

# On Being Customer-Centric aka Why Stuff Sells

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# **Old School Marketing Mindset**

Industry	Traditional Product =	Traditional Value Proposition
Truck Manufacturing	Trucks	"We sell and service trucks"
Aerospace Components	Aerospace fasteners	"We sell high performance fasteners"
Utilities	Electricity	"We provide electricity reliability"
Chemicals	Lubricants	"We sell a wide range of lubricants"
Pharmaceuticals	Drugs	"We sell pharmaceuticals"

## Focus on what we do



Source: Booz Allen Hamilton

# **Customer-Centric Mindset**

Traditional Value Prop	+ Value Added Services	= Customer-Centric Value Prop
"We sell and service trucks"	<ul><li>Financing</li><li>Service</li></ul>	"We can help you reduce your life- cycle transportation costs"
"We sell high performance fasteners"	Application / design support	"We can reduce your operational costs"
"We provide electricity reliability"	Energy asset maintenance	"We can help you reduce your total energy costs"
"We sell a wide range of lubricants"	<ul> <li>Usage and application design</li> <li>Lubricant analysis</li> </ul>	"We can increase your machine performance and uptime"
"We sell pharmaceuticals"	<ul> <li>Product support</li> <li>Outcomes-driven database</li> </ul>	"We can help you better manage your patient base"

## Focus on what they get



## **Customer Centricity Defined**

"Too many people think that being customer centric means doing everything that your customers want, and that's not the case. Being friendly and offering good service are a part of customer centricity, but they are not the whole thing."

> - Peter Fader, Wharton School of Business

**Friendly to All** 

"Customer centricity means that you're going to be friendly and provide good enough service to everyone. But you'll develop new products and specialized services or service levels for the subset of customers who provide a lot of value for you."

-Adapted from Peter Fader

Added Services for Higher Value Customers

**CC** = Friendly to All + Added Services for Higher Value Customers



## Leadership Principles



Our Leadership Principles aren't just a pretty inspirational wall hanging. These Principles work hard, just like we do. Amazonians use them, every day, whether they're discussing ideas for new projects, deciding on the best solution for a customer's problem, or interviewing candidates. It's just one of the things that makes Amazon peculiar.

- 1. Customer Obsession
- 2. Ownership
- 3. Invent and Simplify
- 4. Are Right, A Lot
- 5. Learn and Be Curious
- 6. Hire and Develop the Best
- 7. Insist on High Standards

- 8. Think Big
- 9. Bias for Action
- 10. Frugality
- 11. Earn Trust
- 12. Dive Deep
- 13. Have a Backbone; Disagree and Commit
- 14. Deliver Results



## Nike's 11 Maxims



It is our nature to innovate

Nike is a company

Nike is a brand

Simplify and go

The consumer decides

Be a sponge

**Evolve immediately** 

Do the right thing

Master the fundamentals

We are on the offense – always

Remember the man\*

"The cultural facet of brands' vision underlines that brands are engaged in an ideological competition."

 Jean Noel Kapferer. Brand Expert, Emeritus Faculty Member, HEC Business School, Paris



LEAD . COACH . MANAGE . INSPIRE

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\*Bill Bowerman, UO track coach

# **Achieving Customer Centricity**

### Goal

Understand customer needs and value

Identify the customer's "journey" to loyalty and advocacy

Sync the brand up with customers' lives





## **Tactics**

- Conduct ethnographic / other customer research
- Identify CLV
- Map the customer experience
- Measure conversion
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#### Conduct customer research

# From Soap to Beautiful

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How to go from also-ran to the leading brand





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>3,000 women, 10 countries Understand her priorities, interests, self-image

Resulted in campaign that tapped into what women were thinking and feeling about themselves, helping Dove become more relevant to them -- and more profitable!

Don't manipulate our perceptions of real beauty.

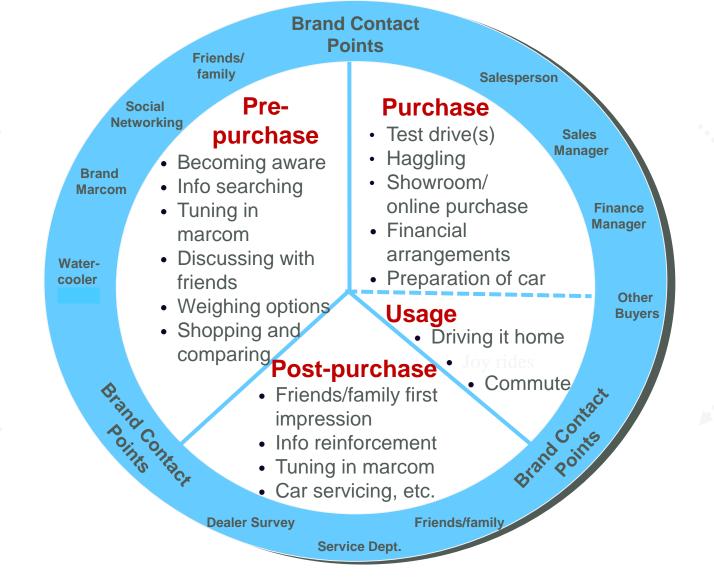




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# Car Buyer's Journey



Structure based on: "Harmonizing your tourchpoints," by Scott Davis

#### Create high impact touchpoints

## Museum of Ice Cream Sponsored Experiences



- Began in 2016 as a pop-up in Manhattan's Meatpacking District.
- Has surpassed 1 million visitors across its various locations tickets @\$38



Dove saw a 9% increase in sales in the one month after been opening.

Target's Q1 2018, store traffic grew 3.7 percent, and YOY revenue increased a 3.5% to \$16.6 billion.



https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-08-15/museum-of-ice-creampredicts-experience-economy-future-of-retail Create high impact touchpoints

## **Energizing Marketing to Create Buzz**

Launching a cereal restaurant to promote cereal as an artisanal, anytime-of-day snack



- DIY cereal bar with over 30 playful toppings
- · Delicious creations by Lauren Conrad
- Pop-Tarts & Oddfellows ice cream sandwich
- Specialty cereal drinks

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So much more...



- Free wi-fi
- 2,000 sq ft of ridiculously comfortable seating
- Views over Union Square Park
- 65" TVs
- Tons of card and board games
- Conference/game room available for rent

#### CAUSE MARKETING

• Instagram station:

Style your bowl

Design your set

featured on the menu

## **OpenTable Partners With Kellogg's For Pop-Up Cereal Residency**

BY STEVEN WONG | AUG 23, 2018, 03:48PM PDT | 🕑 🔤

Kellogg is partnering with Food Network star Duff Goldman and OpenTable to launch a pop-up culinary residency at Kellog's NYC Café this fall to benefit the nonprofit organization No Kid Hungry.







# **Tools for Creating Repeat Buyers & Fans**

### **Loyalty Program Benefits**



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TbYieo5XFs

### **Company-Sponsored** Content



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**Consumer-Generated** Content

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## **Bottom Line**

- Customer centricity means "it's about them, not us"
- Conducting customer research and building and employing customer journey maps helps marketers create experiences at key points in the decision process that align to the customer's world
- The resulting customer insights can be game changers that lead to market leadership











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# Thank you.

## Let us hear from you!

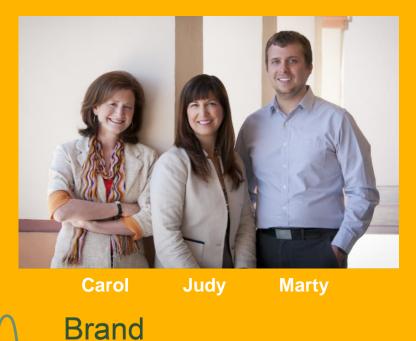
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# **Our Backgrounds**



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