Online Purchase Journey Across the Generations



z Gen Z

Millennials

Gen X

B Baby Boomers

Brand Research

GLOBAL AVERAGES

% WHO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BRANDS OR PRODUCTS VIA THE FOLLOWING

Search engines	50%	
Social networks	41%	
Consumer reviews	35%	
Product/brand websites	30%	
Price comparison websites	25%	-

Millennials most likely

to seek expert opinion before purchasing

Z M X B 57% 59% 57% 49%



of Gen Z turn to social media

Gen Z and Millennials furthest ahead of average for vlogs & mobile apps

VLOGS



ahead of average

MOBILE APPS

Z +20% **M** +16% ahead of average

Brand Discovery

GLOBAL AVERAGES

% WHO DISCOVER BRANDS OR PRODUCTS VIA THE FOLLOWING

Search engines	36%
TV ads	35%
Word-of-mouth	32%
Online ads	31%
Brand/product site	26%

Online ads (34%) better than TV ads (31%) for reaching Gen Z

Social recommendations more impactful among Millennials

Z 24% M 27%

Opportunity for Influencer Marketing for Millennials & Gen Z

DISCOVERY VIA CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Z +24% **M** +23% ahead of average

CELEBRITY

M

65%

NETWORKERS

Z 71%



PRINTED MEDIA B +31% over index

Print media and TV



TV ADS





Younger generations

out of brand love

37%

more likely to advocate

M

35%

Brand Advocacy

GLOBAL AVERAGES

% WHO WOULD BE MOST MOTIVATED BY THE FOLLOWING TO PROMOTE A FAVORITE BRAND ONLINE

High quality products	48%
Rewards (e.g. discounts)	44%
Relevant to my own interests	34%
Great customer service	33%
Love for the brand	33%

Older generations more likely to value customer service

B 40%

Millennials are the biggest online reviewers

H +14% ahead of average

O Brand Attitudes

GLOBAL AVERAGES

% WHO MOST WANT THEIR FAVORITE BRANDS TO DO THE FOLLOWING

Improve your knowledge and skills	26%
Provide innovative new products	26%
Make you feel like a valued customer	25%
Produce eco-friendly products	24%
Help you to simplify/organize your daily life	22%

Younger generations value brands that improve their image and reputation

WANT BRANDS TO MAKE THEM FEEL COOL

Z 21%



Baby Boomers most likely to value eco-friendly products Millennials are the biggest online shoppers and buy the most products

Gen X are the most

STICK TO THE BRAND

Millennials value

OPT FOR PREMIUM

TRY NEW PRODUCTS

PRODUCTS

M

Μ

52%

66%

premium products

and are the biggest

brand experimenters

B

В

56%

38%

51%

Ζ

brand loyal

63%

THEY LIKE

X

B 71%

of Boomers think free delivery is important

50% think discounts are aswell



of Boomers prefer desktop shopping vs mobile 30%

B +41%

Baby Boomers most likely to be Economicals*

*Economicals are defined as those who try and find the best deals for products, who say price is more important than brand name, and who say they don't tend to buy the premium versions of products.

Gen Z are less likely than Millennials to buy brands they see advertised

Z 39% M 47%

All figures are taken from Q4 2017 wave of research among 97,317 internet users aged 16-64 across 38 countries. Among this cohort, there were 10,363 Gen Z (aged 16-20), 38,459 Millennials (aged 21-34), 36,246 Gen X (aged 35-53), 12,245 Baby Boomers (aged 54-64).