

# What is Social Media Marketing (SMM)?

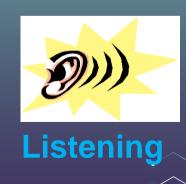
Social media marketing facilitates a two-way stream of communication between brands and consumers.

In the past, two-way streams of communication were limited to sales force, customer service call centers, & in-store interactions.

But social media interactions are on public record.



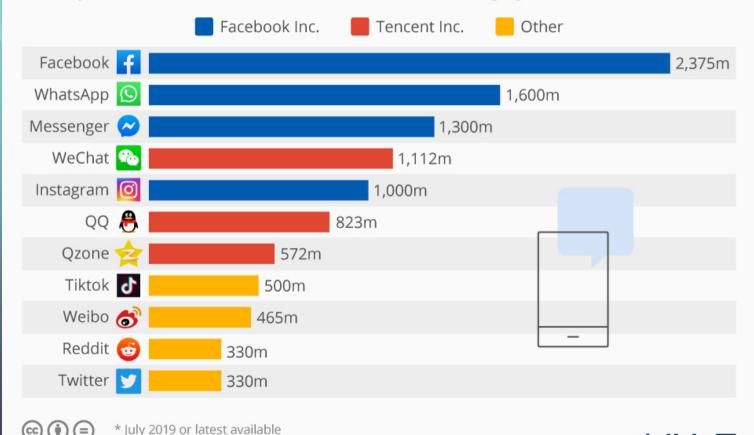
**Engaging** 





#### Facebook Inc. Dominates the Social Media Landscape

Monthly active users of selected social networks and messaging services worldwide\*

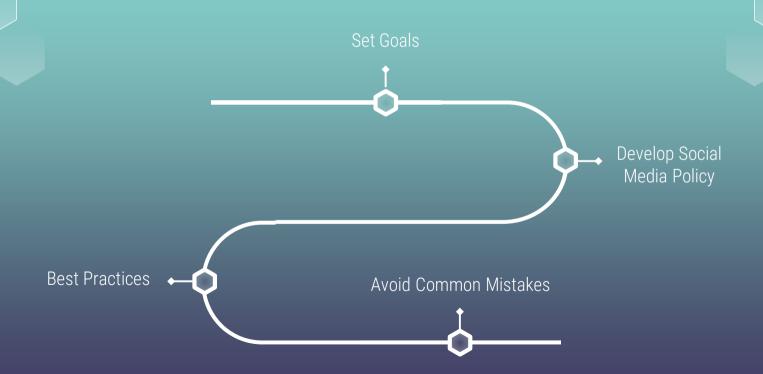






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# Get started with Social Media





What are you trying to accomplish?

'Social Media'
is not a goal
in itself!

Step 2: Formulate guidelines for social media policy (lifeguard mode)



#### **Employees could cause damage**



In 2015, the Houston Rockets fired their social media manager for tweeting an inappropriate message to the Dallas Mavericks during one of their games. (The horse emoji represents the Mavericks' mascot).

#### Bad news often comes unexpectedly



# Role of Social Media Policies & Training

Social media policies & employees training will help:

Outlines how an organization and its employees should conduct themselves on social media

Mitigate certain risks:

Inappropriate post that leads to PR crisis; Slow/no crisis response; Leaks of confidential information; Providing too much info to competitors



Who can speak for your company Addressing customer complaints PR inquiries Stock and investor relations Copyright infringement Do's and don'ts for personal contact How to address conflict situations Outline what information employees can share, the privacy risks and the compliance rules

# Sample guidelines: Coca-Cola

Get in-house Social Media Certification
Fully disclose affiliation with company
Keep records
When in doubt, don't post
Don't plagiarize
Be responsible
Be aware that posts may be permanent, and spread worldwide



# Sample guidelines: Volvo

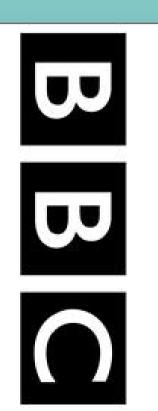
Be personal without getting private Be open, link, and refer to other blog comments

Do not reveal business secrets
Treat competitors with respect
Do not comment on legal issues



# Sample guidelines: BBC

Reviewed by peer(s)
Think through editorial purpose
Login names and passwords
Store in secure location
Share with team members
Social media accounts should look and feel consistent



# What guidelines should have prevented





# **Step 3: Best Practices**



#### **Best Social Media Etiquettes**

Dos:

Message personalization Participate often Listen Give value Don'ts:

Sales spam
Show impatience
Pretend to be something
you're not







### Example: Be Authentic & Transparent





Eddie Okubo Interesting design. I would get this car in a heartbeat. I may be the older crowd with my kids out of the house and still need some space and performance. Don't need anything big.

8 minutes ago · Report



John Wilk sounds like you are trying to save your job at Honda?

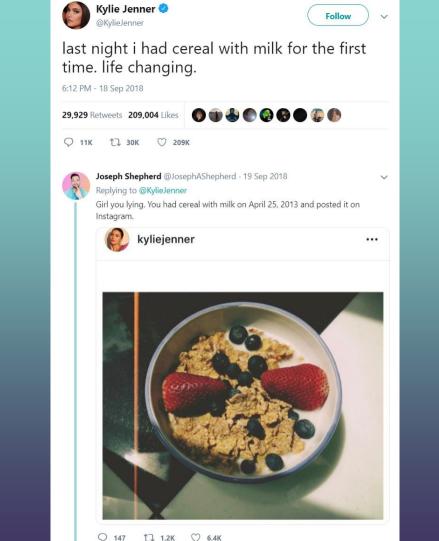
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Akitomo Sugawara Maybe you like it Eddie because you're the MANAGER OF PRODUCT PLANNING at Honda (light trucks in particular)? Lol!

http://www.linkedin.com/pub/eddie-okubo/14/8a3/4b4

http://www.trucktrend.com/features/consumer/163\_0901 \_truck\_trends\_2009\_power\_list/photo\_09.html about a minute ago · Report



#### Use social media to provide customer service

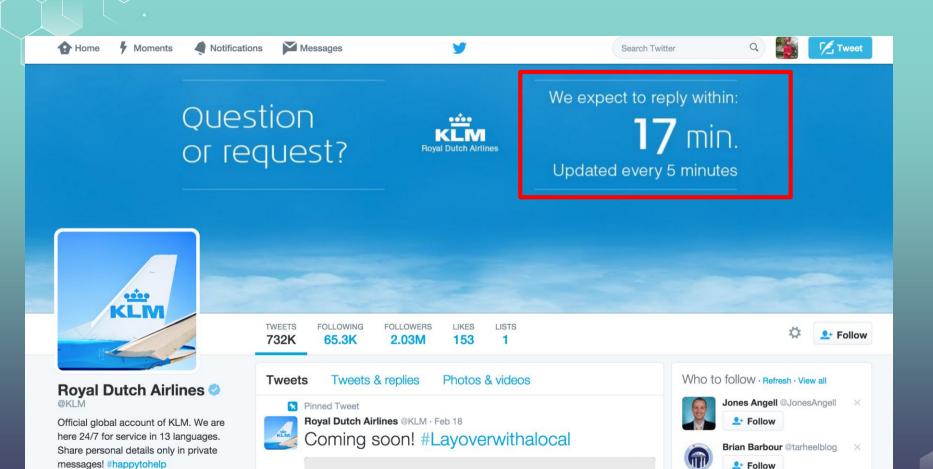
According to J.D. Power, 67% of consumers have used a company's social media channel for customer service.

And when they do, they expect a fast response. Research cited by Jay Baer tells us that 42% of consumers expect a response with 60 minutes.

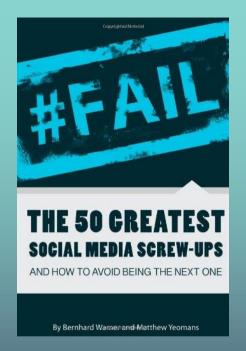
# Don't rely too much on automation!







Amsterdam the Netherlands



# Step 4: Avoid Common Mistakes

# **Social Marketing Risks**

Users are not looking for marketing messages

Messaging needs to be highly relevant or entertaining

High-maintenance

Advertisers need to dedicate time and resources to monitoring sites and conversations

(A)symmetry in social media

Symmetry: allows regular people to interact with powerful brands & public figures

Asymmetry: only the powerful (e.g. brands) bear the consequences for bad behavior

#### (Loss of) Control

Social media marketing is scary!

Advertisers cannot control content

Open to user comments, criticisms, ridicule

Users don't want to be edited or controlled, will reject

brands that do so

But, you are still the brand manager. You need to stay in control of what the brand/company says

Remember: Consumers talk about your brand whether or not

you engage them

# Search "diet coke and mentos" on YouTube









What should do you when you have a social media crisis such as the United Airline crisis?

# Tips for Social Media during a Crisis

Pause scheduled social media posts
Pause paid ads on social media channels
Pause marketing emails
Provide talking points for executives
Check all content for relevant references that could be perceived as offensive or rude in light of the event
Create plan for employee communications as needed
Communicate issues with customer support via social media
Notify folks speaking that day on need to address (or not)



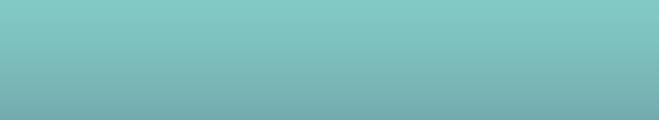
# **Engaging Users**



### Agenda

How can firms engage with the audience on social media? What type of contents should firms create? How frequently should firms engage?





# Social Media Contents: Basics



#### Why do people consume contents on social media?

There are three main reasons why people use social media. They want to be:





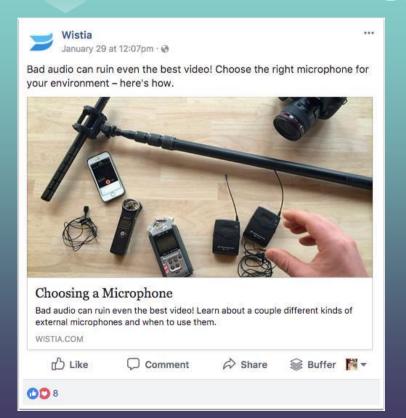


INFORMED

**ENTERTAINED** 

**CONNECTED** 

#### **Content Type: Visual Images**



Visual images usually consist of, but are not limited to, photos, infographics, animated gifs, and illustrations.

You can share more than a single photo in many cases. For example, on Facebook and Instagram, you can create galleries and use photo carousels. Twitter also allows for multiple photo uploads per post.

## **Content Type: Animated Gifs**

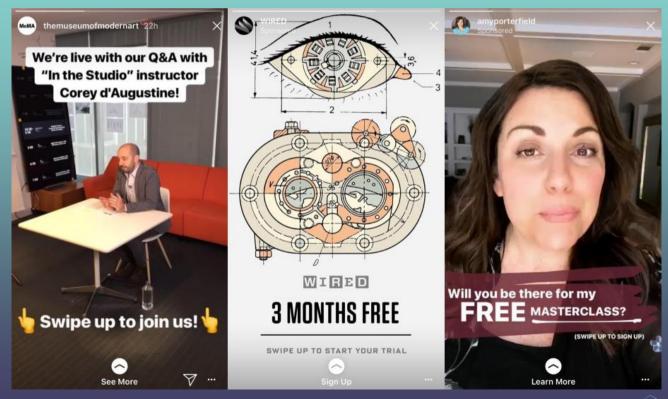


Sittercity, an online babysitter booking agency in the US, sent this cute GIF to their customers to emphasize how hard it is for parents to find a babysitter for their children.

They can also help you demonstrate complex concepts quickly and easily

You can make animated gifs in Photoshop or online at a variety sites, of which giphy.com is the most popular

## **Content type: Stories**



250,000,000 people a day view Instagram Stories! Source: Facebook 2017

## Content type: Quizzes, Surveys, and Polls





Alright, #EvernoteCommunity. It's the beginning of the work week. What's first on your agenda?

- Check email
- Create the day's To-Dos 📝
- Exercise <sup>★</sup>, IIII
- O Agenda?! 99

Vote

## Content Type: Video & Live Video

It took 686 rubber bands, blood, sweat, and tears to finally get the watermelon to burst.

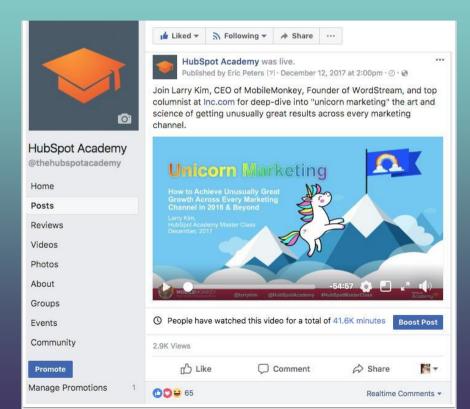


Buzzfeed doesn't sell products or services like most businesses, so it doesn't have any new products to launch or any services to show off in a live video. Instead, they make money through advertising and specialize in getting attention with content.

vine.c

It was a beautiful moment.

## **Content Type (by others): Influencers**



You can find influencers including working with companies such as FanBase, TapInfluence, Influenz, Speakr, or Hypefactory who will book individuals to develop or share your material.

You can also build relationships with budding influencers who are creating amazing content and can help you stand out among the crowd.

## Content type (by others): User-generated content



August 14 at 1:03pm · 🚱

Photo of the Day! Up the mast with GoPro Awards recipient Simone Armanni is not a bad place to spend some time! Great work, Simone!

A GoPro Award could be a submission away: gopro.com/awards



UGC is content such as blog posts, tweets, posts, videos, images, or reviews developed by a fan of your company or your products and shared on a social channel.

According to Nielsen, "92 percent of consumers around the world say they trust earned media, such as word-of-mouth and recommendations from friends and family, above all other forms of advertising."

## Content type (by others): User-generated content



Firms can influence the creation of UGC by offering rewards, contests or giveaways, (e.g., a photo or design contest). Or, create a quiz and have people share their results. And finally, you can get creative with hashtags (e.g., Starbucks' #RedCupArt Campaign)

# Research what content performed the best on which channel based on historical data

Regression analysis is a statistical process for estimating the relationships among variables. What is the relationship between X and Y?

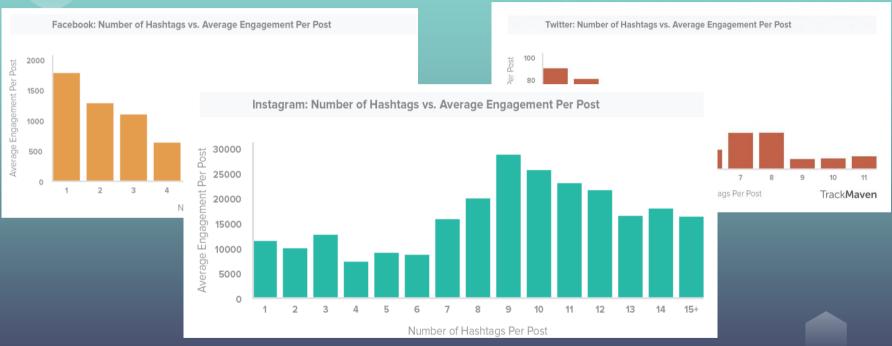
Use regression to identify the top performing posts for each channel.

Y: # comments, # shares, # likes.

X: indicator of each type of content

Caution: insights obtained from one platform might not apply to other platforms!

# For example, you may find...



Avoid using too many Hashtags; Instagram seems most # friendly

## Use Tagging (@) Carefully

### Use Active Language:

- Download
- Donate

- Like
- Share
- Buy
- Comment
- Register
- Secure
- Subscribe
- Watch

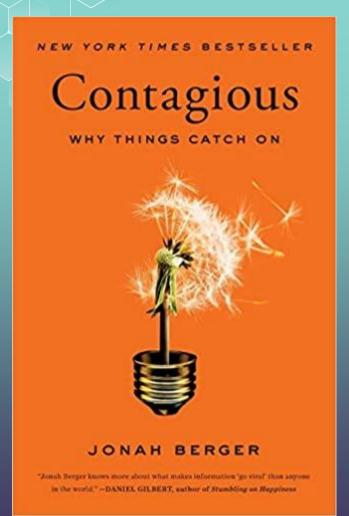
#### Be Time Sensitive:

- "TODAY ONLY"
- "ENDS AT MIDNIGHT"
- "FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS"

Tagging your posts can also be beneficial to help you extend your reach if your content is in conjunction with a partner, customer, or another brand.

Asking for permission when tagging private individuals

Tagging are mostly beneficial on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



The New York Times bestseller that explains why certain products and ideas become popular.

The author, Jonah Berger, is Associate Professor of Marketing at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

# Question: What makes content shareable?

## **Shareable Content is Social Currency**

Make people feel smart, cool and savvy

On next slide we are watching a video. The video went viral on the web and was viewed 28 million times in the first week. There was significant chatter across the web around whether it was real or not, with users sharing the content on social channels across the web.



# **Shareable Content: Triggers**

Stimuli prompt people to think of related things
Example: People triggered to think about color orange on days leading up to Halloween









impress a french girl

## **Shareable Content: Public**

People tend to mimic those around them

Making things more observable makes it easier for others to imitate

Should make products and ideas more public

Designing products and ideas that advertise themselves



## **Shareable Content: Practical Value**

Content that helps people more likely to be shared

Demonstrate that products or ideas can save time, improve health or save money

This information needs to be packaged so that it is easily shareable Example: Home Depot's "How To" video series



## **Shareable Content: Stories**

Stories are often shared in normal conversations

Provide wider narrative

Should embed products and ideas into stories that people

want to tell

Example: Blendtec's "Will It Blend" video series



Tips of creating sharable contents (STEPPS): Social currency, Triggers, Emotion, Public, Practical value, Stories.

# AB Testing is your best friend!



Every social platform audience is different—test to see what works best.

## **Facebook**



## **Twitter**



## **Pinterest**



## LinkedIn



## Instagram



# Takeaways

An optimal brand engagement strategy involves a careful choice of contents and timing.

Firms can use data analysis to fine tune their brand messages and promotions on social media.

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# **Social Listening**

Social listening is how a firm track, analyze, and respond to conversations across the Internet

How do firms "listen" to customers traditionally?

How do firms benefit from social listening?



# **Monitoring Brand Mentions**





## **Alerts**

Monitor the web for interesting new content



This will create an email alert for xitheory@gmail.com.

Create Alert

Show options 💌

## Google Alert

#### Alert preview

NEWS

Editorial: **HKU** head should be revoked honorary title for suppressing students | Apple Daily Taiwan

蘋果日報

Zhang suppressed **HKU** Students' Union. Zhang Xiang, a Chinese-born American, is an internationally renowned expert in materials science. His great ...

Hong Kong researchers say hepatitis C drug can prevent coronavirus from replicating, might help

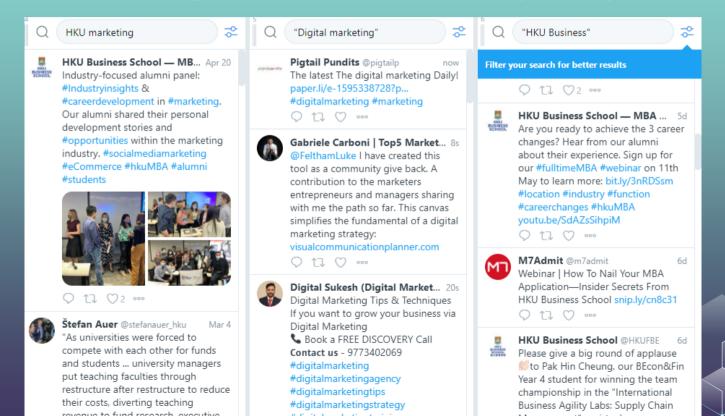
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South China Morning Post

... and overseas laboratories, led by two professors from Chinese University (CUHK) and the University of Hong Kong (HKU) has begun animal trials.

## TweetDeck

## https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnRUsQVtxas



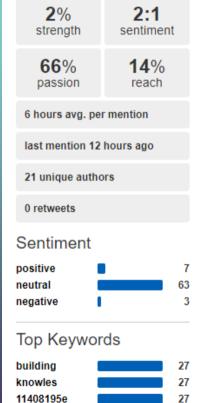
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HKU

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## <u>Socialmention</u>



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#### Mentions about HKU

Sort By: Date ✔ Results: Anytime ✔

Results 1 - 15 of 73 mentions.

Is weiboscope down?

Weiboscope (https://weiboscope.jmsc.hku.hk/wsr/) is not updating since 19.04.2021. Is it down? submitted by /u/hwss28 to r/China [link] [comments] https://www.reddit.com/r/China/comments/n92yh8/is\_weiboscope\_down/ 12 hours ago - by /u/hwss28 on reddit

#### HKU 361W Finningley 17-9-83 (1262)

HKU 361W Leon of Finningley Leyland Fleetline Alexander at Finningley 17-9-83. This bus still exists in a yard by Blaxton railway crossing which is not very far from... www.flickr.com/photos/34194390@N02/51169640061/15 hours ago - by marktriumphman on flickr



### © expectations on hearing back?

I applied for first year admissions at HKU in late March and just had a group interview this past week. They should be getting my SAT report very soon as well. I am ...

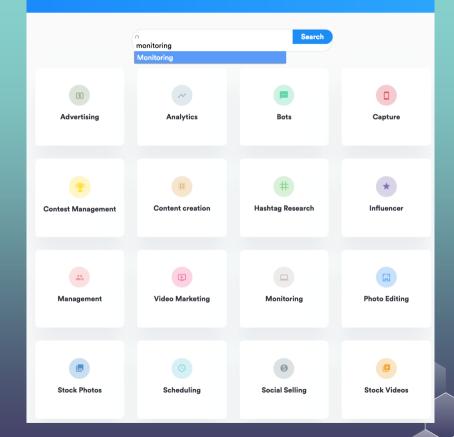
https://www.reddit.com/r/HKUniversity/comments/n8vsud/expectations\_on\_hearing\_back/ 20 hours ago - by /u/LsftWr on reddit



More social media tools (both free & paid) can be found: https://smmartbox.iconosquare.com/

#### SMMartbox

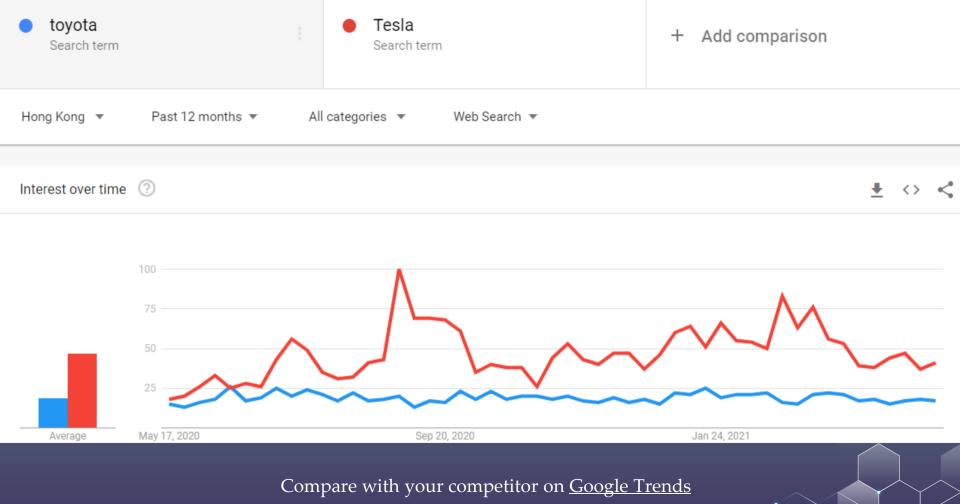
A Curated Directory of 300+ Tools for Social Media Marketers





# **Watching the Competition**









Analyzing tweets from Apr 27 - May 11, 2021



Tesla

@Tesla 🤣



1.06M FOLLOWERS

TWEETS PER DAY

579 ENGAGEMENT PER TWEET ®



 9.46M FOLLOWERS

0.14
TWEETS PER DAY

#### Key Insights



**Tesla** takes the trophy for receiving 79x more engagement per tweet than **Honda**.



**Tesla** wins the day with 9x as many followers and higher engagement — **Honda** has their work cut out for them.



Crushing it! **Tesla** received 46x more retweets per tweet than **Honda**, which explains how they're leading the pack in tweet engagement.



# Social Network: Amplifying





How to leverage influencer marketing?

User-generated content

# Influencer marketing is about building trust

Who are influencers: someone whose opinions are trusted by those that follow them

Could be a celebrity, a blogger, a sport personality, even a pet or fictional character (e.g., Kellogg's Tony the Tiger)!

Influencer marketing: when brands utilize influencers to promote their product

#### Back to 1890



The Davis Milling Company was one of the first companies - if not THE first company - to introduce an influencer into their marketing efforts. This influencer was called Aunt Jemima, a jovial woman with a big grin who appeared on all their packaging and advertisements, even to this day.

To further personify their brand, they brought in Ms. Nancy Green to act as a real-life Aunt Jemima for the company. Ms. Green continued to play this role for over 30 years, until her death in 1923. There have since been a string of different women hired to portray the now well-loved character, with the last making appearances as late as the 1960's.

## **Types of Influencers**

#### Celebrity influencers

Need to go through agencies, length contracts, and strict rules Care more about \$, also expensive

#### Industry influencers

People with celebrity status within a specific industry Care about ways to build their own influence as well as \$

#### Micro influencers

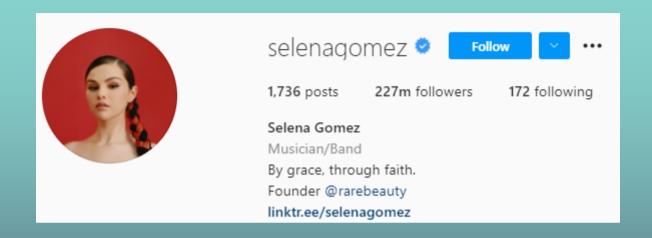
Everyday people with large and passionate audiences Relatively cheap to work with Can be found through influencer network

#### Local influencers

Local news anchor, local band, local sports figure, etc. High chance to be free



Commission
Upfront fee
Gift card
Per click
Cost per engagement
Invitations to events



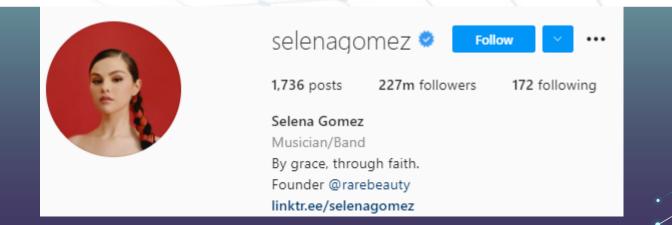
Selena Gomez is the highest paid Instagram influencer.

Guess how much you need to pay her for each sponsored post.

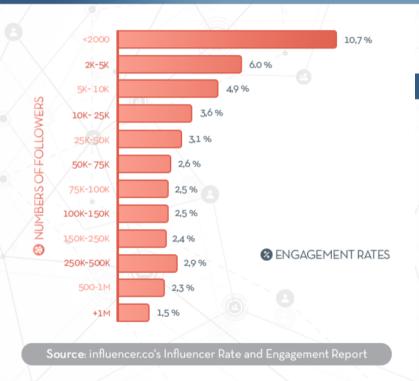
#### Social Media Influencer Cost to Advertise on Instagram:

- 2,000 to 10,000 Instagram followers: \$75 to \$250 per post
- 10,000 to 50,000 Instagram followers: \$250 to \$500 per post
- 50,000 to 100,000 Instagram followers: \$500 to \$1,000 per post
- 100,000 to 500,000 Instagram followers: \$1,000 to \$3,000 per post
- 500,000+ Instagram followers: \$3,000+ per post

Selena Gomez is said to be the highest paid Instagram influencer with 122 million followers on her Instagram account. Her Instagram sponsored posts cost brands \$550,000 per post!

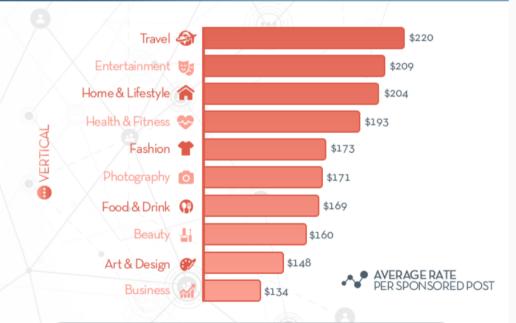


influencers with smaller followings have higher engagement rates.





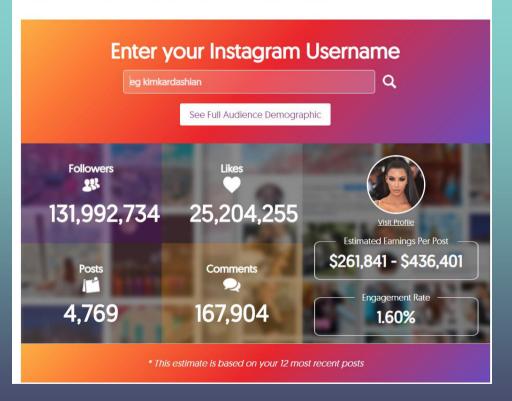
\* Travel, entertainment, and home/lifestyle influencers have the highest sponsored post rates.



Source: influencer.co's Influencer Rate and Engagement Report

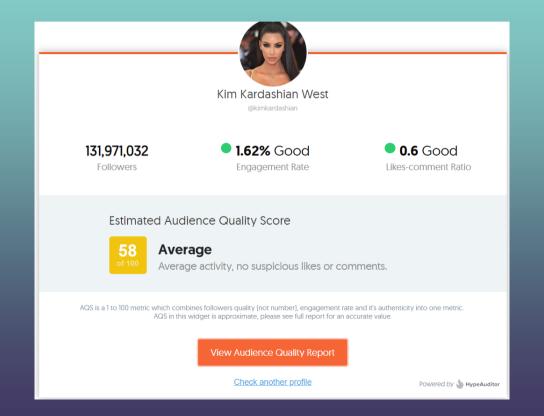
#### **Instagram Influencer Earnings Calculator**

The tools below are not official Instagram tools and not in any way associated or endorsed by Instagram. This tool was developed to provide earning potential guidelines to influencers.



https://influencermarketinghub.com/instagram-money-calculator/#toc-0

#### Check extent of fake followers



## How can influencers work with your brand?

Share brand content you've created
Share brand content they've created
Sponsored posts that feature the influencer
Contests/competitions
Live streaming events with face-to-face contact with influencer
Interview influencers and include their commentary or quotes

### Influencer Networks

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#### HYPETAP









FANBASE













# Firm generated online WOM



## Harnessing online WOM

If WOM has awareness generation properties, shouldn't marketers focus on planting the WOM seed and initializing online discussions/mentions?





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Question: What can a brand do to plant the WOM seed and initialize online WOM?

### Example: NBC

In September 2005, NBC launched the second season of its reality show about weight loss, *The Biggest Loser*.

In preparation for the new season, NBC ran ads in early August asking viewers to fill out a survey at a website. Out of all the applicants, 1,000 "biggest" fans were chosen to throw parties during an advanced screening of the show's premiere. The hope was that this, along with the resulting word of mouth (WOM), would generate interest in the show (O'Malley 2005).



### **Example: POX**

Hasbro in 2001 launched a new handheld video game called POX. To do so, they ran surveys in Chicago area elementary schools to find the "coolest" kids in each school. Once 1,600 kids were chosen, they were each armed with a backpack filled with samples of the game to be handed out to their friends





## Types of WOM

#### Offline: face to face phone Online: email blog/tweet posting on website/social network reviewer comments tagging (like, etc.) Votes (thumbs up or down)



# Thank you!

End of class survey:

https://hku.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_a36FcNNCCRGNiMS

