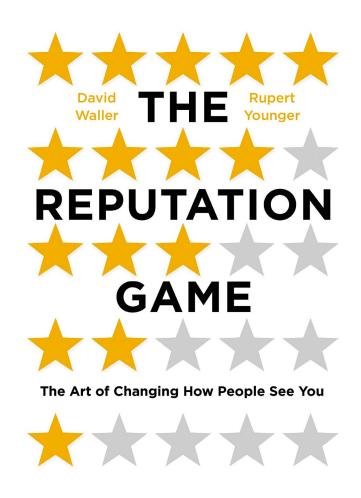
Using the media to earn your reputation and build your practice

what you need to know





### The looking glass self



Reputation is what other people are saying about us — and, in this 'post-fact' or 'post-truth' world, this is not what you really are, but what others perceive you to be.'



#### Image ≠ Reputation

#### IMAGE

- What you frame
- The picture today
- What people see
- Superficial
- Controlled
- Disposable

#### REPUTATION

- The public decides
- Builds over time
- How folks feel
- Deeper
- Earned
- Durable



#### Now almost all media content flows in streams



CES Coverage of Day 3

Microsoft Surface.

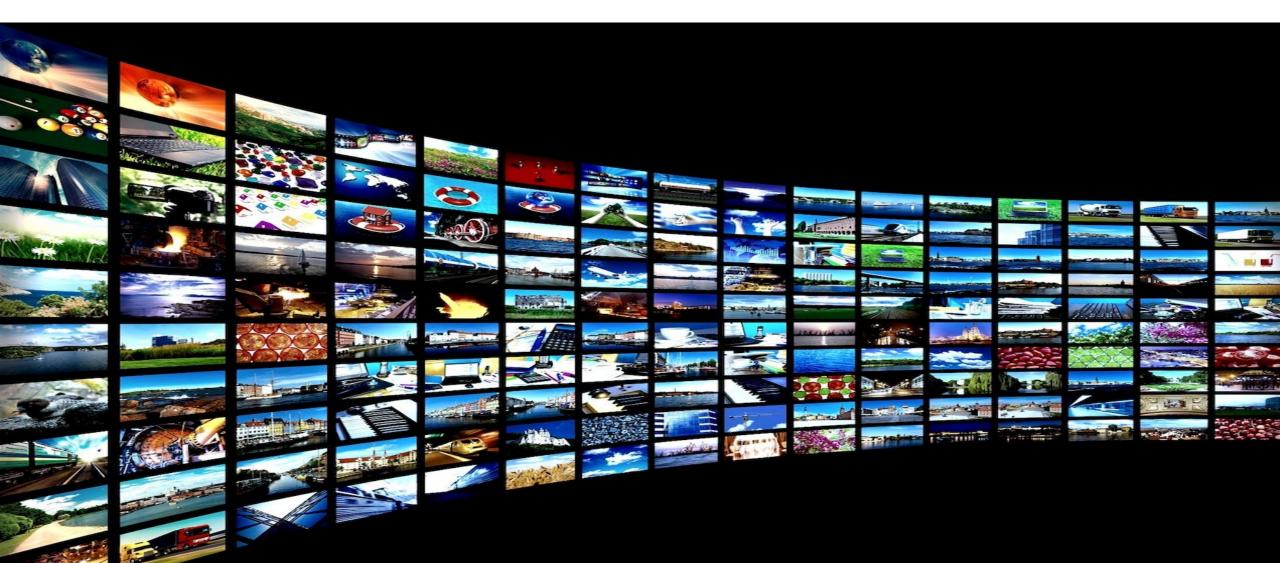
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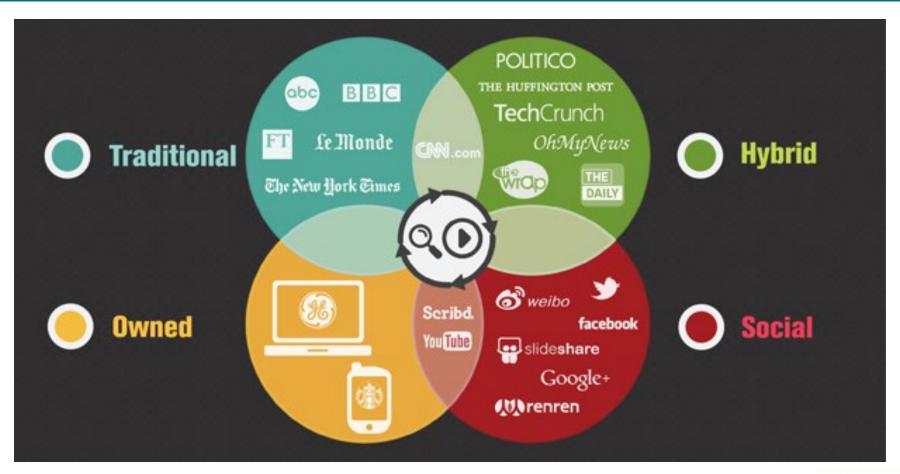
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### Every organization is becoming a media organization



#### Different kinds of media with search at the centre





### TV frames the media image









### Print still the top of the media food chain



But how?



# The resilience of radio / rise of audio







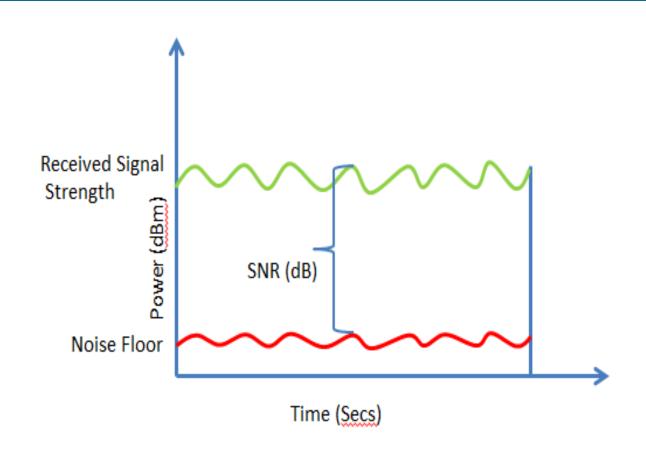


# Convincing communication through media relations

#### Communicate your signal through the noise



- Telling your story...
- To all the people who need to hear it...
- So that those people will do and think...
- What you want them to do or think!
- Know who you are
- Understand what you do
- Think highly of you, agree with you
- Be educated, be persuaded, be motivated to take action



#### The modern media interview

#### Is <u>NOT</u> just about answering reporter's questions!



The majority of interviews <u>fail</u> to achieve their objective, because:

Lawyers simply answer the questions

The messages are not delivered

The story is not told!



#### The modern media interview

#### IS about...



Delivering your key messages

Using conversation to communicate

Making the right impression:

- Credible
- Sincere
- Likeable
- 'Good'



#### Your job in the media



- Present the 'human face' of your practice
- Be a sincere source of information
- Be a <u>spokes</u>-person, not an <u>answer</u>-person!
- Deliver your core messages...

In a way that will be heard by the right stakeholders

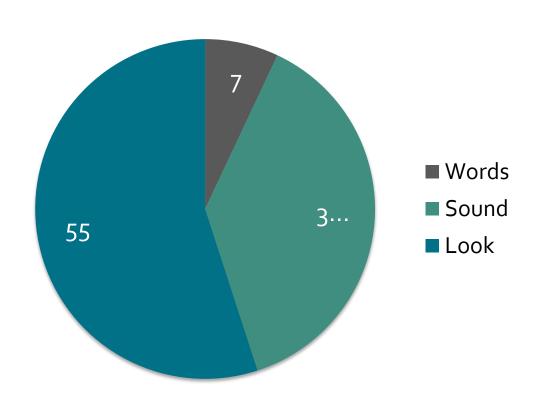
In a trustworthy and believable manner!

- Stay 'on message' <u>all</u> the time!!
- Tell the truth all the time!!!

#### Three levels of spokesperson perception

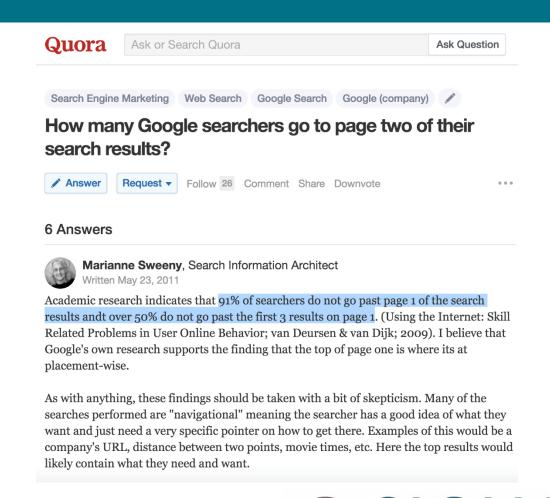


- Dr. Albert Mehrabian of UCLA has demonstrated that when you say something, 55% of the way your message is interpreted comes from the way you use your body and how you use your face when you say it
- 38% of the interpretation of your message comes from the voice, tone, texture, and level of conviction
- A massive 7% for people to interpret your message based on your words
- When we speak, we have to balance the visual, vocal, and verbal so that we look and sound like we mean what we say and say what we mean

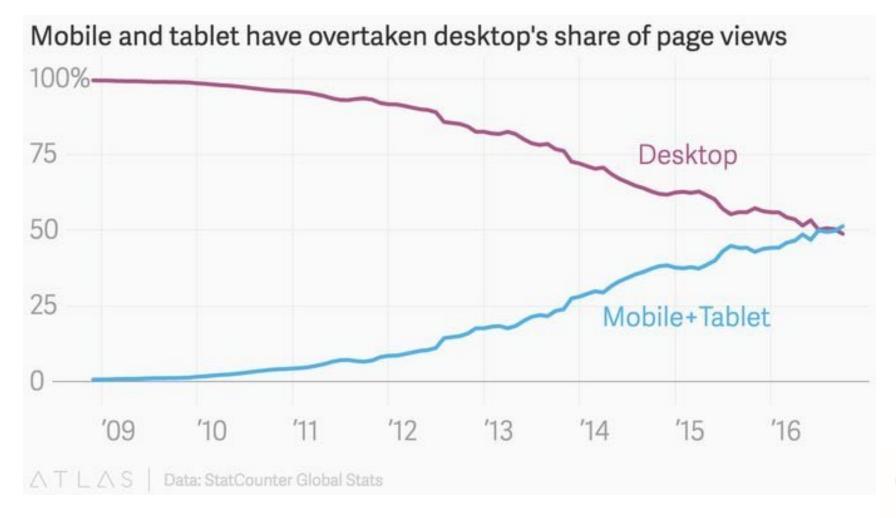


### The way PR works has completely changed

- Nowadays people know you and think about you based on what they find through searching on Google
- Mainstream media links massively improve your 'signal' on search
- Amplification via social networks helps improve your SEO clout even more
- Often more people see your 'coverage' via
   Google and social media than from source
- Studies show that 90% of people only search as far as page 1, so page 1 'above the fold' remains the right place to be
- Much of this occurs during 'micro-moments' on a mobile device



#### These lines will also never cross again





### Your Google page one is key

Legal Aid

Legal aid coverage for immigration

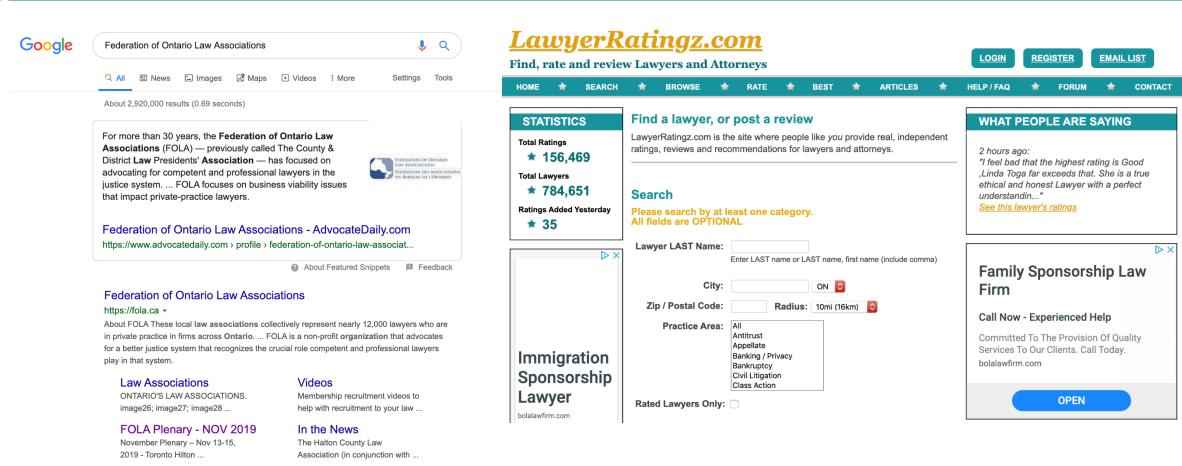
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#### CANADA





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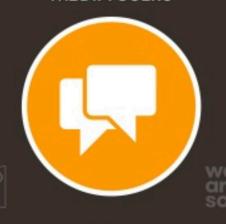
MOBILE SUBSCRIPTIONS



INTERNET **USERS** 



**ACTIVE SOCIAL** MEDIA USERS



MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA USERS



**37.12** 

MILLION

**URBANISATION:** 

81%

34.56

MILLION

vs. POPULATION:

93%

33.84

MILLION

PENETRATION:

91%

**25.00** 

MILLION

PENETRATION:

67%

**22.00** 

MILLION

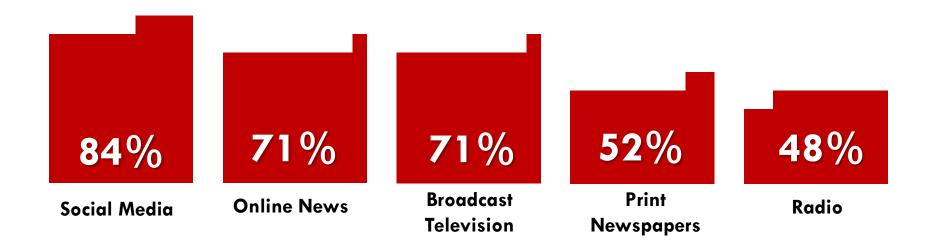
PENETRATION:

59%



### Social seen as the most damaging media

A large majority believe that social media has the capacity to do the greatest damage to an individual or organization's image.





### Good things social media can do

- crowd-source ideas
- share experiences
- sign-up volunteers
- channel opinion
- motivate activists
- induce direct action
- alert the public

Educate the people and inspire positive change!



#### Bad things social media can do

- deny the honest truth
- spread rumours
- traffic vicious gossip
- deflect attention
- smear opponents
- 'rabble rouse'

Manipulate the masses and exploit emotions!



### The seven deadly digital sins

1. Lust I want this

2. Greed I must get it

3. Gluttony I must have more

4. Sloth I haven't thought about it

5. Wrath I am extremely angry about this

**6. Envy** I want what s/he's got; I'm worth it

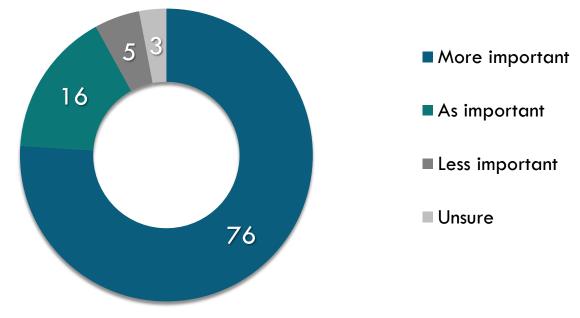
7. Pride I'm better; I deserve this; look at me



### Social media is making PR more important

Do you think that with the rise of social media, public relations, also known as PR, is becoming more important, less important or as important for organizations today compared to 10 years ago?

When asked about the importance of PR today compared to 10 years ago, more than three-quarters (76%) feel that PR is more important, 16 percent (16%) say that it is as important while five percent (5%) say it is less important and three percent (3%) are unsure.





Nanos Research, RDD dual frame hybrid telephone and online random survey, May 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2017, n=1000, accurate to 3.1 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.



#### The news is a product



#### What sells

- + FEAR (e.g. disease and death)
- Pictures and colour
- + Emotion, drama & conflict
- + Controversy
- + Human stories people
- + Short, concise information
- + Simple concepts
- + New stuff
- + Quirky information
- + Fun and games
- + Humour
- + Proximity local news

#### What doesn't sell

- Dry data
- Too many facts
- 'Corporate-speak'
- Consensus
- Jargon and bullshit
- Long-winded messages
- Complex arguments/issues
- Hard sell
- Old news
- Foreign news
- Anything that doesn't affect the audience

### Causes of media coverage



### Colour

## Contrast

Content

- + Eyebrow raising
- Vivid audio, visual or text imagery
- + Pure novelty

- + Contrapuntal: x versus y
- Black and white, not grey
- + The correction of the past with the present

- + More than brazen assertion
- + Burden of proof and evidence
- + Third party legitimacy

### All journalists are on Twitter – and you?



**⅓** Moments

Notifications

**Messages** 



Search Twitter



**Follow** 







@SeanFineGlobe

Justice writer for @GlobeandMail

Joined November 2013

**Tweet to Sean Fine** 

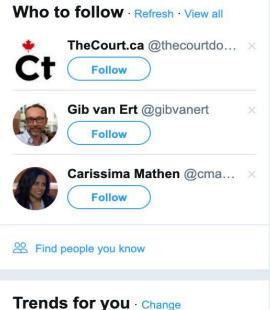
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#### Real-time leadership communication

- Only a certain percentage of firms are capable of communicating effectively with real-time leadership in the present moment of the 'now', striking the right emotional chord.
- Many firms remain asynchronous 'interval' communicators, about things that have happened vs. are happening.
- Monochronic (one thing at a time, a sense of an appropriate time/place for everything) vs. polychronic (multiple things at same time, people-oriented & long-term relationship preferences) communication cultures.



### Never use hackneyed media jargon

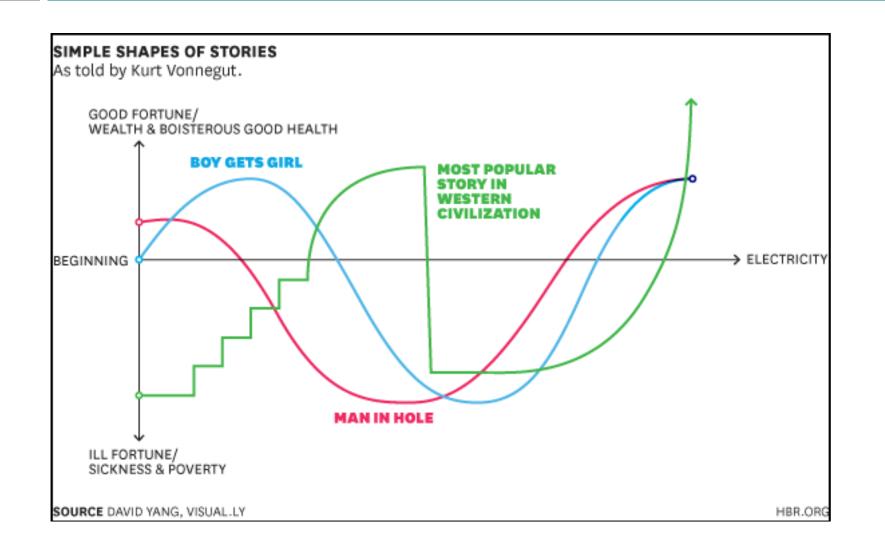
"No comment" "We categorically deny" "We take these allegations very seriously"





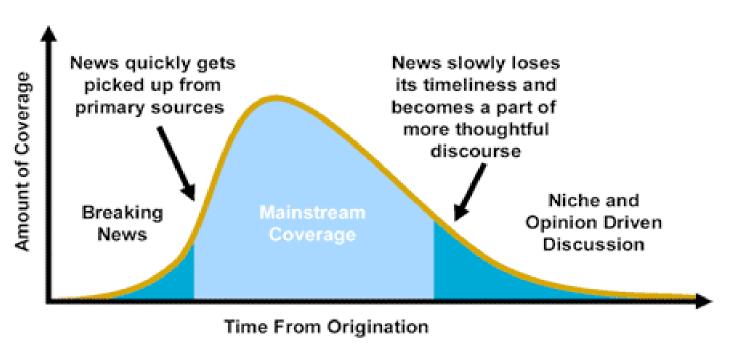


#### Communication should not be flat-line monotone

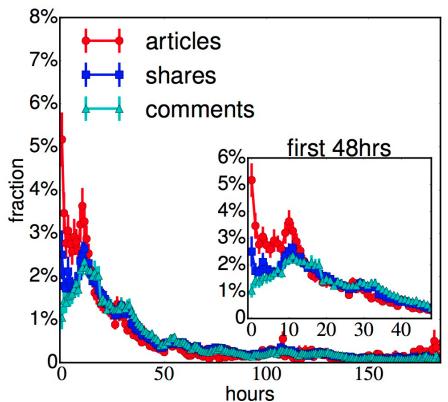




### The media 'news cycle' looks way different now



Morgan Stanley: An Update from the Digital World: from Morse Code to blogs, 2004







Trump says his Doral golf resort will no longer host next year's G-7 summit, bowing to criticism

#### **NXIOS**

Trump trashes Mattis: "The world's most overrated general"



Trump blasts 'crazy' Nancy Pelosi and Democrats, defends Syria pullout

#### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Mulvaney Says Holdup of Ukraine Aid Was Tied to Trump's Demand for DNC Server

#### **COMING UP**

# **NEWS CYCLES ARE OUT, SHOCK CYCLES ARE IN**

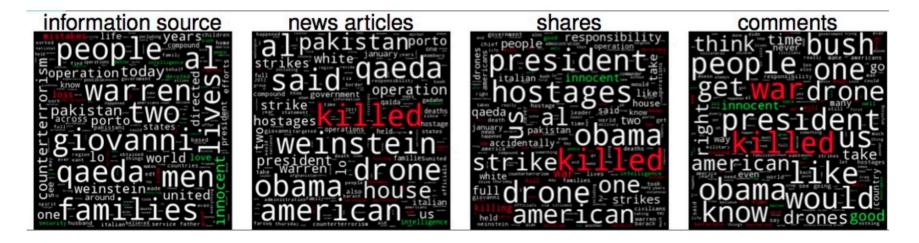


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**RELIABLE SOURCES** 

#### Messaging propagates differently online

Because the information is propagating in several layers, it is possible for some facts and ideas from the source to be amplified, while others fade. For example, when speaking about a drone strike that killed two American hostages, Warren Weinstein and Giovanni Lo Porto, President Obama emphasized families. However, the news articles and subsequent coverage emphasized that people had been killed.



Caption: An example of word clouds generated from information sources, news articles, shares, comments on President Obama's speech about the deaths of Warren Weinstein and Giovanni Lo Porto. Green words are positive, red words are negative according to the LIWC dictionary. The size of a word represents word frequency.



## The algorithm dynamic

- Your posts are successful or not based on what the algorithm thinks will keep eyeballs fixed on their social network to sell more advertising.
- Weaponized Al-enabled social media isn't just for Russian bots.
- Tapping into political polarities puts up big numbers but then you end up fishing in the same pond – moderation and centrism doesn't 'sell.'
- Programming content into SEO strategy for the ideal Google page 1 is key.
- Thought leadership performs well, with long form 'signal' content doing better than short form.
- The storification imperative.



### Much of 'classic corporate comms' no longer works

- Endemic 'corporate speak' is fast becoming unfashionable
  What I can tell you is...
- Slick plastic messaging and catch-phrase repetition
- You have to 'walk the talk,' not just 'talk the walk'
- Plastic personas are 'out' the real person is 'in'
- Lead with flaws, communicate 'ups' and 'downs'
- Communication perfection breeds resentment
- Authenticity trumps almost everything





# Donald Trump's digital disruption...





## "Social media has more power than the money"

DONALD TRUMP: So it's a modern form of communication, between Face-- you know, Facebook and Twitter and I guess Instagram, I have 28 million people. 28 million--

LESLEY STAHL: So you are going to keep it up?

DONALD TRUMP: It's a great form of communication. Now do I say I'll give it up entirely and throw out, that's a tremendous form-- I pick up-- I'm picking up now, I think I picked up yesterday 100,000 people. I'm not saying I love it, but it does get the word out. When you give me a bad story or when you give me an inaccurate story or when somebody other than you and another-- a network, or whatever, because of course, CBS would never do a thing like that right? I have a method of fighting back. That's very tough--

LESLEY STAHL: But you're going to do that as president?

DONALD TRUMP: I'm going to be very restrained, if I use it at all, I'm going to be very restrained. I find it tremendous. It's a modern form of communication. There should be nothing we should be ashamed of. It's-- it's where it's at. I do believe this, I really believe that-- the fact that I have such power in terms of numbers with Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, et cetera, I think it helped me win all of these races where they're spending much more money than I spent. And I won. I think that social media has more power than the money they spent, and I think maybe to a certain extent, I proved that.



## The Trump impact on lawyers and social

- Many took note of how he got elected by communicating on Twitter and so for the first time ever, they really felt the power of social.
- Some were repelled and frightened and others were captivated and inspired to imitate him.
- Overall more lawyers think they had better be on social, although not to communicate like Trump.
- For the first time, the risk of being absent on social is seen to be greater than the risk of being present.



## THE SOCIAL CEO How Social Media Can Make You a Stronger Leader

Damian Corbet

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#### How PR disasters are driving CEOs to embrace social media

**Bob Pickard** 

'Public relations' (PR) means different things to different people. Some say that it is about image or looking good in public. Others suggest that it is more about 'spin control' or media manipulation. There are those who think it is synonymous with getting favourable publicity in the press. More than a few folks feel that PR is synonymous with 'propaganda'. Then there are the executives inside the communications consulting trade – and I am one of them – who think PR should be considered a core strategic management function of the corporation, right up there in importance with finance, HR and marketing.

Many industry studies and academic papers have tackled the task of pegging PR, and the trade associations representing PR agencies have periodically engaged in debates about the definition. For the purposes of this book, we will use the PR term as explained by the



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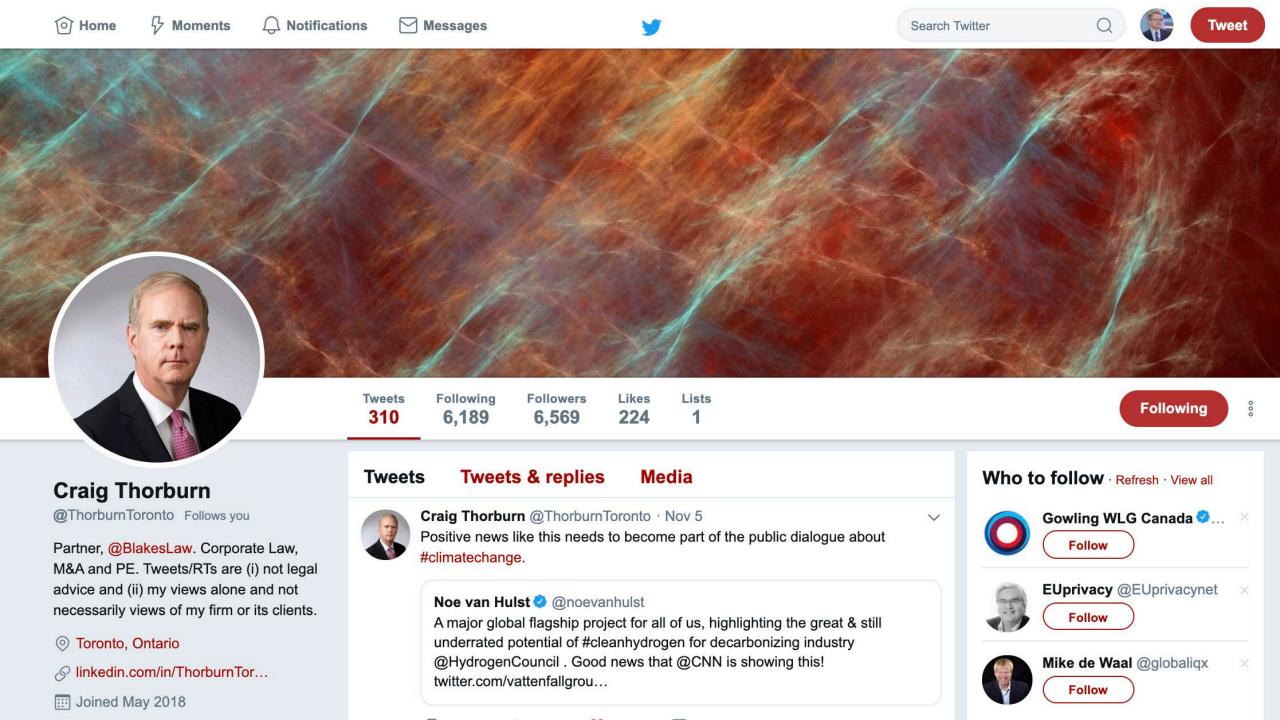
Joined January 2017



Last night was the latest Toronto launch event of #TheBeleaguered, my second novel in the #BeneathTheAlders historical fiction trilogy published by @BlueMoonPbh. More than 120 joined us at the @rcmiHQ, including elected officials such as my old friend + Toronto's mayor @JohnTory.





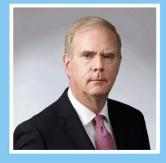


# Stay tuned for a special Twitter lawyers' event

Join Twitter Canada for this informative panel conversation about how legal professionals are using Twitter to interact, inform and engage with communities in Canada and beyond.



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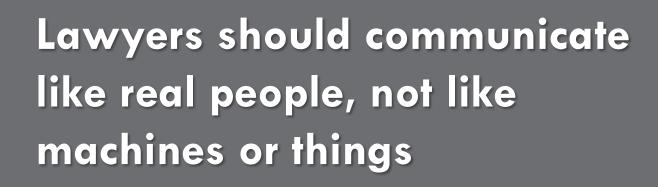
Craig Thorburn
@ThorburnToronto
Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 12:00 to 1:00pm

Twitter Canada HQ 901 King Street West, Suite 401

Lunch will be served









## TD Comments on Market Reaction to Media Coverage



#### **TD Comments on Market Reaction to Media Coverage**

TD Bank Group ("TD") does not believe certain recent media coverage is an accurate portrayal of our culture, or that it reflects the experience of most of our colleagues, but we take the td.mediaroom.com

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as a present and loyal customer, I have concerns over the recent media coverage and I will be watching carefully.

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TD Canada is s shrewd bank has no concern for the people. This bank must be eradicated SOON.



Be yourself, at your best

## Social media communications keys

#### **Personal**

 speaks to the experience of the communicator, aligns it to target audience sensibility

#### **Polite**

never hurts feelings of others on purpose

#### **Direct**

cuts to the chase and transmits 'signal'

#### Clear

there should be no doubt about the message

#### **Timely**

• 'now' is more narrow and fleeting than ever

#### Careful

consider the angles and audiences beforehand

#### Compelling

persuasive and leading

#### **Framed**

 well in advance, there should be a deliberate decision to share within specific content spheres and personality attributes

#### **Image conscious**

but not vain or self-promotional

#### Other oriented

not 'me' and 'l' but 'we' and 'us'



## Social media communications keys

#### **Visual**

80% of our 100 billion neurons are for visual processing (University of Rochester 2004)

#### **Fluent**

free-flowing, smooth, seemingly effortless, easy, natural, fluid

#### **Authentic**

perfection = too slick = not credible

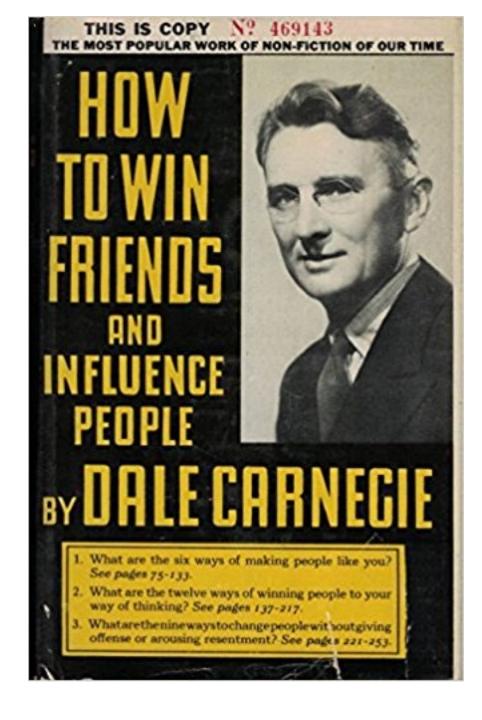
#### **Inspiring**

Communication designed to strike a chord, lay down a pattern, show the way

#### Complementary

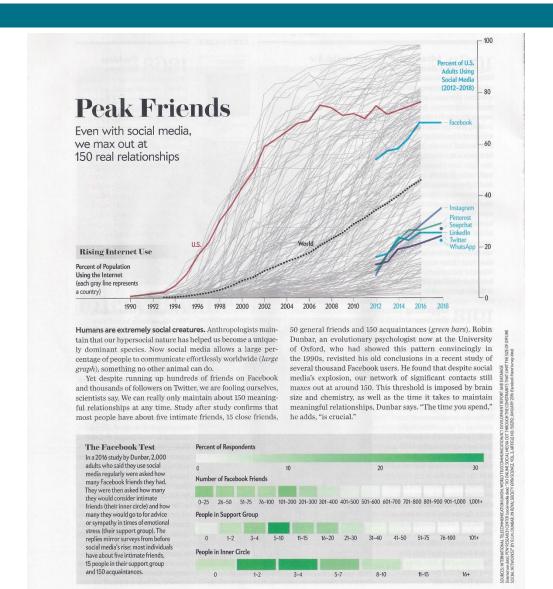
Lawyer communication should build on and not replace the 'corporate' PR of the firm — the
two streams should be in concert and well coordinated





"Make the other person feel important — and do it sincerely"

## The PR 'sweet spot' is where offline/online meet

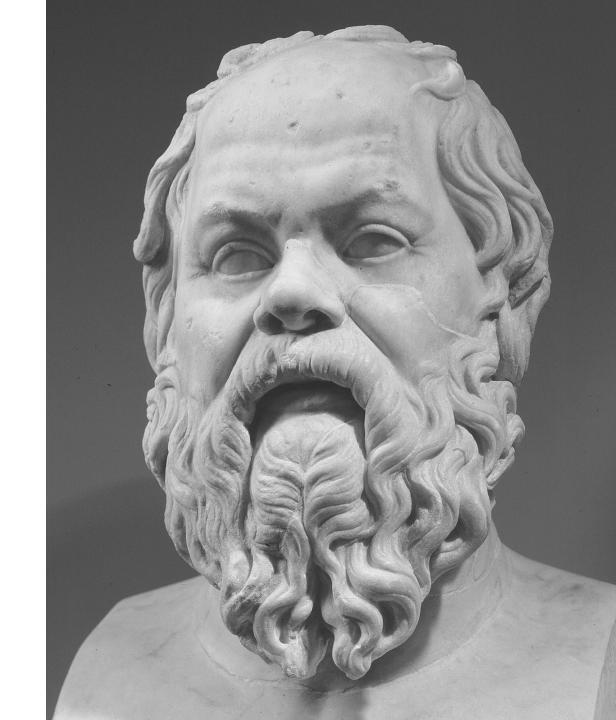


"We can really only maintain about 150 meaningful relationships at any time. Study after study confirms that most people have about five intimate friends, 15 close friends, 50 general friends and 150 acquaintances"



The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear

Socrates



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