# Why Social Should Be A Part of Your Advertising Strategy

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#### **About Community Elf**

- Formed in late 2010 in Pittsburgh
- Content Marketing before content marketing was chic
- Service Areas:
  - Content Marketing blogs, articles, e-books, web copy, landing pages
  - Social Media Management we are platform agnostic
  - SEO Full SEO audit capability
  - SEM Google Partner, Bing
  - Social Media Advertising again, we are platform agnostic
- UpContent proprietary content curation technology
  - Initial development began in late 2012
  - Released as a portlet in Hootsuite in May 2015
  - Web version available at upcontent.com

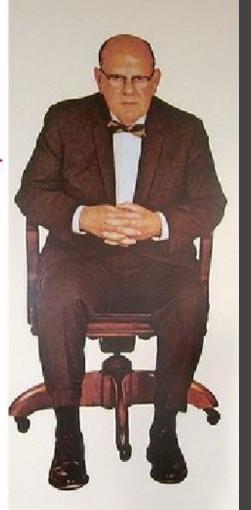


#### Why do we advertise?



I don't know who you are
I don't know your company
I don't know your company's products
I don't know what your company stands for
I don't know your company's customers
I don't know your company's record
I don't know your company's reputation

Now-what was it you wanted to sell me?





McGraw-Hill advert 1958

## Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark ...

### You know what you're doing but nobody else does

Stuart H. Britt



# Good advertising does not just circulate information... It penetrates the public mind with desire and belief

Stuart H. Britt



#### Why do we advertise?

- To motivate people to take action
- To encourage people to consider other viewpoints
- To establish identity
- ..... countless other reasons

We advertise to influence the decision making process at multiple levels



#### Where Do We Advertise?



























soil delivery milton



eb Images Manages winter out tool

About ,050,000 results (0.28 seconds)

Ads related to soil delivery milton ①

Top Soil Delivery 1 (905) 299 7645 www.acornlandscapesupply.ca/

2 Yards of Triple Mix for \$124.99. Including Tax & Delivery!

(1) Map of 3175 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON (905) 299-7645 - Directions

Soil Delivery Milton - Stop Wasting Time. Hire the Gardener

hirethegardener.com/soil+delivery+milton

Enjoy your Lawn. Get Free Quote

Soil Delivery Milton - Soil Delivered to your Driveway

www.weedaway.com/soil+delivery+milton 24/7 Online Ordering.Order Today!

Map of 7595 Danbro Crescent, Mississauga, ON (955) 647-3100 - Directions

#### soil delivery ... or Milton, ON

Van Beek's Nurseries & Garden Supplies www.vanbeeks.com

1 Google review

Van Beek's Garden Supplies

www.vanbeeks.com Google+ page

Acorn Landscape Supply acornlandscapesupply.ca 2 Google reviews

See results for soil delivery milton on a map »

Petrie's Quality Topsoil Ltd. | Garden Supplies | Milton | Home www.petrie.ca/

Servicing the Milton area since 1951, Petrie's Quality Topsoil Ltd. sells and manufactures wholesale and retail topsoil and garden and landscaping supplies.

A 758 Southdown Rd

(905) 257-4580

(905) 842-5053 © 3175 Trafalgar Rd

(905) 299-7645

(B) 2410 Lower Base Line

Mississauga

Oakville

Oakville

Topsoil Delivery - Van Beek's Garden Supply



#### Soil Milton

www.landscapestore.ca/**Soil**Let Your Garden Thrive with Quality **Soil** Mix. Contact Trusted Supplier

(3) 1150 Heritage Road, Burlington, ON (888) 976-3790 - Directions

#### Soil Delivery Milton

www.vanbeeks.com/soil+delivery+milton 1 (866) 778 5824 Get our Nutrient Rich Topsoil. No mess. Get Them Delivered Today.

No mess. Get Them **Delivered** Today. 2410 Lower Base Line, Oakville, ON (866) 778-5824 - Directions

#### Garden Soil Delivery

www.ask.com/Garden+Soil+Delivery Search for Garden Soil Delivery Find Quick Results now! Ask.com has 5,391 followers on Google+

#### Milton Water Supply

www.schombergwatersupplyon.ca/ Pelivering Bulk Water For Over 20 Yers! Call 905-939-8037 Now.





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Drive Sales Using Social Media

www.communityelf.com





#### So many choices....





The sole purpose of business is service. The sole purpose of advertising is explaining the service which business renders.

— Leo Burnett —

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On most lines, making a sale without making a convert does not count for much. Sales made by conviction - by advertising - are likely to bring permanent customers. People who buy through casual recommendations often do not stick

— Claude C. Hopkins —

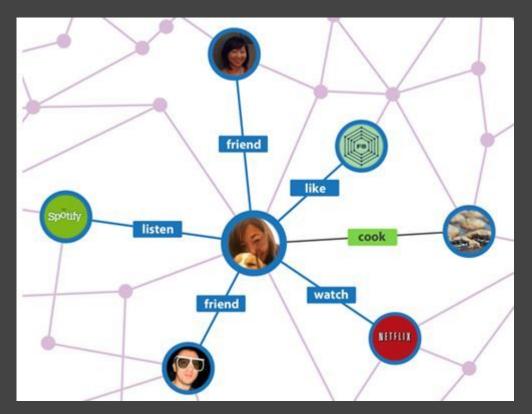
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#### Influencing the Buyer Behavior

- The psychology and neurology of "buying"
- Identifying the "right" buyer
  - Buyers who buy with conviction versus the impulse buyer
- Understanding The Buyer Journey



#### Why Social is Different

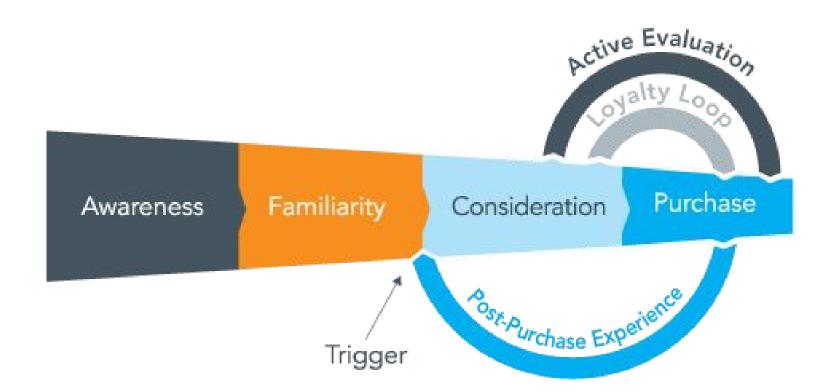




#### **Social Media Ad Targeting**

- Location Targeting
- Demographic Targeting
  - Gender, age, language, education, employer, occupation, relationship status
- Interest Targeting
  - Expressed interests, hobbies, and expressed "likes"
- Behavioral Targeting
  - o activities on or off social media platforms
    - Purchase behaviors
    - Device Preferences
    - Travel intent
- Other Platform Specific Capabilities





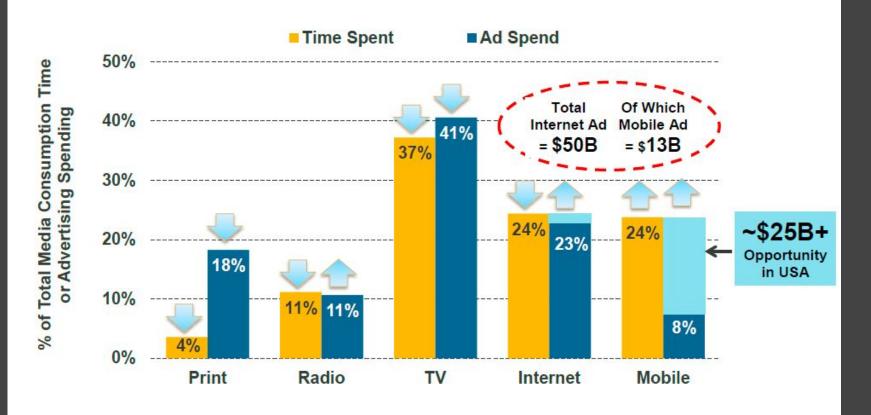


#### Strategies for Generating Awareness

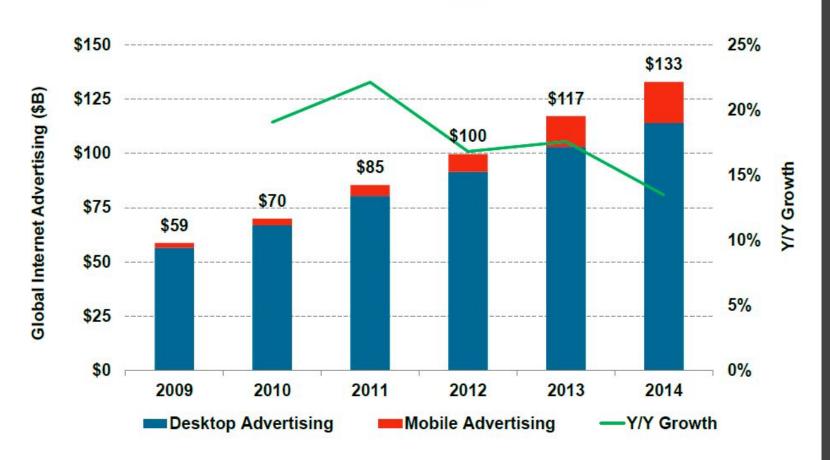
- WHERE: Reach prospective customers with advertising and inbound marketing efforts where they spend their time
  - o It's probably not where you traditionally thought they were
  - O Understand where your users are and benchmark your costs against average users
- HOW: Consistent messaging across all channels
  - Consistency -> Clarity
  - Branding messages are effective
  - Focus on problem or pain points
  - Messaging is sympathetic or empathetic, and supportive
  - o Goal is to establish brand affiliation with the problem domain



#### % of Time Spent in Media vs. % of Advertising Spending, USA, 2014



#### Global Internet Advertising, 2009 - 2014



#### Ad Strategies To Support Familiarity

- WHERE: Social channels, blogs, and influencers
  - Content is critically important
  - Targeted ads used to drive users to content
    - Use retargeting methods or custom audiences to identify active segments ready for familiarity
  - Feed the content ecosystem
    - Others talking about you is more "authentic" than what you have to say
- HOW:
  - Promoted social posts and ads that drive to content
  - Promoted ads driving to third party or expert opinion



#### **Facebook Promoted Post**



#### William Andrew Raposo

Bespin City Nights returns tonight to The Wythe!



#### Midnight Magic

Tonight, Morgan and Andrew play jams at The Ides (atop The Wythe Hotel in Brooklyn) from eight o'dock on to the cocktailing and Instagramming set.

Like . Comment . Share . 11 minutes ago . @



Write a comment... [6]



#### The Blacklist Suggested Post

Like Pag

WATCH James Spader in fall's hottest new drama, #TheBlacklist premieres tonight at 10/9c.



The Blacklist - Tonight at 10/9c on NBC.

Length: 1:00









Sean Kilpatrick was tagged in Nick Kelly's photo.



#### **Twitter Promoted Post**



#### Stephen Forster @fozeeee

32 Website Optimization Terms Every Marketer Should Know [Glossary] blog.hubspot.com/website-optimi... via @hubspot

Retweeted by Kelly Steinbach

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#### HootSuite @hootsuite

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Creating a social media strategy for your business? Here's how to get started: owl.li/oUZvr



Followed by Pardot Blogger Girl, Riley Walker and Show Me Leads. Expand



#### Theworldface @the\_worldface

Diez razones para tomar cerveza :: Theworldnews

theworldnews6.webnode.es/news/diez-razo... via @webnode

Expand



#### Marketingfacts @Marketingfacts

Vandaag op M!: Netflix verslaat Pirate Bay tijdens de eerste vijf dagen in Nederland door @Marketingfacts marketingfacts.nl/berichten/netf...

Retweeted by Affiliate Dave

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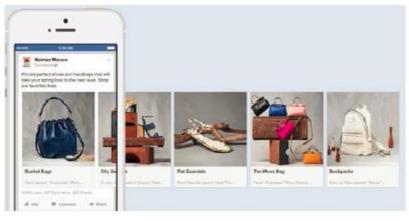
#### Internet Marketing @TwitCreations

Why Apple Fans Love to Wait in Lines (Hint: It's Not About the New iPhone) bit.ly/1fuKBPT

Retweeted by Affiliate Dave

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#### Facebook Carousel Ad Scroll to Browse Multiple Images











Every day, dirty water kills 1,600 children. Every child deserves to drink clean water.

Promoted by World Vision USA











World Vision provides clean water to a new person every 30 seconds.

www.worldvision.org

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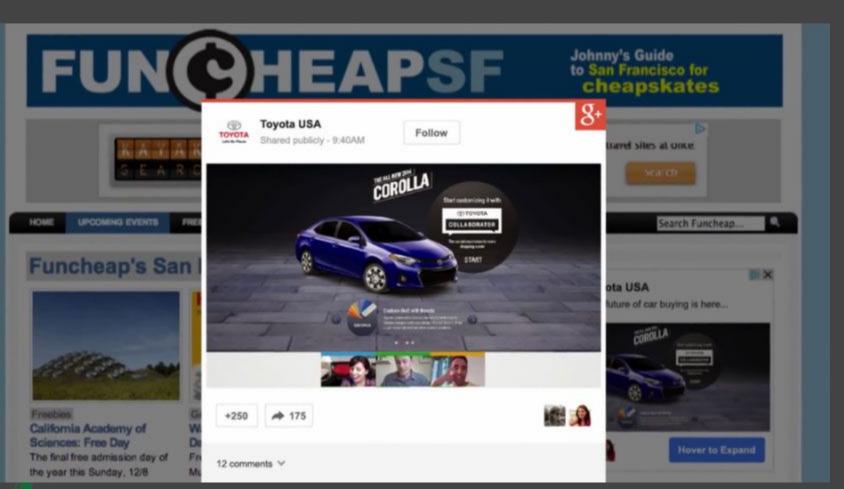


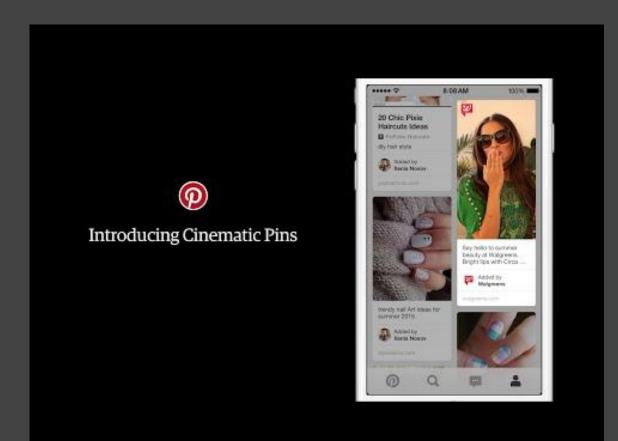




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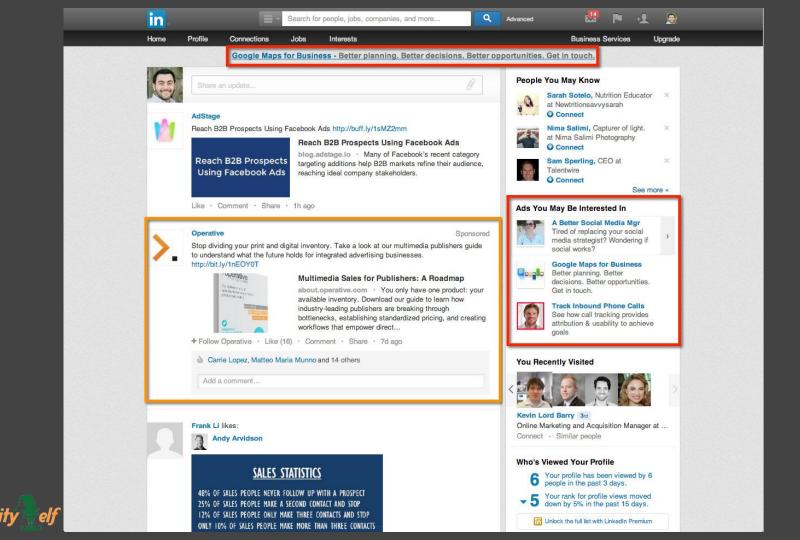












#### Ad Strategies To Support Consideration

Consideration is generally a "micro-conversion" point where the user is willing to give up some information in exchange for satisfying their quest for information.

- WHERE: Targeted ads on social, targeted remarketing on Google Display
  - Use refined remarketing / custom audiences to limit the conversion point message
- HOW:
  - White papers, customer case studies, and e-books are great supporting content to increase consideration
  - Later stages of consideration may involve product/service specific content
  - Focus messages on differentiation of value proposition and overall value of solution
  - Outbound marketing stages and lead nurturing activities begin



#### Ad Strategies to Support Purchase

- WHERE: Social Channels and Google Display Network
- HOW:
  - Remarketing Lists and Custom Audiences
  - Lead nurturing / email marketing of special time based discounts
  - Now is the time for discounting

Objective of this phase is to present the opportunity to close the transaction without being overly aggressive.



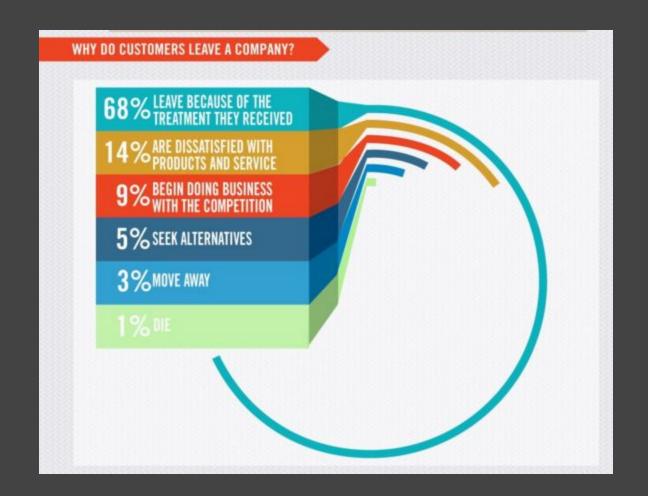
## Purchase = Revenue We're Done, Right?



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Companies consistently focus on new customer acquisition, even though it usually costs 7 times more to acquire a new customer than it does to retain an existing one.







## Strategies To Support Post-Sale Experience

The psychology of the buying process shifts from individual or organizational value to a social value from affiliation or recognition by a social group

- Support the immediate post-sale process
  - Use outbound email marketing and social posts
- Leverage support activities across all channels
- Post promotion, especially combined with custom audiences, can be an effective awareness tool



## Strategies to Reinforce the Loyalty Loop

- Points or Badges reward systems
- Reviews
- Customer case studies and testimonials
- Communicate regularly and with high quality
- Use ads combined with remarketing lists or custom audiences to combat lack of awareness

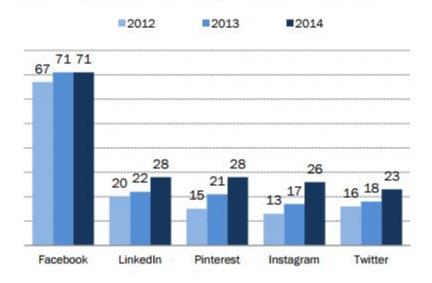


# Why Social?



### Social media sites, 2012-2014

% of online adults who use the following social media websites, by year



Pew Research Center's Internet Project Surveys, 2012-2014. 2014 data collected September 11-14 & September 18-21, 2014. N=1,597 internet users ages 18+.

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### **Facebook**

- 93% of Facebook users say they are Facebook friends with family members other than parents or children
- 91% say they are Facebook friends with current friends
- 87% say they are connected to friends from the past, such as high school or college classmates
- 58% say they are connected to work colleagues
- 45% say they are Facebook friends with their parents
- 43% say they are friends with their children on Facebook
- 39% say they are connected to people they have never met in person
- 36% say they are Facebook friends with their neighbors

#### Facebook users

Among online adults, the % who use Facebook

	2013	2014
All internet users	71%	71%
Men	66	66
Women	76	77
White, Non-Hispanic	71	71
Black, Non-Hispanic	76	67
Hispanic	73	73
18-29	84	87
30-49	79	73
50-64	60	63
65+	45	56*
High school grad or less	71	70
Some college	75	71
College+ (n= 685)	68	74*
Less than \$30,000/yr	76	77
\$30,000-\$49,999	76	69
\$50,000-\$74,999	68	74
\$75,000+	69	72
Urban	75	71
Suburban	69	72
Rural	71	69



### **Twitter**

- Some 23% of online adults currently use Twitter, a statistically significant increase compared with the 18% who did so in August 2013.
- Twitter is particularly popular among those under 50 and the college-educated.
- Compared with late 2013, the service has seen significant increases among a number of demographic groups: men, whites, those ages 65 and older, those who live in households with an annual household income of \$50,000 or more, college graduates, and urbanites.

#### **Twitter users**

Among online adults, the % who use Twitter

	2013	2014
All internet users	18%	23%*
Men	17	24*
Women	18	21
White, Non-Hispanic	16	21 *
Black, Non-Hispanic	29	27
Hispanic	16	25
18-29	31	37
30-49	19	25
50-64	9	12
65+	5	10*
High school grad or less	17	16
Some college	18	24
College+ (n= 685)	18	30*
Less than \$30,000/yr	17	20
\$30,000-\$49,999	18	21
\$50,000-\$74,999	15	27*
\$75,000+	19	27*
Urban	18	25*
Suburban	19	23
Rural	11	17



### Instagram

- Some 26% of online adults use Instagram, up from 17% in late 2013.
- Almost every demographic group saw a significant increase in the proportion of users.
- Most notably, 53% of young adults ages 18-29 now use the service, compared with 37% who did so in 2013.
- Besides young adults, women are particularly likely to be on Instagram, along with Hispanics and African-Americans, and those who live in urban or suburban environments.

### Instagram users

Among online adults, the % who use Instagram

	2013	2014
All internet users	17%	26%*
Men	15	22*
Women	20	29*
White, Non-Hispanic	12	21*
Black, Non-Hispanic	34	38
Hispanic	23	34*
18-29	37	53*
30-49	18	25*
50-64	6	11*
65+	1	6*
High school grad or less	16	23*
Some college	21	31*
College+ (n= 685)	15	24*
Less than \$30,000/yr	18	28*
\$30,000-\$49,999	20	23
\$50,000-\$74,999	15	26*
\$75,000+	16	26*
Urban	22	28
Suburban	18	26*
Rural	6	19*



### **Pinterest**

- Some 28% of online adults use Pinterest, up from the 21% who did so in August 2013.
- Women continue to dominate the site, as they did in 2013: fully 42% of online women are Pinterest users, compared with just 13% of men (although men did see a significant increase in usership from 8% in 2013).
- While Pinterest remains popular among younger users, there was an 11-point increase between 2013 and 2014 in the proportion of those 50 and older who use the site.
- Other demographic groups that saw a notable increase in usership include whites, those living in the lowest- and highest-income households, those with at least some college experience, and suburban and rural residents.

#### Pinterest users

Among online adults, the % who use Pinterest

	2013	2014
All internet users	21%	28%*
Men	8	13*
Women	33	42*
White, Non-Hispanic	21	32*
Black, Non-Hispanic	20	12
Hispanic	18	21
18-29	27	34
30-49	24	28
50-64	14	27*
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\$50,000-\$74,999	21	30
\$75,000+	27	34*
Urban	19	25
Suburban	23	29*
Rural	17	30*



### LinkedIn

- Some 28% of online adults are LinkedIn users, up from 22% in August 2013.
- The site continues to be particularly popular among college graduates, those in higher-income households and the employed (although the increase in usage by those who are not employed to 21% from 12% in 2013 is notable).
- College graduates continue to dominate use of the site. Fully 50% use LinkedIn, a 12- point increase since last year.
- It is the only platform where those ages 30-64 are more likely to be users than those ages 18-29.

#### LinkedIn users

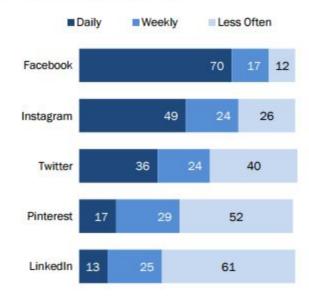
Among online adults, the % who use LinkedIn

	2013	2014
All internet users	22	28%*
Men	24	28
Women	19	27*
White, Non-Hispanic	22	29*
Black, Non-Hispanic	30	28
Hispanic	13	18
18-29	15	23*
30-49	27	31
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Some college	16	22
College+	38	50*
Less than \$30,000/yr	12	15
\$30,000-\$49,999	13	21*
\$50,000-\$74,999	22	31
\$75,000+	38	44
Employed	27	32*
Not employed	12	21*
Urban	23	32*
Suburban	26	29
Rural	8	14



### Frequency of social media site use

% of social media site users who use a particular site with the following frequencies (% is reported among each specific site's user groups, e.g., 70% of Facebook users use the site on a daily basis)



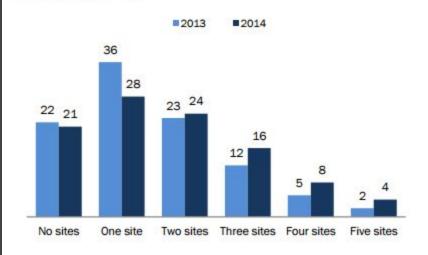
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### More people use multiple sites

% of internet users who use the following number of social networking sites (sites measured include: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and LinkedIn), 2013 vs. 2014



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### Social media matrix

% of users of each particular site who use another particular site (e.g., 34% of Pinterest users also use Twitter)

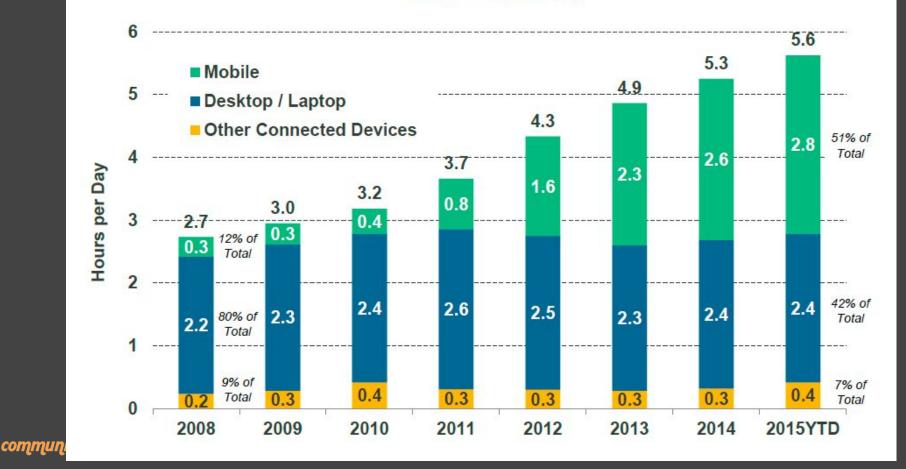
	Use Twitter	Use Instagram	Use Pinterest	Use LinkedIn	Use Facebook
% of Twitter users who		58%	42%	47%	91%
% of Instagram users who	52%	•	47%	38%	94%
% of Pinterest users who	34%	43%		40%	88%
% of LinkedIn users who	39%	35%	40%	•	86%
% of Facebook users who	29%	34%	34%	33%	

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## Time Spent per Adult User per Day with Digital Media, USA, 2008 – 2015YTD



## Final Thoughts

- Despite platform changes, social media remains relevant for users
- Ad formats and ad capabilities on social media platforms will continue to evolve
- Platform user context must be respected
- Mobile first!



# **Questions?**



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