



# BEYOND THE 95-5 RULE

THE MARKETING PHILOSOPHY BRANDS NEED TO WIN

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# I'VE DONE THIS FOR AWHILE



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I believe that deep generalism is the fuel that unlocks uncommon results – and I live that belief each day with my client roster. Where many agencies choose to specialize, I choose to immerse myself in new industries and platforms, all in the constant, never-ending pursuit of improvement.



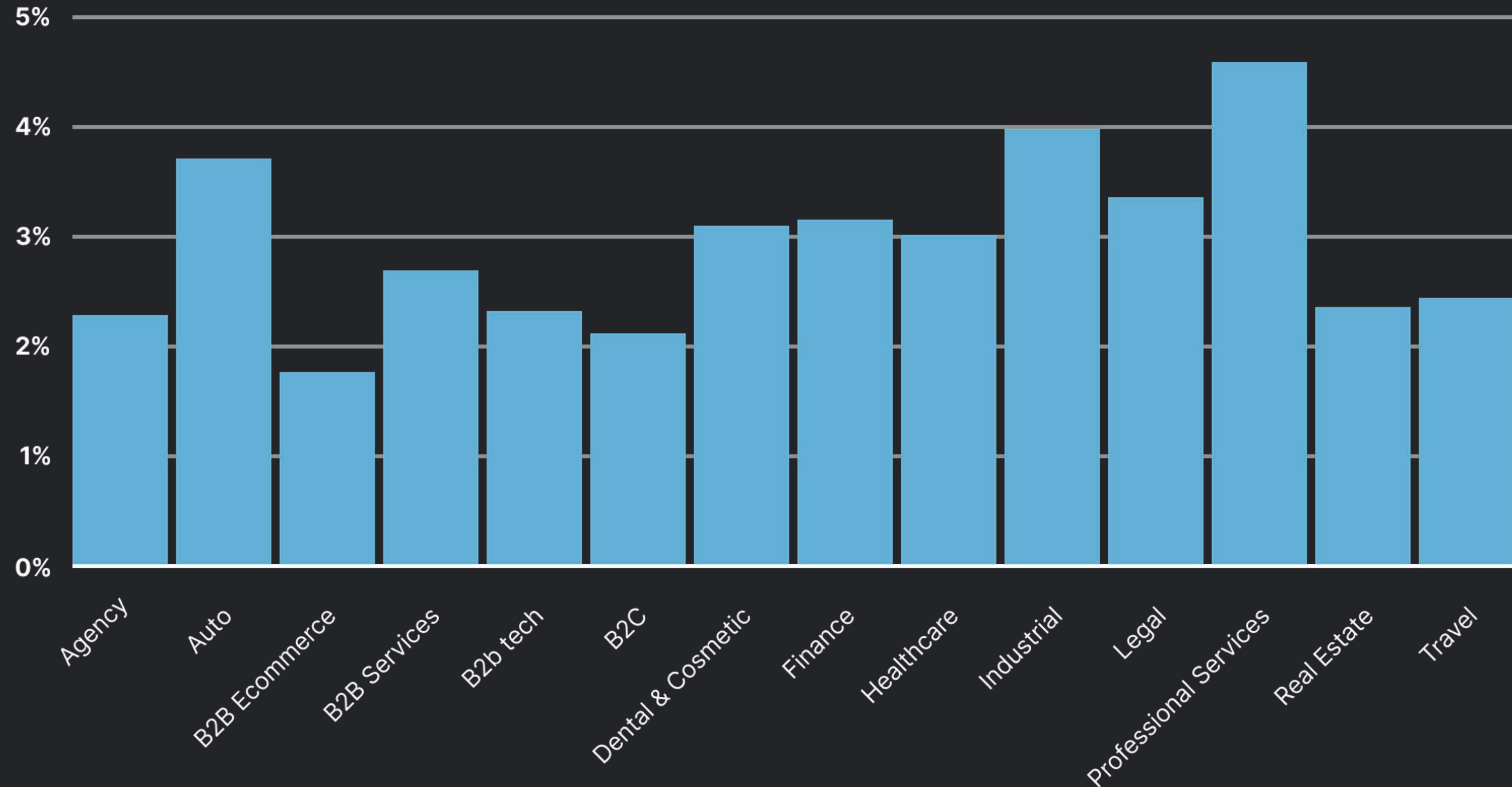
WHO FEELS LIKE THEIR  
MARKETING SHOULD BE  
WORKING **BETTER** THAN IT IS?

**IT'S TIME FOR AN  
UNPLEASANT TRUTH**



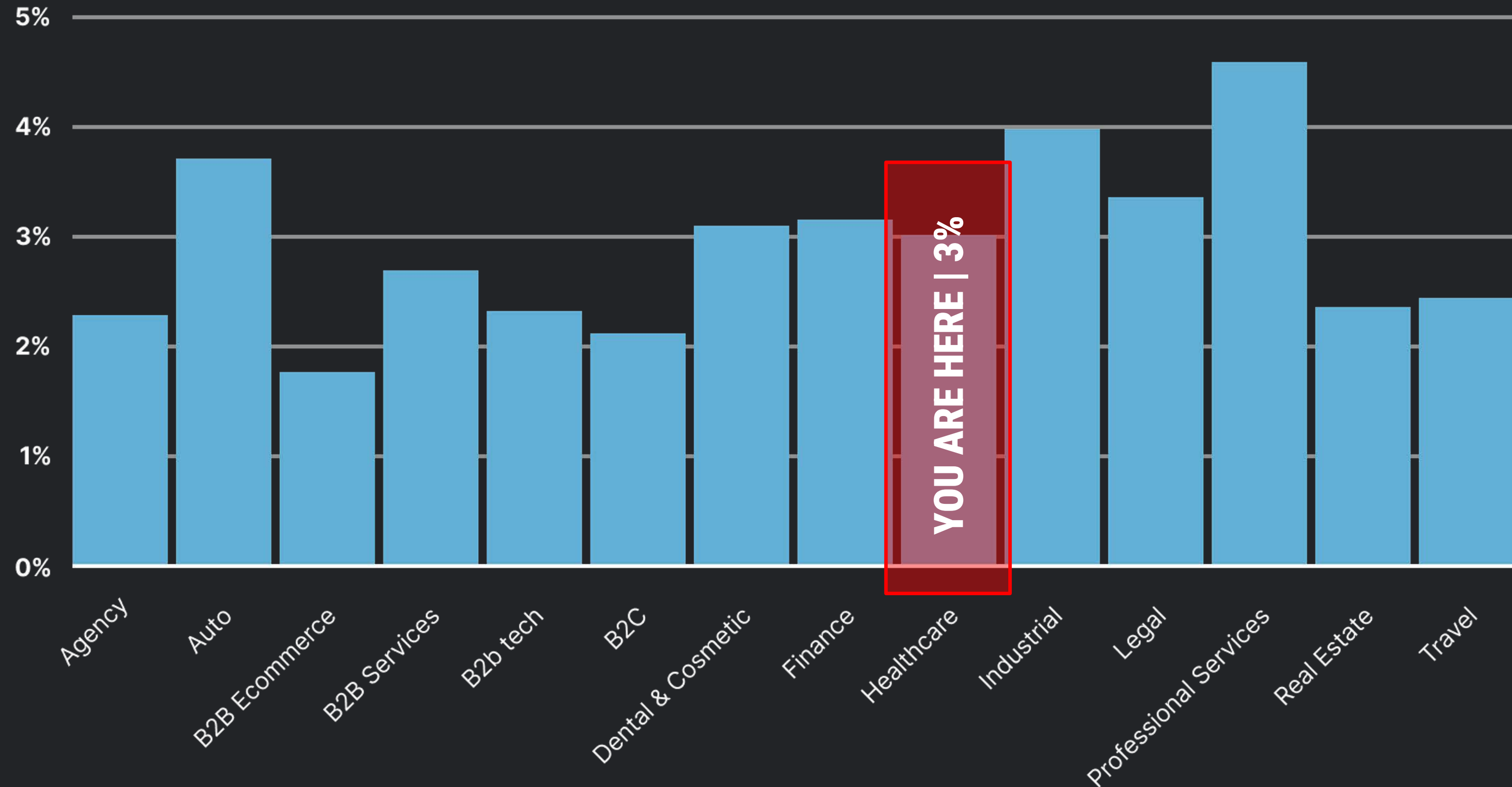
**MEDIAN CONVERSION RATES**  
**2.5–3.0% FOR 20 YEARS**

## AVERAGE CONVERSION RATE BY INDUSTRY





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**20+ YEARS OF CRO...**



# THE 95-5 RULE EXPLAINED:

95% of your audience is not buying, only 5% are ready.

**INTENT  $\neq$  ON/OFF SWITCH**

**NO MATTER HOW MUCH  
WE WANT IT TO BE**



ACTUALLY, I'M JUST  
LOOKING FOR THE  
BATHROOM.

TOM  
FISH  
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# THE JOURNEY IS COMPLICATED

You've likely witnessed it firsthand — a loved one, a resident's family, or even your own family navigating the emotional, complex process of senior living decisions. It's never simple, and it's always deeply personal.







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**THEY ENDED UP HERE**



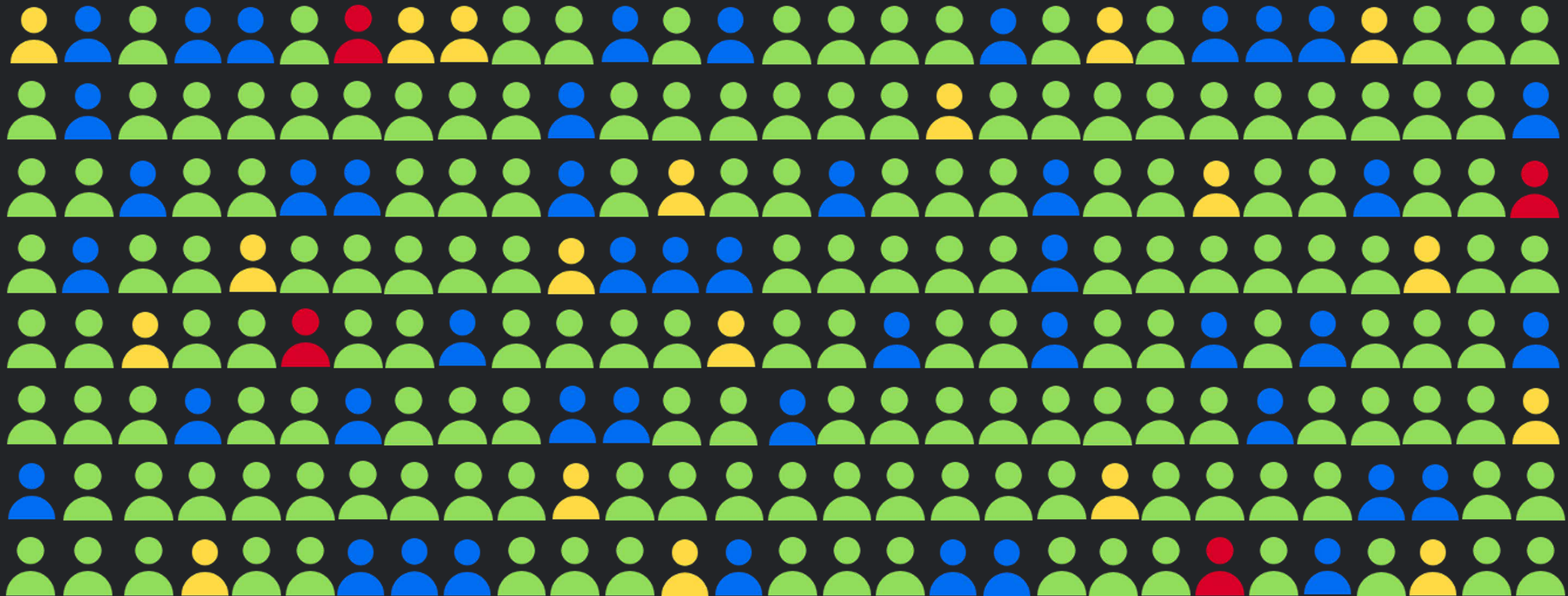




**MAYBE COMPLICATED IS  
AN UNDERSTATEMENT**

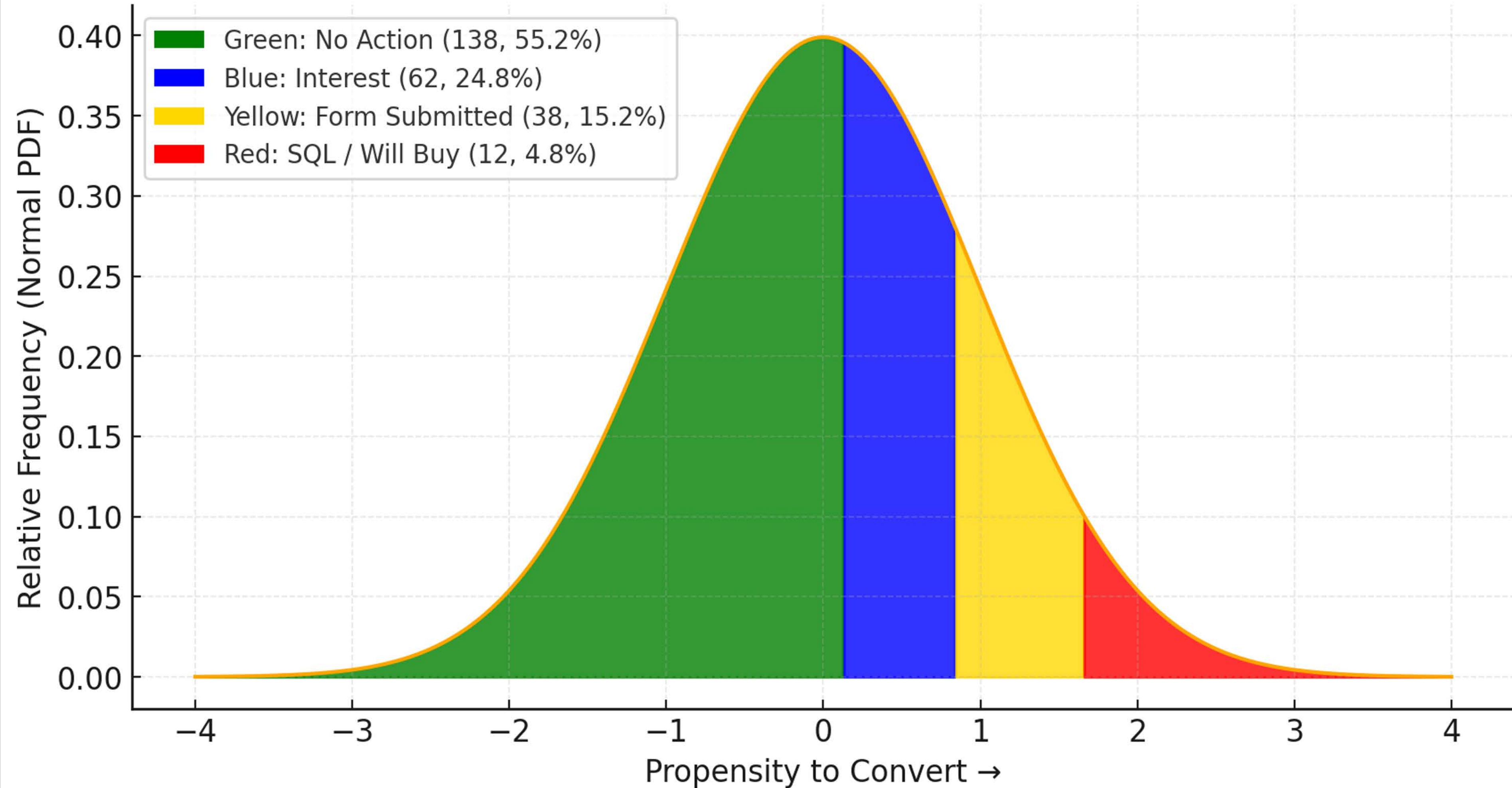


# WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS?



 NOTHING  INTEREST  SUBMIT  SQL

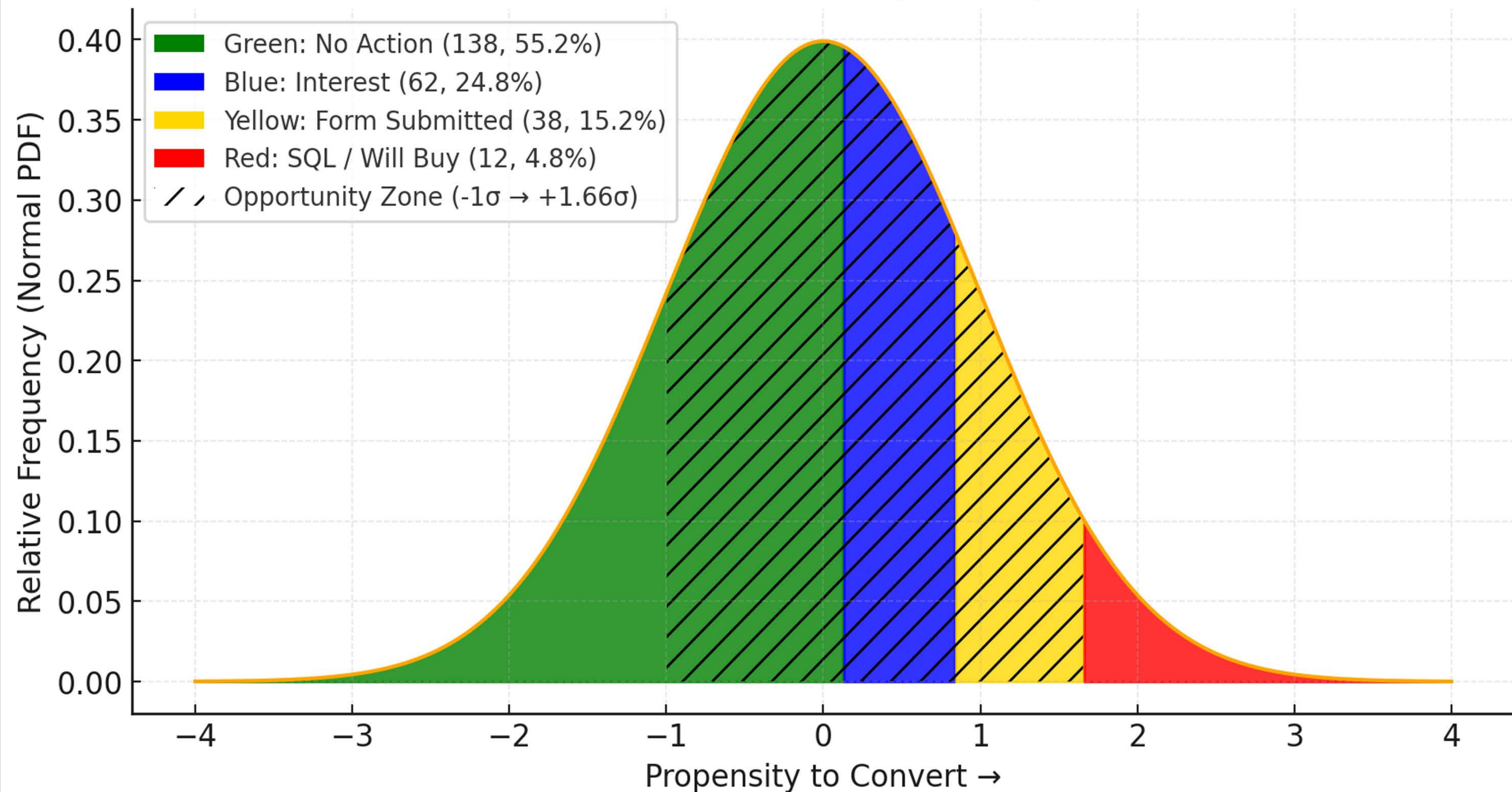
## Your Audience (n=250)



# THE FENCE SITTER OPPORTUNITY



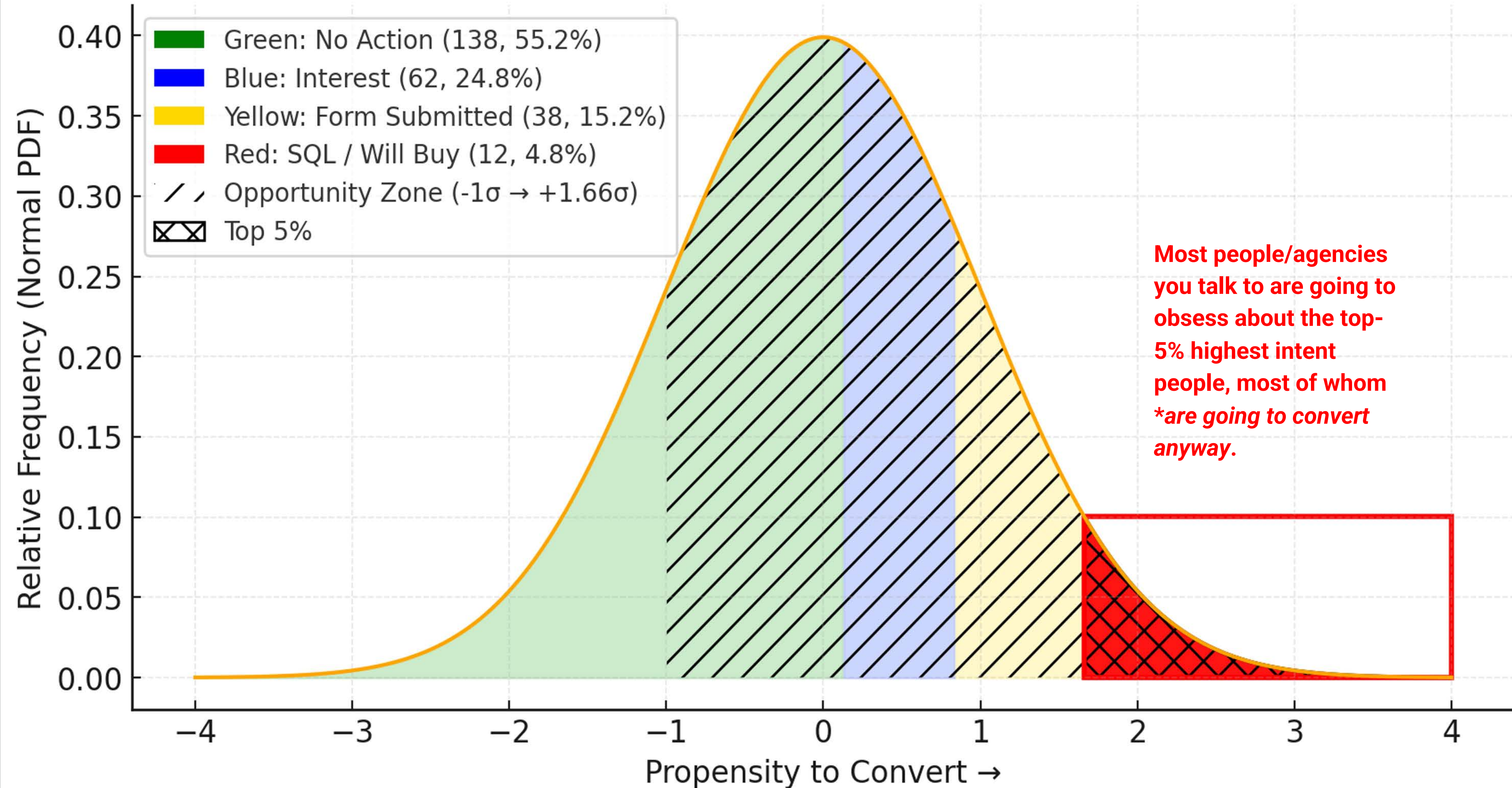
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**THE GOAL OF MARKETING IS  
TO ADD **INCREMENTAL** VALUE**

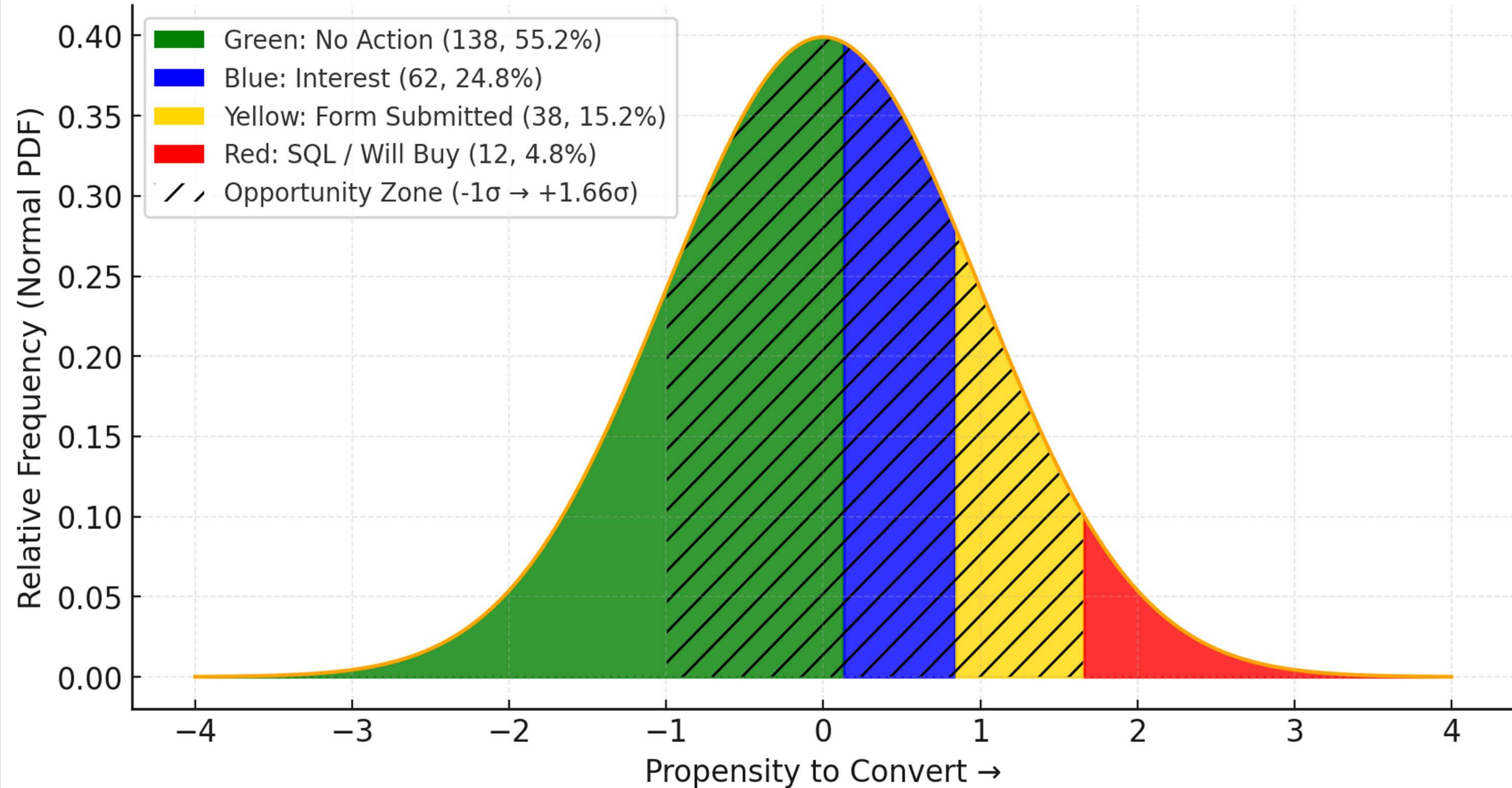


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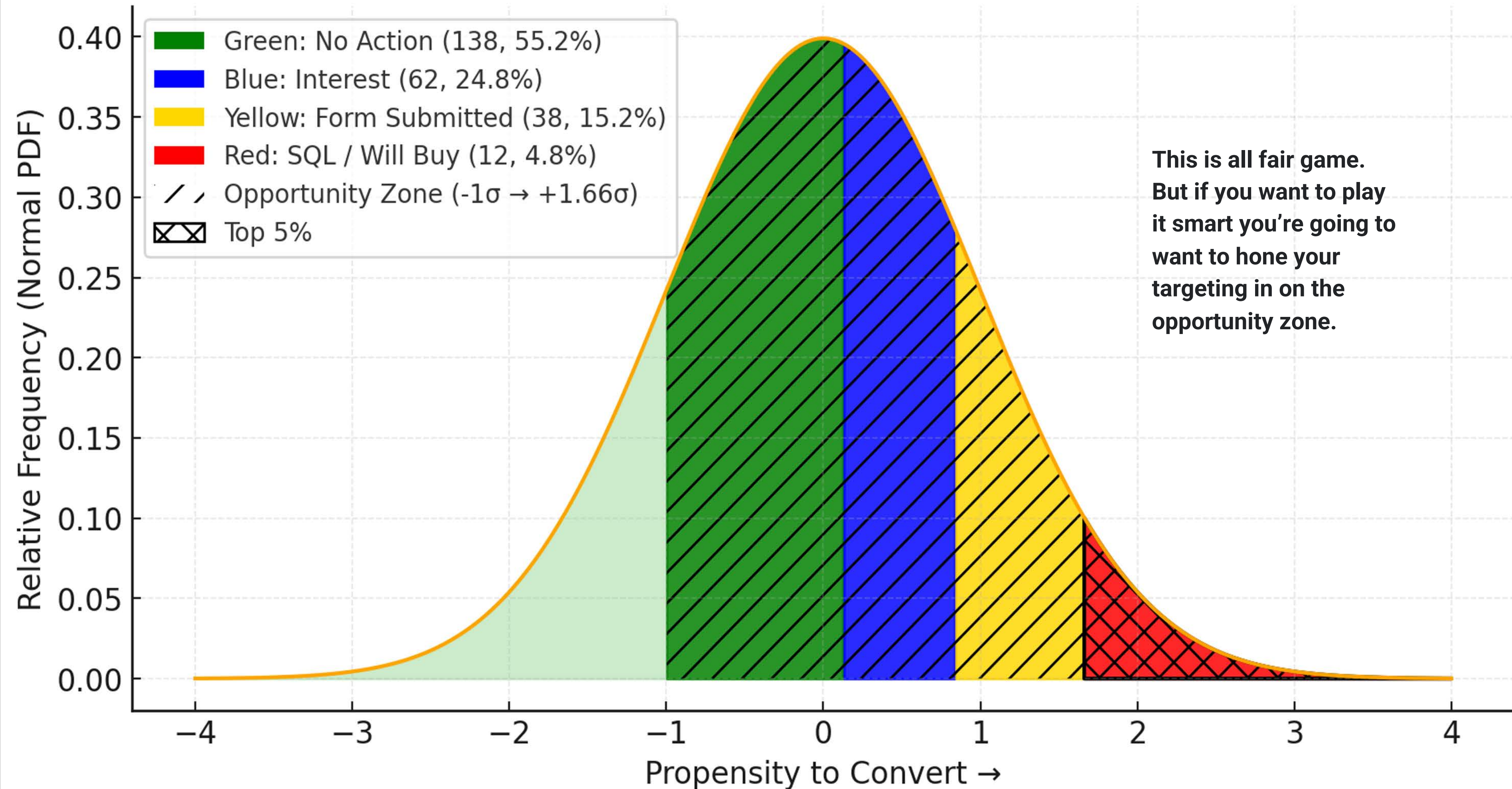


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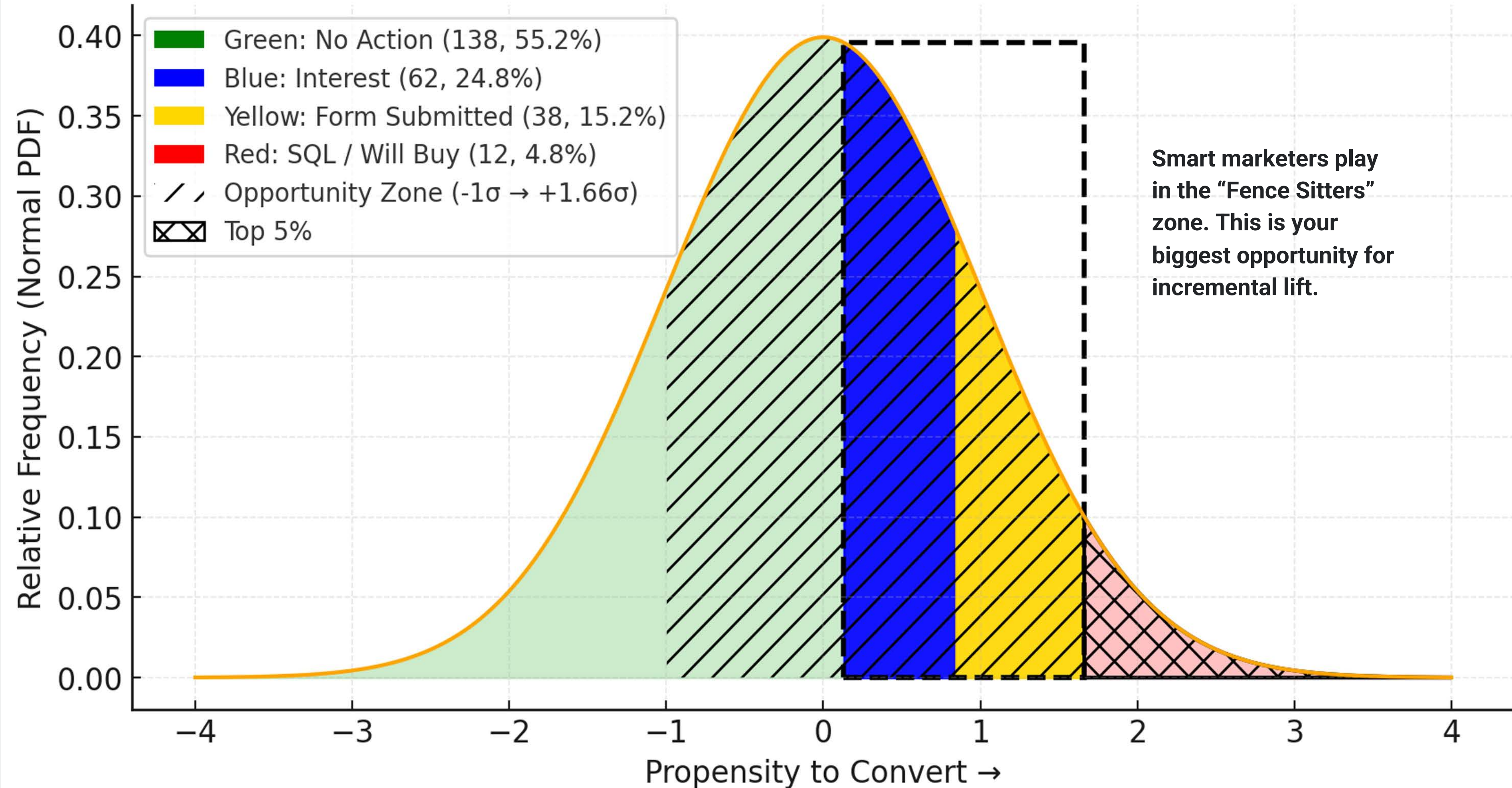


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**THIS IS A POWER LAW**

**30%  $\approx$  SAME CONV.  
POTENTIAL AS THE TOP 5%**

# THREE NEW OBJECTIVES



## INCREASE PROBABILITY

Identify and engage the audiences most likely to convert when given the right nudge or message.

$$E(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i) P(x_i)$$

## MAXIMIZE EXPECTED VALUE

Prioritize spend toward mid-intent users who show strong potential to move down-funnel with incremental investment.



## MINIMIZE WASTE

Reduce spend on over-saturated or low-intent segments, reallocating budget to audiences still within reach.



A close-up shot of Taylor Swift with long, wavy blonde hair and bangs. She is wearing a dark blue or black top. Her expression is skeptical, with a slight frown and her lips pressed together. The background is dark with horizontal white light streaks on the left side.

**SO HOW DO  
WE DO IT?**

**Cool.**





**INCREASE PROBABILITY**

**IF YOU WANT TO WIN,  
KNOW THE PLAYER**

**PLAYERS GONNA PLAY...**



A close-up photograph of Taylor Swift singing into a silver microphone. She has blonde hair with bangs and is wearing bright red lipstick. Her eyes are wide open, and her mouth is open as if in the middle of a powerful vocal note. She is wearing a black top and several rings on her fingers. The background is a bright, out-of-focus white.

***Haters gonna hate***

**EVERYONE HAS THIS.  
IF YOU WANT TO WIN, YOU  
NEED SOMETHING BETTER.**



# WINNING REQUIRES **KNOWING**:



## **YOURSELF**

The vast majority of your market, from 70-90%, isn't actually rejecting you. They are simply on a different timeline and are not yet ready to make a decision.



## **YOUR AUDIENCE(S)**

The true role of marketing is to patiently nurture and educate your audience, gently guiding them toward a state of readiness.



## **THE COMPETITION**

Each small percentage lift you achieve at one stage of the funnel isn't just an isolated win. Its impact compounds, increasing the probability of a final conversion.





**KNOW YOURSELF TO KNOW  
YOUR CUSTOMER**

# YOU'RE ASKING THE **WRONG** QUESTION

## THE OLD QUESTION

“Who is our audience and what do they want?”

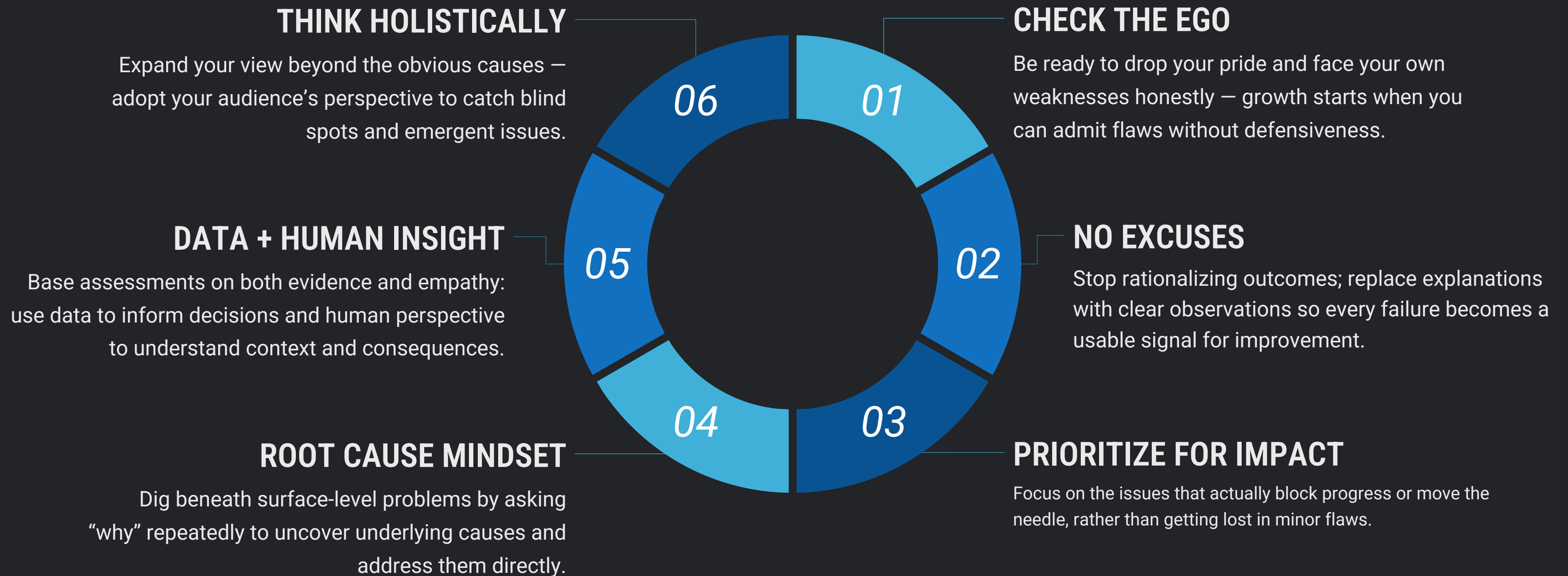
## THE RIGHT QUESTION

“What are we uniquely good at, and where are we vulnerable?”



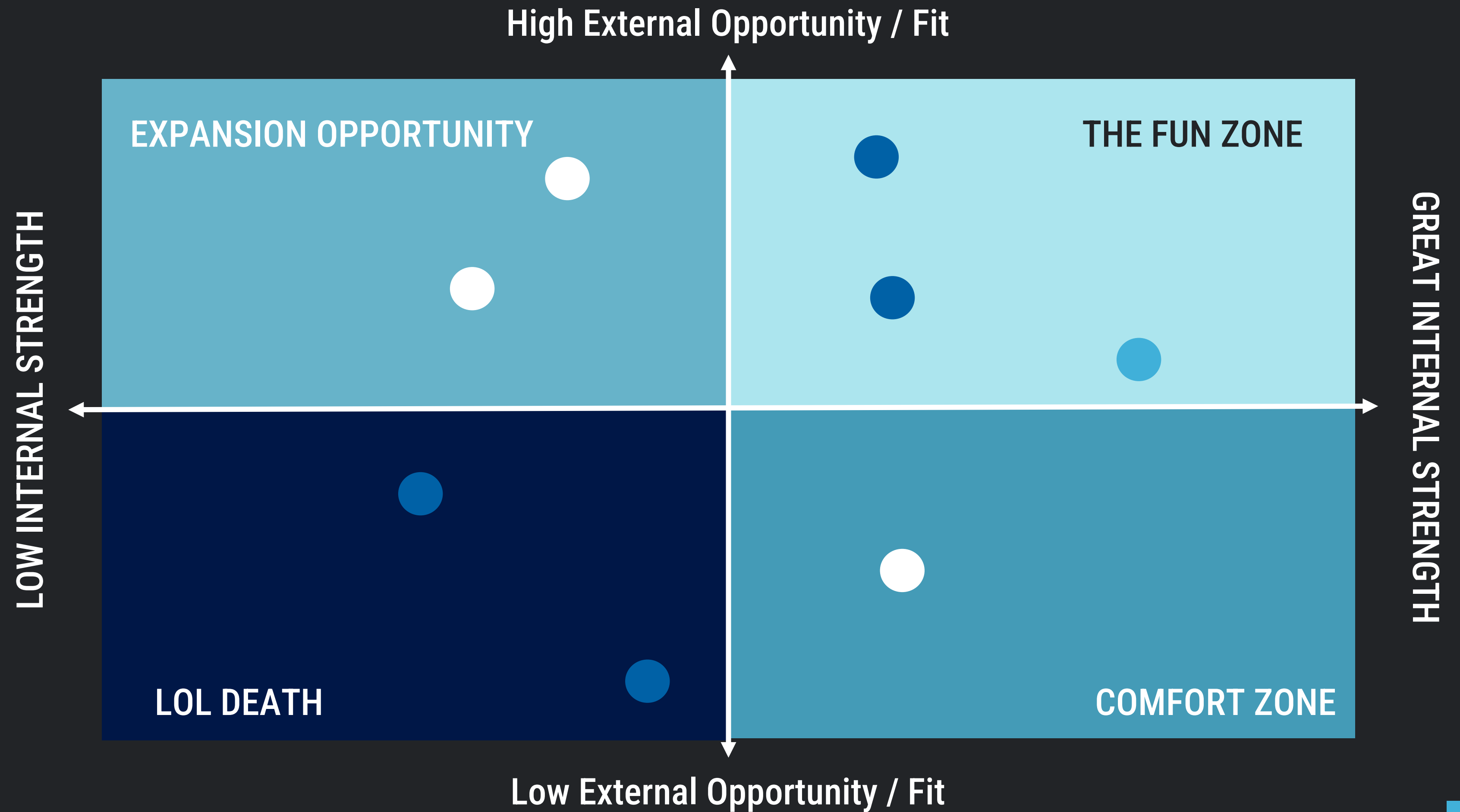
# LET'S TALK ABOUT SELF SCOUTING

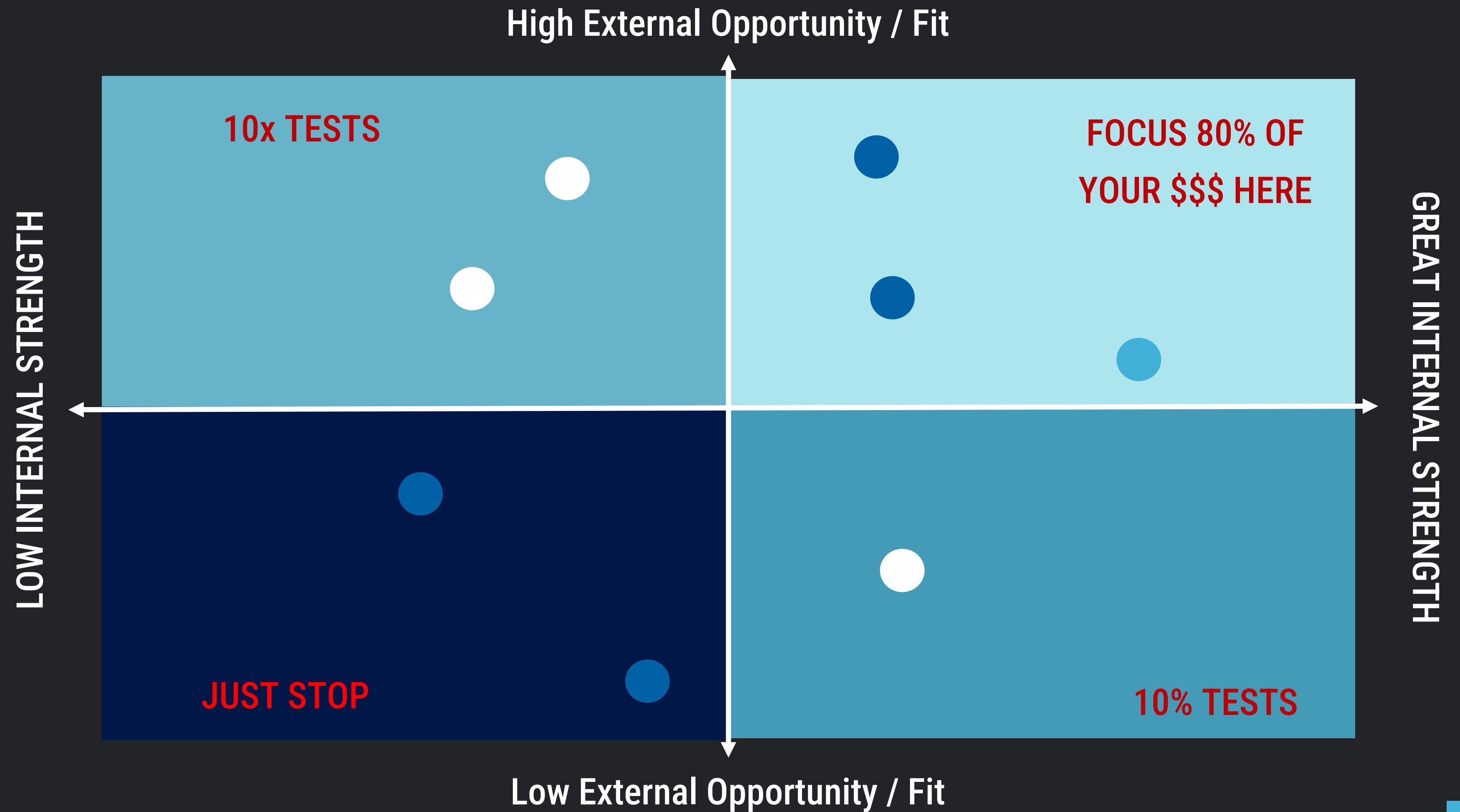
# WHAT SELF SCAOUTING MEANS



# SELF AUDIT → STRATEGY FILTER







A photograph of Taylor Swift performing on stage. She is wearing a colorful, sequined, off-the-shoulder dress and is holding a microphone to her mouth, singing. Her right arm is raised, pointing towards the audience. The background is a large, dark stadium filled with a massive crowd of people, many of whom are holding up their phones to capture the performance. Bright stage lights are visible, creating a high-contrast scene. The overall atmosphere is one of a major concert event.

# AUDIENCE RESEARCH



**DO YOU REALLY KNOW  
YOUR AUDIENCE?**

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of Taylor Swift looking downwards with a thoughtful expression. She has blonde hair with bangs and is wearing a blue floral top and large hoop earrings. The background is out of focus, showing other people in a crowd.

# AUDIENCE INSIGHT

## ONCE AND DONE

Most communities have done some kind of customer insights work...way back when. It (likely) hasn't been updated in years, nor is it truly differentiated...but hey, it exists and it was done.

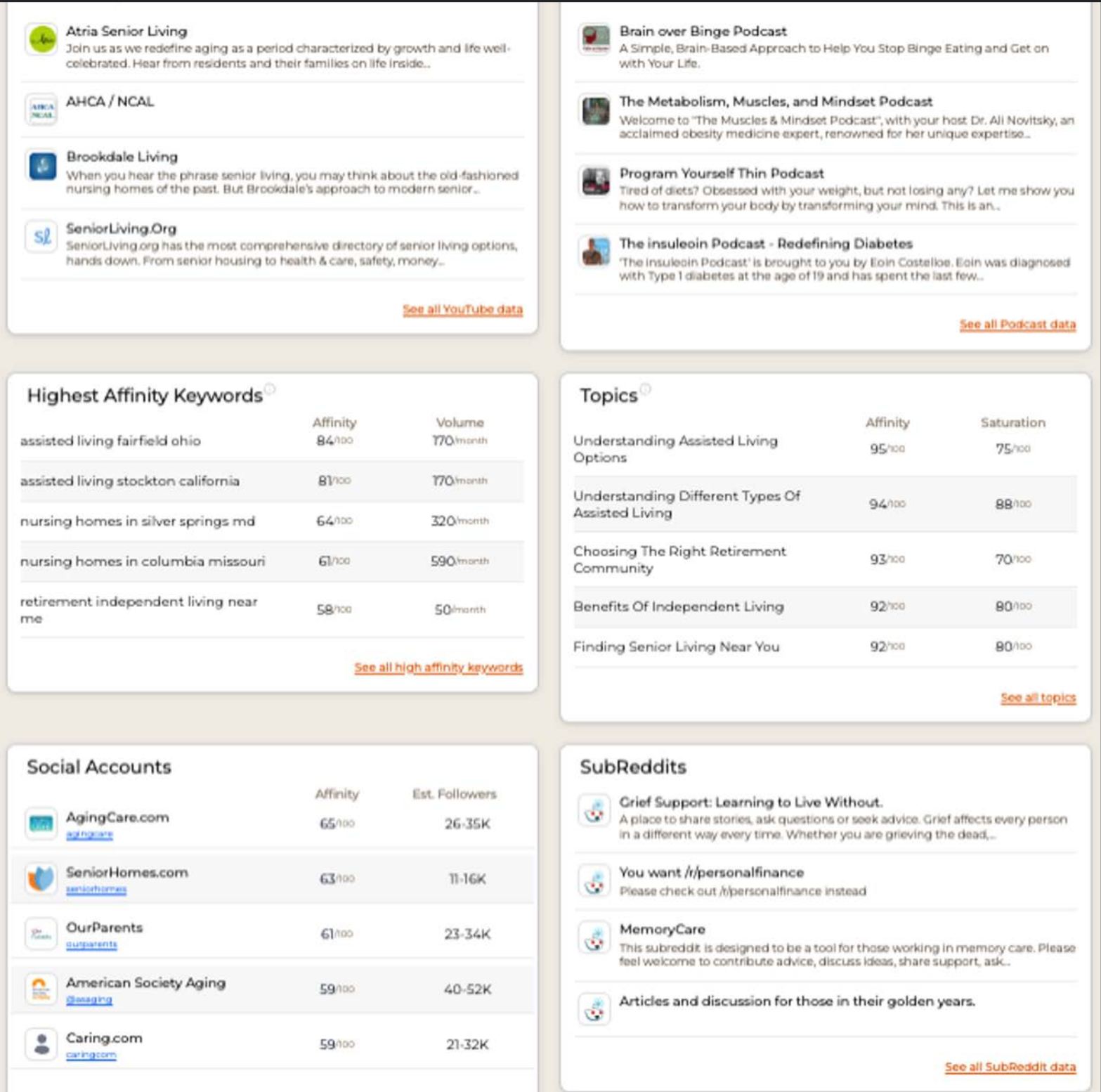
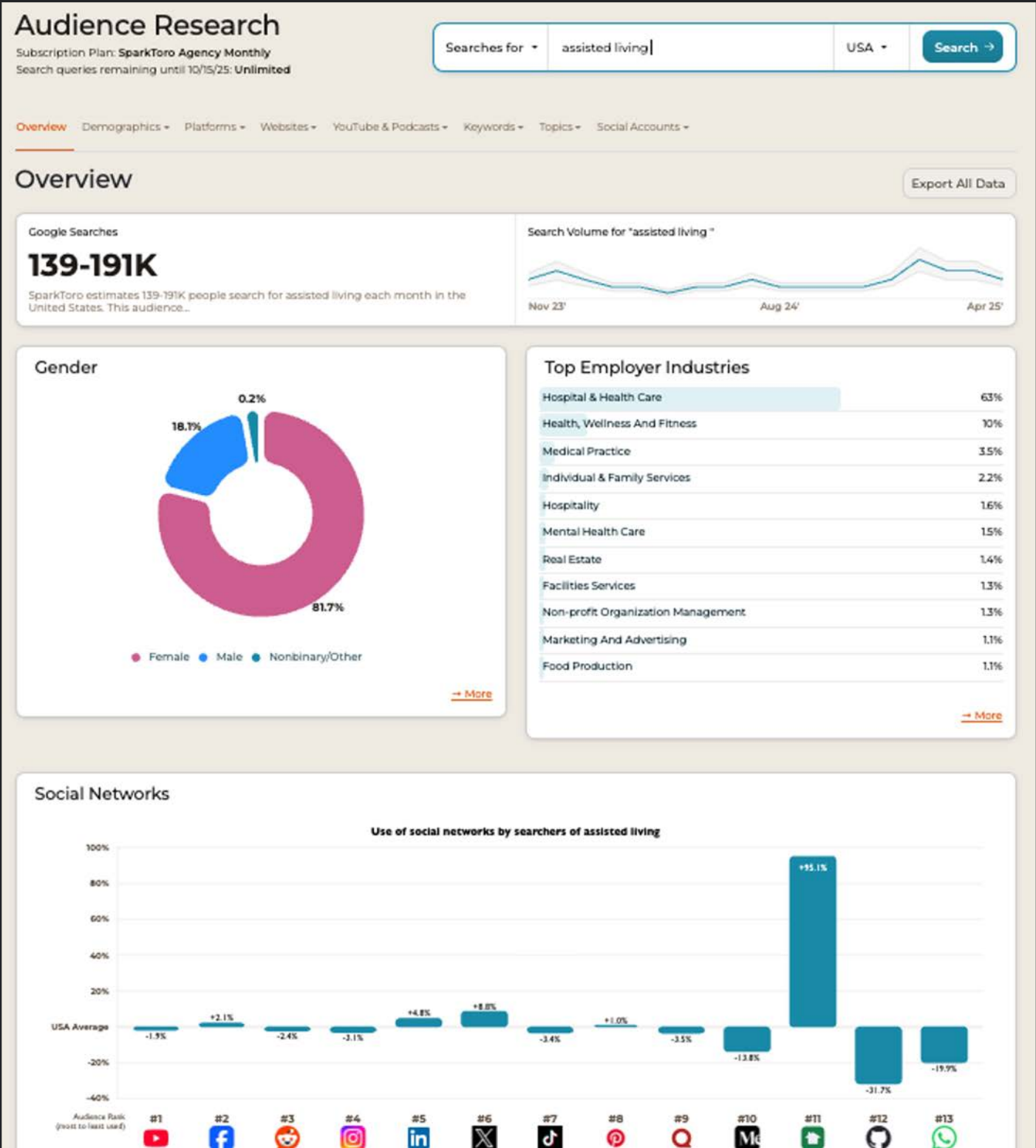
## FOCUSED ON WRONG THINGS

Audience Insights – done well – should give you actionable intelligence into the mind of your consumer – who they are, why they do what they do, who/what they trust, how they make decisions, what they fear, what else they need to know.

## LEVERAGE MOMENTS

Truly great audience insight identifies “leverage” moments – the points in the journey where your marketing can have an outsized impact on your probability of a successful outcome.

# SPARKTORO AUDIENCE REPORTS





# SPARKTORO KEYWORD REPORTS

Keyword	Audience Affi	Keyword Volu	Keyword Con	CPC	Related To	2024-05	2024-06	2024-07	2024-08	2024-09	2024-10	2024-11	2024-12	2025-01	2025-02	2025-03	2025-04
assisted living fairfield ohio	84	170	0.57	14.24		90	170	110	110	140	140	110	210	170	110	170	
assisted living stockton california	80.5605896	170	0.32	11.78		110	110	90	110	170	170	0	0	0	0	0	
nursing homes in silver springs md	63.8431771	320	0.23	10.84		210	210	210	320	260	320	0	0	0	0	0	
nursing homes in columbia missouri	61.3552895	590	0.18	9.04		480	590	480	480	480	590	0	0	0	0	0	
retirement independent living near me	57.6729151	50	0.4	10.54		70	70	30	170	90	50	0	0	0	0	0	
retirement communities in buffalo ny	53.3447321	40	0.41	2.67		40	50	40	40	90	40	0	0	0	0	0	
parkwood healthcare community	51.4450722	70	0.06	7.67		90	90	70	70	90	70	0	0	0	0	0	
brendan house kalispell mt	49.3699831	90	0.08	5.68		40	70	70	90	140	90	0	0	0	0	0	
continuing care retirement community cost	47.9146746	50	0.35	4.58		70	70	90	70	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	
baltimore county senior housing	46.0826652	140	0.43	6.54		140	90	110	140	90	140	0	0	0	0	0	
dahlonaga ga assisted living	43.2043773	70	0.25	12.36		40	50	110	70	40	70	0	0	0	0	0	
assisted living facilities in vancouver washington	40.4541842	50	0.27	21.82		70	110	70	110	70	50	0	0	0	0	0	
e w thompson sedalia mo	35.3260547	70	0.01			70	90	90	110	90	70	0	0	0	0	0	
augustana chapel view care center	33.6280987	50	0.1	7.98		50	90	70	90	70	50	0	0	0	0	0	
harbor chase fl	32.9400307	170	0.12	5.08		90	90	90	70	70	170	0	0	0	0	0	
average monthly cost of nursing home in pa	32.6927764	90	0.26	3.7		140	140	170	110	140	110	110	110	90	0	0	
the pearl at watkins	32.6001958	40				70	50	20	20	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	
senior care home services	30.0610762	2400	0.23	11.76		2900	3600	2900	2900	2400	2400	0	0	0	0	0	
ivy stone assisted living	29.3083747	90	0.14	6.4		40	210	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0	0	
american house southgate	28.4514868	480	0.05	3.04		170	210	210	480	390	390	390	480	590	480	480	
independent care facility near me	28.1316848	50	0.31	15		20	70	40	70	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	
scenery hill manor	27.495144	40	0.04	12.98		70	70	90	90	140	40	0	0	0	0	0	
assisted living in brooklyn new york	26.9579473	1600	0.46	8.62		1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1300	1300	1900	1600	1900	
brighton gardens boca raton	26.7820773	90	0.08	7.8		90	70	50	70	50	90	0	0	0	0	0	
the reserve at royal oaks memory care	26.6548911	140	0.08			170	140	170	210	140	140	110	90	110	140	170	
buying into a retirement community	26.4868186	70	0.41	5.75		50	70	50	50	70	70	0	0	0	0	0	
caregiver homes springfield ma	25.9467203	40	0.32	6.6		30	50	50	70	50	40	0	0	0	0	0	
nursing homes in farmington missouri	24.2651843	210	0.1	7.9		210	210	170	170	260	210	0	0	0	0	0	
heartland of bucyrus	24.2644211	90	0.05	6.86		40	40	40	90	70	90	0	0	0	0	0	
senior angel com reviews	24.106685	10	0.04			70	10	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	
assisted living facilities atlanta ga	23.8166815	2400	0.4	11.75		1900	2900	4400	2900	3600	2400	2400	1900	2400	2400	2900	
atrium johnstown pa	23.5941266	70	0.06	8.04		110	70	50	50	50	70	0	0	0	0	0	
cost of home health nurse	22.231897	50	0.38	5.28		90	70	70	50	70	50	0	0	0	0	0	
plus communities new jersey	22.0028525	1900	0.33	2.97		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
knoxville assisted living facilities	21.6628886	1900	0.41	12.11		1600	1600	1900	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1900	1600	1900	
assisted living in west palm beach	21.4527267	1000	0.48	14.58		1000	1000	1000	880	880	1000	880	1000	1000	1000	1600	
assisted living facilities in lake worth florida	21.339912	390	0.47	12.12		390	260	320	390	390	480	480	320	590	320	390	



# SPARKTORO REDDIT REPORTS

Subreddit Id	Subreddit Name	Url	Subscribers	Language	Affinity	Description
2qstm	Personal Finance	/r/personalfinance/	21422969	en	96	Learn about budgeting, saving, getting out of debt, credit, investing, and retirement planning. Join our community, read the PF Wiki, and get on top of your finances!
2rawz	Legal Advice ~ A place to get simple legal advice*	/r/legaladvice/	3315665	en	95	A place to ask simple legal questions.
2qiyl	HomeOwners & Investors	/r/RealEstate/	2378133	en	91.89	investing
2qr34	smallbusiness: Questions about starting, owning and growing	/r/smallbusiness/	2238577	en	79.37	This sub is not for advertisements! Questions and answers about starting, owning, and growing a small business only.
2qgzg	business	/r/business/	2508009	en	59.14	/r/business brings you the best of your business section. From tips for running a business, to pitfalls to avoid, /r/business teaches you the smart moves and helps you dodge the foolish.
2qs6s	All Things Insurance	/r/Insurance/	193034	en	50.23	All Things Insurance!
2qldo	Entrepreneur	/r/Entrepreneur/	4913634	en	35.71	Our community brings together individuals driven by a shared commitment to problem-solving, professional networking, and collaborative innovation, all with the goal of making a positive impact. We welcome a diverse range of pursuits, from side projects and small
2ql97	The Hivemind Improving Homes	/r/HomelImprovement/	4659396	en	30.29	Submit here: <a href="https://diy.stackexchange.com/">https://diy.stackexchange.com/</a>
2qhsb	Legal	/r/legal/	288865	en	28.11	
2qhhq	Lose money with friends!	/r/investing/	3129297	en	27	
2qnt1	Real Estate Investing	/r/realestateinvesting/	1916870	en	25.43	Interested in Real Estate Investing? You've come to the right place! /r/realestateinvesting is focused on sharing thoughts, experiences, advice and encouraging questions regardless of your real estate investing niche! Structured Deals, Flipping/Rehabbing, Wholesal
2quww	Tax News and Discussion	/r/tax/	380370	en	25	Reddit's home for tax geeks and taxpayers! News, discussion, policy, and law relating to any tax - U.S. and International, Federal, State, or local. The IRS is experiencing significant and extended delays in processing - everything. Don't post questions related to that he
3ejbc	Medical Professional Liability	/r/MedicalMalpractice/	5142	en	25	Space for patients, healthcare providers, administrators, and industry professionals to discuss medical professional liability (medical malpractice) and related matters.
2tv09	Legal Marketing	/r/Legalmarketing/	2091	en	24.67	Law firm marketing strategies for attorneys - including website design, SEO, PPC, lead gen, intake optimization, AI, content marketing, traditional advertising, business development, and more.
4xa082	LegalCareers	/r/LegalCareers/	1939	en	23.33	
2ypxn	Legal Innovation & Technology	/r/legaltech/	14914	en	23.33	This subreddit is for those in the legal field interested in improving the legal profession through the use of technology.
2qhbe	Frugal Living: Waste Less, Gain More!	/r/Frugal/	6622165	en	22.57	Frugality is the mental approach we each take when considering our resource allocations. It includes time, money, convenience, and many other factors.
2qh9k	Law: Covering current developments in law	/r/law/	1929680	en	22.46	A place to discuss developments in the law and the legal profession.
2soy7	Trials	/r/trials/	1641	en	22	r/Trials is the home for all observed trials type content. Videos, text, links to articles, questions and answers about the sport(s) are all fine.
2th4r	Sweet accidents and more.	/r/accidents/	8255	en	21	
2r9c1	Homeowners	/r/homeowners/	2777989	en	19.57	
2qjfk	Stocks - Investing and trading for all	/r/stocks/	8974737	en	19.43	
2t34z	Financial Independence / Retire Early	/r/financialindependence/	2373793	en	18.14	
2tk95	DatalsBeautiful	/r/dataisbeautiful/	21648778	en	17.14	
2qh1s	The Dismal Science	/r/Economics/	5600186	en	15.86	Reddit's largest economics community. Serving as a central forum for users to read, discuss, and learn more about topics related to the economic discipline. We have written rules to support this aim and welcome those who want to learn and those who want to con
2qhnd	Jobs	/r/jobs/	2435550	en	15.43	
2qh26	The community for ventures designed to scale rapidly   Read	/r/startups/	1913776	en	15.29	Welcome to /r/startups, the place to discuss startup problems and solutions. Startups are companies that are designed to grow and scale rapidly. Be sure to read and follow all of our rules--we have specific places for common content and requests.
2qwze	Financial Planning, Personal Finance, Frugality, Money, and f	/r/FinancialPlanning/	960785	en	13.57	Discuss and ask questions about personal finances, budgeting, income, retirement plans, insurance, investing, and frugality.
2wlj3	Cryptocurrency News & Discussion	/r/CryptoCurrency/	9931149	en	13.43	The leading community for cryptocurrency news, discussion, and analysis.
2qhl2	r/Cars - For Car Enthusiasts	/r/cars/	7369052	en	12.57	r/Cars is the largest automotive enthusiast community on the Internet. We're Reddit's central hub for vehicle-related discussion, industry news, reviews, projects, DIY guides, advice, stories, and more.
2qhm6	Marketing & Advertising	/r/marketing/	1872248	en	12.29	For marketing communications + advertising industry professionals to discuss and ask questions related to marketing strategy, media planning, digital, social, search, campaigns, data science, email, user experience, content, copywriting, segmentation, attribution
2t9i0	Career Guidance	/r/careerguidance/	4716319	en	11.86	A place to discuss career options, to ask questions and give advice!
2qjuv	r/StockMarket - Reddit's Front Page of the Stock Market	/r/StockMarket/	3895748	en	11.86	Welcome to /r/StockMarket! Our objective is to provide short and mid term trade ideas, market analysis & commentary for active traders and investors. Posts about equities, options, forex, futures, analyst upgrades & downgrades, technical and fundamen
2vhkv	Ask a Car Salesman, Managers, or Finance managers anythin	/r/askcarsales/	262699	en	11.71	
2r2jt	r/TwoXChromosomes: You are the community. You have all ti	/r/TwoXChromosomes/	13614937	en	11.43	
2qw2b	Accounting	/r/Accounting/	1171769	en	11.43	Primarily for accountants and aspiring accountants to learn about and discuss their career choice. Advice and questions welcome.
2slqb	Plumbing help offered here, please post pictures.	/r/Plumbing/	469424	en	11.43	A place for plumbing advice and help. Do not advertise or try to compare pricing.
2qhpn	Economy	/r/economy/	1041397	en	11.43	Forum for economy, business, politics, stocks, bonds, product releases, IPOs, advice, news, investment, videos, predictions, government, money, politics, debate, capitalism, current trends, and more.
2qh6p	Conservative	/r/Conservative/	1289008	en	11.29	<a href="https://discord.gg/conservative">https://discord.gg/conservative</a>
2qjvn	Relationships	/r/relationships/	3610179	en	11.14	/r/Relationships is a community built around helping people and the goal of providing a platform for interpersonal relationship advice between redditors. We seek posts from users who have specific and personal relationship quandaries that other redditors can help
2x4yx	Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)	/r/Coronavirus/	2647498	en	11.14	In December 2019, a novel coronavirus strain (SARS-CoV-2) emerged in the city of Wuhan, China. This subreddit seeks to monitor the spread of the disease COVID-19, declared a pandemic by the WHO. This subreddit is for high-quality posts and discussion. Please b
2qpqt	Landlord Discussion	/r/Landlord/	184819	en	11.14	Welcome to /r/Landlord, a community for property owners and managers seeking advice on rental property management. Find expert tips on tenant relations, lease agreements, maintenance, rent collection, and more. Whether you're new or experienced, join the d
2qlqp	Woodworking: all things made from trees.	/r/woodworking/	6061403	en	11	Woodworking is your worldwide home for discussion of all things woodworking, carpentry, fine furniture, power tools, hand tools, and just about anything else about making - anything - from trees!
2qib3	Sales and Selling	/r/sales/	512645	en	11	
hcycg	Personal Finance For The Financially Challenged	/r/povertyfinance/	2422854	en	10.43	Financial advice, frugality tips, stories, opportunities, and general guidance for people who are struggling financially. No Judgement, just advice!
2r94o	You Should Know	/r/YouShouldKnow/	5495436	en	10.29	
2s3kh	For the identification of mysterious objects	/r/whatisthisthing/	3006255	en	10.14	For the identification of mysterious objects
2qhfj	Financial news and views	/r/finance/	2055394	en	10.14	
2tkvu	Advice from experienced mechanics from several fields.	/r/MechanicAdvice/	1906942	en	10	This is more than a car repair forum! Please read and follow the posting rules listed in the right hand sidebar.
3hqta	Wealth and Financial Independence/Retire Early	/r/fatFIRE/	454062	en	10	Retire with a fat stash.
2qhkh	Gardening, Plants, and Agriculture.	/r/gardening/	8723326	en	10	A place for the best guides, pictures, and discussions of all things related to plants and their care.
3b5at	Legal Advice Off Topic Discussion	/r/legaladviceofftopic/	398579	en	10	A subreddit for discussions about topics related to /r/legaladvice that aren't appropriate for that forum.

**Organic traffic** 1,840,954,566/month

☒ Organic Traffic ☒ Paid Traffic | ☐ Notes ▾



## WHY REDDIT MATTERS

Reddit is one of the few places where people say what they actually think. It's raw, honest, and full of the real questions your clients are asking. [Google is now pulling Reddit threads into search results and AI overviews because it reflects real user intent.](#)

If you want to understand what people search, how they describe their problems, and what language they use, Reddit is the best listening tool you have. It's where your keyword research gets human again.



←  **r/eldercare** • 16 days ago  
Oli\_Maker

## Family communication in senior living: what’s been your experience?

My grandma is in an assisted living home and honestly, the communication with the staff has been awful. By awful I mean really awful... If we don't go on place, it's almost impossible to give them any kind of information OR to get any from them. It made me wonder : how do other senior living facilities (assisted living, nursing homes, memory care, etc.) handle communication with families?

I'd love to hear different perspectives: whether you're a caregiver, family member, or staff, what has worked (or not) when it comes to keeping families informed and involved?

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←  **r/ChubbyFIRE** • 5 mo. ago  
lizgross144

## How to Model Senior Living/Care Expenses

After direct experience overseeing the financials of senior living and healthcare expenses for my parents, I'm building some assumptions into my projections for FIRE. At the suggestion of another member of this sub, I'm posting them here as a starting point for discussion. This may not be the way you want to plan, but it's based on direct experience within the last few years.

It's long, because this stuff gets complicated.

I make our financial plans with ProjectionLab, which allows me to put in age and life expectancy based expenses.

### How I Model Expenses For Senior Living (Couple)

- While still owning a home, split non-housing expenses into "minimum" (car, insurance, food, phone, etc) and "discretionary."
- At the planned end of home ownership (e.g. age 75):
  - Sell home and add proceeds to investment account
  - End discretionary expenses
  - Add \$12K monthly for "2x senior living" expense
    - This is meant to cover all potential costs at a very nice community; would likely leave room to travel if desired.
    - In this phase of life, my parents averaged \$8,600 per month for all expenses. They didn't travel anymore.
- 3 years prior to end of life expectancy:
  - Add \$15K per month "long-term care" expense per person
    - When Dad was in assisted living and Mom needed skilled nursing, their total expenses were \$22K per month
- If one spouse has significantly longer life expectancy, add a phase in the middle where the surviving spouse has a \$7K monthly "senior living" expenses

 **r/dementia** • 5 mo. ago  
Livvvvvvvvvvv14

## Tips for making the transition to memory care a comfortable experience

I am moving my dad into memory care on Monday. The time has come that it is the best option for him. The hardest part is knowing he won't be able to be free to come and go as he likes, especially for his walks. He loves the outdoors. It breaks my heart he won't have that same freedom but luckily there is a courtyard he can sit in. I also plan to visit at least once a week to take him for walks or go to the gardens.

What are your best tips for making sure your loved one is comfortable in memory care? My dad has a private room with a half bath.

Welcome your ideas! My heart hurts with every stage of dementia and I just want my dad to be comfortable in this new setting.

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RuffN1ck

## MIL is low income senior & looking for help and resources

As the title says, my MIL relies pretty much solely on Social Security and maybe a \$100/month pension from dead spouse. I would guess she makes between 15-20k a year (I will go over her finances with her when I have more information on support options).

She moved in with us at the end of '23, one year after her husband died. We had to upgrade our rental housing to accommodate her (north Saint Louis county) and before that we would send them money monthly to pay for expenses.

We want to support her, but it is just becoming so overwhelming the past few years and we not only live paycheck to paycheck, but we have to budget like the government every month (on a deficit). It is becoming very unsustainable and creating scary, anxiety inducing days.

I have been trying to look into programs that could possibly help her with her needs. She has a variety of health issues and more doctors and visits on top of it all. Her hearing and eye sight is deteriorating as well. Meaning we have to find a way to get her to her multiple appointments every month. Then there's all the costs of prescriptions, insulin, etc and medical devices.

We are trying our best to keep her in rental with us, but that is becoming unsustainable too.

If anyone would be kind enough to share any knowledge of assistance programs for a senior relying almost exclusively on Social Security, I would be so grateful! Even any support groups for the elderly, or anything that could help us not dig even deeper into debt. I am now a homemaker, clipping coupons, cleaning the house, cooking the meals, and trying to to keep our budget afloat, while taking her to all of her appointments, make sure she is fed, and have a roof over her head, a clean home and basically her basic needs met.

Sorry for the long post... but yeah any programs, support groups, assistance with food/prescriptions...anything that can lessen the burden on us to still provide a good quality of life would be something I would be so grateful for. Thank you for your time if you got through this all

-Stressed and defeated Son in Law.

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←  **r/FinancialPlanning** • 7 mo. ago  
InvestmentSage247

## DINK couple in our 40s planning for elder care with no family safety net - what's your strategy?

My partner and I are financially stable DINKs in our early 40s with solid retirement accounts, but we've recently been concerned about our later-life care without children to advocate for us. After watching our parents rely heavily on their adult children (us and siblings) for managing healthcare decisions, financial oversight during cognitive decline, and transitioning to assisted living, we're trying to be proactive about creating support structures now.

We're looking for strategies from others in similar situations - particularly regarding healthcare advocacy, establishing relationships with elder law attorneys or care managers, financial vehicles for extended care, retirement communities with built-in care progression, and planning for potential cognitive decline. Fellow child-free couples, what planning strategies have worked for you?

# FIND WHAT THEY ARE ASKING

Reddit is one of the best places to find the exact words people use when they describe legal problems. Search for topics like “fired while on leave” or “how long to settle a car accident claim” and read the questions and comments. The recurring phrases, fears, and misconceptions you see are your real keywords.

Use that language in your page titles, FAQs, and blog content so your company shows up when clients search the way they actually speak.

**DATA IS GREAT BUT  
SOMETIMES IT'S BEST TO  
GO TO THE SOURCE**





## FINDING SOCIAL CONNECTION AT INSPİR CARNEGIE HILL

BY: INSPİR SENIOR LIVING TEAM

Get ready to dive into the extraordinary world of Inspir Carnegie Hill, where residents like Myra make the most of life through incredible experiences and new social connections.

# WORD OF MOUTH

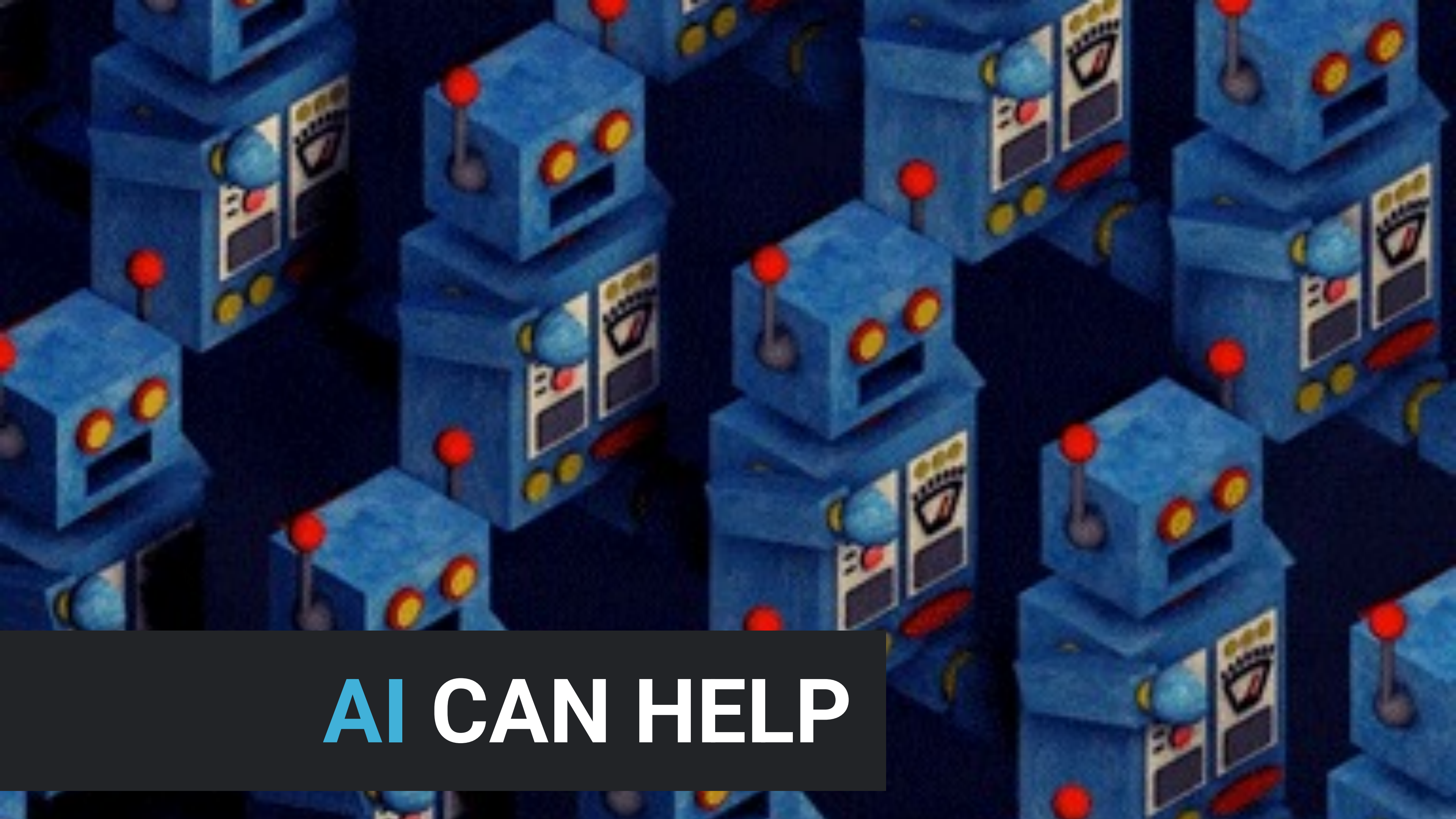
Word of mouth is the most powerful currency in senior living because the decision is profoundly personal and built on trust, not transactions. While marketing materials present a polished image, it is the authentic stories from residents and their families that truly resonate, allowing prospective buyers to see their own motivations and pain points reflected in the experiences of others.

Every conversation with staff offers a live preview of the community's culture, and ultimately, a facility's reputation is the sum of these personal accounts; a positive endorsement acts as the ultimate seal of approval that overcomes doubt, while a negative one creates a barrier that even the best marketing cannot breach.

Here's how you can tap in:

- **AMPLIFY RESIDENT & FAMILY STORIES**
- **FACILITATE AUTHENTIC CONNECTIONS**
- **CULTIVATE A PROFESSIONAL REFERRAL NETWORK**





**AI CAN HELP**



# AUDIENCE & PERSONA DEVELOPMENT WITH AI

# PERSONA DEVELOPMENT PROMPTING USING AI

What's on the agenda today?



The-Senior-Living-Insider-Guidebo...  
PDF

Task: Create a detailed, realistic resident persona for [<https://theridgeseniorliving.com/>] using the information provided below. This persona must feel like a real individual, not a generic profile.

Inputs to Use:

Community Context: [Memory Care]

Community Overview Page or Brochure: [Attached Guidebook]

Audience Information: Older adults (typically ages 68–85) and/or adult children (ages 40–60) who play an active role in researching or making senior living decisions.

Reference Material: Review the attached presentation or research materials. Extract relevant





# PERSONA DEVELOPMENT

## Resident Persona: Mary Ellen “Ellie” Watkins

### Identity

**Name:** Mary Ellen “Ellie” Watkins

**Age:** 81

**Gender:** Female

**Marital Status:** Widowed (husband passed 7 years ago)

**Current Living Situation:** Lives alone in a single-family home in Murray, Utah, where she and her husband raised three children. Recently began showing signs of moderate cognitive decline—misplacing bills, missing medications, and occasionally leaving the stove on.

**Location:** Salt Lake Valley area, close to two adult children

**Life Stage:** Retired elementary school teacher who spent 35 years in the classroom. Enjoys church activities and book clubs but increasingly struggles to follow conversations or remember details.

Ellie is at the crossroads that many families face: fiercely independent and emotionally attached to her home, yet beginning to show clear signs that she’s unsafe living alone. Her children—especially her daughter, Rebecca—are exploring memory care communities like *The Ridge Cottonwood* to ensure her safety, engagement, and dignity.

# DETAILED DEMOGRAPHICS

## Demographics

- **Household Income:** \$90,000 annual retirement income from pension and Social Security, supplemented by savings and a modest long-term care policy that helps cover some personal care services.
- **Former Occupation:** Elementary school teacher (retired)
- **Education Level:** Bachelor's in Education, minor in Art History
- **Housing Status:** Owns home outright; children plan to sell it to help fund long-term care
- **Proximity to Family:** Two adult children live within 10 miles; one son is out of state in Oregon

# PSYCHOGRAPHIC DATA

## Psychographics

Ellie's identity is anchored in **teaching, caregiving, and connection**. She values *routine, familiarity, and purpose*—which now manifest as anxiety when things feel unpredictable. Her days start with coffee and the morning paper, but more often she reads the same article twice without realizing it. She treasures small joys: birds at her feeder, her favorite hymns, and photos of her students through the years.

Core emotional drivers include:

- **Safety and trust:** Ellie's daughter fears she'll wander or fall; Ellie fears being "locked away." She needs reassurance that memory care means *freedom within safety*.
- **Dignity:** She dislikes being treated "like a child." Communities that emphasize respect, warmth, and resident-centered autonomy appeal strongly.
- **Belonging:** She thrives in familiar rhythms—group meals, music, laughter, crafts. Her greatest fear is *isolation or confusion*.
- **Faith and compassion:** Her church community has been central to her adult life; she values spiritual connection and compassionate staff.

Personality Traits: Warm, chatty, slightly stubborn, nostalgic, kindhearted, and perceptive even as memory fades. In the words of her daughter: "Mom still lights up when someone asks about her students or sings an old song."



# MAP THE JOURNEY

## Decision-Making Journey

### 1. Research Phase

The process began six months ago when Ellie left the stove on and neighbors called her daughter. Rebecca—her primary decision-maker—turned to **Google searches** ("best memory care near Salt Lake City") and **referrals from friends at church**. She visited *A Place for Mom* and *Caring.com* but grew frustrated realizing those platforms often only feature communities that pay for placement listings—a fact highlighted in the *Insider Guidebook* [The-Senior-Living-Insider-Guide...](#).


She began prioritizing direct research on community websites that clearly listed:

- Care levels and staffing ratios
- Pricing transparency
- Resident activity calendars
- Testimonials that felt genuine, not scripted

She watched virtual tour videos and joined a Facebook group for caregivers of parents with Alzheimer's.

# MAP THE JOURNEY

## 2. Evaluation Phase

Over 6–8 weeks, Rebecca toured three local memory care communities. The Ridge stood out for its **open, light-filled design, garden courtyard, and calm atmosphere**—qualities she associated with dignity and safety. She appreciated that the staff answered calls promptly (a “Pro Tip” indicator of attentiveness in the guidebook)  The-Senior-Living-Insider-Guide... .

The Ridge’s focus on **person-centered memory care programming**—music therapy, storytelling, and art—mirrored Ellie’s personality and history as an educator. Rebecca noted how staff members interacted with residents by name, not room number.

# MAP THE JOURNEY

## 3. Decision Phase

After months of guilt and hesitation, Rebecca chose The Ridge because it offered:

- **Specialized memory support staff trained in dementia care**, as recommended in the guidebook's staffing section [The-Senior-Living-Insider-Guide...](#).
- **Safety without restriction:** Key-fob access, enclosed walking paths, and quiet sensory rooms instead of "locked doors."
- **Transparent communication:** Weekly updates and family involvement in care planning.

The final step included a physician assessment and coordination of long-term care insurance benefits—consistent with the detailed move-in process outlined in the guidebook [The-Senior-Living-Insider-Guide...](#).



# IDENTIFY THE PAIN POINTS

## Pain Points

1. **Loss of independence and control:** Ellie resists “being put somewhere.” The language around “community,” not “facility,” helps reduce this fear.
2. **Family guilt and confusion:** Rebecca feels guilt for “taking Mom out of her home” and struggles to navigate complex contracts and costs. The guidebook’s clarity on billing transparency and long-term care coverage directly addresses this pain point [The-Senior-Living-Insider-Guide...](#).
3. **Unfamiliar environments:** Overstimulation and noise heighten Ellie’s confusion. She needs quiet spaces, predictable schedules, and patient staff.
4. **Fear of declining dignity:** Both Ellie and her family worry she’ll be treated impersonally. They’re reassured by communities where caregivers know life stories, not just care plans.

# UNDERSTAND THE GOALS

## Goals & Desires

### For Ellie



- To **feel safe, not trapped**, surrounded by gentle routines and familiar comforts.
- To **retain her personality and joy** through meaningful daily activities like singing, painting, and garden walks.
- To **connect with others** in small group settings rather than large, chaotic environments.

### For Rebecca (the adult daughter)

- **Peace of mind:** Knowing Mom is cared for with compassion and competence.
- **Clear communication:** Regular updates, transparent billing, and accessible leadership.
- **Long-term stability:** A community that can adapt as Ellie's needs progress, avoiding another disruptive move.

### How The Ridge Fulfills These Needs:

The Ridge's memory care program emphasizes *engagement, security, and warmth*—three cornerstones of comfort for families navigating dementia care. The community's **open spaces, sensory gardens, and resident-centered activities** mirror the best practices described in the guidebook's "Tour" and "Safety"

sections  The-Senior-Living-Insider-Guide...  The-Senior-Living-Insider-Guide... . For Rebecca, the **responsive leadership team** and **transparent pricing model** eliminate the confusion and mistrust that often accompany care decisions.

# KNOW WHAT DRIVES THEM

## Media & Influences

- **Primary Research Channels:**
  - *Google Search* ("memory care Salt Lake City," "Alzheimer's community near Cottonwood Heights")
  - *Facebook caregiver groups* (for peer advice and emotional support)
  - *Local church newsletters* (where The Ridge occasionally advertises events or support groups)
  - *AARP articles and Utah Senior Review* (for cost comparisons and guides)
- **Influencers in Decision:**
  - Adult daughter Rebecca (age 52, health care administrator) — primary decision-maker
  - Primary care physician and memory specialist — provided diagnosis and care recommendations
  - Pastor — emotional reassurance, reinforced The Ridge's emphasis on compassion and faith-aligned values
  - Peer families — word of mouth from a church friend whose spouse resides at The Ridge



# TAILOR THE MESSAGE

## Emotional Context & Marketing Implications

**Tone That Resonates:** Empathetic, reassuring, and grounded. Avoid jargon like “facility” or “unit.” Instead, emphasize *community, connection, and dignity*. Phrases such as “your loved one will continue to live with purpose and joy” or “our caregivers know each resident’s story” directly speak to Ellie’s and Rebecca’s hearts.

## Visuals That Appeal:

- Warm, natural lighting, greenery, and imagery of residents laughing or painting—avoiding clinical cues.
- Family interactions: a daughter holding her mother’s hand or staff sharing conversation at eye level.

## Messaging Strategy:

- Highlight *safety + freedom* (secured courtyards, personalized routines).
- Showcase *family partnership* (frequent updates, open communication).
- Reinforce *trustworthiness* with real testimonials and transparent cost information.

## Key Promise:

*“At The Ridge, memory care isn’t about losing independence—it’s about rediscovering comfort, connection, and peace of mind for the entire family.”*

# UNDERSTAND THE BIG PICTURE

## Summary

Mary Ellen “Ellie” Watkins represents the **heart of The Ridge’s memory care audience**: a once-independent, community-minded woman whose family seeks compassionate, specialized care that honors her dignity. Her daughter’s journey—from overwhelmed researcher to confident advocate—mirrors the exact emotional path mapped out in *The Senior Living Insider Guidebook*: fear, information overload, relief through transparency, and final peace of mind.

For marketing and sales teams, Ellie’s story serves as a blueprint for empathetic communication:

- Speak as a **partner**, not a salesperson.
- Lead with **safety, dignity, and trust**.
- Remember: Every inquiry begins with love and ends with relief when a family finally says, “We found the right place.”

**YOU HAVE GREAT PERSONAS**  
**GO A STEP FURTHER**



# PERSONAS TO CREATIVE

## Static Ad 1: "The Moment You Know She's Safe"

**Creative Theme:** Emotional reassurance and calm confidence

### Image Direction:

A daughter and mother sitting near a window inside The Ridge. The light is soft and natural, the environment bright and home-like. The mother's expression is peaceful; the daughter looks reassured.

### Primary Text:

You've done the research. You've asked every question.

Now comes the moment that matters most—peace of mind.

At The Ridge, our memory care communities are designed for safety, connection, and dignity—so your loved one feels at home, and you can finally breathe easier.

### Headline:

Feel Confident in Your Decision

### CTA:

Schedule a Personal Tour

### Strategic Purpose:

Addresses guilt and decision fatigue by reframing the transition as an act of love and responsibility. The calm imagery signals safety and warmth rather than institutional care.

## Static Ad 2: "Because Every Memory Still Matters"

**Creative Theme:** Hope and continuity of identity

### Image Direction:

An older woman engaged in painting or a music activity, with a caregiver smiling beside her. Colors are natural and warm, emphasizing vitality and joy.

### Primary Text:

Even as memories fade, connection doesn't.

At The Ridge, we create meaningful moments through art, music, and personalized daily routines—nurturing every spark of who your loved one is.

Because every memory, emotion, and smile still matters.

### Headline:

Memory Care that Honors the Person Within

### CTA:

Explore Life at The Ridge

### Strategic Purpose:

Centers on preserving dignity and personality, directly addressing the adult child's fear that their parent will lose themselves. This ad appeals to emotion while positioning The Ridge as a community of engagement and purpose.


# CREATIVE TO STRATEGY

## Sequential Funnel Strategy

Funnel Stage	Ad	Objective	Desired Action
Awareness Retarget	Ad 3: "You Don't Have to Do This Alone"	Build trust and comfort	View or download brochure
Consideration Retarget	Ad 2: "Because Every Memory Still Matters"	Re-engage emotional connection	Explore community pages
Decision Retarget	Ad 1: "The Moment You Know She's Safe"	Reassure and convert	Schedule a tour or submit form



# ABOUT THOSE LEVERAGE MOMENTS



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There are (relatively) few win-and-you're-in moments in marketing...but they do exist. Those are "leverage moments". They happen in every industry, but (generally), the more emotional the decision, the higher the impact of leverage moments on the outcome.



Were so sorry to hear of  
your loss of Forrest, and  
our hearts go out to  
you. We know this time  
is tough, and we're always  
here if you need anything.  
Love, From Chewy  
com



# WHAT'S IN A LEVERAGE MOMENT

## HIGH ASYMMETRY

Every “leverage” moment has a massive asymmetry between the cost to the brand + the emotional payoff of executing it successfully. In the case of Chewy, it’s a \$40 refund + \$25 flowers....and the return on that is a lifetime of evangelism.

## EMOTIVE + IDENTITY FOCUSED

The best leverage moments are wildly personal – a dog dying isn’t a transactional moment, it’s a hyper-emotional, hyper-personal one. In those moments, the effort must be both relevant to the moment + emotionally-resonant.



## UNSCRIPTED TO CUSTOMER

Part of that is that the intervention can’t \*feel\* like an intervention – it has to feel natural. Unscripted. In fact, the best interventions are counter-patterns: they are completely contrary to what the customer expects from the brand in that moment.

## CONSISTENTLY DELIVERED

The final point: you must be ready, willing & able to own that moment every time it happens...else you’ll end up with (at best) people frustrated and (at worst) some customers thinking you don’t care about them.





# THE SCIENCE

## PEAK-END RULE

People remember moments by their peaks + their ends, not by the average of those; the last impression is often the most powerful. Tailoring an intervention at a moment of finality maximizes the emotional impact

## CONTRAST PRINCIPLE

Compassion in a situation where (at best) indifference or (at worst) conflict was expected hits harder than generosity in normal moments. The pet owner calls in expecting to have to go through a whole thing, but is instead surprised

## SOCIAL PROOF LOOP

It creates a compelling, socially-captivating story that is ripe for sharing. The single act serves as better proof point than any number of reviews attesting to “good service” or whatever. [Show, don't tell.](#)



# THESE ARE EVERYWHERE

## THE MOVE-IN DAY

**Typical expectation:** keys, forms, checklist, maybe cookies.

Emotion: guilt + relief + fear + identity rupture for family.

**Leverage-moment move:**

Handwritten letter from the *entire care team* to the incoming resident (“we’re ready for you”)

And separately, a note to the adult child naming the moment directly:

*“Today will feel heavier than you expect. You made a loving decision – we see how much you carry.”*

## FAMILY GUILT FLASHPOINTS

**Typical expectation:** none (zero contact).

Emotion: resurfaced grief or adaptive pride.

**Leverage-moment move:**

Create pre-authored scripts or letters families can hand to siblings/spouses that defend the decision *so the family member doesn’t have to*. Example:

*“We recommend hospice not because there is nothing left to do – but because there is still comfort to protect.”*

## FIRST DECLINE/ER TRANSFER

**Typical expectation:** sterile clinical reporting.

Emotion: panic + anticipatory grief.

**Leverage-moment move:**

After the immediate situation stabilizes, a next-day follow-up call from *someone not clinical*/whose only job is emotional context:

*“You are not alone in this part. This stage is normal and you handled it well.”*

## DEATH OF A RESIDENT

**Typical expectation:** notification + final invoice + move-out logistics.

**Emotion:** acute loss + guilt + shock.

**Leverage-moment move:**

Waive last month OR comp move-out fees

Send printed 4–6 photos of meaningful moments of their loved one *inside the community* with a note:

*“Here is who they were with us.”*

## FIRST MEMORY INCIDENT

**Typical expectation:** clinical note in chart.

Emotion: shock, grief, “this is the day it changed.”

**Leverage-moment move:**

Send a same-day one-page *normalization brief* titled: “What This Means (and What It Does Not Mean)”

With one paragraph from staff about a fond moment earlier that week.

## ANNIVERSARY OF PASSING

**Typical expectation:** none (zero contact).

Emotion: resurfaced grief or adaptive pride.

**Leverage-moment move:**

On 1-year anniversary of move-in death:

brief text or handwritten note to family:

*“Thinking of you today. We still tell stories about your dad.”*

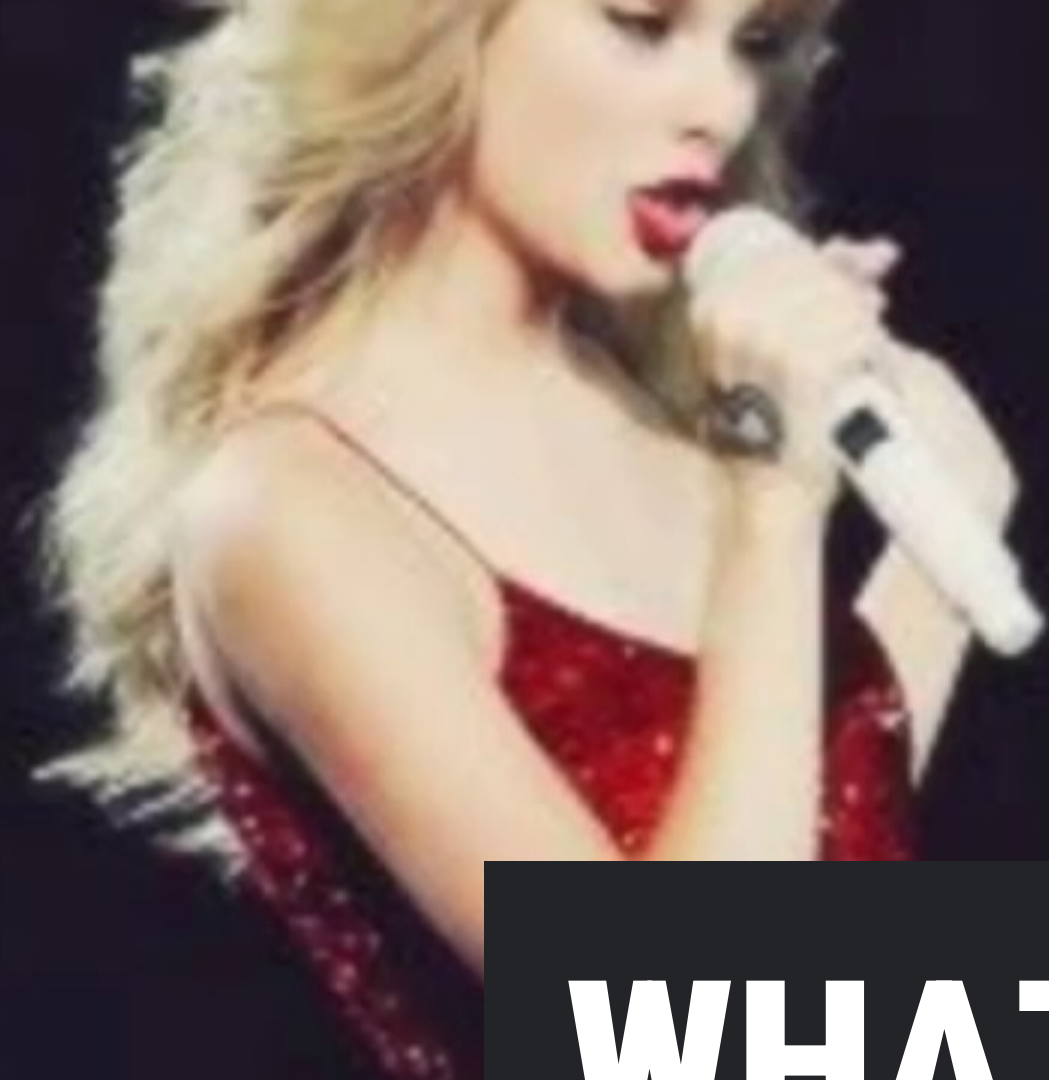
**FIND ONE YOU CAN WIN.**



KNOW YOUR COMPETITION

**COMPETITOR INTELLIGENCE  
IS NON-NEGOTIABLE**





# *Better Than Revenge*

## *Taylor Swift*

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

### **OFFERS + ECONOMICS**

What pricing are your competitors running? Are they running any specific promos? How are they positioning their offers?

### **THE ISSUES**

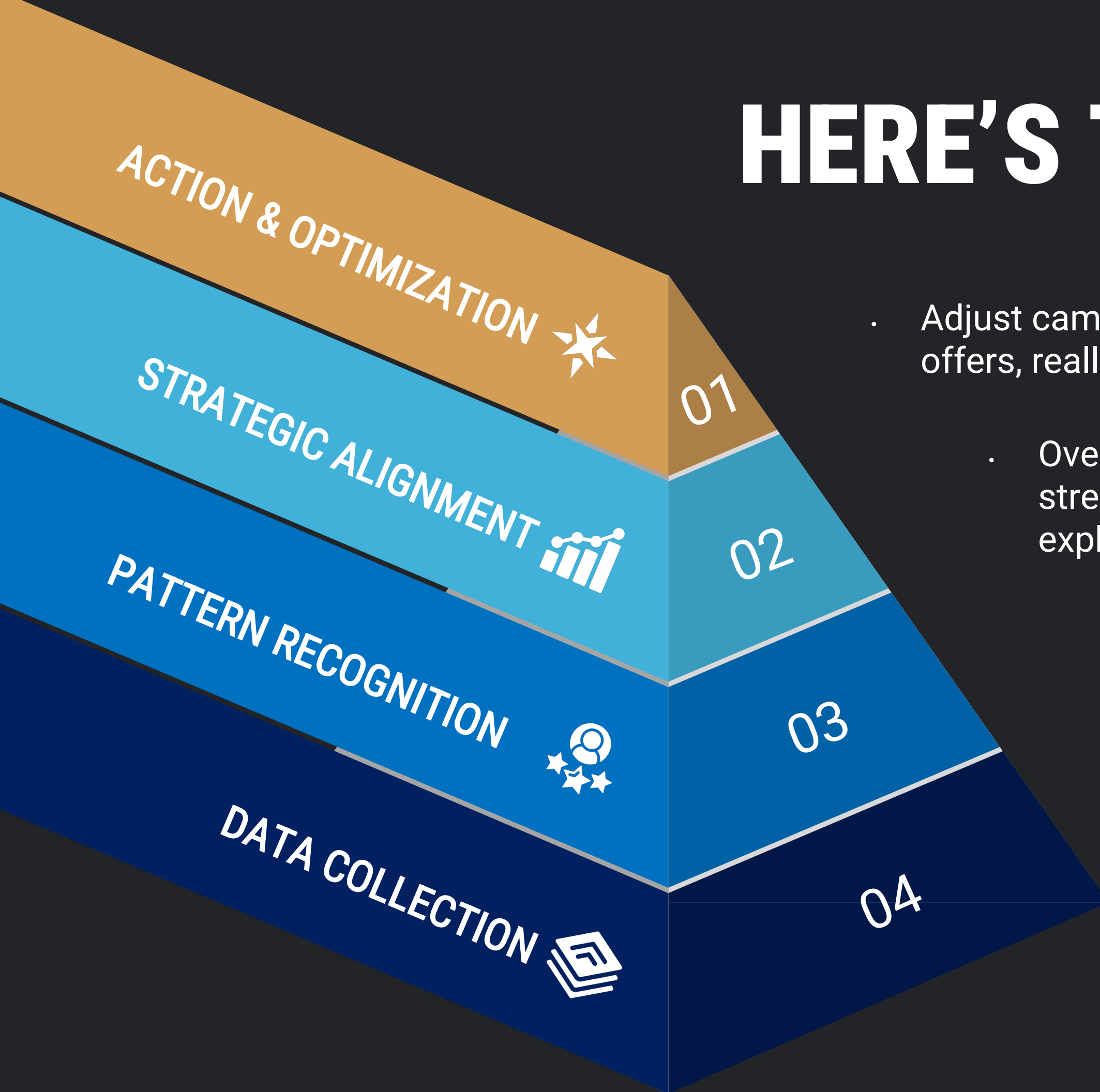
Are there any issues with their experience, service, sales process, etc? Where is your competition weak? Do they have poor reviews? Are there discussions on NextDoor or Reddit about a specific failing?

### **THE OPPORTUNITIES**

Where do your strengths overlap with your competition's weaknesses? Do you have specific products/services that are more likely to appeal to your audience? Where can you make some magic happen?



# HERE'S THE **FRAMEWORK**



- Adjust campaigns, test new creative, refine offers, reallocate budget.
- Overlay CI insights with your own org's strengths & weaknesses (what you can exploit or defend).
- Synthesizing trends, identifying outliers, comparing positioning and offers.
- Competitor ads, pricing, keywords, creative, customer reviews, etc.

**AI CAN HELP WITH THIS**

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Ready when you are.

I'm looking to automate some competitor promotional research and would like a report each morning at 11:00am ES. Can you help?





Run senior living promo check

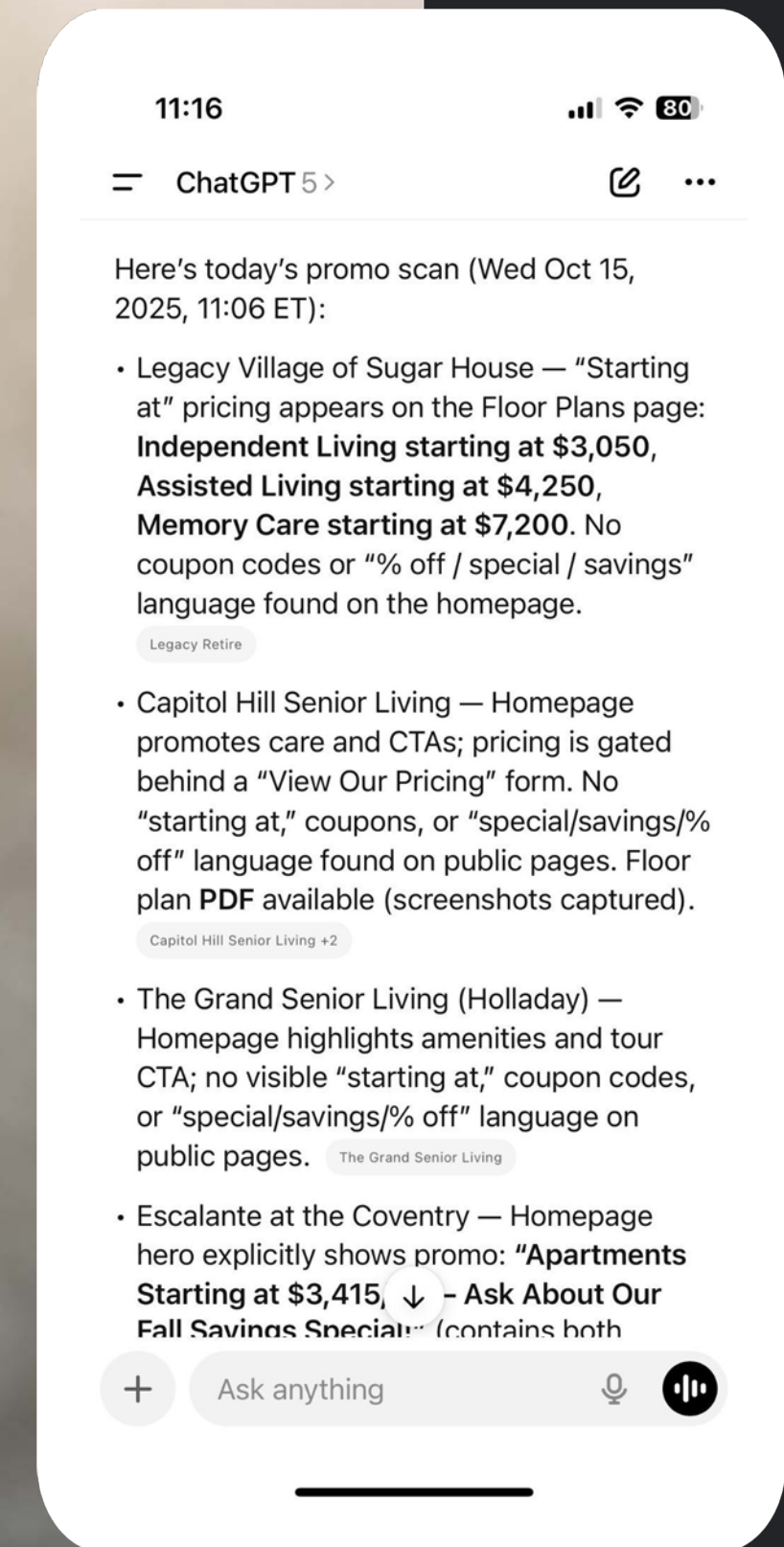
Daily at 11 AM

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All set. I'll:

- Run the promo check **every day at 11:00 AM ET.**
- Send the confirmation reminder **every day at 11:30 AM ET.**

If you'd prefer weekdays only (Mon–Fri), say the word and I'll switch it.





# DON'T STOP THERE

## HOW'S YOUR **COMPETITION'S** REP?

You have the list of places where your core target audience gets their information (thanks, audience research). You know what sites they trust, where they go to read reviews, how they make decisions. Time to put 2+2 together → set up alerts for them on each of those core sites.

## **REAL-TIME** FEEDBACK LOOPS

Every community (when you ask) admits that they *\*should\** do more customer insights work – but few actually take the time. Let's stop that. A simple AI workflow (on the next slide) + a Zapier connection to a Google sheet = instant insights on both your community AND your competition.

## MONITOR EVERYTHING **OVER TIME**

Most senior living communities are wildly predictable in how they approach campaigns, promotions, etc. Once you find the pattern, you can (effectively) run their own marketing program for them. Take the AI summaries, export them to a sheet, then have Gemini find the patterns - when they run promos, why they change things (real time loop), etc.



# THAT'S COOL...NOW WHAT?

## PIVOT YOUR OFFERS 01

- There's nothing worse than being caught in a never-ending commodity game with other communities – they offer \$500 off, you counter with \$1,000
- Long-term, this results in margin erosion, lower resident satisfaction + a breakdown in care quality
- The solution is to pivot offers such that they present a non-intuitive comparison

## ADD SOME PSYCHOLOGY 02

- Behavioral economics tells us that people struggle to "normalize" offers when the terms are different – think: Free Gift with Purchase vs. 25% Off
- Likewise, if you have some wonderful competitive data (like one community has a terrible sales team or is under-staffed), use that in both messaging (positive) and the sales experience
- The point: Instead of trying to compete, change the terms of the competition

## DOMINATE YOUR MARKET 03

- Wouldn't it be easier to win over those precious undecideds if you knew what your competition was doing? Well, with this method, you can.
- Leverage audience insights to appear where your fence sitters are most likely to be – maximizing your chances of standing out
- Do even better by combining this with remarkable content + distribution (and if you're not sure how to do that, shameless plug for my session tomorrow)

# REAL TIME **FEEDBACK** LOOPS

## **ANALYZE + EVOLVE**

Filter all of the responses from those emails into a folder/label (gmail), then have Zapier ferry each one into a Google Sheet. Use Gemini to extract answers to each of the questions into columns. Then have it run a weekly analysis on the feedback you've received that week.

## **AUTOMATED PERSONAL EMAIL**

Now, go find someone important who's inbox we can borrow – CEO, President, Founder, Chairman...you get the idea. Two rules: it CAN'T BE a marketer (no one thinks we're important enough) and it CAN'T BE the head of sales (they'll assume it's a sales tactic). Write a plain-text, basic-as-a-white-girl-with-a-PSL email, asking those questions. Automate sending it (thanks, AI) every day to the new members of that segment



## **SEGMENT TOUR/MOVE IN DATA**

Build (at least) 2 segments in your CRM – the tours w/ no move-in, and tours with a move-in. Make sure they update in (near) real-time and can export to an email client.

## **IDENTIFY WHAT YOU WANT**

Identify the (up to) 3 things you wish more of the people in (1) would tell you → maybe it's why they chose your community. What stood out. How you were different from the competition. You want the highest-leverage data points that you can get.

**NOW THAT YOU KNOW  
THE PLAYERS,  
LET'S TALK THE GAME**





# THE SENIOR LIVING BUYER'S JOURNEY

01

## UNSPOKEN ADMISSION

This is the part where most people are quietly observing. Grandma's getting older, dad is having more trouble remembering than he used to, etc – nothing major, but it's in the back of your mind.

# 02 QUIET AWARENESS



# 03 COMMUNITY RESEARCH

People tap their network, go to reddit, ask questions from trusted people/sources.

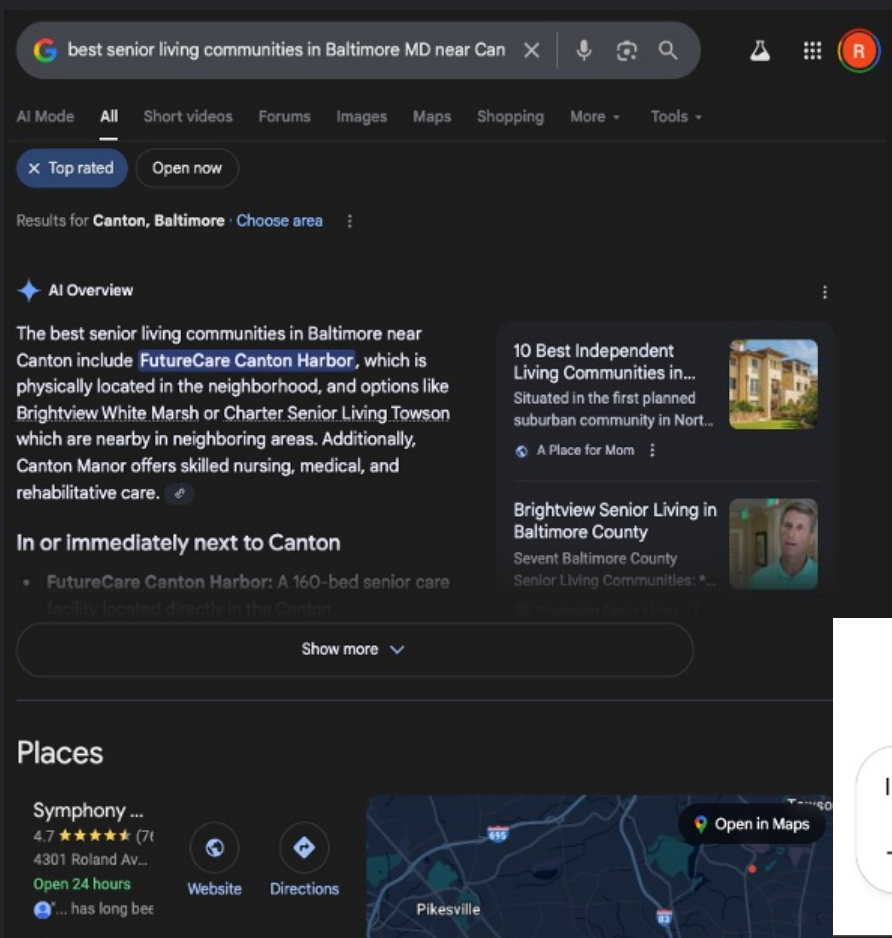
Becomes a common talking point in conversations. It's something you reference when talking with friends, it's longer in the back of your mind. You are starting to see this as a clear challenge

Nothing formal - but you start to look into senior living. What it might mean. What the transition looks like. What you'd have to do or think about (selling house, downsize, how much it would all cost, can we even afford it?)

This could be weeks, months, even years

What's on your mind today?

I need your help to find the best assisted living community in Baltimore MD







## THE TRIGGER

A triggering event, such as a fall or a sudden health scare, is the pivotal moment that shatters the illusion of safety and independence in the current home. This incident transforms the abstract, future thought of senior living into an immediate and emotional need for a solution. It is this urgent shift from passive concern to active planning that marks the true beginning of the buyer's journey.

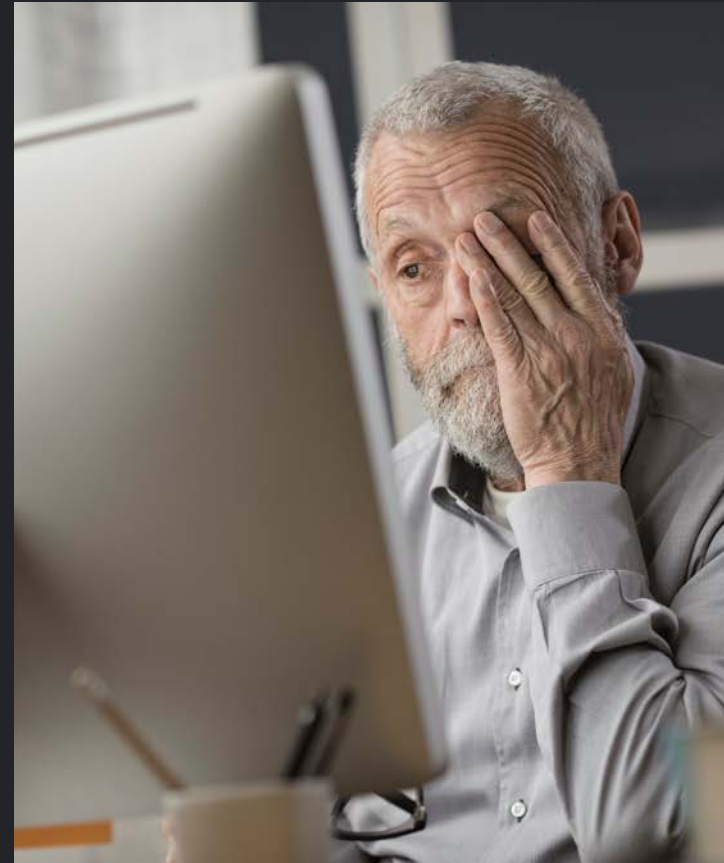


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## RAPID RESEARCH



With urgency as the new reality, the search begins as a frantic exploration of every available digital channel. This is the awareness stage, defined by a tidal wave of information where blogs, ads, and articles all shout for attention. The immediate goal isn't to find the right community, but simply to find a foothold and make sense of the overwhelming noise.



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## THE STORM



The thing that (inevitably) immediately follows the rapid research phase is the swarm – when everyone (from a place for mom / caring.com to specific communities) all reaches out, right as you're trying to deal with care, career, family, etc.



# FAMILY RESEARCH

The broad, overwhelming search now narrows to the family kitchen table, where the conversation becomes intensely personal and practical. This is the family research stage, where tough questions about finances, the sale of a cherished home, and ideal locations bring differing opinions to the surface. It's a delicate and often difficult phase where family dynamics, emotional attachments, and geographical distances collide, as everyone grapples with what "best" truly means.



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## TOURS TOURS TOURS

After the emotional debates and financial calculations of the family research stage, the journey moves from the theoretical to the tangible. Spreadsheets and websites can only answer so much; now, the family needs to see, feel, and experience the potential options firsthand. This is the touring phase, where the goal is to translate data points into a gut feeling and answer the most human questions: Does it feel welcoming? Are the residents happy? Can I truly picture Mom living here?





## DUE DILIGENCE

After you tour, you do the homework. Does this make sense? Can we afford it? Do I feel comfortable presenting this option to the rest of the family? Have I really thought this through?



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## FAMILY MEETING TIME

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*SOMETHING'S OFF* *IT'S RIGHT FOR US*

*Return To Step 5*

## THE BIG QUESTION

We all get together & figure out if this is where we want to send  
mom/dad/grandma/grandpa

# THE MOVE IN

After the tours are completed and the thank-you notes have been read, the family enters the final, most consequential stage: the move-in decision. The whirlwind of research and visits slows to a quiet, focused deliberation around the kitchen table. This is the moment where the logical (cost, care level, location) must align perfectly with the emotional (comfort, community, dignity) to justify a final choice.



**WHERE IN THIS JOURNEY CAN  
WE INFLUENCE PROBABILITY?**



# THERE'S A FEW PLACES

## POST-CLICK

Control the speed and probability of engagement through immediate, personalized follow-up from the sales team. Nurturing content builds trust and quickly drives the prospect toward a scheduled community visit.

## THE LANDER

Ensure immediate message match with the ad and deliver a clear, frictionless user experience. We maximize conversion by simplifying form fields and clearly articulating the next high-value action.

## AWARENESS

Focus on precise targeting and mapping ad creative to the prospect's most relevant emotional state. Ensuring clear articulation of our core differentiators maximizes the chance that every impression initiates a highly qualified user journey.

**TACTICS CHANGE.  
PEOPLE DON'T.**

# THE FIVE CORE DRIVES THAT **MOTIVATE** HUMAN DECISIONS



# THE 5 DRIVES

## SURVIVAL

**This is the original trigger.** The root of urgency. The voice in your head that says, “If I don’t act now, something bad is going to happen.” We’ve all seen these ads, and we’ve (likely) all converted in response to them at one point or another.

## ADMIRATION

**Social currency.** It is natural to want to be liked or seen as impressive, intelligent, stylish, trendy, in-the-know. Performance creative that taps into admiration turns products into identity markers.

## SUCCESS

**Feeling more competent, more capable, more in control.** This drive works because it speaks to the deeply personal story we all tell ourselves: “I want to dominate. To be the best. To reach heights others cannot.”

## LOVE

**This is about belonging. Intimacy. Familiarity.** Not just romantic love, but any relationship that feels emotionally safe, validating, or personal. Love-based creative works when the brand takes a human-first posture.

## PROTECTION

**This is where values, loyalty, and moral positioning live.** When you tap the protection drive, you activate something tribal. You create a sense of us versus them. You’re not just selling a product or service.

DRIVE	WHAT IT MEANS	EMOTIONAL CORE IN SENIOR LIVING
<b>SURVIVAL</b>	The most primal drive — to stay alive, safe, and stable.	Aging and health uncertainty trigger the instinct for safety, security, and stability.
<b>ADMIRATION</b>	The desire to be respected, valued, and seen as capable.	Seniors and families want dignity and to feel they're making a wise, respected decision — not giving up.
<b>SUCCESS</b>	The need to achieve, to move forward, to feel competent.	For adult children, finding “the right place” is success — ensuring parents thrive, not decline.
<b>LOVE</b>	The deep need to belong, connect, and nurture others.	Senior living isn't a transaction — it's a family act of love and care, often wrapped in <b>guilt</b> and hope.
<b>PROTECTION</b>	The instinct to defend loved ones from harm.	The family's ultimate motivator — safety, reliability, medical readiness — “Will Mom be safe here?”



**GUILT.**





**DEVELOP CREATIVE THAT  
MOVES THE FENCE SITTERS**

# SENIOR LIVING MARKETING JOURNEY

STAGE	AWARENESS	CONSIDERATION	DECISION / PURCHASE	RETENTION	ADVOCACY
MINDSET	Unsure what senior living is & if it's right for them/their parent GOAL: Introduce Community/Brand, Build Trust	We know we need to look into this & we're starting to seriously evaluate options—but we're nervous & overwhelmed & feeling guilt GOAL: Educate & reassure. Differentiate	This could be the right community for us, but we're afraid to commit GOAL: Purchase—make it feel like the right step, not an acquiescence.	We want to be sure mom/dad is treated right, we're not in the dark, and assured we made the right choice. GOAL: Reinforce they made the right choice.	We want others to have the same great experience we did. GOAL: Satisfied residents & families into brand advocates
BEHAVIOR	Passive research - scrolling, light Googling Unaware of differences or what makes one good/better	Comparing communities & care levels Reading reviews, exploring & comparing pricing & amenities Looking for transparency & emotional reassurance	Scheduling tours & inquiring about pricing details.	Engaging with newsletters & events Sharing resident updates on social media Posting reviews online Inviting friends/family to visit	Positive Reviews/Testimonials Referring other family/friends/neighbors Participate in community marketing (testimonials, newsletter stories, PR)
CONTENT TYPES	Blog: "10 signs it's time to consider senior living" Downloadable Guides "Independent vs Assisted living—what's the difference?" Branding Ads Videos that feature resident stories, life enrichment	Blog: "How to choose the right senior living" Landing Page: apartment floor plans, transparent pricing & what's included Ads: Testimonials, virtual video tours, trust building proof points "Trusted for 30+ years"	Blog: "What happens after you move into senior living?" Videos: short-form showing welcoming move-ins & family visits Retargeting Ads: "Your loved one deserves a place that feels like home"	Resident stories, milestones, celebrations Blog: "How Senior Living Enriches Daily Life", "Best Activities for Mental Enrichment", "Staying Active As You Age—the benefits & how tos" Email nurture series for families with photos/videos	Blog: "A Daughter's Story: How Senior Living Saved Our Family" / "How The Right Senior Living Community Brought Our Family Closer" Videos: Testimonials from Residents Share Your Story features/programs
KPI FOCUS	Engagement (video views, CTR, Time on site)	Form leads, Downloads of Brochures, Tour Bookings	Tours, inquiries, 1-on-1 conversions	Retention, Satisfaction, Engagement	Referrals, UGC, Reputation Lift, Organic Traffic Boost

# SENIOR LIVING MARKETING JOURNEY X HUMAN BEHAVIOR DRIVERS | PERSONA: SENIORS

STAGE	AWARENESS	CONSIDERATION	DECISION / PURCHASE	RETENTION	ADVOCACY
PRIMARY DRIVERS	Admiration Survival	Success Love	Protection Love	Love Admiration	Admiration Success
HOW TO LEVERAGE	Show: “This isn’t giving up”— it’s choosing a vibrant, smart, independent lifestyle. Tap: Social dignity & personal safety	Make them feel capable & proud of being proactive. This is empowerment, not loss. Lead them into the next chapter	Reassurance in stability, <i>not</i> losing freedom. Highlight community & safety.	Reinforce belonging & purpose. Show peer connection & recognition.	Position them as exemplary role models & leaders: They made a wise, courageous choice.
EXAMPLE MESSAGING	“Love where you live”  “Stay independent—safely”  “Choose while it’s still <i>your</i> choice”	“Now enjoy the life you’ve built”  “Get the freedom to live your best years yet!”	“A place that feels like home — with care that feels like family.”	“You’re part of a community that celebrates every story.”	“Share your story — inspire others to live well at every age.”



# SENIOR LIVING MARKETING JOURNEY X HUMAN BEHAVIOR DRIVERS | PERSONA: ADULT CHILDREN

STAGE	AWARENESS	CONSIDERATION	DECISION / PURCHASE	RETENTION	ADVOCACY
PRIMARY DRIVERS	Protection Survival	Success Love	Protection Love + Guilt Alleviation	Love Admiration	Success Admiration
HOW TO LEVERAGE	Frame as protection & preparedness, <i>not</i> fear or disposal.	Make them feel capable & responsible. They're ensuring their parent thrives & stays engaged.	Transform guilt to love-driven empowerment. This is an act of care, not abandonment.	Reinforce the success that they made the right choice. Share updates showing thriving residents & exciting activities	Encourage them to advocate to help others find the same peace & joy.
EXAMPLE MESSAGING	"Start the conversation before it's urgent."  "Start the search with time to make the right choice"  "Plans bring peace—for everyone"	"You're not stepping back, you're stepping up"  "The best living is one that is cared for—as much or little as needed"	"Assisted Living Is An Act Of Love"  "You're not giving up care — you're gaining a team that shares your love."	"See the joy your decision made possible."	"Your story could help another family find comfort."

# SENIOR LIVING MARKETING JOURNEY X HUMAN BEHAVIOR DRIVERS | PERSONA: SPOUSE/FAMILY

STAGE	AWARENESS	CONSIDERATION	DECISION / PURCHASE	RETENTION	ADVOCACY
PRIMARY DRIVERS	Love Survival	Protection Love	Protection Love + Guilt Alleviation	Love Admiration	Admiration Love
HOW TO LEVERAGE	Validate emotional toll of caregiving. This is support, not surrender	Emphasize safety & trust. Frame as partnership, not replacement	Acknowledge—but redefine—guilt. This decision protects their loved one’s dignity & safety.	Keep them involved emotionally. Celebrate their continued role.	Honor their story and emotional strength — turn them into empathy-led advocates.
EXAMPLE MESSAGING	“Caring for your loved one also means caring for yourself.”	“You don’t need to do this alone”  “We care for them like you do.”	“Love means finding the best possible care — together.”	“You’re still part of every smile, every memory.”	“Your strength helps other families find peace.”




SURVIVAL

ADMIRATION

SUCCESS

LOVE

PROTECTION



Find the right  
*Memory Care*  
for them

Expert Care • Tailored  
Activities • Safe & Secure

BOOK A TOUR





Tour Our Community To  
See Why **Seniors Like You**  
Choose Cogir

BOOK A FREE TOUR TODAY

Live Fully • Be Cared For • Stay Active • Feel Connected



Memory  
Care is an  
*act of love*

Find the right fit for them

LEARN MORE





*"My dad is  
thriving here—  
Love it."*

My dad is thriving here—  
he is eating better than  
ever. The staff is wonderful  
and welcoming. Lots of  
activities. Love it."

SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR TODAY



INDEPENDENT LIVING IN MILWAUKIE



Senior living  
that *rises*  
*above the rest*

Vibrant, maintenance-free  
living & expert care


BOOK A TOUR





Schedule a tour ►






*"I couldn't  
recommend it  
more!"*

I never worry about my  
mom knowing that she is  
cared for, entertained and  
safe. Wonderful community.  
Loving and caring staff!"

SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR TODAY



MEMORY CARE IN SAN RAFAEL

Seniors—want  
worry-free, upscale living?

Book Your Private Tour Today →

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**ADS THAT ARE  
AUTHENTIC & RELEVANT  
TO THEIR PAIN POINTS**

**YOUR AUDIENCE**

**GENERIC  
ADS YOU  
ARE RUNNING**





**THE AD'S JOB IS TO  
EARN THE CLICK**



**THE LANDER'S JOB  
IS TO GET THE LEAD**

**80% OF THE ACTION  
HAPPENS ON THE LANDER**



# LANDERS **MATTER** **MORE** IN SENIOR LIVING

- The emotional stakes are much higher
- The decision journey is more complex
- Trust is extremely fragile
- Low tolerance for digital friction
- High LTV / Margin Sensitivity



# REFRAME THE ROLE OF YOUR LANDER

# IMPROVING YOUR LANDERS

## BENEFITS & OUTCOMES

Use audience research to tailor your landing page benefits to the specific needs and motivations of each segment. Avoid focusing on features or company bragging. Instead, highlight how your offering improves your audience's life or solves their challenges. Talk with sales and customer service teams to uncover which benefits and messages resonate most.

## SOCIAL PROOF & VALIDATION

Strengthen your landing pages with meaningful social proof such as reviews, testimonials, and case studies. People connect with other people, not just brands, so use social proof that reflects the values of your specific audience. Include multiple formats such as video, text, and longer examples to engage different preferences and build trust.



## AUDIENCE INSIGHT

High-performing landing pages are not accidents. They are intentionally designed around deep audience insight. To convert effectively, you must understand who your audience is, what motivates them, and what challenges they face. Tailor every element, including message, tone, and offer, so it feels like it was made specifically for them.

## JOURNEY CONGRUENCE

Many brands fail to align their ad content with their landing pages, creating a disconnected experience for users. The offer, visuals, and tone from the ad should carry through to the page so it feels like a natural extension. Building tailored pages for each audience improves relevance and conversion, often turning underperforming ads into winners.



**YOUR LANDING PAGE NEEDS  
TO ESTABLISH TRUST**

## FAUX HOMEPAGE

A familiar structure that looks and feels like a brand's main site, often used because it's comfortable and easy to produce. While it can perform well, relying only on this format limits discovery of higher-performing options.

## LISTICLE

A content-driven page that presents information as a numbered list, offering an easy-to-scan, story-like experience. This structure often outperforms traditional pages because it feels less like an ad and more like useful content.

## SQUEEZE PAGE

A hyper-focused page designed to capture a single action, such as an email sign-up or consultation request. With minimal distractions, it drives strong conversion when the message and offer are tightly aligned to audience intent.

# TEST DIFFERENT LANDERS

## VIRTUAL SALES LETTER

A long-form persuasive page that mimics a personal sales pitch, walking visitors through a logical and emotional journey toward conversion. It works well when storytelling and proof elements build momentum and trust.

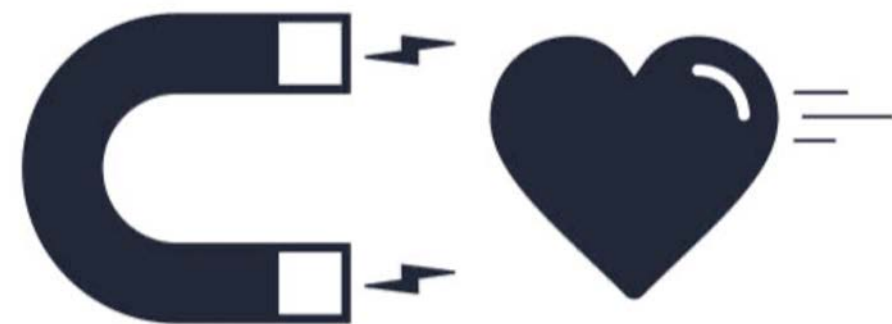
## QUIZ

An interactive format that engages visitors by letting them self-identify needs, preferences, or challenges. Quizzes perform well because they make the experience personal and increase the likelihood of action at the end.

## TROJAN HORSE

A value-first approach that attracts visitors with helpful or entertaining content while subtly introducing your product or service. This format builds trust and curiosity, converting users who might otherwise have ignored a direct pitch.

# THE **BIG THREE** OUTCOMES



## LOVE FOR LOVERS

Make it easy for the right people to find what they're looking for and fall in love with your offering. The experience should feel effortless, relevant, and built just for them.



## WEED OUT PRETENDERS

Not everyone is the right fit and that's a good thing. Strong audience alignment naturally filters out those who will never convert, saving time and resources.



## MOVE THE MIDDLE

Focus on the fence sitters who hold the most potential. By aligning message and landing page experience, you can nudge these undecided prospects toward confident action.





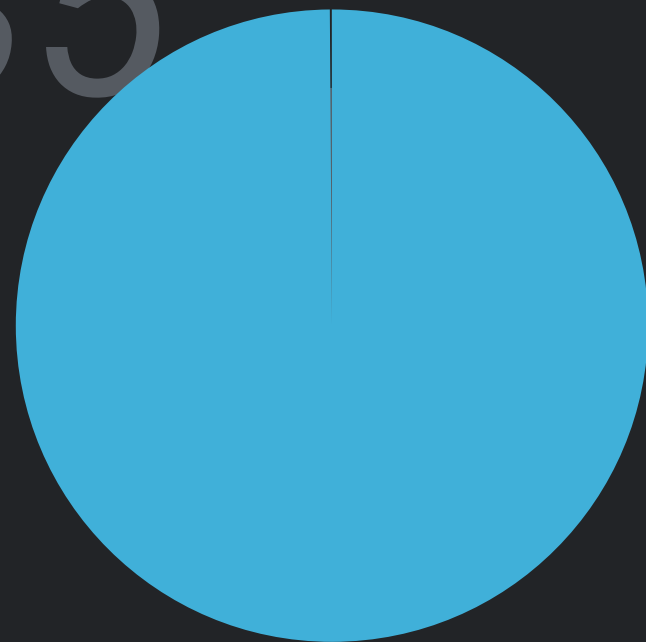
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**MOST SENIOR  
LIVING LANDERS  
ARE **NOT GREAT****

**ACTUALLY, THAT'S NOT FAIR**

# MOST ARE TERRIBLE

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## LANDERS REVIEWED

We conducted a total of 26 searches from 12 different states (thanks, VPNs). We clicked on a total of 42 ads and assessed each lander using the framework above.

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## HAD LANDERS

Only about 54% of ads actually went to landers – the rest went either to a homepage, a 404 (only 1) or a general community/service page

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## CONTACT PAGES

11 of the 35 sent people directly to a contact us page (yeah.....) – no information, no content, just a straight-up generic squeeze page.

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## GOOD JOB!

Of the 35, only 20% delivered what can reasonably be considered as a "good" post-click experience that followed all of the principles above.



Book a Tour with Sunrise

We know there's a lot that goes into your decision, so we provide help every step of the way. Whether you're searching for yourself or a loved one, consider us your partner, guide, and trusted resource.

Fill out the form and one of our Senior Living Counselors will be in touch soon to answer your questions and learn more about you and your family.

We look forward to speaking with you.

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Email \*

10-Digit Phone Number\*

Zip Code \*

How can we help you?

Contact Our Senior Living Community

Ready to Learn More or Schedule a Visit?

Please complete and submit the form below, and we'll contact you soon. Whether you have questions or comments or would like to schedule a visit, we're here to assist you.

First Name (Required)

Last Name (Required)

Email (Required)

Phone

I am interested in

Address

City

State

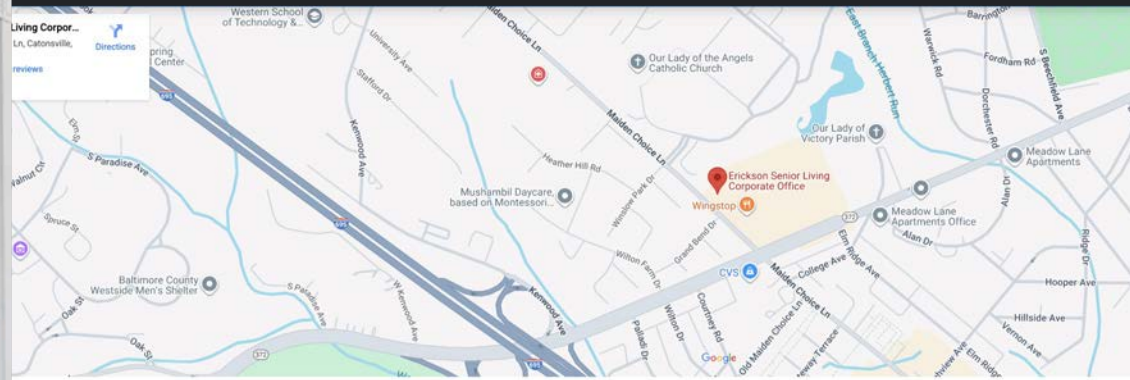
Community Assistant  
Westminster



## Contact Us

 WE'RE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

If you're looking for more information or guidance about the transition to senior living, we're out the contact form below, and our team will get back to you shortly.



If you would like to speak with us about one of our communities, please use this form and select a concern from the list. Someone will follow up with you as soon as possible.

Name

Email

Community

- Select -

Question/Message

We Can't Wait To Share More

Get more information about our beautiful new community coming soon!

First Name

Last Name

Phone

Address

State

Zip

How We Assist You?

By providing your contact information, you are giving us your express consent and permission to call you and otherwise contact you regarding your contact information. View our [Usage and Privacy Policy](#).

YOUR REQUEST

Contact Us

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Email\*

Phone

Zip Code\*

☐ By checking this box, you consent to receive SMS/text messages from Associated Catholic Charities, Inc.

What program focus area are you inquiring about?\*

-- Please choose an option--

Message\*

Submit

Location/Community I am Interested In \*

Please Select

On Behalf Of

☐ Myself

☐ A Loved One

☐ Other

Name \*

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

(000) 000-0000

Please enter a valid phone number.

Email \*

example@example.com

How Did You Find Us?

Please Select

Message

# YIKES ON BIKES

Your competition is going about this all wrong.

**THERE IS AN EDGE IN AN  
EXCEPTIONAL LP EXPERIENCE**





Offer Extended: Save \$1,500 on an assisted living studio through October 31! Call now: (801) 990-0762.

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The logo for The Ridge Foothill Senior Living. It features the text "THE RIDGE" in a large, serif font, with "FOOTHILL · SENIOR LIVING" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the text is a stylized hexagonal icon composed of smaller hexagons.

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Our Personalized Approach

# Memory Care in Salt Lake City, Utah

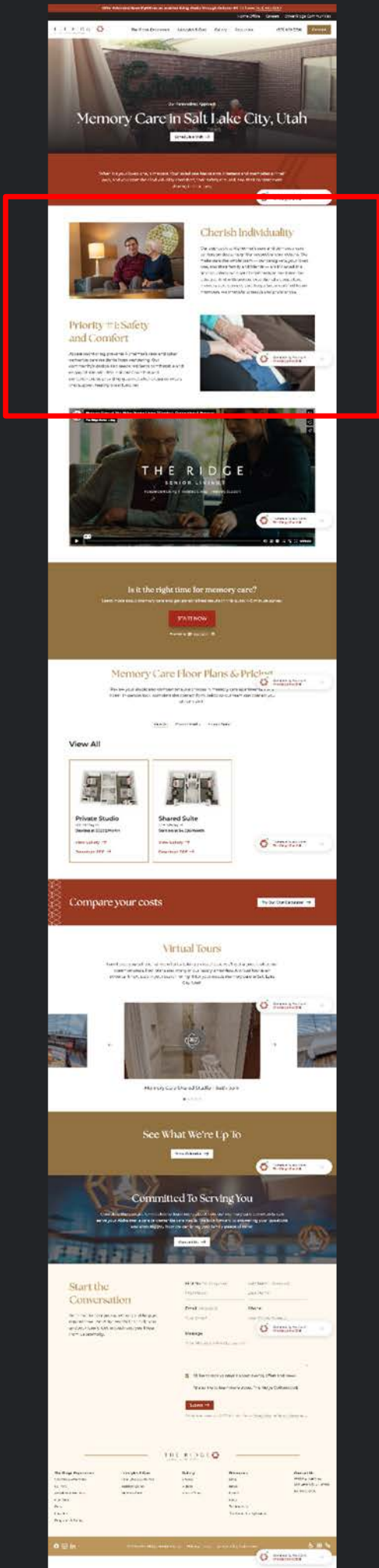
[Schedule a Visit →](#)

The logo for The Ridge Foothill, which is a stylized hexagonal icon composed of smaller hexagons.

Community Assistant  
The Ridge Foothill

A small 'X' icon used to close the chat window.





## Cherish Individuality

Our approach to Alzheimer's care and dementia care centers on deep, insightful, respectful connections. We make sure the whole team — our caregivers, your loved one, and their family and friends — are included in a sincere, interwoven set of relationships. We listen. We educate. And with proven, exceptionally competent memory care services, and Teepa Snow-certified team members, we innovate to needs and preferences.

## Priority #1: Safety and Comfort

Access monitoring prevents Alzheimer's care and other dementia care residents from wandering. Our community's design also keeps residents comfortable and engaged. We prioritize residents' comfort and contentment by providing gourmet, chef-prepared meals that support brain function.

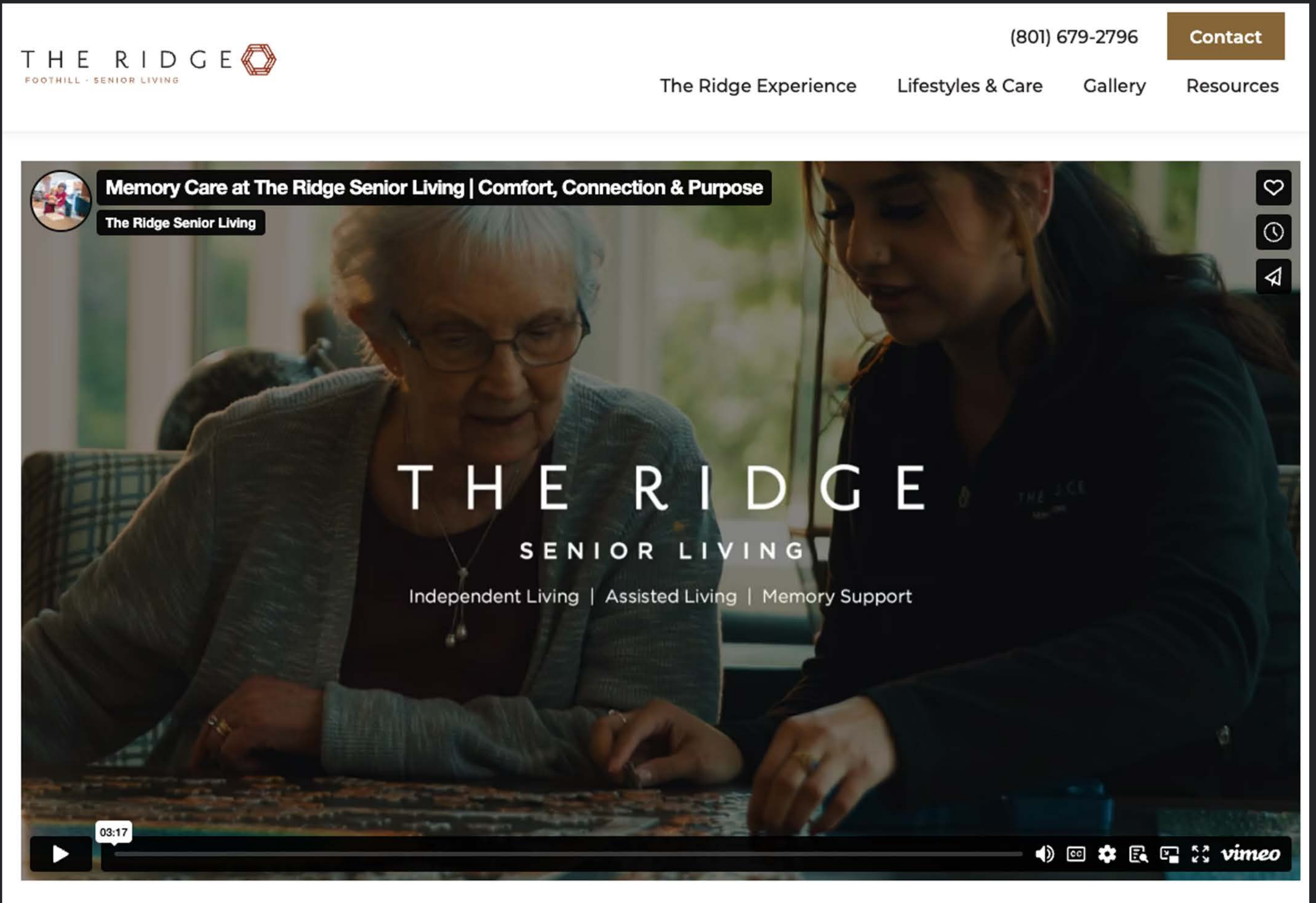
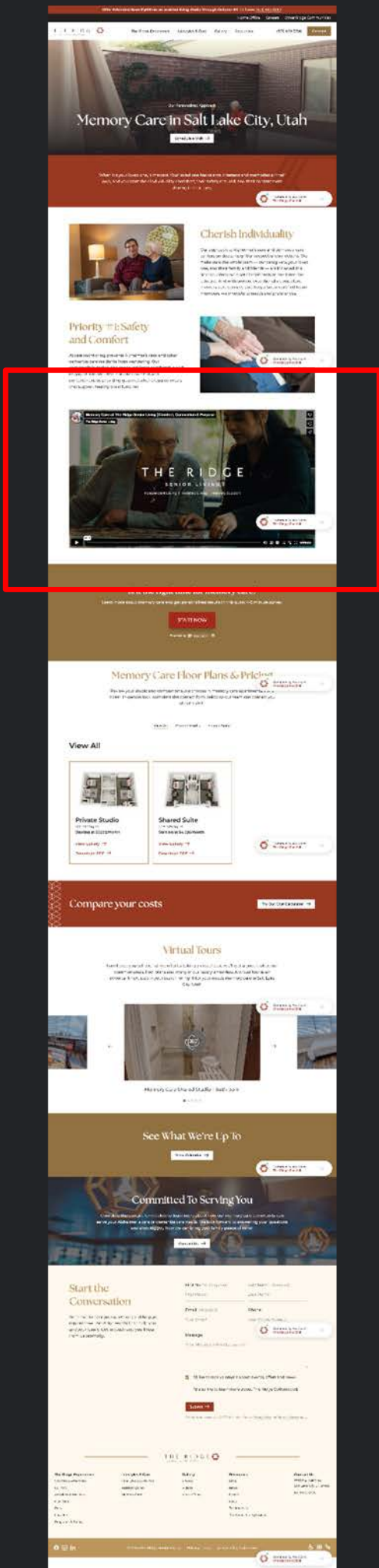
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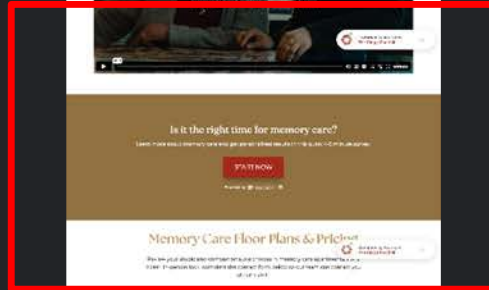


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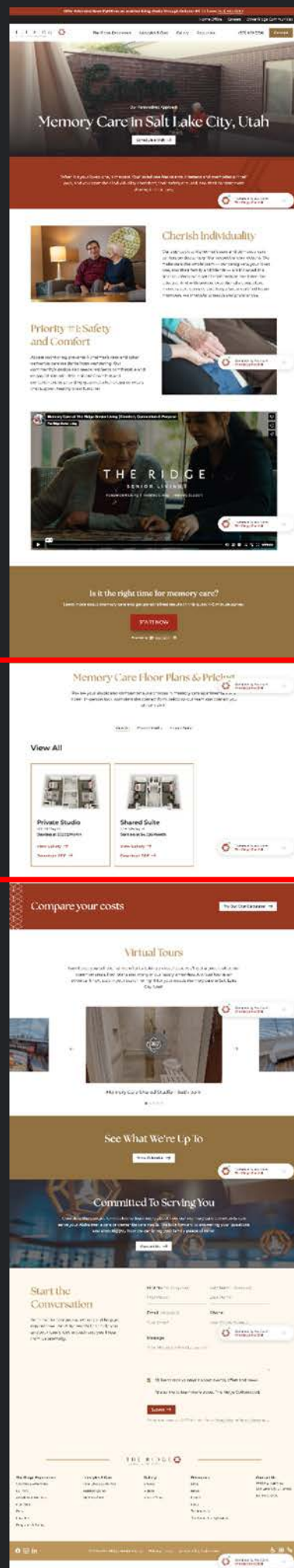












# Memory Care Floor Plans & Pricing

Review your studio and companion suite choices in memory care apartments. For a closer, in-person look, complete the contact form below so our team can contact you about a visit.

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[Private Studio](#)

[Shared Suite](#)

## View All



### Private Studio

301-392 Sq. Ft.

Starting at \$5,592/month

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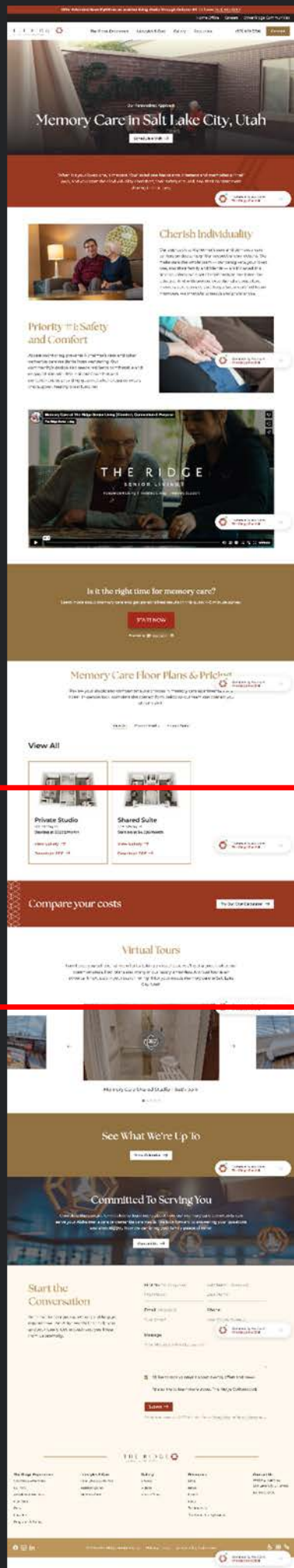
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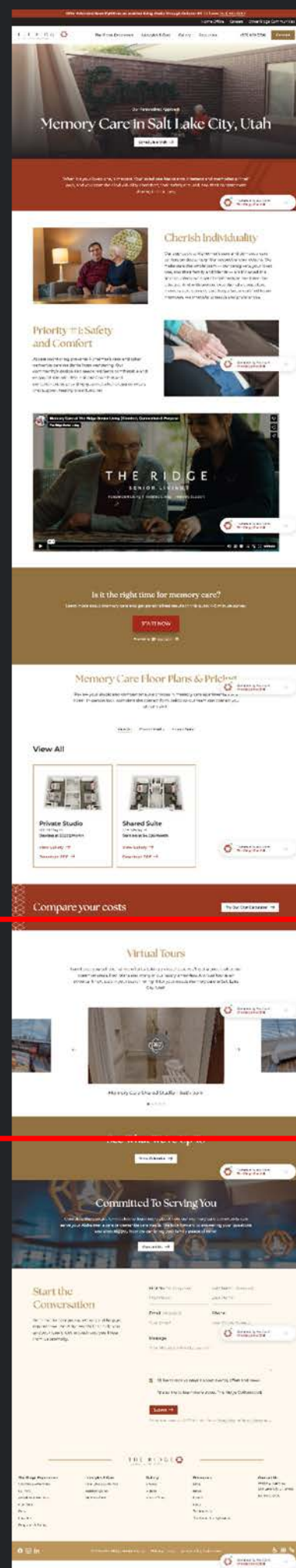
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# Virtual Tours

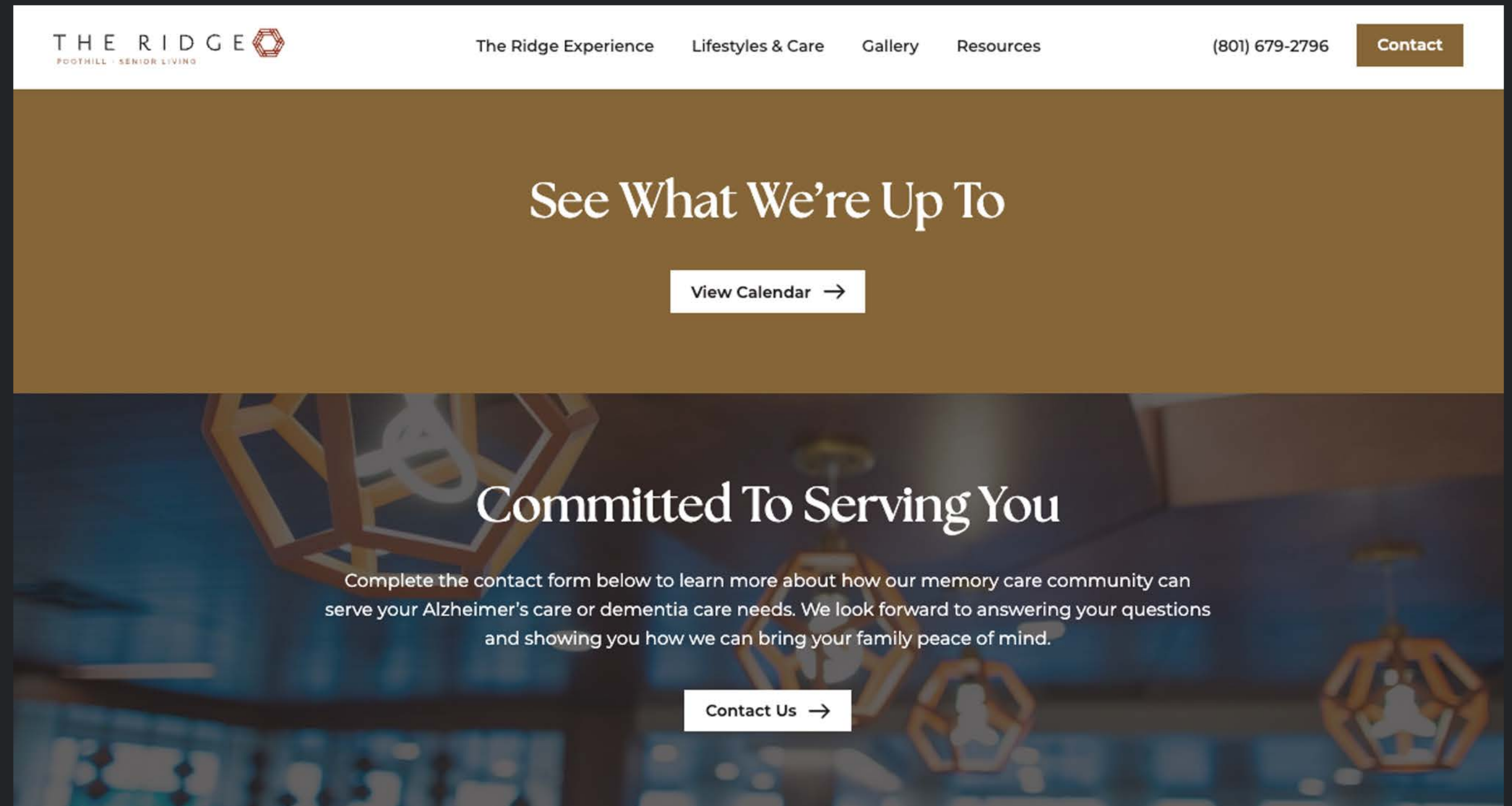
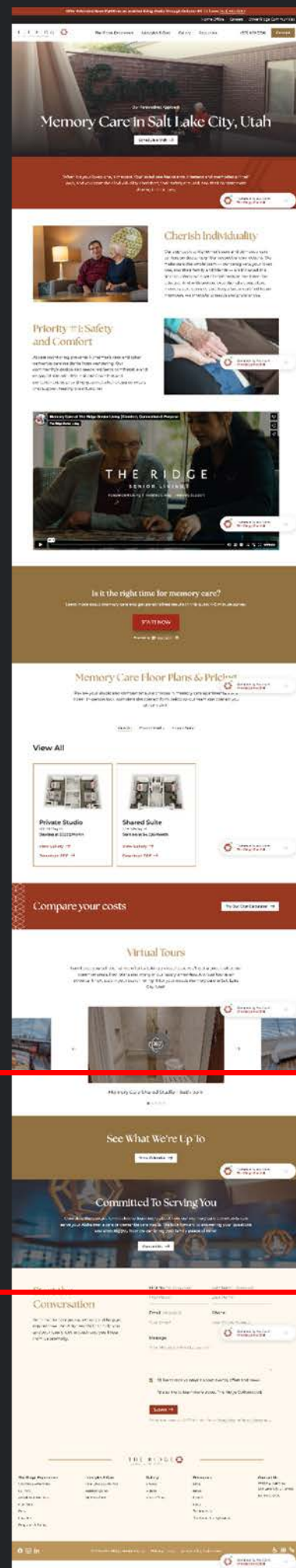
Familiarize yourself with all we offer by taking a virtual tour. You'll get a good look at our common areas, floor plans and many of our luxury amenities. A virtual tour is an important next step in your search for right-for-your-needs memory care in Salt Lake City, Utah.

## Memory Care Shared Studio – Bathroom

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# Start the Conversation

We'd love to hear your questions and help you explore how The Ridge Foothill can help you and your family. Get in touch and you'll hear from us promptly.

First Name *(Required)*

Last Name *(Required)*

First Name

Last Name

Email *(Required)*

Phone

Your Email

Your Phone Number

Message

Your Message / Any Questions?

☒ I'd like to receive emails about events, offers and news.

☐ I'd also like to learn more about The Ridge Cottonwood.

Submit →

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**GREAT LANDERS CREATE  
EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS**



**+368%**

**CONVERSION RATE**

**-10%**

**BOUNCE RATE**

**+15%**

**SESSION DURATION**

**+239%**

**VIEWS**

# YOUR POST CONVERSION EXPERIENCE MATTERS



**THE LEADS ARE WEAK**



**A LEAD IS NOT A MOVE IN**

A always

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C closing

A

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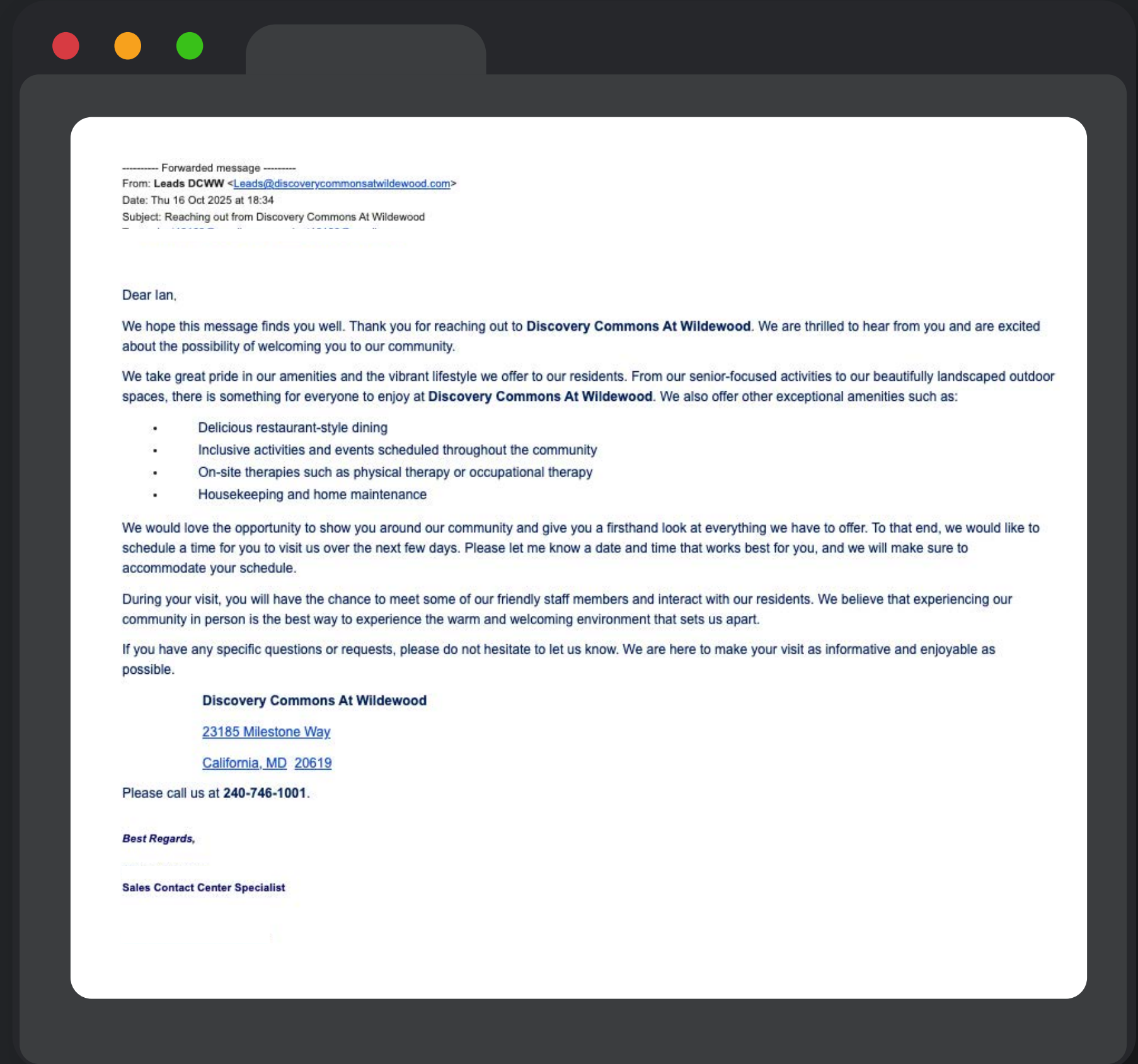
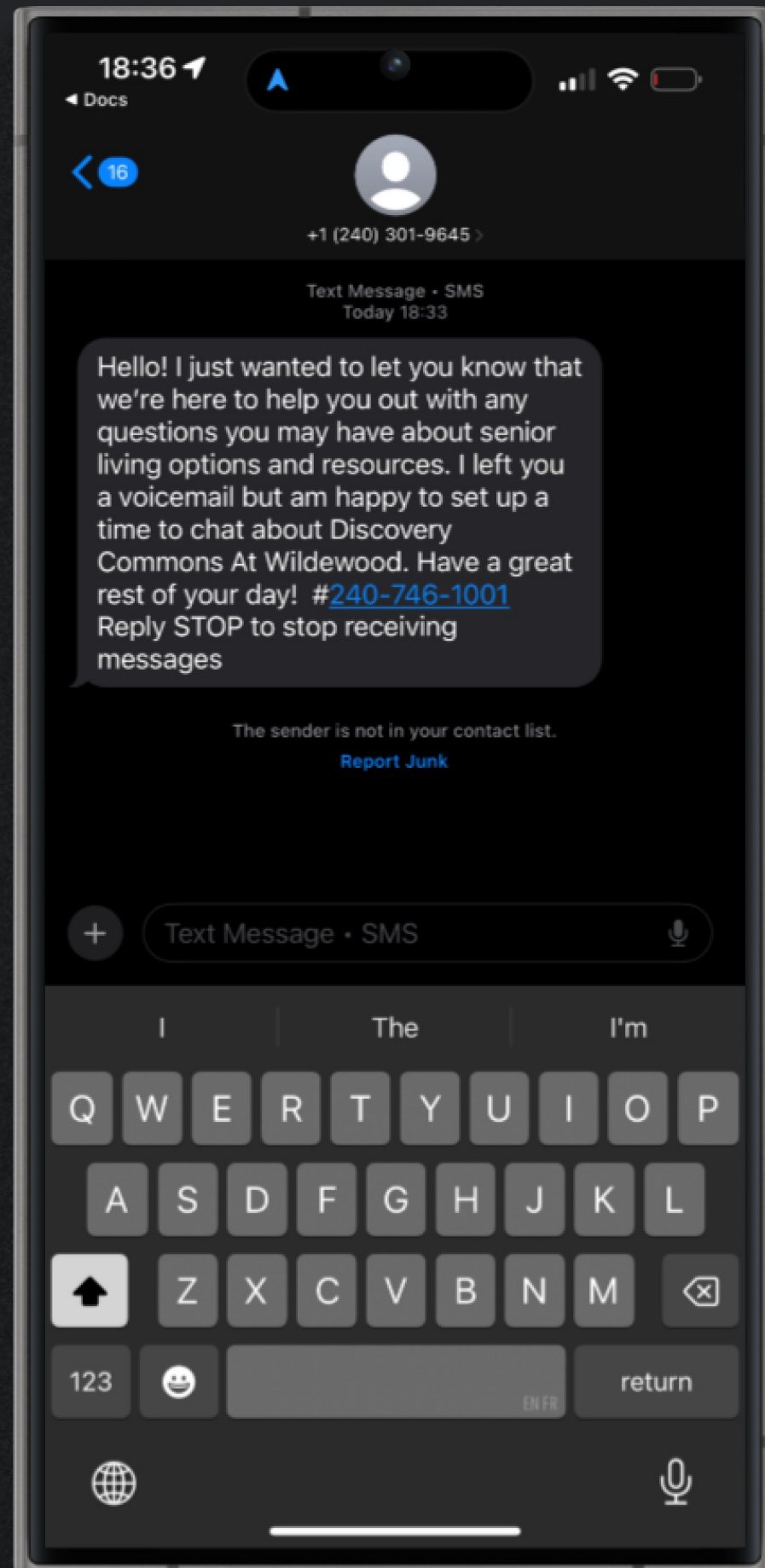
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**ALWAYS BE CLOSING**

**OK LET'S DO SOME  
SECRET SHOPPING**



**(THE FOLLOWING CONTENT  
MAY BE DISTURBING  
TO SOME VIEWERS)**



**LET'S PLAY A GAME...**

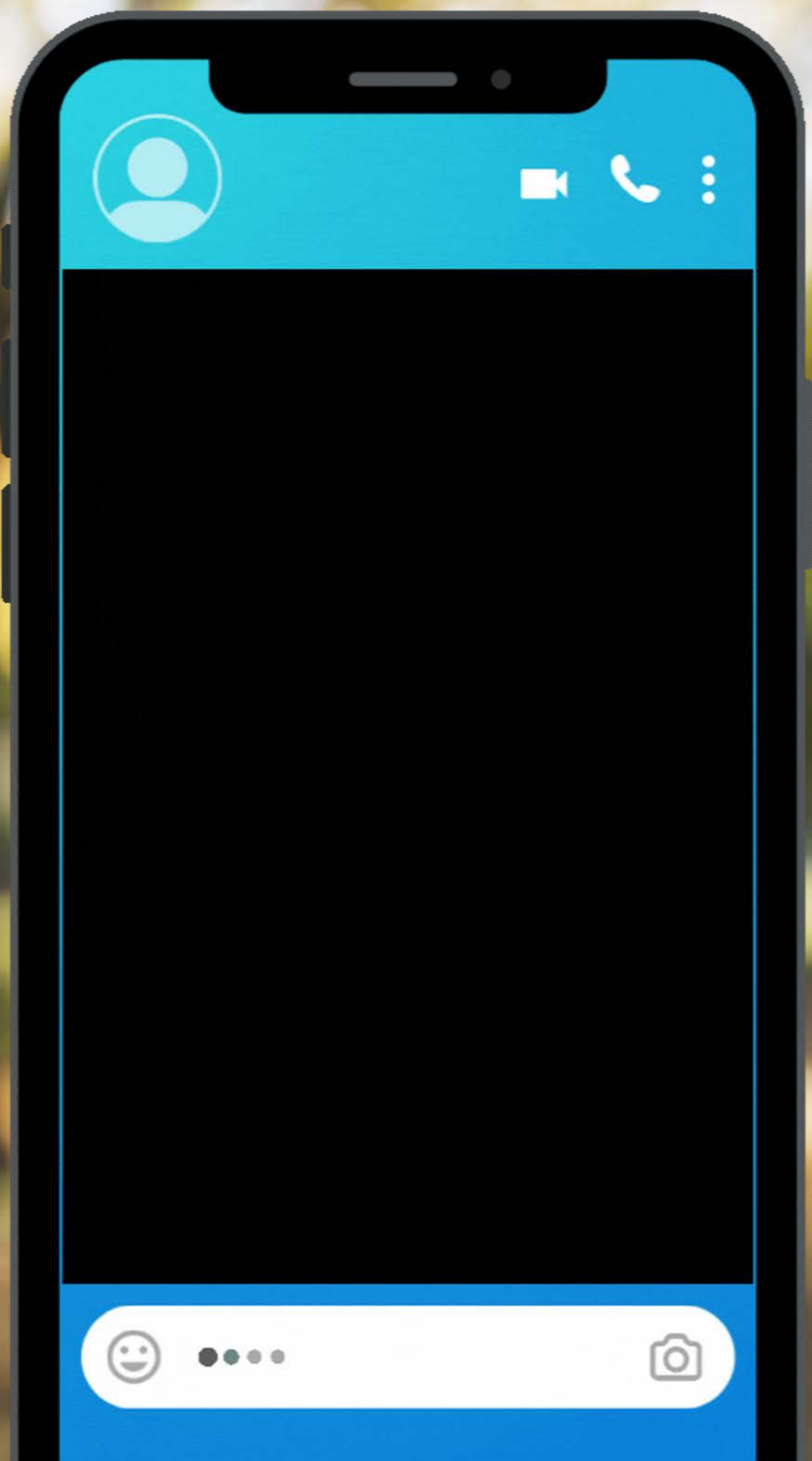


**HOW LONG DO YOU  
THINK THAT  
RESPONSE TOOK?**



# 27 HOURS







**BLAND EMAIL + SMS  
IS EVERYWHERE.**



A woman is the central figure, wearing a vibrant red sequined dress and a large, elaborate headdress made of red and orange feathers. She has a serious, intense expression and is looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and out of focus, with some blurred lights. The overall color palette is dominated by reds and oranges.

**DON'T BE BLAND**

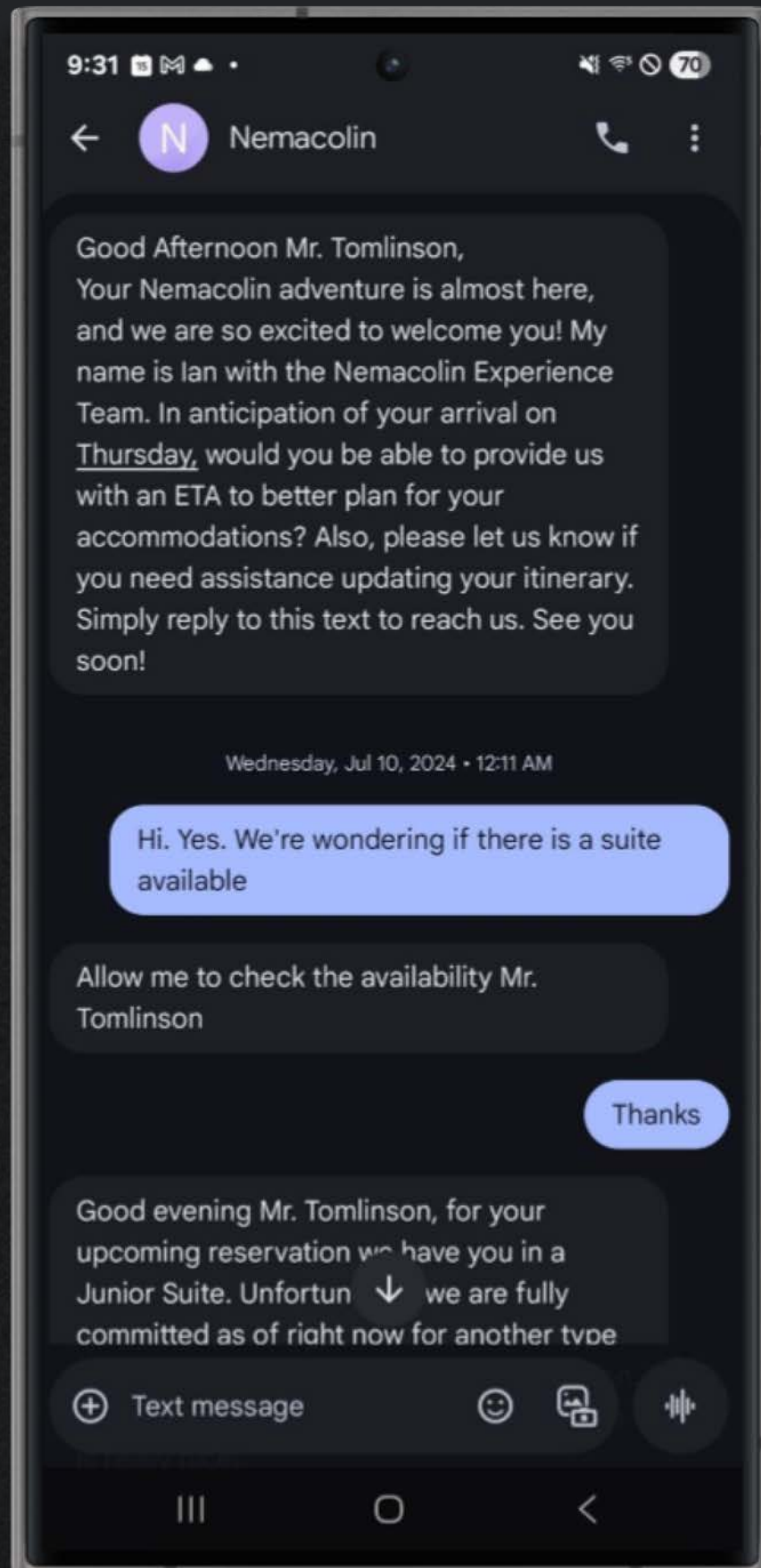


**FIRST IMPRESSIONS MATTER.**











# A NEW MINDSET

## CUSTOMERS FIRST

Every aspect of the current sales process is company-centric – it's all about what \*you\* want to do (generate a lead, contact the lead, close the prospect) – and very little about what the customer wants/needs. **Any good nurturing campaign will put the needs of the customer first.**

## BE BRILLIANT AT THE BASICS

**Obsess about doing the little things well** – reaching out in a timely manner, following instructions on lead forms, sending up-to-date information on your community, ensuring lists + leads are uploaded promptly – to minimize friction for your prospects.

## GUIDE, DON'T SELL

Today's users are hyper-resistant to being "sold" – which is one of the many reasons why (a) contact rates are below 50% for leads generated and (b) 80% of leads passed to sales NEVER convert. But it's not all bleak: **organizations with a robust post-conversion program report 50% more qualified opportunities per dollar spent, and 47% larger purchases made by a nurtured lead vs. a non-nurtured lead.**



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a smartphone. The hand is positioned as if about to tap or click on the screen. The background is blurred, showing warm, bokeh-style light spots. The overall tone is professional and focused on digital interaction.

# THE JOURNEY DOESN'T END AT *"SUBMIT"*

Most brands obsess over getting the click but neglect what happens after. A poor post-conversion experience erodes trust, creates friction, and leaves people feeling like just another lead instead of a valued individual.





# CREATE THE EXPERIENCE

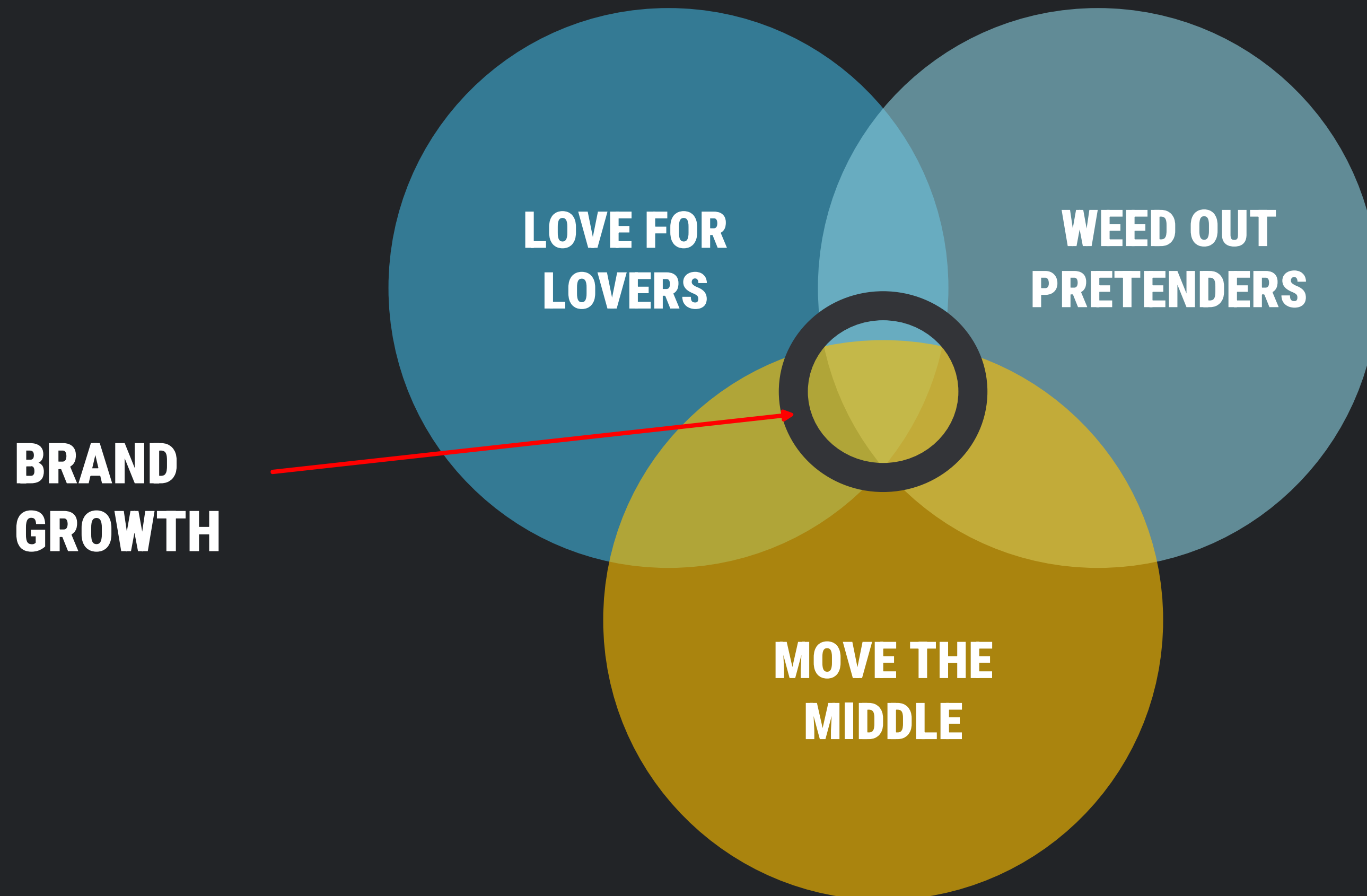
Every post-conversion touchpoint, including thank-you pages, emails, confirmations, and follow-ups, should feel intentional, human, and personal. You have to curate something that's both on-brand AND remarkable.

Use these moments to show appreciation, reinforce value, and set clear expectations for what happens next.

# YOU'D WANT TO RECEIVE



# CONVERSIONS → CONNECTIONS





A woman with curly hair is leaning out of the open rear window of a dark-colored car. She is looking off to the side with a slight smile. She is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved button-down shirt and a watch on her left wrist. The background shows a sunset over a rocky landscape. The car's interior and the woman's arm are visible through the window.

**BE BRILLIANT @ BASICS**

# THE BASICS

## RE-ENGAGE

Think about the last time you willingly answered a phone call from a number you didn't recognize during non-work hours. Great post-conversion marketing starts with the realization that marketing shouldn't cease.

## FOLLOW-UP

Following up with a lead within 10 minutes increases the chances of conversion by up to 400% - yet almost half of Senior Care organizations don't follow up within 24 hours.

## THANK-YOU PAGE

Most companies invest thousands (if not hundreds of thousands) of dollars testing, refining + optimizing their lead capture, but virtually nothing on the page that immediately follows. What better time to capitalize on the momentum created + the attention you currently have?

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# THANK-YOU PAGE PRINCIPLES

## CONTINUES THE CONVERSATION

The thank-you page is the “impulse zone” for your website – anyone who reaches it has already made the commitment to submit a form, so your job (marketing + sales) is to get more information

## ALLOWS FOR SELF-SELECTION

Providing new converters with “recommended resources” – whether they be videos, guides, questions/concerns, quizzes, infographics, brochures, shareable content, etc. – allows the prospect to \*tell you\* their objections.

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Thanks for contacting us! We will get in touch with you shortly.



**THANK YOU**  
for sending us a message!  
We will be in touch with you soon.

Thank you for contacting us!  
We'll be in touch shortly.

GO BACK

*Thank You!*

Thank You

Your message to us has been delivered. We will be in touch!

Call Us

Request Info

THANK YOU FOR  
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Your request has been received and someone from The Stayton by Buckner will be in touch with you soon. In the meantime, browse our Frequently Asked Questions to find answers to questions you may have about our community, or peruse our Gallery to get a sneak peek at the community and residents who call it home. We look forward to connecting with you!

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ASHTON  
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Thank you for your interest in our community. A counselor will be in contact with you shortly.

# BAD THANK YOU PAGES

These are all great examples of conversation-enders. Nothing else is happening – and all it's saying is, "Thanks for the info, bye!"

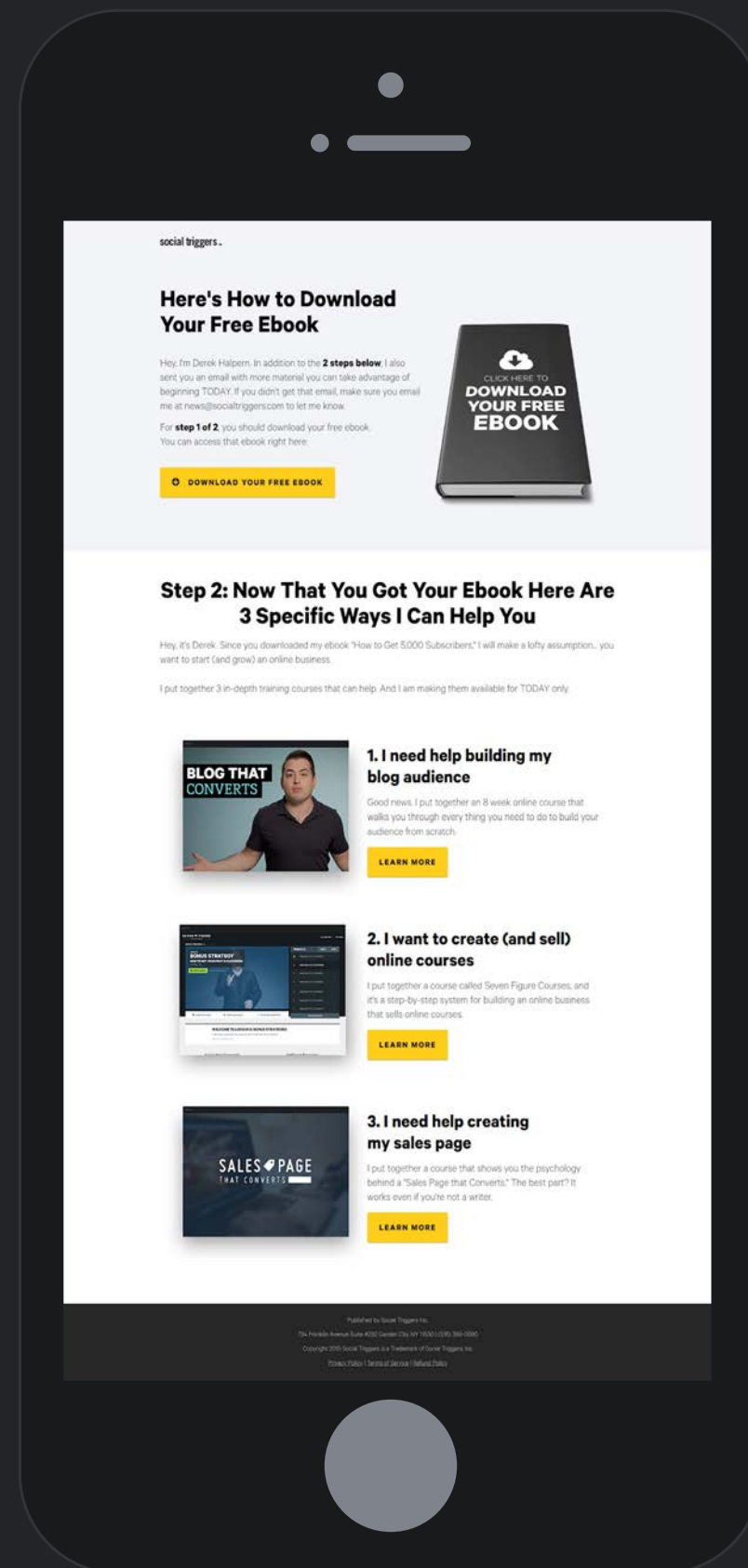
# A GREAT PAGE

## USE THE HEADLINE

Most companies use a generic “thank you” headline, with a “blah” message about how someone will contact the prospect. It’s a conversation-ender, until we decide to contact you. Not a great look.

## ACTIONABLE NEXT STEPS

Provide your new prospects with next steps to do now, and expectations for when you’ll reach them – this gives them things they can do in the interim between now and then to keep them interested in your community (and – bonus! – not looking at other ones).



## DIFFERENT CONTENT TYPES

One of the things this page does incredibly well is provide content in several formats (PDF, video, audio, infographic). There is something for everyone, regardless of if you’re on-the-go, a reader sitting on the couch or someone who’s looking to get the quick hits

## PROVIDE ANOTHER CTA

One of the easiest ways to weed out the information-seekers from the ready-to-buyers is to provide a **SECOND call to action/form with a higher-intent offer**. That could be registering for a virtual tour, taking a “find my unit” interactive quiz, using an affordability calculator, or something else entirely.



A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a light grey V-neck sweater, is sitting at a white table in a modern office. She is smiling broadly while holding a black smartphone to her ear with her right hand. Her left hand is resting on her chin. The background is a blurred office space with warm lighting and modern decor.

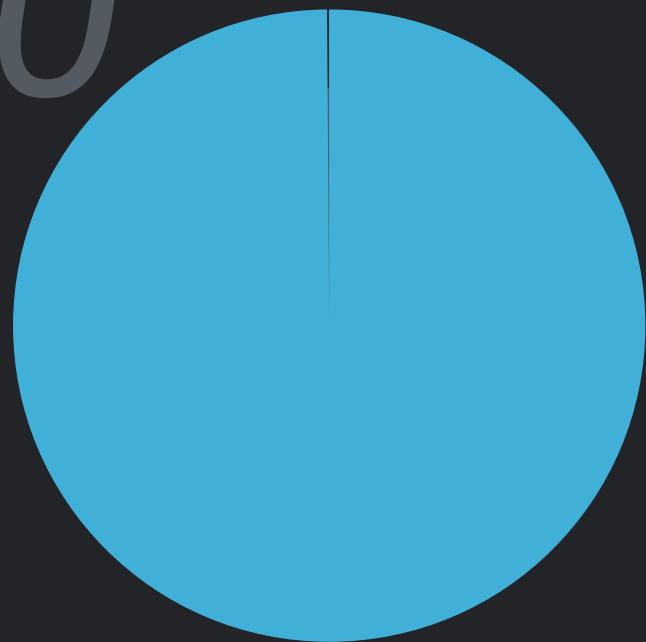
# GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR **LEADS**

Speed counts, but it isn't the only factor – responsiveness, relevance + quality all play a major role in shaping a prospect's opinion of your organization.



# FOLLOW UP ISSUES

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## INITIAL CONTACTS

All communities were contacted via their lead form on the website, all with a similar message and all requested for an informational + pricing brochure to be e-mailed (no calls).

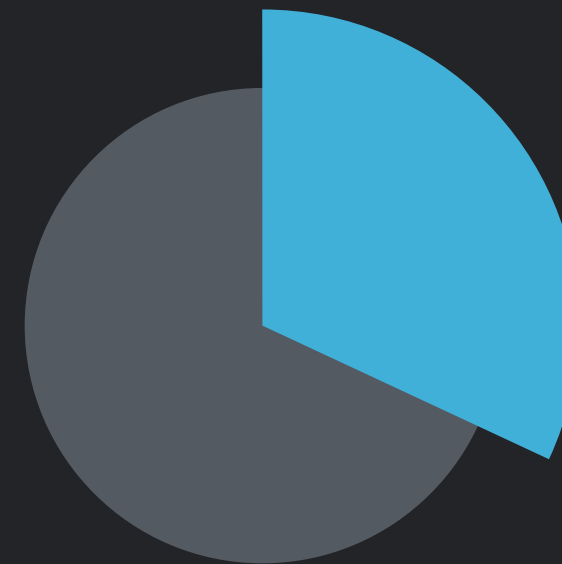
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## 24 HR RESPONSES

Of the initial 30, only about 67% responded within 24 hours.

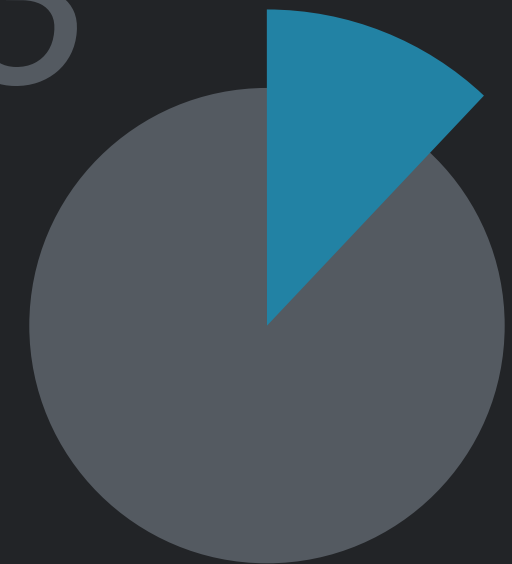
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## NO CALLS

Of the 20 who responded promptly, 9 did so via a phone call despite directions to the contrary.

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## GOOD JOB!

Organizations who promptly followed up with relevant content and engaged me through some type of post-conversion marketing



# **MOST E-MAIL = GARBAGE**

**IT'S NOT NICE TO SAY, BUT IT'S THE HONEST TRUTH. MOST E-MAIL MARKETING IS  
HOT GARBAGE THAT ENDS UP WHERE IT BELONGS: JUNK.**

One of the first items I recommend clients re-vamp is their post-conversion e-mail flow (if it exists) – often, we find that at best, these e-mails go ignored by prospects (bad) or (at worst) they actively undermine the prospect's trust + confidence in the brand. Generic blast e-mails, hard-core sales pushes and meaningless bragging all contribute to this – so let's address it by sending better e-mail.

## 01 BE USEFUL

Based on the buyer stage (lead score is a good predictor) and type of user, identify the relevant challenges + goals for each e-mail communication; don't just send e-mail for the sake of sending e-mail – send email with a purpose

## 02 BE ULTRA-SPECIFIC

Wide-ranging, meandering, company-focused e-mails don't do much for prospects – keep them focused on the challenge + the prospect. Add value. Solve problems.

# HOW TO SEND BETTER EMAIL

## 03 CRAETE URGENCY

Provide an opportunity for the ready-to-buy prospect to take the next step (similar to the landing page) – always provide overt ways for high-intent prospects to jump to the front of the sales queue.

## 04 BE UNIQUELY VALUABLE

The rules for post-conversion marketing are the same as the rules for SEO + SEM: add value to the lives of your prospects; provide them with information they can't get anywhere else. They've given you something (their info); return the favor.



# WHEN LEADS DISAPPEAR

- One of the most frustrating times for a sales + marketing team is when a previously-promising lead just disappears – they stop opening emails, responding to communications + answering the phone
- When a prospect goes cold, **SHIFT YOUR EXPECTATIONS** – they are no longer a prospect; your new objective should be to (a) determine if they are still in-market, and if so, (b) begin to re-build the relationship.

Resist The Obnoxious Email Urge – no one likes the “do you still like me” e-mail or the desperate “let me know what I should do” email

Text or Mail – texting is one of the most effective methods to reach the adult child; mail works phenomenally well for older seniors

Try A Softer Entry Point – treat colder leads like brand-new prospects; focus on getting a small milestone (i.e. download, tool use) vs a direct sales call or tour.

Multi-Channel Is Key – being present everywhere + adding value with content are critical for cold leads; you’re not going to sell them, so focus on getting them back on track.

# WHERE TO START

## REVIEW

You can't fix what you don't know is broken – so conduct a 360° party audit/review of your entire marketing + sales experience

## PRIORITIZE

Rome wasn't built in a day, and your post-conversion marketing experience won't be, either. Any good review should provide you with prioritized action items.

## COMMIT

The single-most-prominent issue we encounter working with companies across the ecosystem is a failure to commit – this is a hot-button issue one day, and forgotten the next.

## EXPECTATIONS

Set expectations + goals for your post-conversion marketing efforts up-front – we are currently at X. Our goal is Y, within Z time and with \$A budget. How do we get there?

## EVOLVE

Marketing is about the journey, not the destination; the day you think you've "made it" and no additional work is done is the day your competition leaps you. Keep evolving. Keep pushing.



**MAXIMIZE VALUE**



**WHAT IS EXPECTED VALUE**  
**HOW DO WE MAX IT?**

$$E(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i) P(x_i)$$

# COOL MATH. HOW DOES THIS WORK?



# THE IMPACT OF **BRANDING**

# 96%

of the Decision is  
Based on Experience  
& Emotions

For most marketers, this comes as both (a) not too surprising but (b) REALLY alarming. We spend most of our days focusing on finding the perfect phrase to include in copy, or the exact keywords to target, or the ideal target search position. And....most of that doesn't matter.

**47%** Customer

Trusted Brand **20%**

Known Brand **15%**

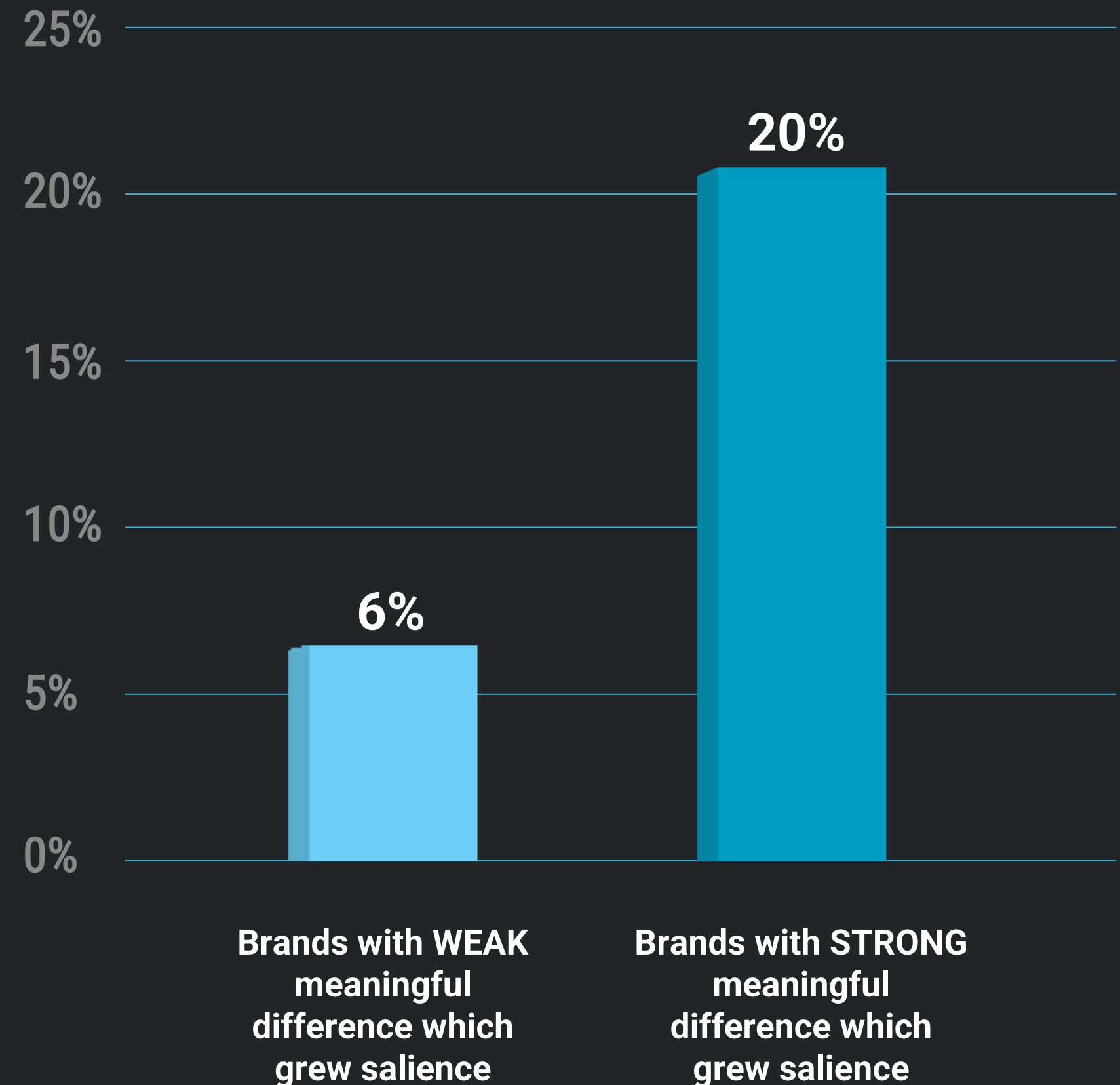
UI/UX **9%**

Brand Advertising **4%**

Brand Advertising **3%**

# % OF GROWTH IN MARKET SHARE

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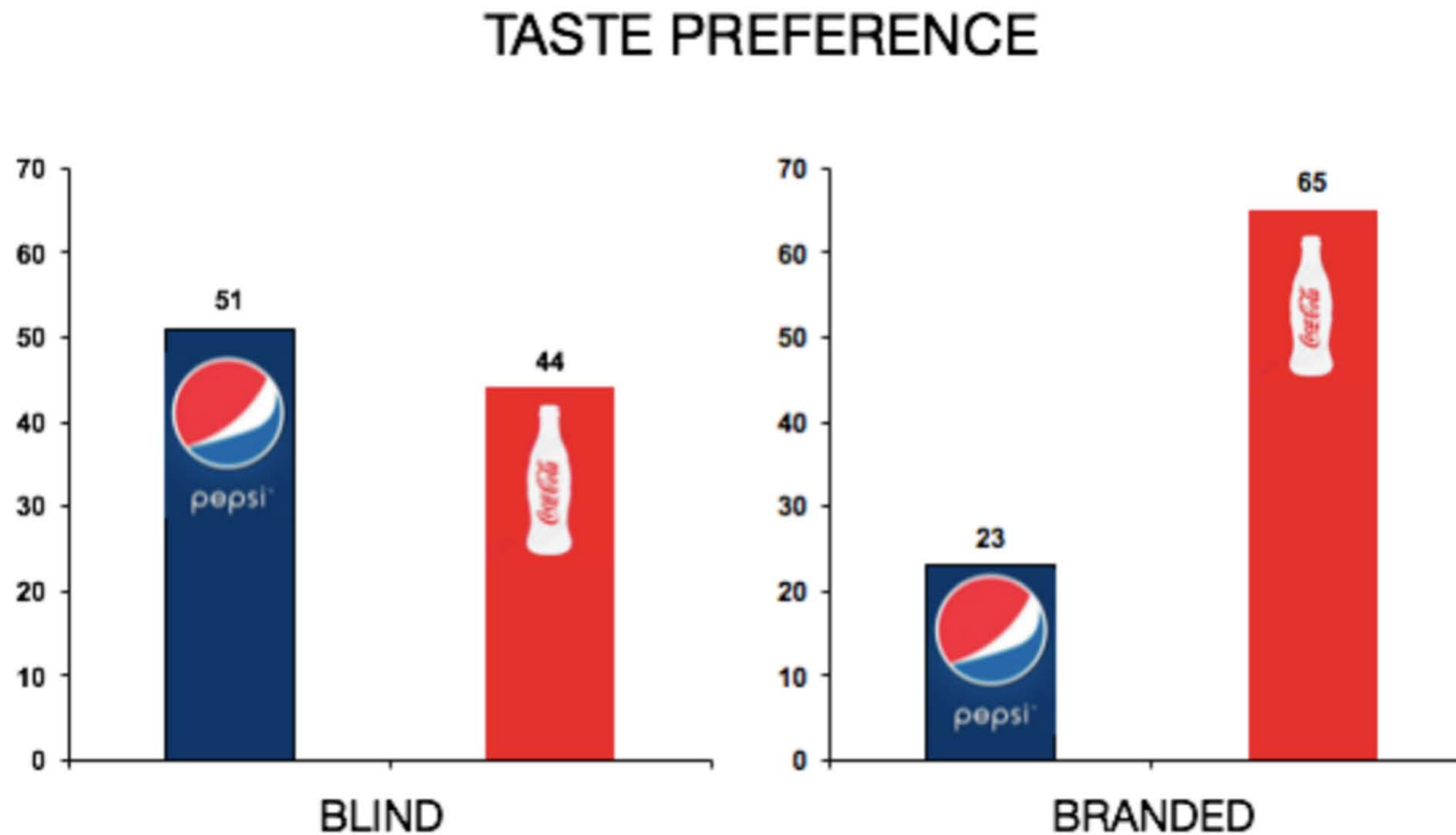


**WHEN THERE'S NO EMOTIONAL  
DIFFERENTIATION,  
WE DEFAULT TO COMMODITY**

# EMOTIONAL CONNECTION IS KEY



# HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS?



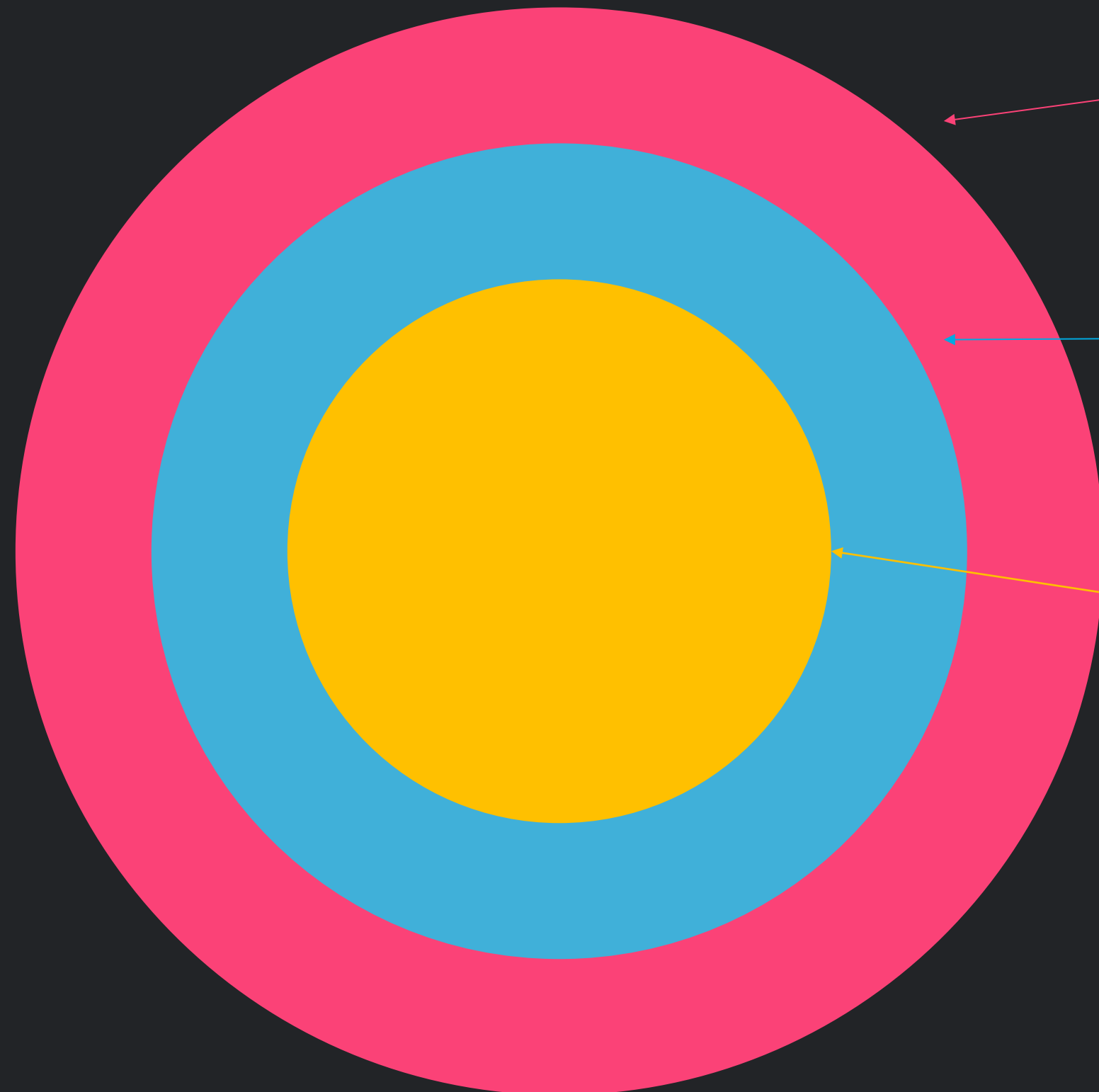






YOU “TASTE THE FEELING”

# WORDS HAVE THE POWER TO **CONNECT**



## **WHAT**

Most brands start their communications focused on what they do – the product they make, the service they provide.

## **HOW**

Better brands tend to describe how they do something – their proprietary technology, their patented process, their unique approach to solving a problem

## **WHY**

But the truly exceptional focus on the why – the reason they have for existing. This is what gets to the core of brand + emotive messaging – and what enables you to create true, genuine connections.

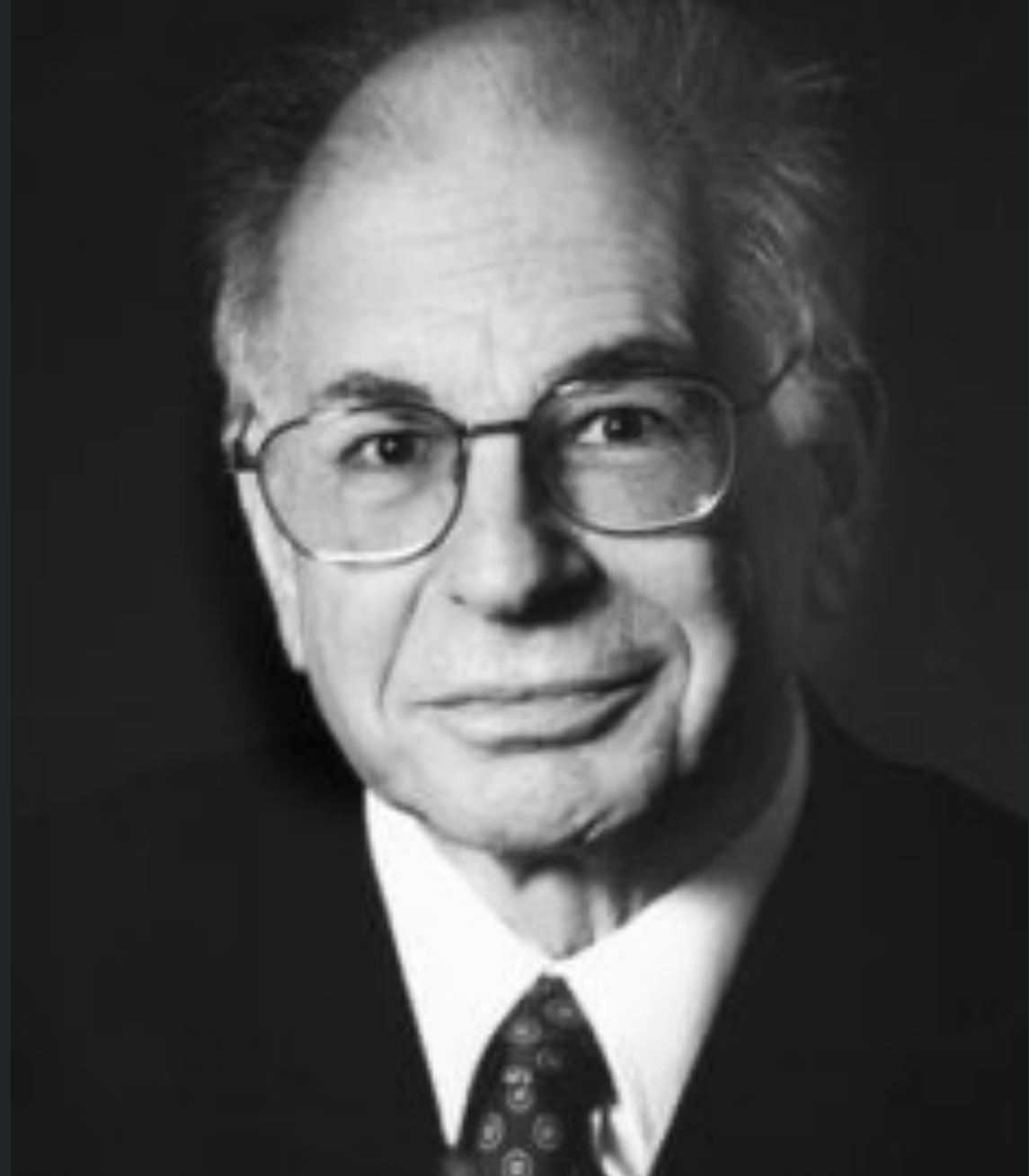


**BUT ONLY TO THE PEOPLE YOU  
REALLY NEED**

**MARKETING CAPTURES DEMAND.  
WE NEED BRAND TO CREATE IT.**

# LET'S PLAY THE CLASSICS





# SAM <3 BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS

There's always a shiny new tactic or emerging platform or whatever that we can (and sometimes, should) chase – but the real, durable advantage comes from optimizing the things that don't change: people.





# PEOPLE **HATE TO LOSE** MORE THAN THEY LOVE TO WIN

## FRAME YOUR OFFER

What does your audience risks losing by not acting? Is it time, comfort, savings, or peace of mind? Loss avoidance motivates more than potential gain.

## REMIND THEM WHAT IS AT STAKE

Whether it's missing out on care, connection, or opportunity, make the cost of inaction feel real and immediate.

# FIRST IMPRESSIONS MATTER

## LEAD WITH CONTEXT

Introduce a strong comparison or starting point, such as showing premium pricing or high-demand rooms first to establish perceived value.

## SHOW RELATIVE SAVINGS

Present your core offer next to a higher-priced or more comprehensive option so it feels like a smart and affordable choice.

## REINFORCE THE ANCHOR

Repeat or reference that initial high-value point throughout the page to maintain perceived worth and build confidence in the decision





# **CHOICE** **ARCHITECTURE**

**Guide behavior by structuring options intentionally. Add a “decoy” to make your preferred choice feel obvious and better-valued.**

**PEOPLE FOLLOW PEOPLE**

01

## RESIDENT & FAMILY TESTIMONIALS

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02

## COMMUNITY VALIDATION

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# SOCIAL PROOF IS **ESSENTIAL**

03

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04

## SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT & REVIEWS

Highlight Google reviews, social media comments, or shared stories that demonstrate real community engagement and reputation.



# CHOICE OVERLOAD IS REAL





# SMALL STEPS LEAD TO BIG DECISIONS

Encourage micro-commitments like checklists or small forms. Once people begin, they're motivated to stay consistent and finish the journey.



# WHAT FEELS **RARE** BECOMES VALUABLE

**01 LIMITED FLOOR PLAN AVAILABILITY**  
Emphasize that only a few specific apartment layouts or premium views remain to create natural urgency.


**02 SEASONAL INCENTIVES**  
Offer a move-in credit, fee waiver, or rate lock that expires at the end of the month or quarter.

**03 HIGH-DEMAND CARE LEVELS**  
Highlight when assisted living or memory care suites are near capacity to encourage early commitment.

**04 UPCOMING RATE ADJUSTMENTS**  
Communicate when pricing or service rates are scheduled to increase so families understand the benefit of acting now.

**05 PRIORITY WAITLIST MESSAGING**  
Position joining now as a way to secure first access when new units or openings become available.



 | Is it the right time for senior living?

THE RIDGE  
SENIOR LIVING  
Independent Living | Assisted Living | Memory Support

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Does he drive?

☐

 Yes

☒

 Yes, and I am worried about it

☐

 No, he uses other transportation options

☐

 No, and he has difficulty getting where he needs to go

☐

 I'm not sure

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**WHY THIS MATTERS:**

An Independent Living community may be a good fit for your dad if he wants to keep a car. If he doesn't drive, or plans to stop, most senior living communities can help with transportation for things like running errands, getting to appointments, or participating in social activities.

# THE ENDOWED PROGRESS EFFECT

## PEOPLE FINISH WHAT THEY HAVE STARTED

Give users a head start with pre-filled steps, welcome progress bars, or early confirmations. Momentum drives completion.

# PERCEPTION SHAPES VALUE

# HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

## SCALE WHAT WORKS

Once a variation proves effective, expand it into more funnels, campaigns, or segments. Behavioral design should become part of your system, not one-off hacks.

## PICK A FUNNEL OR CAMPAIGN

Don't try to fix everything at once. Start with one user journey or moment (e.g. a lead-gen page or checkout funnel) where drop-off is high. Use analytics or your team's intuition to select the right starting point.

## IDENTIFY THE FRICTION POINT

Stop and observe where users hesitate or abandon. Use data, heatmaps, surveys, or direct testing to pinpoint the exact step that's underperforming.

## DIAGNOSE THE UNDERLYING BIAS

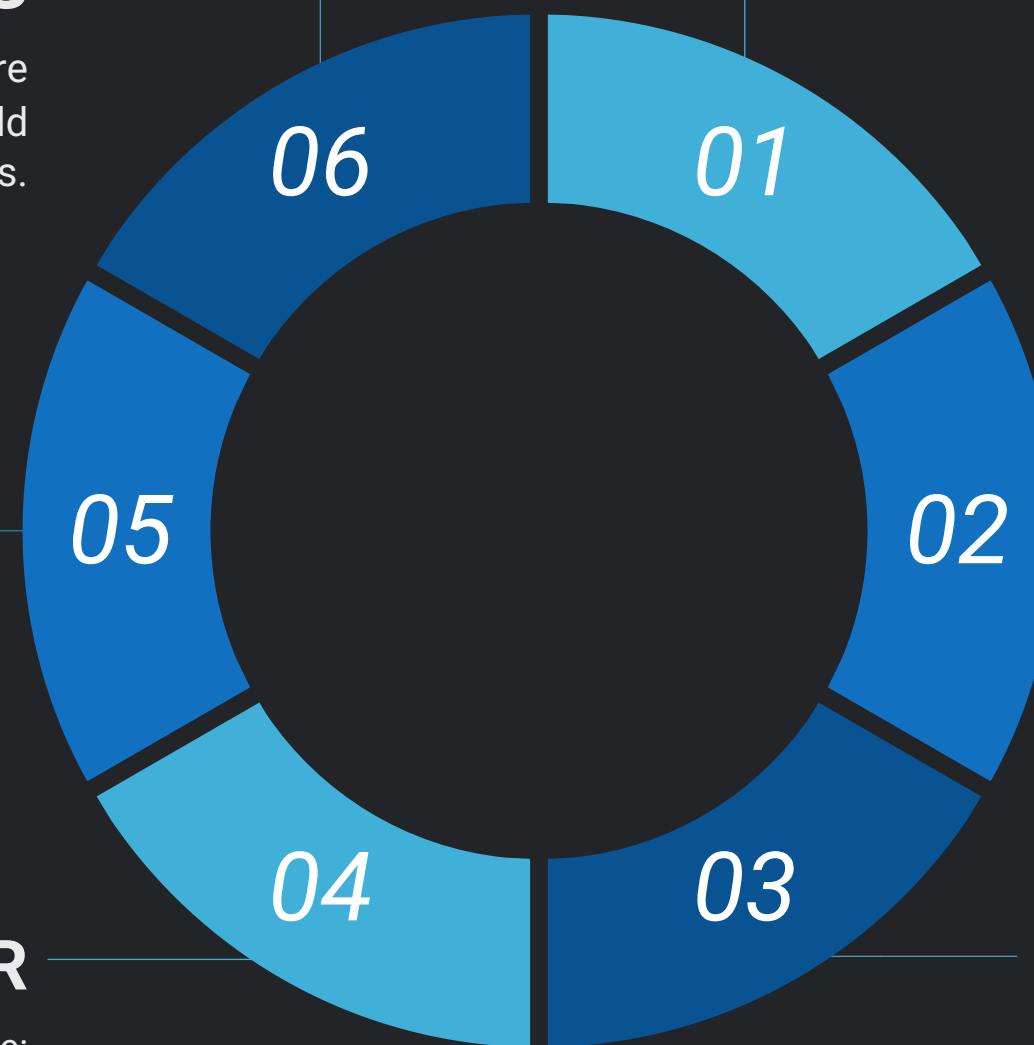
Once you see friction, map it to a likely cognitive bias (e.g. choice overload, loss aversion, lack of urgency). This helps you select the right behavioral lever.

## APPLY A BEHAVIORAL TRIGGER

Design a focused tweak to address the bias. For example: reframe copy to invoke loss aversion, show testimonials for social proof, or add progress bars for commitment. Start small.

## MEASURE WHAT MATTERS

Track the metrics tied to the behavior you want to change (conversion, funnel drop, click-through). Behavioral changes often compound — improvements may show over time.





**EVERYTHING ABOVE GETS YOU  
MORE LEADS; NOW WE NEED TO  
PRIORITIZE THE RIGHT LEADS**

# LET'S GET BACK TO **BASICS**



Fundamentally, lead qualification is all about doing three things absurdly well: (1) separating good leads from bad leads; (2) triggering tailored interventions to nurture potentially-qualified leads into sales-ready leads; and (3) collecting data to fuel your ongoing marketing efforts.

**BETTER DATA =  
BETTER OUTCOMES**



# WHAT SHOULD LEAD SCORING DO?

- Lead Scoring is one of those things that we've all been talking about for a decade (actually, longer) – but haven't really gotten better at since then.
- However, the combination of low-cost, no-code, easily-accessible ML models + more robust data capture + easier to use automation systems means that it's time for us to re-evaluate our approach to lead scoring.

Weed Out – quickly weed out the “garbage” leads

Diagnose – identify the blockers preventing sales-readiness

Trigger – inform tailored interventions to address the diagnosed issues

Prioritize – give sales teams a way to understand how ready each lead is

## 01 **A NEW MODEL FOR LEAD SCORING**

Current lead scoring models are broken – and the “AI” powered alternatives are the same junk wrapped in new paper. We need a new framework for evaluating + managing leads.

## 02 **TRUE DATA INTEGRATION**

A new framework is nice, but without the right data infrastructure, that’s DOA, too. Real, impactful lifecycle marketing is powered by real, accurate data.

# **FOUR (REQUIRED) THINGS**

## 03 **ACTUAL, PERSONALIZED COMMS**

Personalization has been a buzzword in Senior Living for a decade. It’s still just that – due largely to a misunderstanding about what personalization really means.

## 04 **ONGOING ITERATION + EVOLUTION**

There’s a tendency among marketing teams to do what works + resist change; that needs to change if you’re going to stay in-step with how your target audiences (esp. those adult children) prefer to interact with the world.



# WHAT DOES THE DATA SAY?

**After reviewing thousands of leads, we found that there are six drivers that impact lead qualification for Senior Living. Each can be integrated into a Lead Scoring model.**

We reviewed thousands of leads from many communities – along with notes on those leads and eventual results. This was augmented with NLP analysis + clustering, followed by a more detailed analysis of those clusters to hone in on the actual issues.



# THE LEVERS THAT IMPACT LEAD QUALIFICATION

**01 Legitimacy**  
Is the lead legitimate? If not, nothing else matters.

**02 Financial Ability**  
Does the lead have the financial means to join?

**03 Need-Offer Fit**  
Are the needs of the prospect aligned with the capabilities + offerings of the community?

**04 Solution-Awareness**  
What level of knowledge/awareness does the prospect have?

**05 Desire To Join Community**  
How much does the prospect want to be in your community?

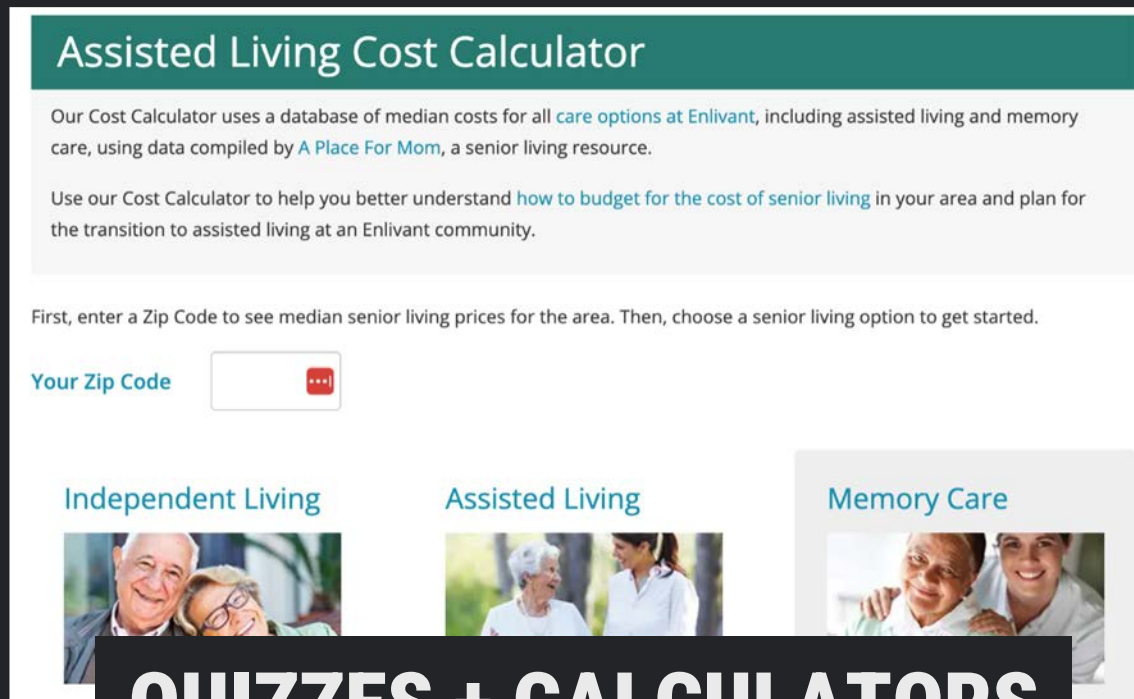
**06 Urgency**  
Where is the prospect in the decision-making lifecycle? Are there factors that are motivating a decision?

# THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE FANCY

Role	Needs	Legitimacy		Financial Ability		Need-Offet Fit		Solution-Awareness		Desire to Join Community		Urgency		Total	
		Value	Weighted	Value	Weight	Value	Weight	Value	Weight	Value	Weight	Value	Weight	Total Value	Simple Qual
Adult Child	Memory Care	Yes	1	3	15	2	8	1	5	5	15	1	3	27	NURTURE
Resident	Skilled Care	Yes	1	2	8	1	3	3	12	3	6	3	15	26	NURTURE
Adult Child	Skilled Care	Yes	1	5	20	4	12	4	16	1	2	4	20	154	NURTURE
Adult Child	Independent ...	Yes	1	2	10	3	12	4	16	5	25	5	10	480	QUALIFIED
Physician	Memory Care	Yes	1	5	25	1	4	3	15	4	12	5	15	270	NURTURE
Resident	Independent ...	Yes	1	3	15	4	16	5	20	2	10	3	6	288	QUALIFIED
Adult Child	Post-Acute R...	Yes	1	1	2	4	12	1	4	5	10	2	8	8	NURTURE
Adult Child	Memory Care	No	0	4	20	5	20	5	25	4	12	3	9	0	NOT QUALIFIED
Careglver	Memory Care	Yes	1	4	20	5	20	3	15	4	12	4	12	864	QUALIFIED
Resident	Skilled Care	Yes	1	5	20	2	6	3	12	2	4	5	25	144	NURTURE
Adult Child	Skilled Care	Yes	1	1	4	5	15	1	4	1	2	4	20	10	NURTURE
Adult Child	Skilled Care	No	0	1	4	3	9	5	20	5	10	5	25	0	NOT QUALIFIED
Resident	Skilled Care	Yes	1	4	16	3	9	5	20	4	8	2	10	230	NURTURE
Adult Child	Independent ...	No	0	5	25	4	16	1	4	5	25	2	4	0	NOT QUALIFIED
Adult Child	Memory Care	Yes	1	3	15	5	20	5	25	4	12	2	6	540	QUALIFIED
Physician	Independent ...	No	0	4	20	4	16	1	4	3	15	3	6	0	NOT QUALIFIED
Resident	Post-Acute R...	Yes	1	2	4	3	9	3	12	1	2	2	8	7	NURTURE
Adult Child	Memory Care	No	0	3	15	5	20	3	15	4	12	2	6	0	NOT QUALIFIED
Adult Child	Independent ...	Yes	1	5	25	5	20	5	20	5	25	5	10	2500	QUALIFIED
Adult Child	Memory Care	Yes	1	5	25	4	16	1	5	5	15	5	15	450	QUALIFIED
Resident	Independent ...	Yes	1	2	10	5	20	5	20	2	10	4	8	320	QUALIFIED
Adult Child	Post-Acute R...	Yes	1	4	8	2	6	4	16	2	4	4	16	49	NURTURE
Adult Child	Memory Care	Yes	1	2	10	4	16	3	15	1	3	1	3	22	NURTURE
Physician	Memory Care	Yes	1	4	20	1	4	5	25	4	12	3	9	216	QUALIFIED
Resident	Skilled Care	Yes	1	2	8	5	15	5	20	5	10	2	10	240	QUALIFIED
Adult Child	Skilled Care	No	0	4	16	1	3	3	12	5	10	5	25	0	NOT QUALIFIED
Adult Child	Skilled Care	Yes	1	4	16	3	9	1	4	3	6	5	25	86	QUALIFIED
Careglver	Independent ...	No	0	2	10	4	16	3	12	2	10	5	10	0	NOT QUALIFIED
Resident	Skilled Care	Yes	1	2	8	2	6	4	16	3	6	5	25	115	QUALIFIED
Adult Child	Post-Acute R...	No	0	5	10	1	3	3	12	5	10	3	12	0	NOT QUALIFIED
Careglver	Post-Acute R...	No	0	4	8	1	3	2	8	2	4	2	8	0	NOT QUALIFIED



# WHERE DO YOU GET THAT DATA?



## QUIZZES + CALCULATORS

Some of the best sources for actionable lead-scoring data are what prospects put into your quizzes and/or calculators. Rather than try to guess based on pages viewed or time on site, use the content that prospects provide.



## EMAIL + SMS ACTIVITY

How prospects respond to your outreach is also crucial – we know that the decision-making process is filled with fits-and-starts – very few residents or adult children complete their selection process in one go. How they respond to your outreach can provide strong cues as to how sales-ready they are.



## FORMS + SITE ACTIVITY

If it is properly collected, on-site activity can be useful in creating lead scores; however, I think of this as the lowest-priority and the lowest-impact data. It's just not that reliable – people browsing websites are like ferrets on cocaine.



# WORKING TOGETHER **ISN'T ENOUGH**



"Marketing & Sales need to work together" is a phrase I've heard every year at SMASH. Yes. That's true. But "working together" isn't enough. It never was. Your data needs to be intimately intertwined, to the point where there isn't "sales data" and "marketing data".



# MAKE 3 THINGS EASY

## EASY TO **DIAGNOSE**

Are there commonalities among your qualified or non-qualified leads? If there are common misses, that provides valuable data that can be shared with partners (more on that later) and proactively addressed.

## EASY TO **ACTION**

The most common frustration I hear from marketers + sales is the “so what” issue – so what that a lead has a [low/mid/high] score? What do I do with that? What should we change in order to get less of the bad and more of the good?

## EASY TO **SHARE**

Finally, there’s the common “executive” frustration – we don’t understand how the score is calculated or what it means. Telling your CMO “our average lead score is 38” doesn’t do anything. No one cares.

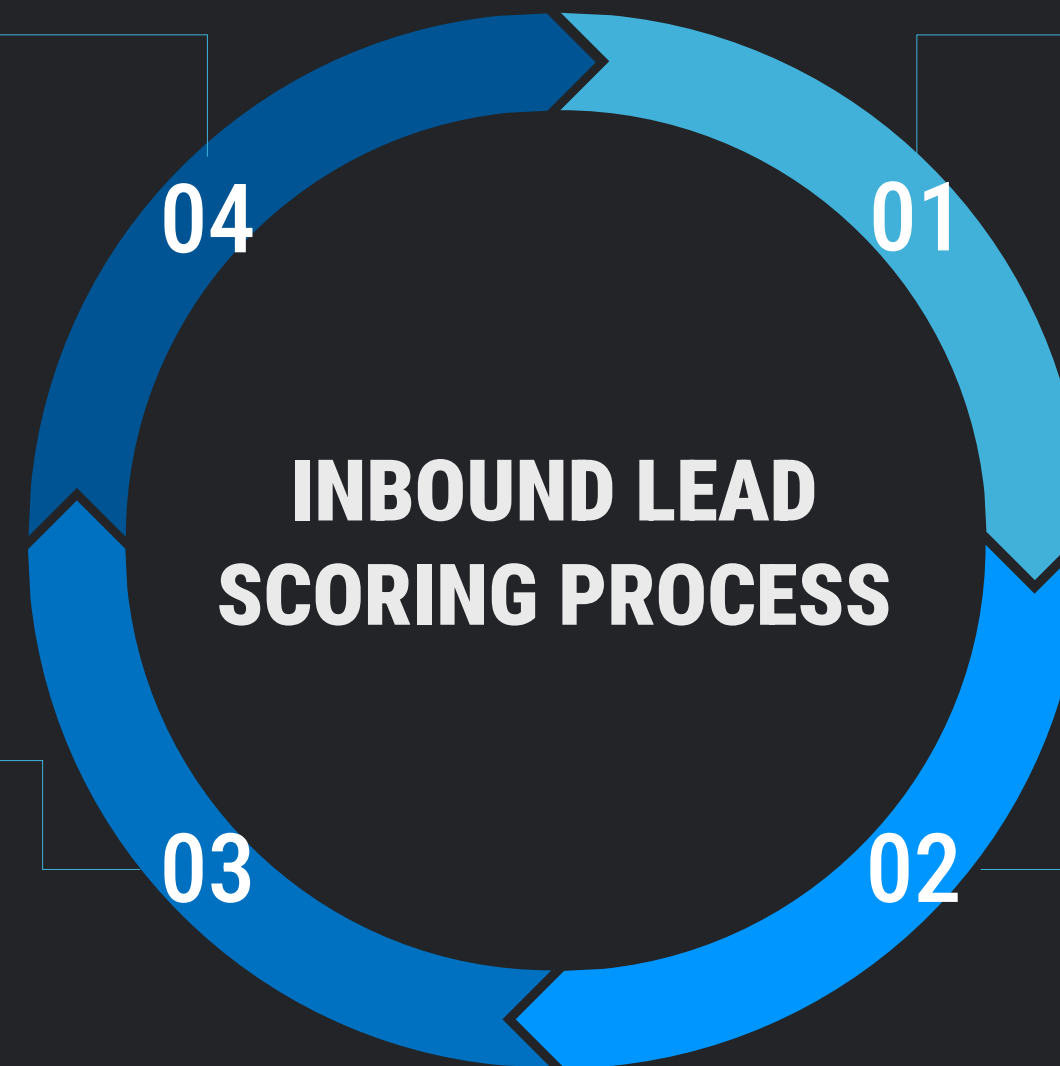
# EVOLVE YOUR DATA USAGE

## SYNC SCORES TO PLATFORMS

Once you move prospects to later stages, repost your lead scores/qualifications to your advertising + analytics platforms.

## ONGOING ENGAGEMENT

Based on the lead score matrix, your follow-on interactions should be tailored to the needs of the prospects.



## COMPREHENSIVE CAPTURE

It is no longer enough to just pass form submits or calls as conversions; enhanced conversions (passing actual form data) is mandatory. The better the initial data passed to each platform, the better off the rest of this process goes.

## INITIAL VALIDATION

All inbound leads should be validated + vetted within 24 hours; the initial validation should be passed back to Google / Facebook / Google Analytics and used to assess marketing efforts.



## 01 **AUTOMATED EXCLUSIONS**

One of the most powerful automations you can add to your marketing workflow is an automated exclusion of every lead you have – this will force platforms to serve to net-new people, not spend your \$ marketing to the people you already know.

## 02 **LALs OF FAILED MQLs**

The behavior of failed MQLs (i.e. leads that don't even make MQL status) tends to be relatively predictable – which makes this an ideal use case for a LAL audience. Upload all the junk , create a LAL + exclude.

# **MAKE LEAD DATA DO MORE**

## 03 **PROVIDE AUDIENCE INSIGHTS**

Once you have adopted a more robust model, you can create audience segments of users with low (or high) scores on each axis, and use that to uncover audience insights (you can even upload this to Sparktoro)

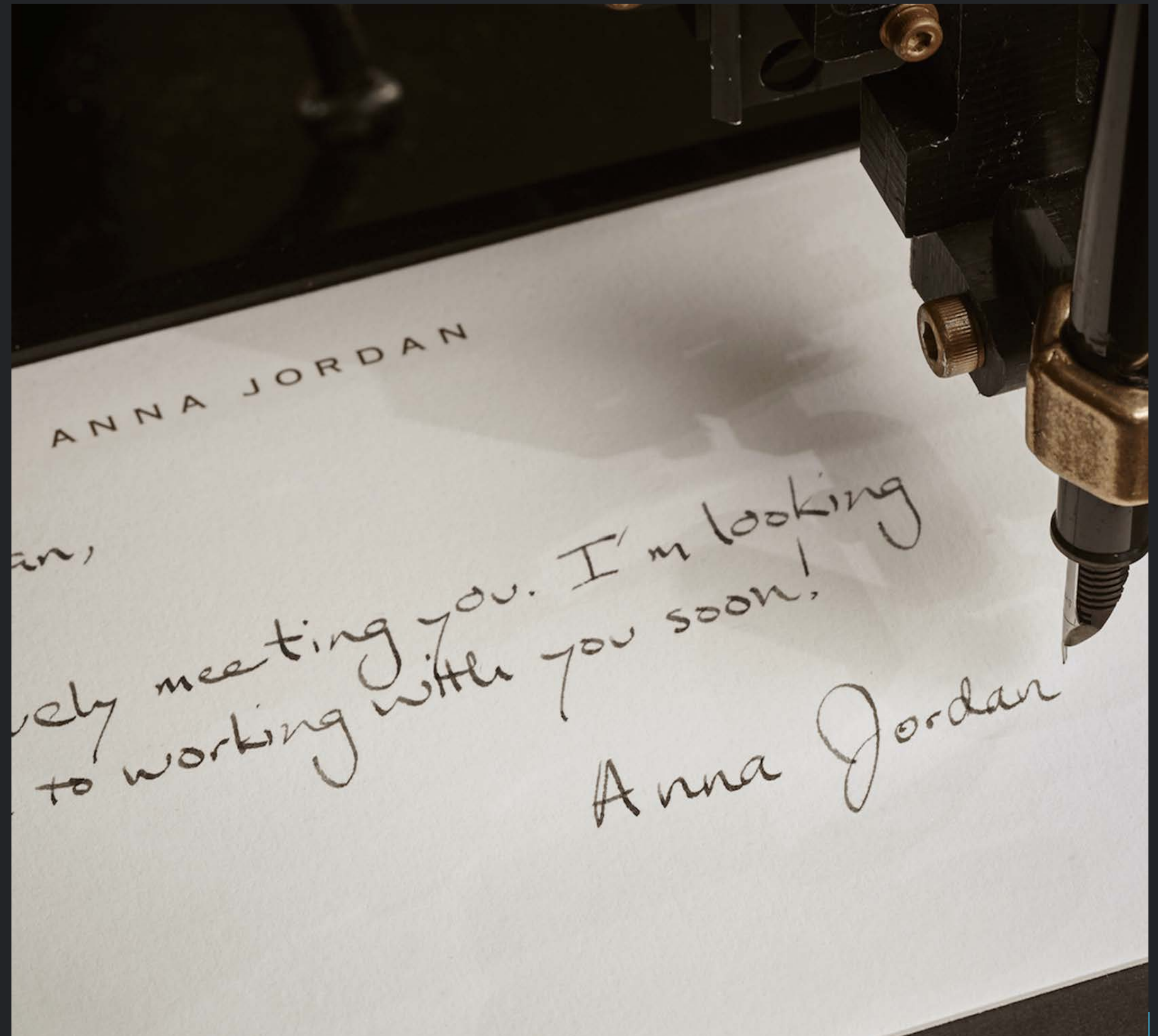
## 04 **CREATE PROSPECTING LALs**

Finally, you can create LALs of prospects that may have lower scores along axes where you're uniquely good at winning – potentially financial ability, or community fit.

# THE **FUSION** OF TRADITIONAL & DIGITAL

Print-On-Demand + LLMs = Magic. Why settle for emailing, when you can include the same content in a handwritten letter

- I'm a HUGE fan of direct mail to Senior Living audiences – but let's face it: most direct mail sucks.
- The good news is that you don't have to settle for bad direct mail – platforms like Handwrite.io have direct APIs.
- Make this magical = integrate LLMs (you can do this in a Google sheet) + your standard data to “personalize” each letter using custom prompts + the ChatGPT API.



# THE FULL-FUNNEL IMPACT OF 0P DATA

## ANGLE & OFFER

One of the biggest “unlocks” for most brands is understanding different ways to connect your product to your audience (or activate another set of customers)

## EXPERIENCE

0P Data – when layered with 1P data – can be a remarkable engine for improving your overall experience. This is everything from your website to your optimization strategy to your lifecycle marketing.

## LOYALTY

In an environment where loyalty is the new acquisition, leveraging 0P data can be the difference between success + failure. Use 0P + 1P data to offer premium content, unique offers or codes, or reinforce success.

## RETENTION

Leveraging someone’s past buying habits and personal data can enable you to tailor custom retention offers + campaigns - from birthdays or anniversaries to specific offers or product recommendations that would appeal to them.

## PRODUCT

Your 0P data can be used to bolster your product offerings, too – by taking feedback AND user activity to see where bottlenecks/challenges exist with your current product + developing a solution. This works equally well with product + SaaS businesses.





LET'S TALK **WASTE**



# **WASTE IS LIKE WATER**



**SOME IS GOOD.  
TOO MUCH & YOU DROWN.**

# WHY DOES WASTE OCCUR IN SENIOR LIVING?

**01 STRUCTURAL ISSUES**  
Poor campaign setup + structure

**02 WRONG BUDGETS + TARGETS**  
Know your numbers, or bad things happen

**03 WRONG AUDIENCE**  
Targeting the wrong people, at the wrong time, with the wrong message

**04 POOR MANAGEMENT**  
Simply not being on top of the campaigns – set it + forget it

**05 EXPERIMENTATION + BETS**  
Sometimes, you make a good bet but it doesn't work.



# CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE IS A **VALUE** STATEMENT

**IF EVERYTHING IS IMPORTANT,  
NOTHING IS IMPORTANT.**

**CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE  
HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
ABOUT CONNECTING  
BRANDS TO PEOPLE**



# LAYERING IS ESSENTIAL

	HIGHEST INTENT The must-win, gotta-have-em searches + audiences	MID INTENT Exploratory/maybe-really-relevant but maybe-not searches. Competitors might fall here.	LOW INTENT Informational queries, discovery-related searches, fence-sitters, etc.
THE ICP The ideal customer profile for your community.	HIGHEST PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY	MID PRIORITY
ANCILLARY Think: memory care, skilled nursing, post acute, etc.	HIGH PRIORITY	HIGH* PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY
EVERYTHING ELSE 55 & older community searches, age-in-place, (maybe) post-acute, in-home care, etc.	MID PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	HARD PASS

# TRANSLATED TO GOOGLE ADS

AD GROUP TYPES	CAMPAIGN: TOP OF MAZE CAS #1	CAMPAIGN: MIDDLE OF MAZE CAS #2	CAMPAIGN: BOTTOM OF MAZE CAS #3
TOP PERFORMERS (TP)	THEME #1 STAG THEME #2 STAG <i>EXCLUDE MOM + BOM</i>	THEME #1 STAG THEME #2 STAG <i>EXCLUDE BOM</i>	THEME #1 STAG THEME #2 STAG
POTENTIAL (POT)	THEME #1 STAG THEME #2 STAG <i>EXCLUDE TP, MOM + BOM</i>	THEME #1 STAG THEME #2 STAG <i>EXCLUDE TP + BOM</i>	THEME #1 STAG THEME #2 STAG <i>EXCLUDE TP</i>
GUESSES + DSAs	LP OR THEME #1 LP OR THEME #2 <i>EXCLUDE EVERYTHING</i>	LP OR THEME #1 LP OR THEME #2 <i>EXCLUDE EVERYTHING</i>	(AVOID, GENERALLY)

Increasing tCPA/Decreasing  
tROAS

**THIS STRUCTURE  
WORKS WITH P<sub>MAX</sub>, TOO.**



# OTHER LAYERING OPTIONS

## 01 **PRODUCT TYPE**

Tends to follow your site organization (i.e. categorization), which also has the benefit of aligning with how people search

## 02 **PRICE**

In general, buyers tend to shop for items around a particular price point – a Citizens buyer isn't likely getting a ROLEX.

## 03 **COLLECTION**

This works well in fashion + beauty– grouping by collection tends to result in significant cross-sells, as people want to get the look.

## 04 **USE CASE**

Connecting products that people are likely to buy together based on the use case – i.e. travel accessories with luggage.

## 05 **BUYER TYPE**

In some cases, there are products that tend to skew a buyer type – a great example is camo gear tends to attract a hunter/ex-military crowd, where white/grey a more urban one

# MAKE CAMPAIGN STRUCTURES MACHINE-LEARNING FRIENDLY

# BALANCE GRANULARITY

Typical PPC accounts have hundreds of ad groups – many of which have lower volumes + don't really yield much of anything as this helpful chart from [Amanda Evans](#) illustrates (red = bad; blue = good). All those little campaigns are just wasted.

By consolidating many of those SKAGs + low-volume, hyper-granular ad groups into STAGs (thus increasing volume), you end up with significantly fewer ad groups, but also materially improved performance.

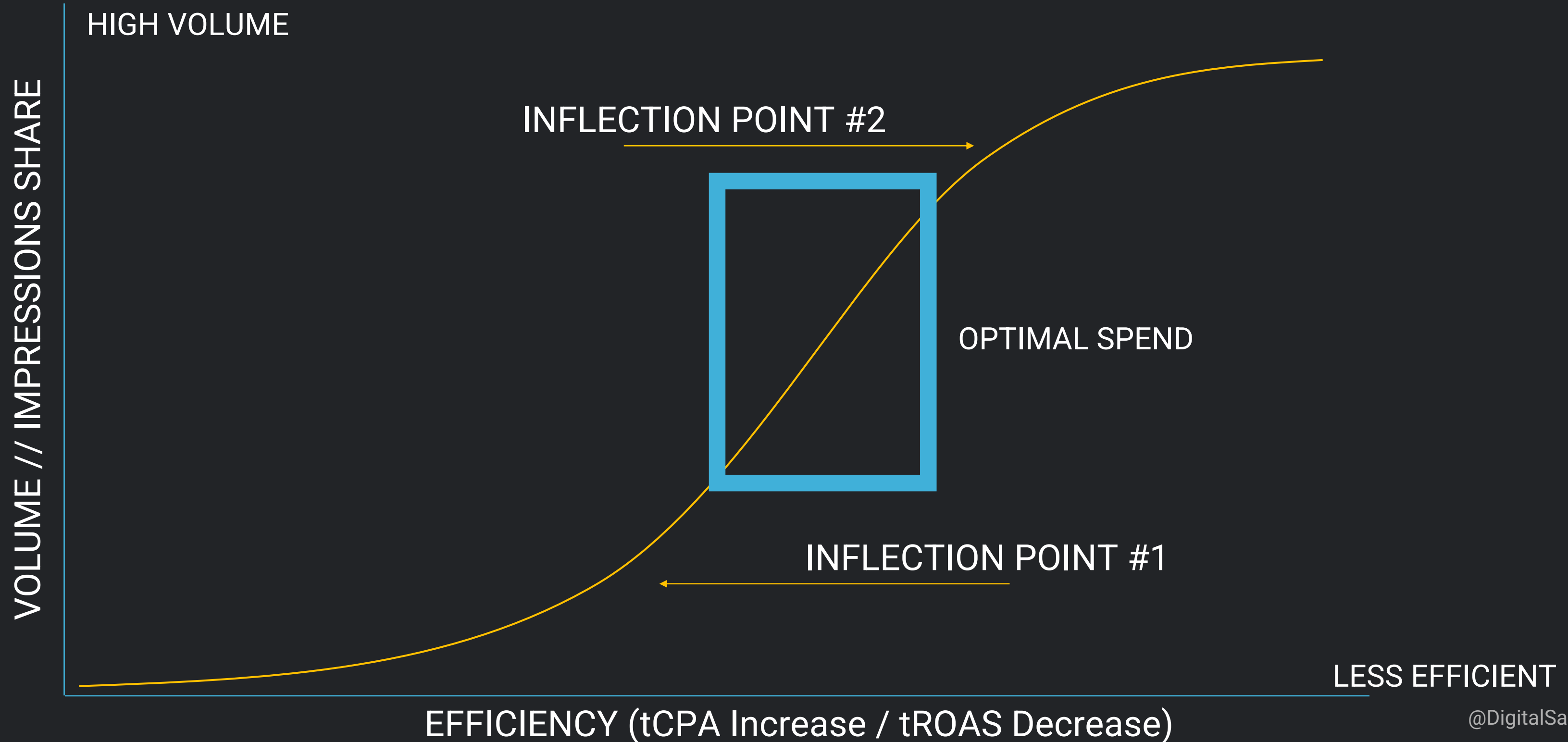
## W/ ML-FRIENDLY SCALE



**MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE**  
**NOT MINIMUM VIABLE**

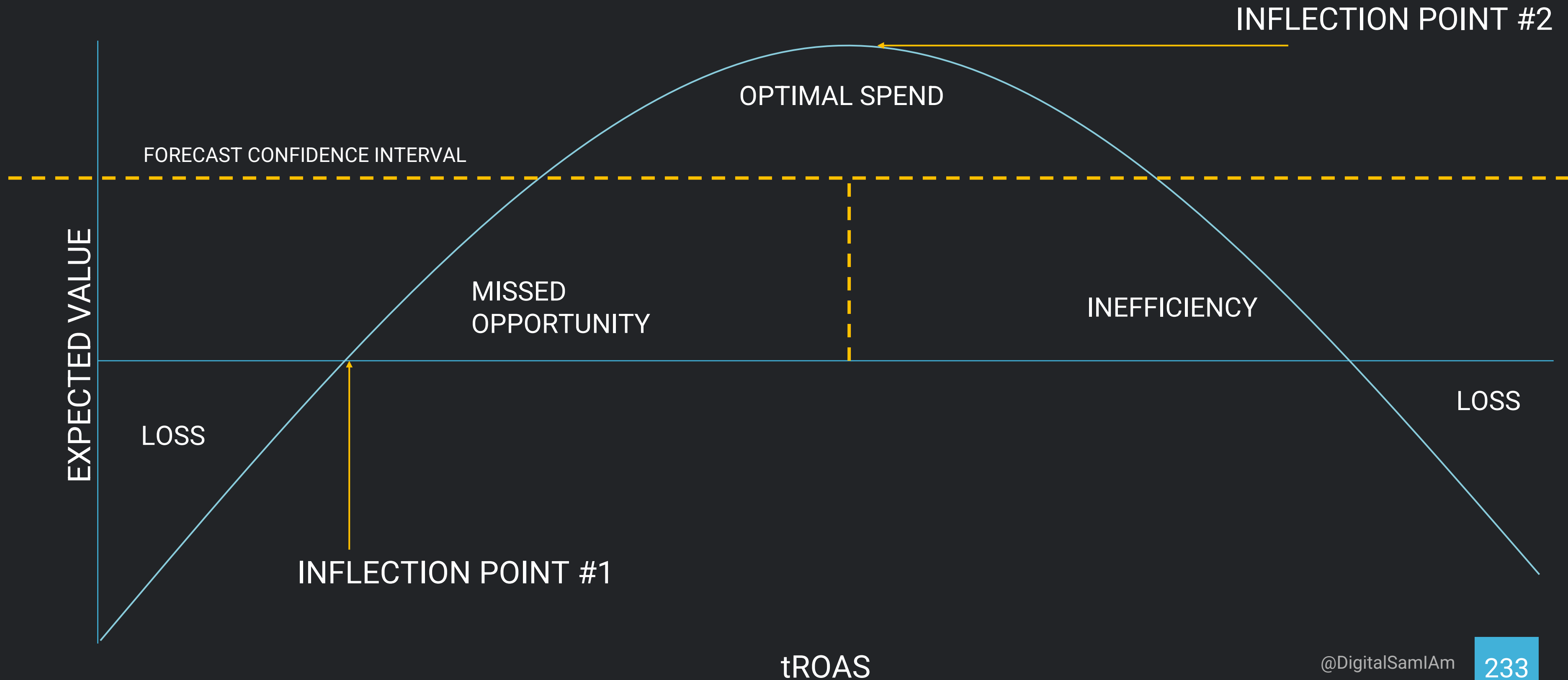
# SET THE RIGHT TARGETS

# THE DIGITAL DEMAND CURVE





# A QUICK TRANSFORM:



# PRICE CONVERGENCE

## MARKET BALANCES SUPPLY & DEMAND

Ad markets are exactly that: markets. Particularly in search, Google knows what other advertisers are willing to pay for the click, and uses that information to move CPCs up over time (that's how you get earnings growth in a low-growth environment).

## GOOGLE PUSHES LOW (OR NO) ROAS

Pretty understandable: Google wants to have as much optionality as possible in how their platform deploys your full budget. Doing so will, over time, squeeze every dollar of surplus value out of the system (+ put it in their pocket)

## ADVERTISERS MAX SURPLUS VALUE

The final pressure is advertisers, who continually want to INCREASE their tROAS in order to capture incremental surplus value.

HIGH

tROAS

LOW

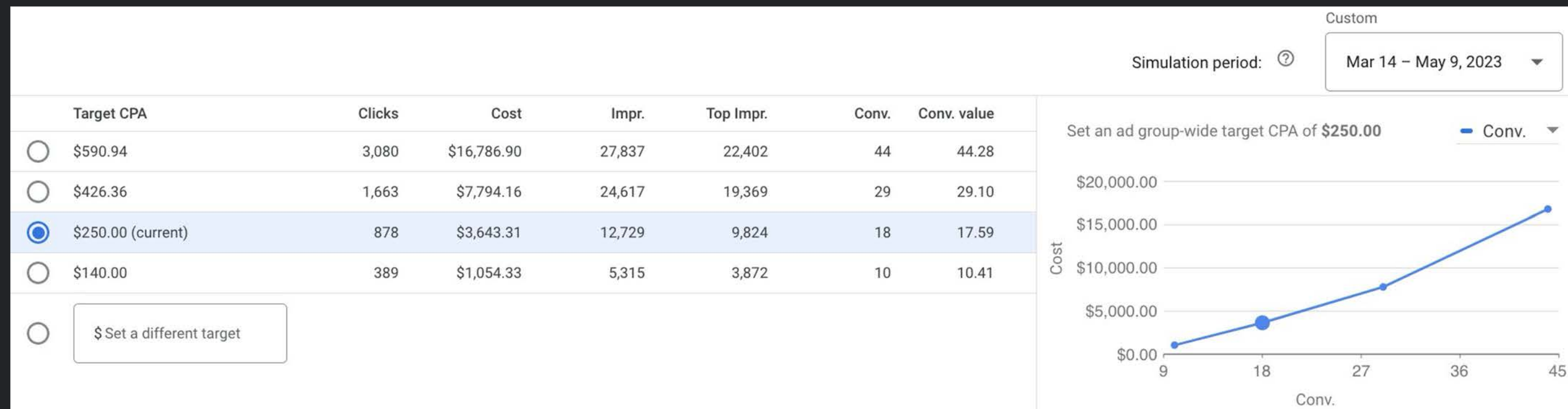
**USE tCPA or tROAS  
AS YOUR PRIMARY BUDGET  
CONTROL LEVER**



# FIND THE INFLECTION POINTS

## BUDGET SIMULATOR

Google's Budget Simulator works brilliantly well to give you baseline data (along with implied underlying metrics) for your forecast. Just remember to build out ranges for each (you can use Keyword Planner or a guesstimate)



tCPA	Cost	Impressions	Top Imps.	Top Rate	Clicks	CPC	CTR	Conversions	CVR	Cost/Conv.	Inc. Cost/Conversion
\$ 140.00	\$ 1,054.33	5315	3872	72.85%	389	\$ 2.71	7.319%	10	2.57%	\$ 105.43	\$ 105.43
\$ 250.00	\$ 3,643.31	12729	9824	77.18%	878	\$ 4.15	6.898%	18	2.05%	\$ 202.41	\$ 323.62
\$ 426.36	\$ 7,794.16	24617	19369	78.68%	1663	\$ 4.69	6.755%	29	1.74%	\$ 268.76	\$ 377.35
\$ 590.94	\$ 16,786.90	27837	22402	80.48%	3080	\$ 5.45	11.064%	44	1.43%	\$ 381.52	\$ 599.52

Budget planner works at a KW + Ad Group level (I use ad group) – and provides (surprisingly decent) volume + cost estimates (though you need to check the implied CTR + CVRs –which can be \*wildly\* off. In general, you should expect that CVRs will dip as volume increases, while CTR tends to stay flat-to- increase.

# **tCPA / tROAS =** **STEERING** **WHEEL**

## **HIGH CPA | LOW ROAS**

Highest Priority – threshold for the ad to serve is lowest among campaigns/ad groups in the account. All things being equal, this campaign should have the highest Ad Rank.

## **MID CPA | MID ROAS**

Medium Priority – threshold for an ad to serve is lower than for the below, but still restricted.

## **LOW CPA | HIGH ROAS**

Lower Priority – threshold for an ad to serve is higher, which results in throttled distribution.

# TAKE YOUR FREE INSURANCE FROM GOOGLE.

When every bid is a bet, you have to think about your upside AND your downside. Google doesn't care about your downside (your downside = G's upside) – and smart bidding will continually attempt to pull your performance down to an “average acceptable”. Max Bid Limits are FREE INSURANCE. TAKE IT.

Maximum Bids = free insurance / downside protection.

Set them at:

$\text{Upper Bound tCPA} * \text{Upper Bound CVR (90}^{\text{th}} \text{ Percentile)} = \text{Max Bid}$

## Target CPA

Name\*

tCPA - Bathroom Remodel


Include campaigns (optional)

[Select campaigns](#) 

Target CPA

\$140.00

Your recommended target CPA is **\$190.00**. This value is based on your past average CPA.

☐ Create a shared budget to use with this portfolio bid strategy 

Minimum bid limit 

\$

Bid limits will not be used in Display-only campaigns. To clear minimum bid, leave this field blank.

Maximum bid limit 

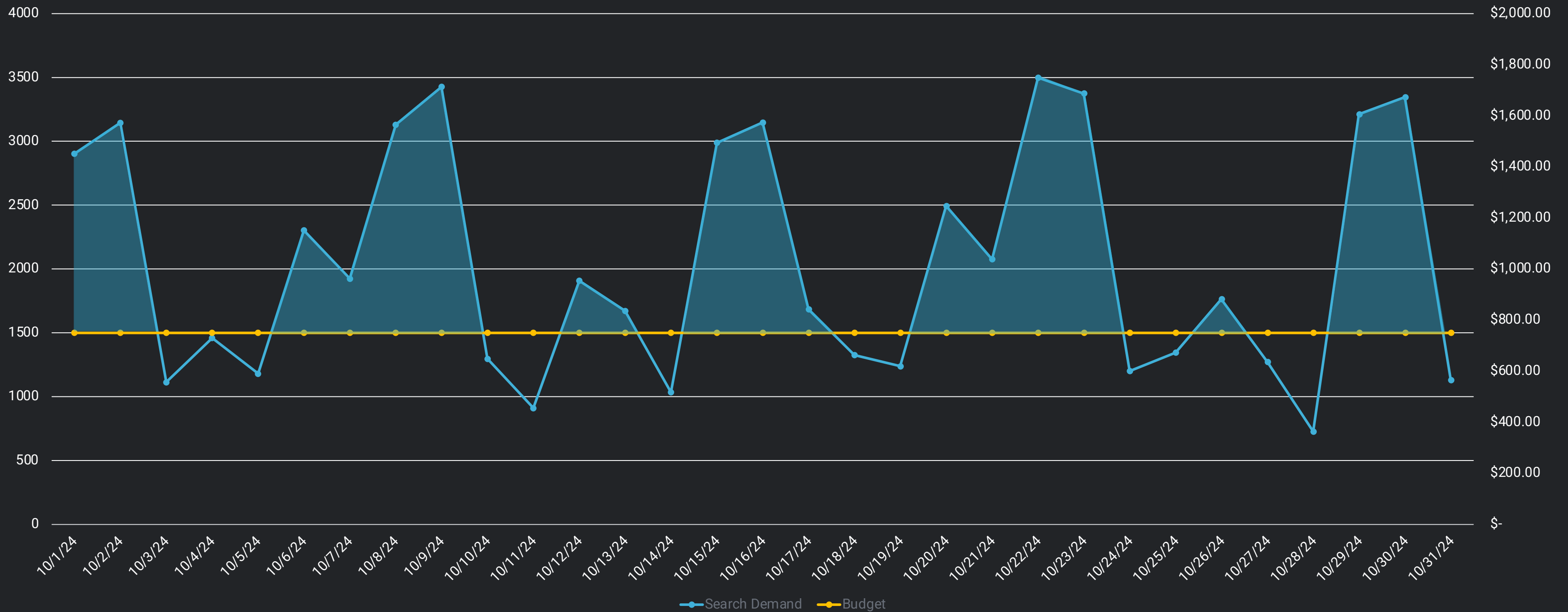
\$28.00

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# DAILY BUDGETS ARE ACCOUNT KILLERS

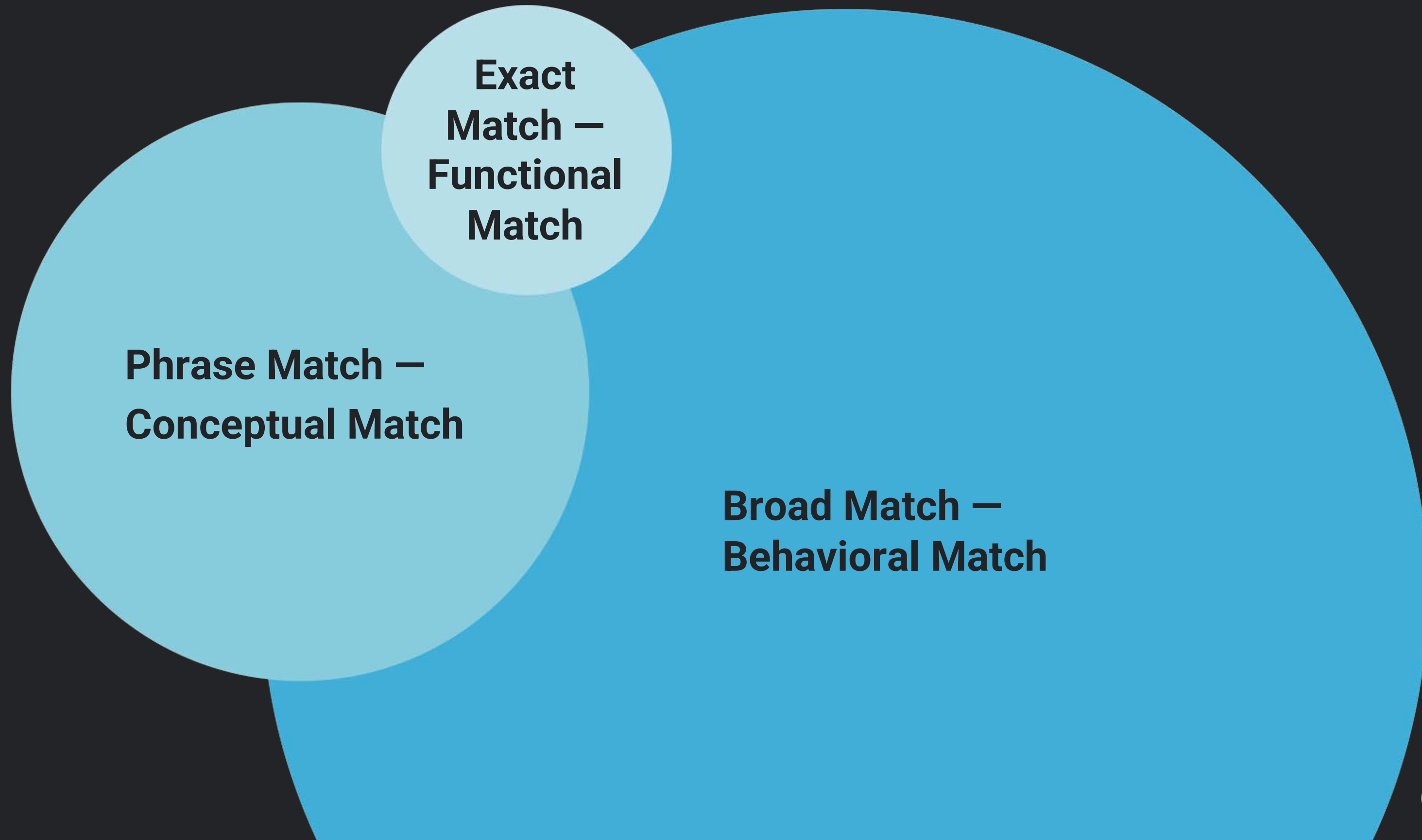
# SEARCH DEMAND GRAPH



**WHAT YOU EXCLUDE IS  
MORE IMPORTANT THAN  
WHAT YOU INCLUDE.**



# MIS-BRANDED MATCHES





# TARGETING THE **WRONG** PEOPLE

Poor audience alignment leads to wasted impressions and inflated acquisition costs. Even the best creative or offer cannot perform when it reaches people who were never likely to convert.

# BROAD TARGETING KILLS PERFORMANCE

## SKEWING PERFORMANCE DATA

Non-qualified traffic muddies your metrics, making it harder to see what's actually working. Broad targeting inflates reach but hides true audience insights, leading to poor optimization decisions.

## YOUR MESSAGE LOSES MEANING

When you try to speak to everyone, your message resonates with no one. Broad targeting forces generic creative that lacks emotional impact and fails to connect with real prospects.

## YOU PAY FOR IRRELEVANCE

Casting too wide a net wastes impressions on people who will never engage or convert. Every irrelevant click or impression drives up cost without adding value.





# DON'T PAY FOR LOYALTY

## EXCLUDE CURRENT CUSTOMERS

Upload your CRM or email list to remove those users from prospecting campaigns.

## BUILD SMARTER LOOKALIKES

Use high-value customer lists to create Lookalike Audiences that mirror your best segments without re-hitting them.

## SEGMENT RETENTION CAMPAIGNS

Keep existing customers engaged through separate remarketing or email flows designed for loyalty and upsell, not acquisition.



1

## SET IT & FORGET IT

Campaigns left on autopilot lose efficiency fast. Market dynamics, competition, and audience behavior change, but performance never improves without active management.

2

## NEGATIVE KEYWORDS

Failing to update negative keyword lists means paying for irrelevant clicks. Regular audits keep spend focused on qualified intent and protect against waste.

# PASSIVE MANAGEMENT FAILS

3

## NEGATIVE AUDIENCES

Overlooking exclusion lists leads to showing ads to current customers, competitors, or unqualified users. Smart exclusions improve targeting precision and ROI.

4

## PLACEMENT EXCLUSIONS

Poor placement management sends ads to low-quality sites, irrelevant content, or mobile apps that never convert. Active monitoring protects brand safety and budget.

**SET & FORGET IS  
ALL TOO COMMON**



A black and white cat is sitting on a silver laptop keyboard, which is open on a wooden table. The cat is looking towards the camera. In the background, there is a kitchen counter with various items, including a red container and some papers. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from the laptop screen.

# **STOP PAYING FOR IRRELEVANT CLICKS**

## **AUDIT SEARCH TERMS OFTEN**

Review search term reports regularly to identify low-intent or off-topic queries that waste spend and distort performance data and add them as negative keywords.

## **BUILD SMARTER EXCLUSION LISTS**

Maintain a dynamic negative keyword list to block unqualified searches and focus budget on prospects with real intent.

# 31%+ OF AD SPEND IS WASTED



# NEGATIVE KEYWORD LISTS

## MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCY



# UPDATE YOUR NEGATIVE LISTS

## EVERY WEEK

Keywords

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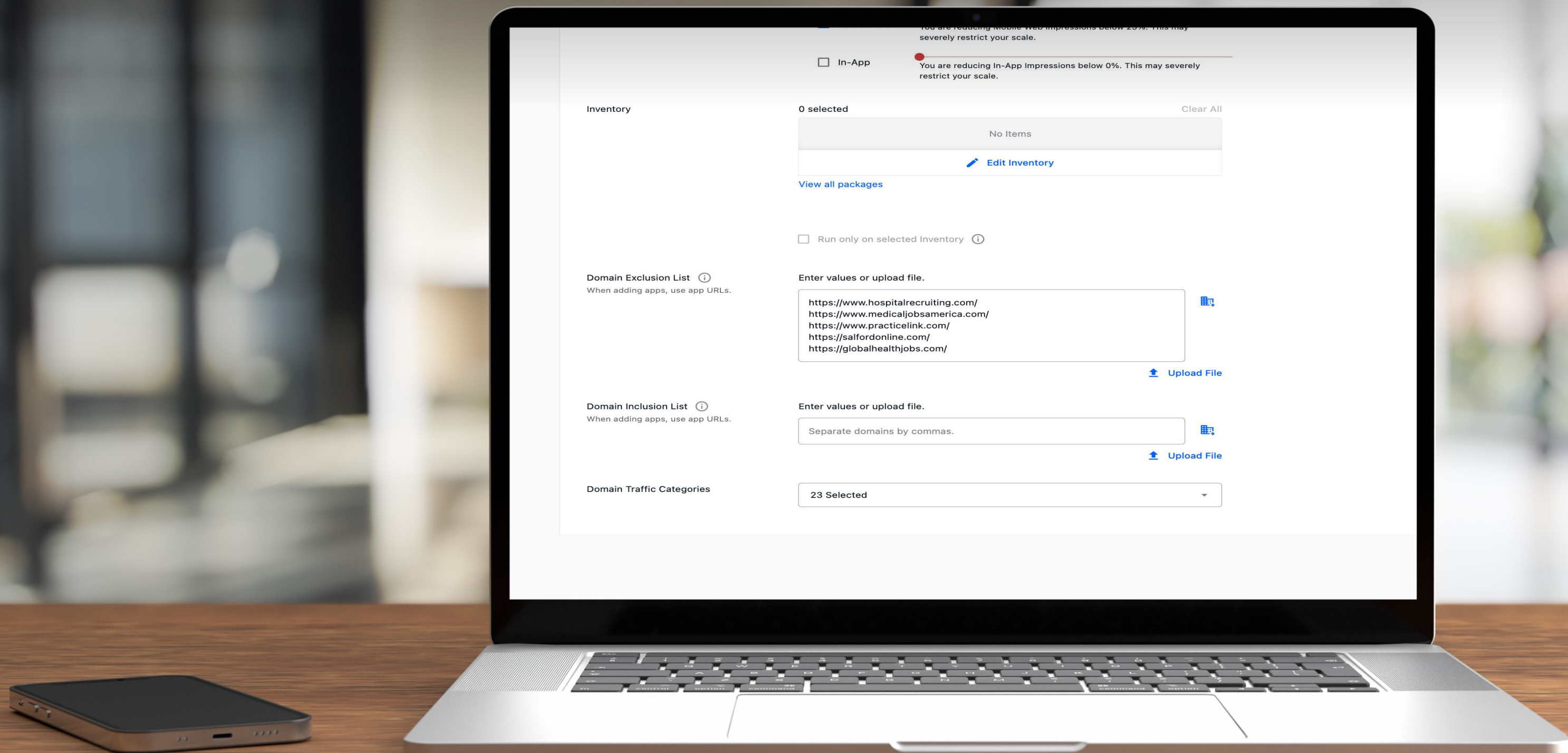
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# WHAT DO I DO?

## FOCUS RESOURCES

Stop chasing the same 5% of your audience that everyone else is after – it's expensive + usually, it's fruitless. Instead, prioritize your resources on the next 30% - the fence sitters – with a focus on helping them over the finish line.

## MAXIMIZE PROBABILITY

Once you attract those people (ads, organic, whatever), optimize every aspect of their experience – from the content they receive to the post-click experience to the tour itself.

## MINIMIZE WASTE

The sad reality is that you need some waste in marketing – if every dollar is spent with 100% efficiency, you're being too conservative. But 30%+ waste? That's not going to do. Eliminate wasteful spend so you can focus more of it where it should be.

# OBSESS ABOUT THE FENCE SITTERS



A vibrant stage performance featuring a line of dancers in elaborate, colorful costumes (red, blue, and white) performing a synchronized routine. The stage is set with a large, ornate backdrop and a wide staircase. A large, diverse audience is visible in the foreground, watching the performance. The scene is lit with warm stage lights.

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