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Brand Purpose: Don't fake it to make it

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Purpose is powerful, right?



Strong evidence for the value of brand purpose





Grand missions may not always lead to business success...

MISSION STATEMENT LEVEL OF BULLSHIT VS. STOCK PERFORMANCE FOR ONE YEAR POST IPO



Source: Scott Galloway, Business Insider, Sept 2019

When Purpose goes bad



" Do customers want purpose-filled brands? Sometimes. In some categories. Depending on how it is done. A lot of the time they don't give a f*ck. And usually most segments will not pay more for the purpose-filled privilege even if they are theoretically in favour of it. "

Mark Ritson

Emotion AI can help us understand pre-conscious emotional responses to dynamic content

Records faces from webcams in natural settings. Unobtrusive, scalable and easy





Participant turns on webcam

Facial

features

identified

Facial expression recognition whilst watching an ad

Expression aggregation and analysis

BROW FURROW SENTIMENTAL



Emotions/ states

cognitive experienced



The system codes for an array of expressions most relevant to marketing





DISGUST



SMILE







SADNESS





SMIRK



World's largest emotion repository

- 5 billion frames captured from 8.5 million faces, 45k ads tested to date
- Diverse in ages, gender, ethnicity and culture 90 countries
- Captured in real world conditions



Ads promoting 'purpose' tend to be no better than average

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Source: Kantar Link Database. Measures expressed as percentiles: (100 = max, 50 = average)

Getting it right

Authenticity



Storytelling

A clear link to what the brand does is critical to landing a purposeful message



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Based on c.250 'purposeful' ads that viewers say fit with the brand, and c. 200 'purposeful' ads that they say do not fit with the brand

Cannes Lions effectiveness winners highlight the power of walking the walk



Emotional storytelling raises creative power even further, especially in terms of engagement, salience and shareability

Analysis of c.300 purposeful ads which fit the brand



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Iceland's spot generates strong emotions as viewers identify with the problem, and find hope in the message



Iceland / Greenpeace 'Rang-tan'



Business outcomes: Sales up in key Christmas period; 800 items of media coverage; 18 million + views

Brand Purpose: You can't fake it

A 'purpose' is for life, not just for advertising

Your campaign must show how your brand or business delivers on the purpose Authenticity is critical: Your purpose should be something people value, something you can do, and ideally something only you can do

These are topics that lend themselves to **stories** – and **showing**, **not telling**, is critical to landing the message and building support



Emotionally-aware technology and insights can help businesses **bring people with them**, and **avoid damaging backlashes**

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