# Integrated Marketing Communications

Budgeting/Measuring/Ethics

## Recap: IMC's key themes

- 1. Consistency of communications
- 2. (Strategic) control of communications
- 3. Media neutrality
- 4. Constant optimization of media and channel portfolios and synergy seeking
- 5. Measuring and connecting to sales and customer relationships

(Derived from multiple sources)



## Defining a budget

- In essence, how much you allocate to any given marketing communications function and channels
  - PR, Advertising, Sponsorship...
  - TV, Radio…
- But increasingly not only allocation on promotional tools and media buy, also design, production etc., need to be taken into account
- Cost vs. investment?

- Focuses people on costs and benefits
- Especially the more detailed you go in budgeting, the more you have to ask "why are we doing this again?"
- Makes the firm see differences in promotional tactics and media

#### TABLE 1 Research Propositions Concerning Likely Communication Outcomes from Different Communication Options

Communication Outcomes	Communication Options										
	тν	Promos	Events	PR	Social Media	Website	Search	Display	Mobile	Direct	Selling
Create awareness and salience	+++	++	++	++	+++	++	+++	+++	+++	++	+
Convey detailed information	+	+	+	+	++	+++	+	+	++	+++	+++
Create brand imagery and personality	+++	++	++	++	+++	++	+	+	++	+	+
Build trust	+	+	+	+++	+++	+	+	+	++	+	+++
Elicit emotions	+++	++	+++	+++	+++	++	+	+	++	+	+
Inspire action	+	+++	+	+	+	++	+++	++	+++	+++	+++
Instill loyalty	++	+	+	+	++	++	+	+	++	++	++
Connect people	+	+	++	+	+++	+++	+	+	+++	+	+

Notes: +++ = greatest influence; ++ = medium influence; + = least influence.

Batra and Keller 2016

- Helps quantifying objectives and leads to measurability
- Again, a big thing in IMC
- Optimally, it really focuses people to push the campaign in the right direction
- Worst case scenario, the measure becomes too central of a node, at the detriment of other MC elements

- Might lead to cross-function coordination, better integration of business goals
  - (i.e., vision and mission)
- Again, the corporation talks in monetary currency and numbers now

- Helps review the campaign at year's end
- At least in terms of "objective" measures, not just internal and unquantifiable
- Usually the basis for getting more money for the marketing department for next year

### Defining a budget

- As said, marketing has become more sophisticated and more ''financially responsible''
- No more ''let's just buy X amount of print and Y amount of TV ads and be done with it''
- More ad channels,
- The blurring of lines between marketing communications and "other" functions (e.g. customer service, social media)

### Defining a budget

- Who should pay for what and what goes into a budget? (e.g. sales promotion?)
- For example, some companies are notoriously bad at keeping their employees' time use in marketing communications → ''social media is free'' → fallacy!

### Budgeting strategies

 Four distinct strategies, that are not perfect but give you a sense of ''what matters'' when budgeting

 Different industries and businesses ''lean more'' towards different strategies

#### Bad budgeting strategies

- Arbitrary = basically, the bosses' guess
- Inertia = ''let's keep things the same''
- Media multiplier = ''adjusted to media inflation''
  - Economic growth, media sustainability, allocation of investments within and across different media channels, buying and selling of media → impact inflation
- ''we'll budget what we had last year plus minus our current balance;'' considered as the old way of doing it

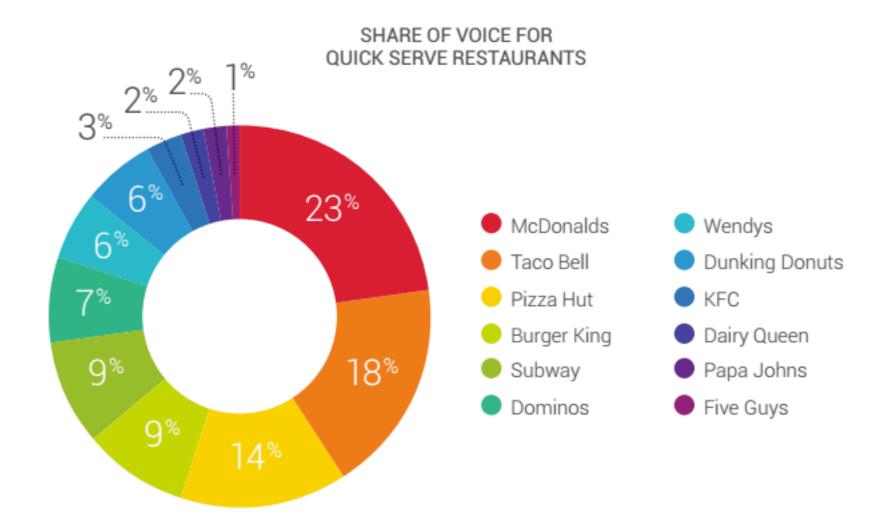
#### Percent-of-Sales Budgeting

- You make a forecast of next year's sales and then define how much (%) you spend on marketing communications
- Some industries are more stable, so this approach (sort of) makes sense
- Assumes stability and unchanging marketing communications message

#### Share-of-Voice budgeting

 Basically you budget according to your market share

 'if in product category X the overall spending on advertising is 300 million euros and our market share is 50% → 150 million budget!''



#### Return on Investment (ROI) Budgeting

- Often a favorite for top level managers (also, other functions are usually evaluated on ROI)
- ''investment in MC needs to generate X% more earnings than its costs''
- Evaluate how much you could realistically increase sales → decide on budget
- Marginal analysis, break-even point



Return (profit) - Investment (expense)

Investment (expense)

#### OR





x 100

Investment (expense)

## **Objective-and-Task Budgeting**

- You budget according to what you agreed to achieve through each MC function:
  - PR  $\rightarrow$  15% increase in brand trust/awareness...
  - Sales Promotions → 10 % increase in consumer turnaround

• Usually the firm has deep pockets

#### Some notes on budgeting

• When launching a product (or driving a new position), the budget usually is quite high (and skewed towards awareness buys)

• ''Most affordable'' often is more important than ''the best'' for any purpose of marketing communications (esp. smaller companies)

# Metrics

#### Metrics and analysis

• Measurability is IMC's "great gift" and innovation for marketing communications

• As said during the history lecture, IMC has evolved with measurement and analysis in mind (databases, selection of MC functions etc.)

#### Measurement and analysis

 Measurement and analysis are done both in the planning stage, during the campaign, but especially after the campaign, with various instruments

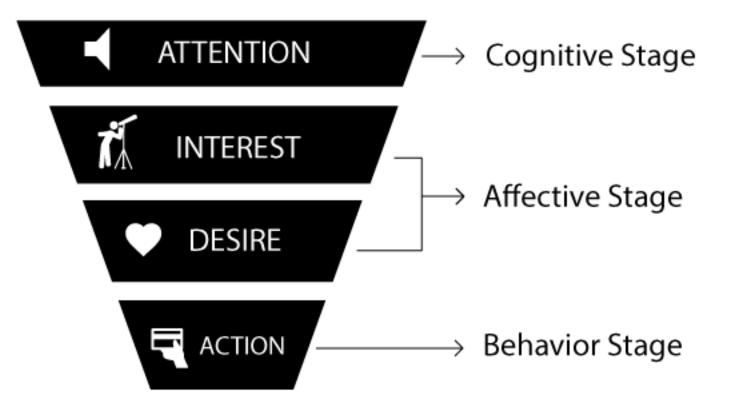
 However: MC is always "risky" and many brand messages can never be (credibly) measured → a manager's intuition is meaningful!

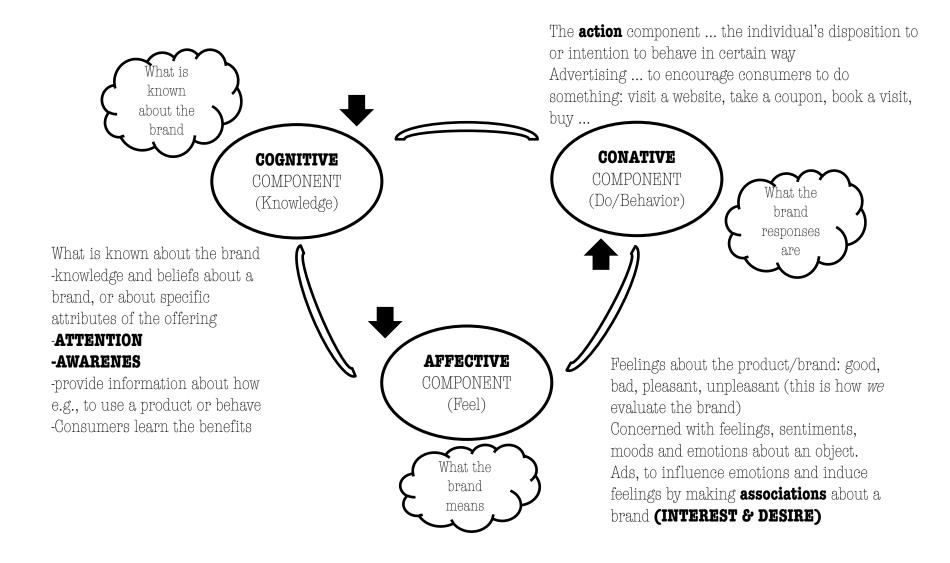
#### Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything.



Bottom line: what changes occurred in consumers' <u>behavior and attitudes</u>

#### AIDA MODEL





#### Data you can use

- The most obvious starting point is naturally last year's measurements and the ''baseline''
- Many firms have a lot of data at their disposal that they don't even realize relates to marketing communications
- Secondary data sources (Banks, Retailers, Analytics...)

#### When to measure

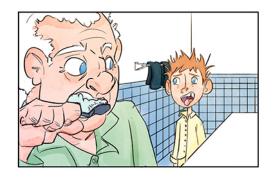
- Concept testing = measuring those rough ideas that will become themes for a campaigns
- Concurrent testing = measuring during the campaign
- Evaluative testing = after the campaign, against the set goals
- NOTE: These are rarely the same measures!

#### Message Evaluation/Concept testing

- Tested before the campaign launch
- Relying on experts, focus groups, etc.

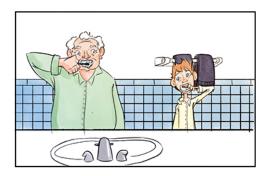
















### Concept testing

#### • Portfolio tests

- Display a set of ads to an expert group
- Including the one being evaluated

#### • Theater tests

- Display e set of TV ads, including the one being evaluated

#### • Online tests

- An advancement of the two
- Immediate results
- Less costs
- Analytic marketing agencies
- Quant methods
- Usually to a pool of experts or consumers

#### **Online evaluation**

- A plethora of online metrics
- Newer metrics developed almost on daily basis
- Most popular metrics:
  - Brand awareness
  - Click-throughs
  - Redemption rate
  - Response rate
  - Dwell time
  - Length of engagement

- Brand awareness (\*\*\*)
  - Number of visits, followers, viewers, subscribers, mentions ... (you name it)
- Click-throughs (\*\*\*)
  - Arguably the most popular online metric
  - Measure impact of advertisements
  - Gives an estimate of how many people have seen an ad, click it, and go to the website
- Redemption rate (\*\*)
- Response rate (\*\*\*)
  - Occur when visitors to the site take action → i.e. purchase or share!
- Dwell rate (\*)
  - Proportions of impressions consumer engages with an ad. (clicks, cursor movement on the ad)
- Length of engagement (\*\*)
  - How long a consumers stays at a website (Interest in the brand)

#### RELEVANT METRICS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATIONS ORGANIZED BY KEY SOCIAL MEDIA OBJECTIVES

This table organizes the various social metrics for social media by classifying them according to social media applications and social media performance objectives. While it is not exhaustive, it should give marketers a useful starting point for measuring the effectiveness of social media efforts because all of the metrics listed are easily measured.

SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATION	BRAND AWARENESS	BRAND ENGAGEMENT	WORD OF MOUTH
Blogs	<ul> <li>number of unique visits</li> <li>number of return visits</li> <li>number of times bookmarked</li> <li>search ranking</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>number of members</li> <li>number of RSS feed subscribers</li> <li>number of comments</li> <li>amount of user-generated content</li> <li>average length of time on site</li> <li>number of responses to polls, contests, surveys</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>number of references to blog in other media (online/offline)</li> <li>number of reblogs</li> <li>number of times badge displayed on other sites</li> <li>number of "likes"</li> </ul>
<b>Microblogging</b> (e.g., Twitter)	<ul> <li>number of tweets about the brand</li> <li>valence of tweets +/-</li> <li>number of followers</li> </ul>	<ul><li>number of followers</li><li>number of @replies</li></ul>	•number of retweets
Cocreation (e.g., NIKEiD)	•number of visits	•number of creation attempts	<ul> <li>number of references to project in other media (online/offline)</li> </ul>
Social Bookmarking (e.g., StumbleUpon)	•number of tags	•number of followers	•number of additional taggers
Forums and Discussion Boards (e.g., Google Groups)	<ul> <li>number of page views</li> <li>number of visits</li> <li>valence of posted content +/-</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>number of relevant topics/threads</li> <li>number of individual replies</li> <li>number of sign-ups</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>incoming links</li> <li>citations in other sites</li> <li>tagging in social bookmarking</li> <li>offline references to the forum or its members</li> <li>in private communities: number of pieces of content (photos, discus- sions, videos); chatter pointing to the community outside of its gates</li> </ul>

•number of "likes"

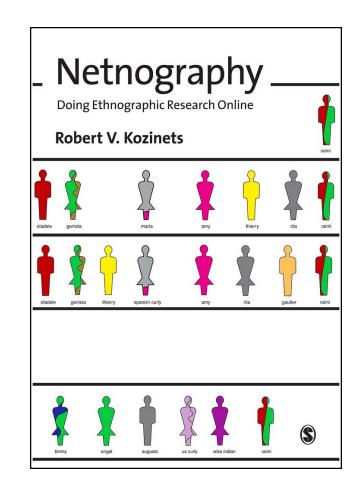
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<ul> <li>number of views of video/photo</li> <li>valence of video/photo ratings +/-</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>number of replies</li> <li>number of page views</li> <li>number of comments</li> <li>number of subscribers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>number of embeddings</li> <li>number of incoming links</li> <li>number of references in mock-ups or derived work</li> <li>number of times republished in other social media and offline</li> <li>number of "likes"</li> </ul>
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#### Online and measuring...

- The Internet has increased challenges but also offers opportunities to what can be measured
- Analytics tools such as Google Analytics are indispensable now, not to mention more recent analytical techniques
- The digital footprint of consumers can tell you a lot, if you can read it
  - An expansion of new marketing firms offering data analysis

#### Online and measuring

- Not well known, but increasingly important: online cultural marketing research
- Cultural studies give you rich information, but can be expensive and time consuming
- Enter netnography → faster, cheaper way of getting ethnographic data



#### The benefits or measuring

- Reduces risk
- Makes for better planning and control of MC
   → MC held financially accountable
- Sets clear control points that you can react to (can be problematic)
- Usually involves documentation → helps decision making in the coming years

#### Measurement limitations

- Costly
- Time consuming
- Validity
  - Is the conclusion methodologically consistent/accurate and corresponds with the world
- Generalizability
- Stifles creativity
- Overdependence on research and numbers
- "If you can't measure it, then we won't do it"

#### Measurement challenges

- You also have to measure your measurements
- The campaign might be a home run, but what if customer service or production has hiccups?
- Competitor movements nearly impossible to "clean" from data

#### Measurement challenges

- Metrics need constant tinkering!
- E.g., what happens if an element of the campaign suddenly changes during a campaign?
- And of course, do you need to tinker the actual campaign itself to correct this?
- How to measure the use of worker hours? (remember, social media)

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**Benchmarks** relative to campaign performance over time. Help compare new campaign against previous ones

**Tracking** metrics to help understand when campaign "ware out" starts to occur

#### **Tough questions**

- Will a change in attitude always lead to a change in behavior?
- Can you really measure something as vague as 'attitude?'' (well... yes)
- Do people choose metrics based on their results, or because they're ''the best''?
- How do we deal with what we cannot measure?
- What's the role of top management intuition?
- What kind of "image of the consumer" are we constructing with our metrics?

#### At year's end?

- There are no clear guidelines to evaluating "what went wrong" after a 12 month campaign, usually it's pretty clear during the campaign already
- Documenting the process, mistakes, lessons learned etc. → learning organization
- But again, the next cycle should start from 'zero'' again

### Summary

- Measuring is important
- But it's also hard, and it's costly
- Remember: behaviors and attitudes
- Try to be adaptive, and constantly tinker

Selected references: (Fill 2009; Clow and Baack, 2015)

# ETHICS

#### Ethics

- Overselling
- Exploitation of vulnerable groups
- Deception
- Misuse of lists
- Intruding privacy
- Promoting negative racial, sexual or gender stereotypes
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- (Hackley and Hackley, 2015)





- Increase in price by 500 %
- 600 USD for a pack of two EpiPen adrenaline shots

• From 50 USD at one point to 600 USD!

### ANAPHYLAXIS F@RREEL

YOU ARE HERE: HOME

Anaphylaxis: For Reel<sup>™</sup> was an effort to bring national attention to the serious and unpredictable nature of anaphylaxis, a life-threatening allergic reaction. The initiative aimed to inspire greater understanding about the risks of anaphylaxis through films featuring real-life, everyday stories about potentially life-threatening (severe) allergies.





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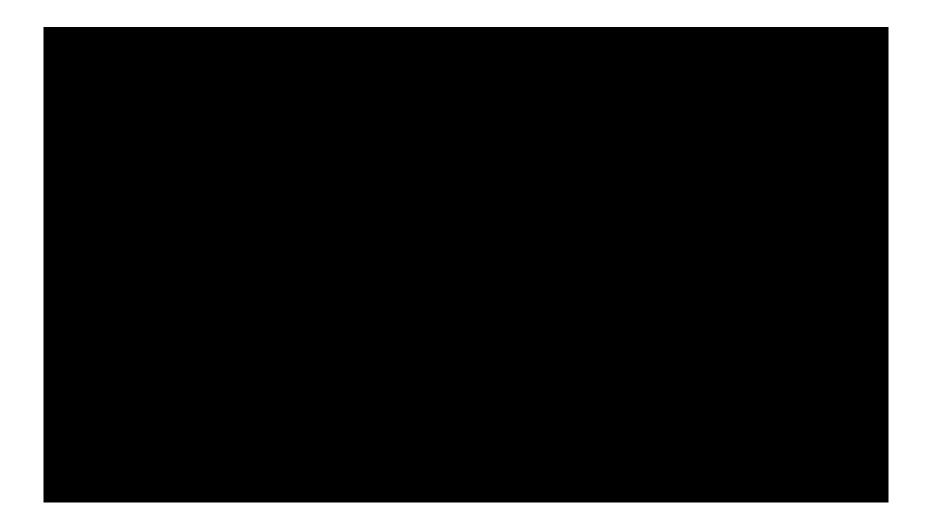
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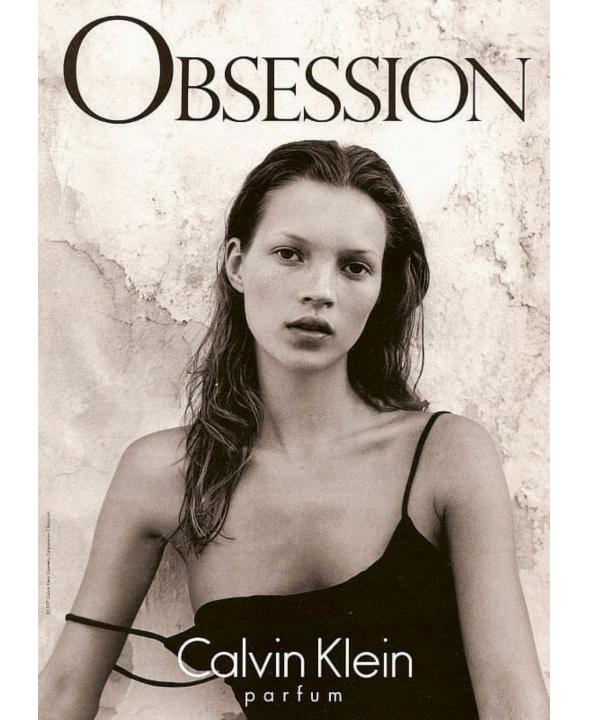
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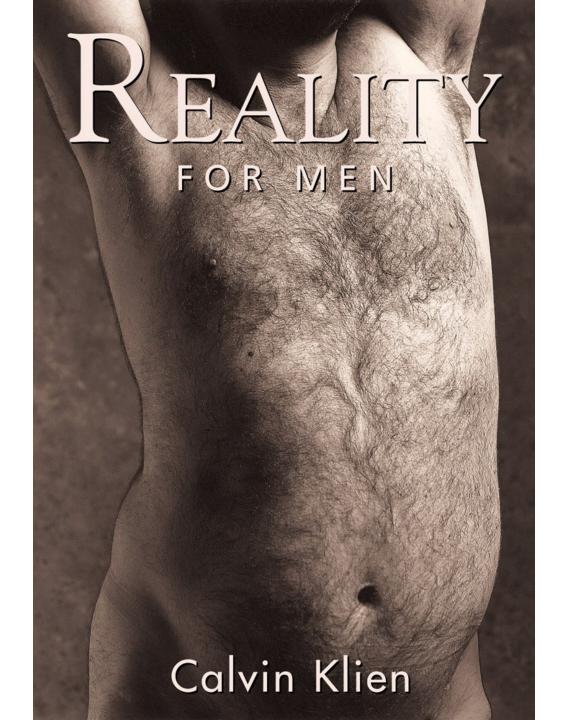












## CAUTION

### MASS CONFUSION





"DanActive helps prevent colds and flu and one daily serving of Activia could relieve irregularity" and "it helps with slow intestinal transit time"

- FEDERALTRADE COMISSION (consumer protection agency in the USA)
- Consumer complaints about **misleading** claims about Activia
- Dannon had to pay 45 million USD in fines

## THE END...