nation's human resources, which is the only way to increase production. The loss of man-days occurs when work stops because of disagreements or trade disputes. Gross domestic product and gross national product are directly affected by a decline in

worker productivity, which is measured in lost man-days. The ongoing strikes show how our industrial civilisation is defective in structure and character. As a result, global investors stay out of it all because they don't want their money dragged into a situation where industrial peace and concord are always shifting. Strikes, work stoppages, and industrial conflicts have far-reaching social effects. According to Durkheim (1960), work is the glue that holds society together. In addition to being fundamental to human survival, work is also a key factor in creating and maintaining social standards. When people in an organisation believe that one another are trying to interfere with their work or have contradictory aims, conflict is likely to emerge (Robbins & Judge, 2019). Conflict can be classed according to its source: objectives, roles, and duties (task-based conflict); interpersonal dynamics (relationship-based conflict); or techniques (process-based conflict).

### **The Role of Industrial Democracy in Overcoming Organizational Conflict**

Industrial democracy mitigates conflict in five strategic ways:

- Industrial democracy contributes to conflict reduction in five distinct ways: The use of formal voice channels lessens the possibility of unannounced discontent and strikes or employee turnover.
- Transparency in the development and implementation of workplace policies is enhanced through shared decision-making processes, leading to an increase in trust.
- There is less room for mistrust and animosity among workers when they are able to voice their opinions and have their voices heard.
- Budd and Bhave (2020) found that democratic councils and participatory groups encourage managers and employees to work together to solve problems. Consensus and reduced conflict over the long run result from collaborative problem-solving.
- Conflict frequently emerges when expectations are not in sync with goals. By allowing workers a voice in the creation and evaluation of performance indicators, industrial democracy helps bring workers' expectations in line with those of their employer. Conflicts arising from processes and tasks are reduced as a result of this transparency.
- Colquitt et al. (2013) found that participation increases views of procedural and interactional justice, which, in turn, strengthens organisational justice and commitment. Treating people fairly raises their emotional investment in the organisation and lowers the probability that they will engage in destructive actions, like sabotage or opposition.

### **Technology-Based Instruments for the Advancement of Industrial Democracy in the Information Age**

Industrial democracy is undergoing a profound transformation due to the proliferation of AI and other forms of information and communication technology (Bélanger & Edwards, 2020). Here are some tools:

#### **Technological Tool Use for Industrial Democracy Role in Conflict Management**

- Idea Drop and Google Forms are examples of digital suggestion boxes that can capture real-time employee emotion, complaints, and ideas. Early identification of conflict drivers is possible.
- Enterprise social media examples include Yammer and Microsoft Teams. Opportunities for management and staff to have frank discussions It encourages transparency and speeds up feedback loops.
- Chatbots powered by artificial intelligence Gathers and evaluates employee attitude automatically Discovers unspoken disagreements
- Decision Tools and Online Polls Making decisions on policies and work designs and scheduling them together strengthens the credibility of your choices.
- HR Analytics Dashboards Delivers engagement, turnover, and conflict hotspot indicators in real time Allows for preventative HRM tasks

- Online platforms for collective bargaining Manages confidential online consultations and negotiations Leads to more productive and cooperative negotiations
- Digital ledgers that facilitate voting Allows for secure, private voting procedures Encourages faith in democratic results

These technologies enable immediate and inclusive participation, aligning with the global characteristics of contemporary enterprises.

## 7. Implications for Stakeholders

Some of the consequences for those involved are as follows:

- i. Employees: When employees feel valued, respected, and engaged at work, they are more likely to do their best. Destructive conflict behaviours are less likely to occur in an industrial democracy because of a decrease in alienation and improvements in psychological wellness.
- ii. Management: Bottom-up insights significantly assist managers in making better decisions. They must also overcome the difficulty of giving up some control on their own, but eventually, they reap the rewards of more trust and less expensive interruptions.
- iii. Labour Unions: Labour unions are more powerful in an industrial democracy, but they may have to change their negotiating tactics from being confrontational to being cooperative and partnership-based.
- iv. Associations representing employers: These groups stand to benefit from fostering democratic standards that lessen disagreements across sectors and from exchanging best practices with other businesses.
- v. Stable labour-management relations are good for governments because they lessen the likelihood of social instability and strikes. For democratic processes (such as rules on works councils and employee consultation), they are crucial in offering regulatory backing.
- vi. Human Resource Management Experts: Industrial democracy is a change from top-down management to bottom-up facilitation of leadership for HR managers. They need to train managers and employees on democratic competence, incorporate technology, create and facilitate participatory processes, and guarantee inclusiveness.
- vii. HR should establish welcoming spaces for collaborative dialogue with well-defined objectives: Democracies and training programmes should emphasise democratic discourse and participatory leadership. Systems for hiring and performance reviews should also encourage democratic actions.
- viii. Using HR analytics, you can keep tabs on engagement, involvement, and conflict levels. Lastly, it is important for HR professionals to be mindful of varied cultural traditions while adopting industrial democracy across international firms.

## Conclusion

The study, following a comprehensive theoretical investigation, uncovers significant correlations between industrial democracy and its role as a strategic management framework for resolving workplace disputes. Conflict dynamics influence conflict resolution tactics and perceptions, favour direct communication, and correlate with increased conflict frequency; hence, they affect job satisfaction. Industrial democracy is a fundamental component of contemporary conflict resilience organisations. Anchored on Participative Decision-Making Theory, it leverages employee involvement in decisions to build trust, justice perceptions, and mutual commitment, thereby reducing adversarial conflict. Technological advancements generate novel opportunities for real-time, scalable, and data-driven democratic processes within multinational organisations. The challenge and opportunity for HR professionals reside in establishing democratic platforms that address varied workforces and stakeholder interests while maintaining a balance between efficiency and inclusion. Industrial democracy has evolved from a mere moral ideal to a strategic

asset for fostering organisational harmony, enhancing performance, and ensuring sustainability in a complex global economy.

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