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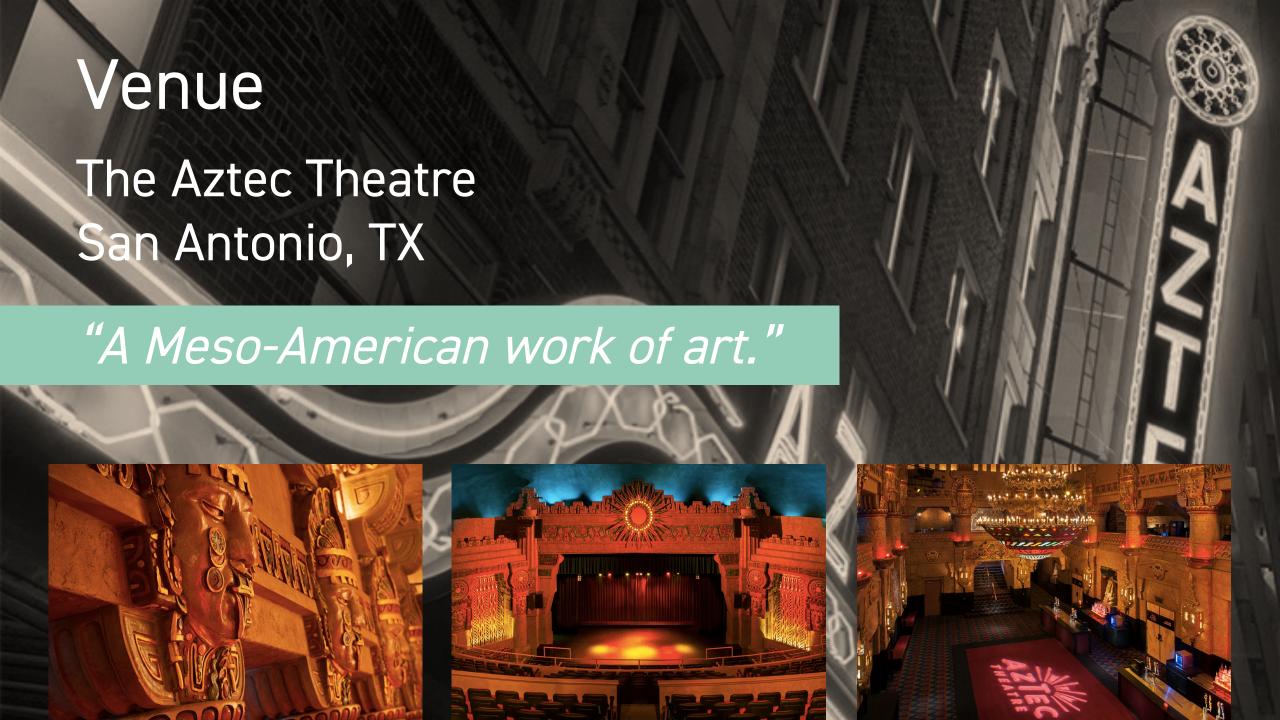
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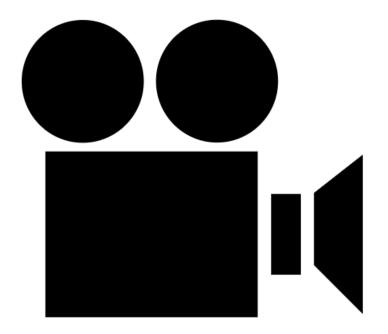


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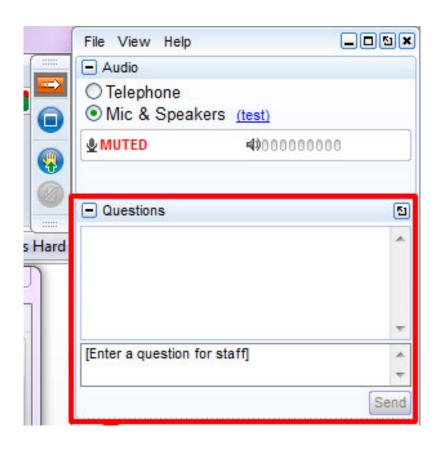




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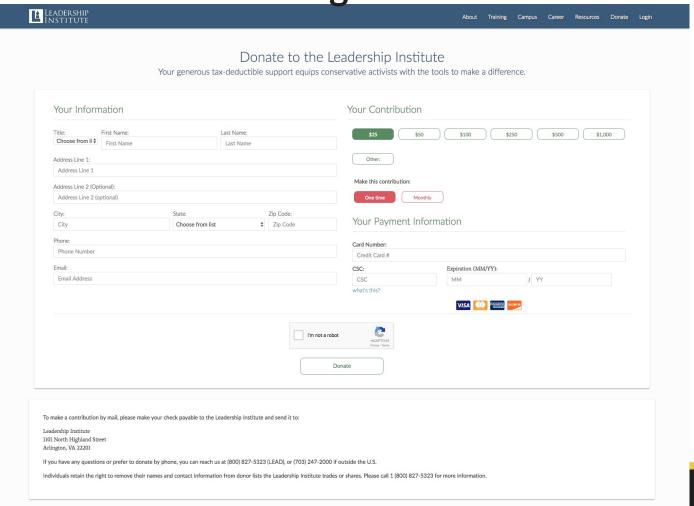


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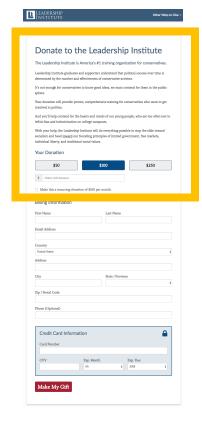


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Donate to the Leadership Institute

The Leadership Institute is America's #1 training organization for conservatives.

Leadership Institute graduates and supporters understand that political success over time is determined by the number and effectiveness of conservative activists.

It's not enough for conservatives to know good ideas, we must contend for them in the public sphere.

Your donation will provide proven, comprehensive training for conservatives who want to get involved in politics.

And you'll help contend for the hearts and minds of our young people, who are too often lost to leftist bias and indoctrination on college campuses.

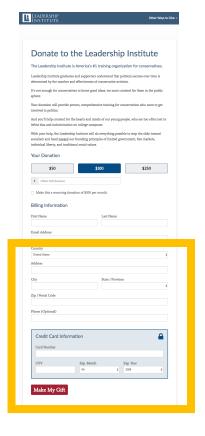
With your help, the Leadership Institute will do everything possible to stop the slide toward socialism and head <u>toward</u> our founding principles of limited government, free markets, individual liberty, and traditional social values.

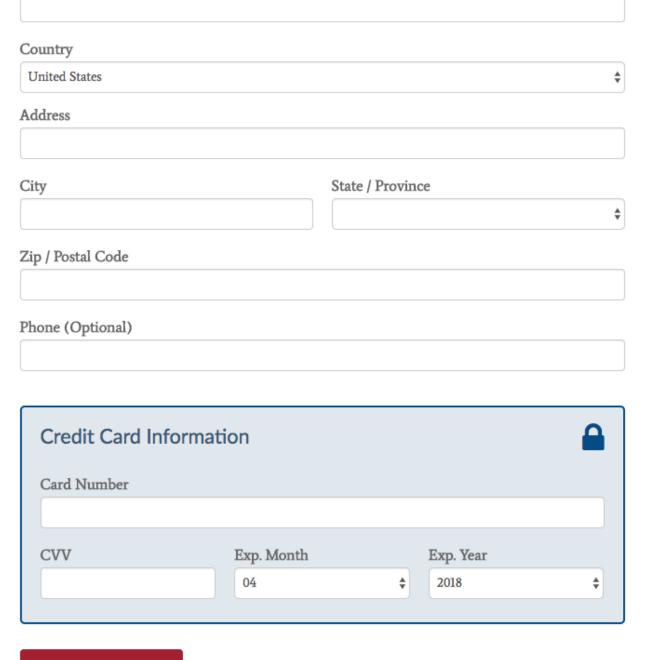
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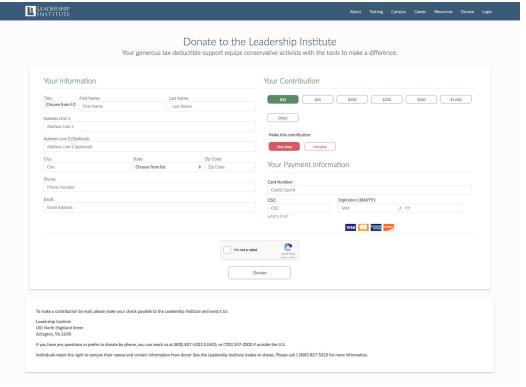
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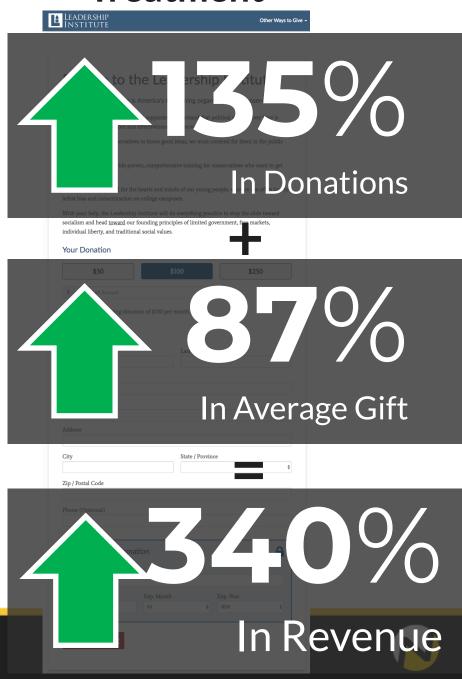


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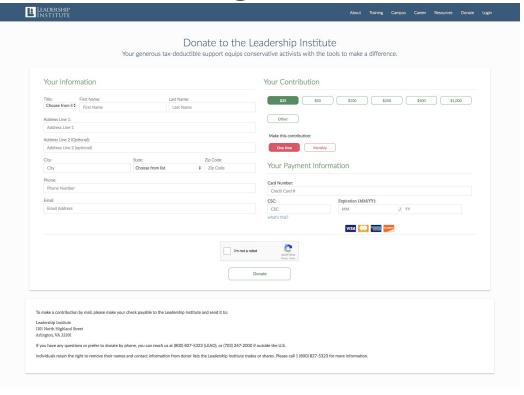
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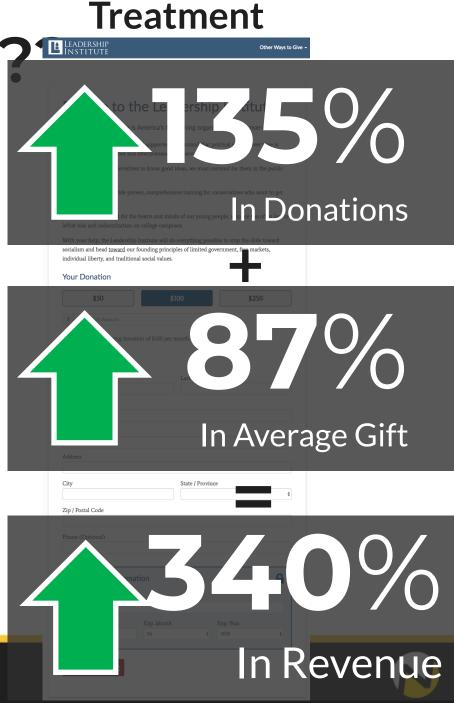




Did we read that right??

Original







"But wait... aren't they ready to give?"



Well yes... and no.



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Why?



Want to accomplish the mission they <u>ALREADY</u> have in mind.

And yet...

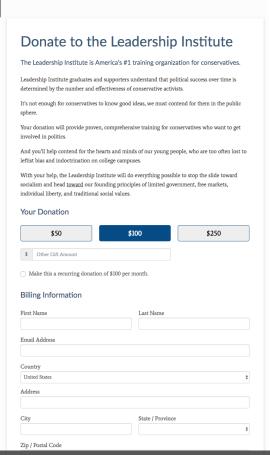
Want to second-guess their choice, find reason to turn back.



Treatment

Why the Treatment Won

The treatment won because it pre-addressed all the **mistreatment** the original page made to the donor.





Because people react to websites in the same way they react to people.



Key Question

Would you want to know if you were mistreating someone's generosity?



Our Goal This Webinar

Our goal is to help you discover if your main donation page is potentially mistreating some of your potential donors by looking at 19 potential pitfalls (in 5 key categories).



19 Pitfalls, 5 Key Areas

- Main Message
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- Personal Information Input
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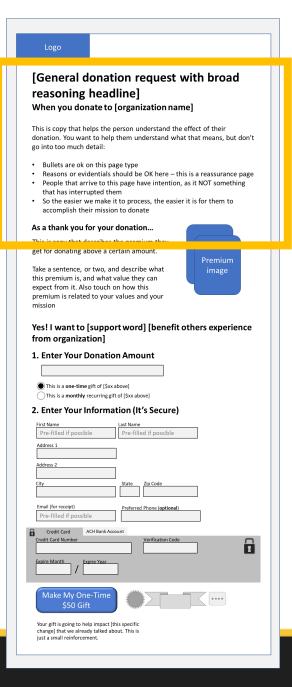
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The Main Message











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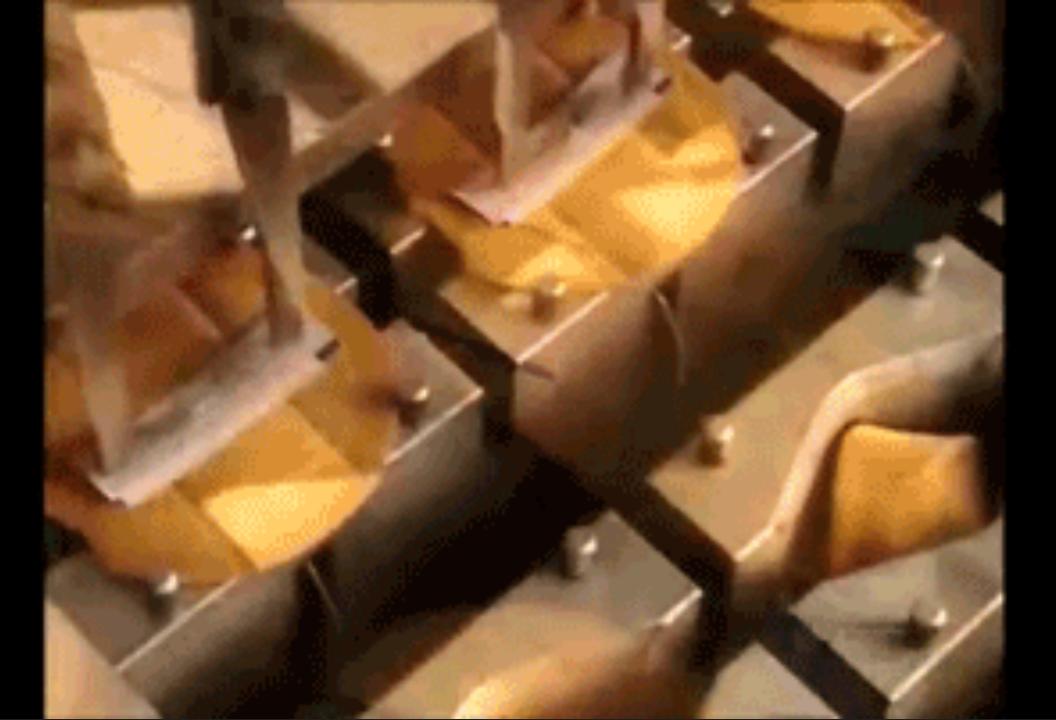
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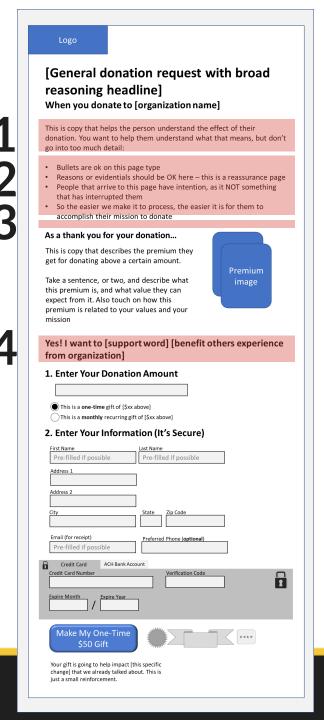
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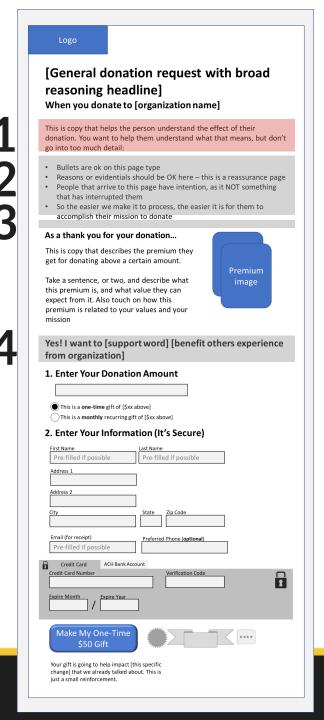
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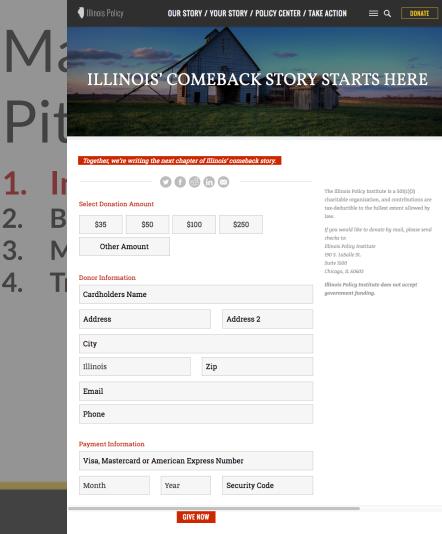


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Your gift helps reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ

When you donate to Harvest, you join a team committed to knowing God and making him known. Harvest reaches millions of people each year who are hungry for the gospel. Your gift supports:

- Greg Laurie's radio program, broadcast on more than 650 stations daily
- Harvest America and crusade events, which bring together hundreds of thousands to hear the gospel
- Know God, an initiative to answer questions about faith
- Online broadcasts that reach more than a million people each year

Your gift using the form below is a fast, secure way to help reach the lost with the gospel. Thank you for supporting Harvest. To God be the glory!

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Tell Others About Jesus

Just as Paul was called to take the message of Christ to a Christ-less culture, so we too have been given this command. While shifts in culture may have changed, a person's basic needs have not. People need a Savior and Jesus Christ is still the only way.

Since the age of 19, when he formed a small Bible study that would eventually become one of the largest churches and evangelistic ministries in the United States, Pastor Greg Laurie has been passionate about evangelism and committed to helping people come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Through his preaching, radio programs, television broadcasts, books, and crusades, Pastor Greg reaches millions of people each year who are hungry for the gospel.

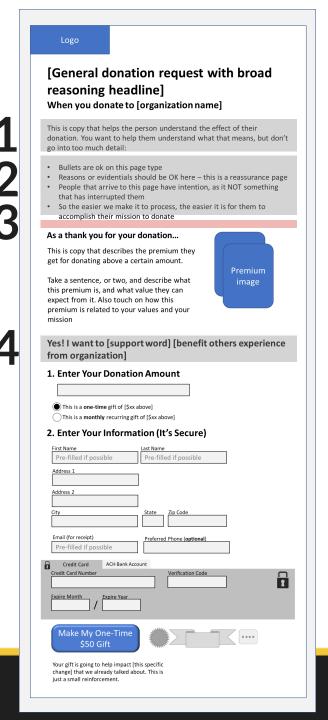
Your gift to Harvest Ministries will help Pastor Greg continue to effectively communicate biblical truth in a culture that needs it most.

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For most people, this season is a time for family and celebration. Unfortunately, that is not always the case for many children that live each day with an abusive family or an uncaring foster system. However, there can be hope for many of these children.

Please take 2 minutes to see one particular child that found hope and love at Christmas.



At Buckner, we want to create more stories like this. Our mission is to bringing hope and stability in the midst of turbulence to vulnerable and at-risk children. But this is only made possible by people like you, people that want to care for these children that need it most.

When you give to Buckner International, you are placing children on a trajectory to living full, healthy, happy lives-in Jesus' name.

Please give a generous year-end gift. When you do, your donation will be doubled due to a matching gift from a generous donor that shares your heart for children.

Your gift must be received by December 31 to be doubled, and to qualify for a tax deduction for 2016.

Please make a gift using the secure form below

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This family was taking Christmas pictures in a photographer's studio. Immediately, as soon as the picture was over she jumped out of her seat, ran behind the photographer into the dark area of the studio, and got real quiet. A moment or so after that you could hear her crying.

Naturally her mom went over to find out what was wrong.

"Why are you crying? What's wrong?" She said, "Well, Mom, it's just that all of my life, foster families that I was with would ask me to sit over to the side so they could take their family picture at Christmas." She said, "Today is the first time that I've been allowed to be in the Christmas photo with the family."

As I read that story, I just had to take a break. It just knocked me off my feet. I couldn't help but think of just how wrong it is to not be included. I remember all the times that my own family would take Christmas photos and there was never a question of who would be in the picture.

This is what Buckner does.

We provide families for children so they can be in the family and, naturally, be in the picture. For 137 years, Buckner has consistently provided a Christmas experience for thousands of children that otherwise would have gone without. We're able to do that because of people like you, generous donors who make contributions to make family possible for children that are vulnerable and in need.

There are Christmases that can be created, but we can't do it without your help. I'm going to invite you to join us and make a generous gift, perhaps your best gift in a while, this Christmas so that we can shine hope into the lives of children who we serve.

This Christmas, when you do make a gift to Buckner, your donation will be doubled due to a matching gift from a generous donor that shares your heart for children.

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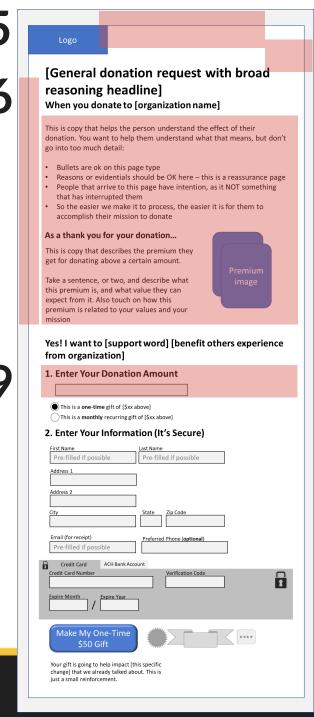
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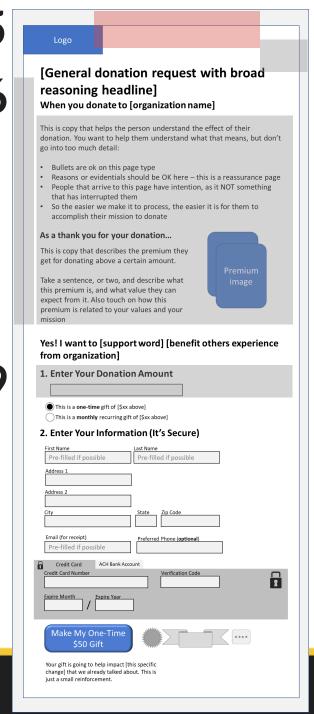






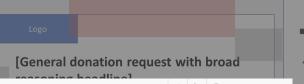
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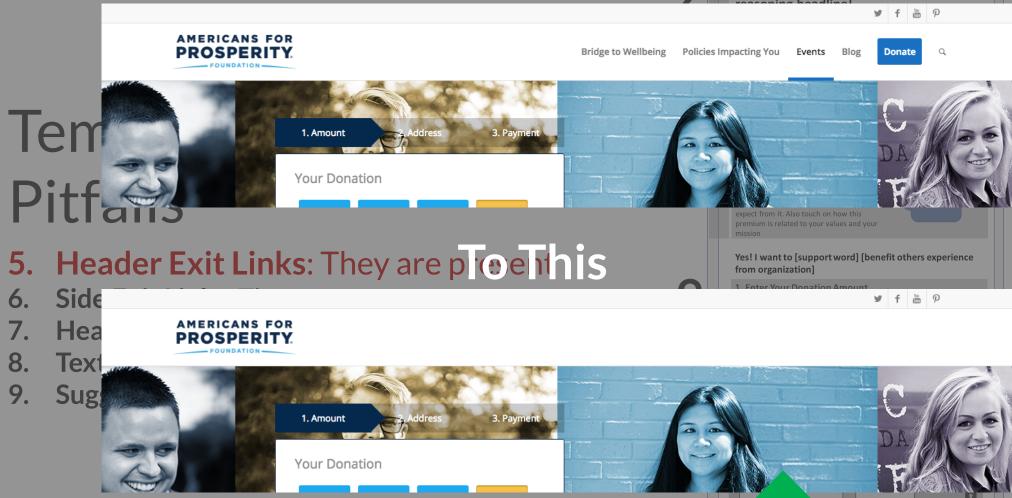
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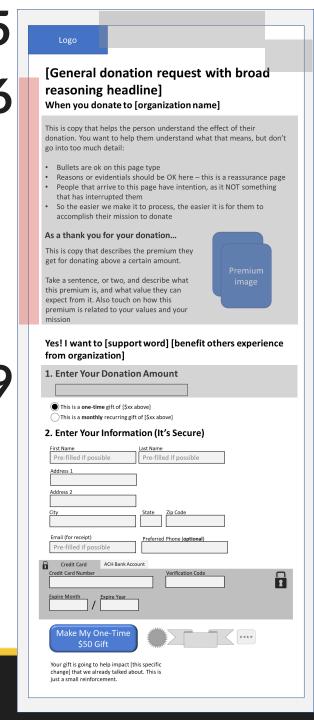






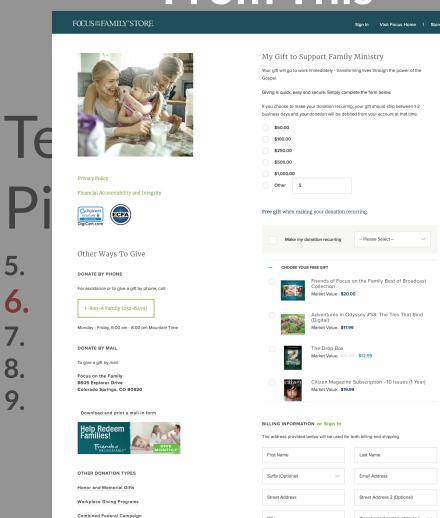
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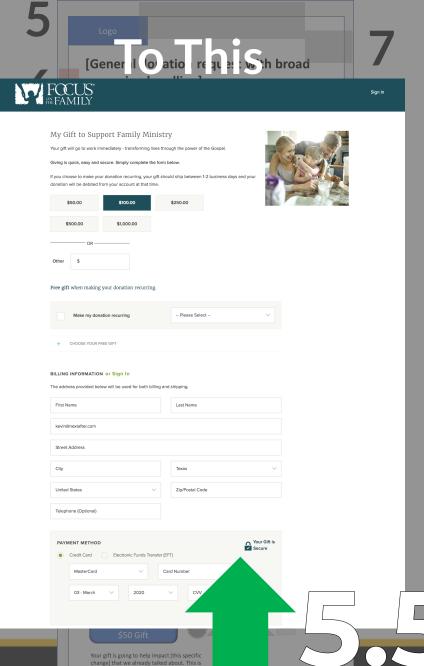




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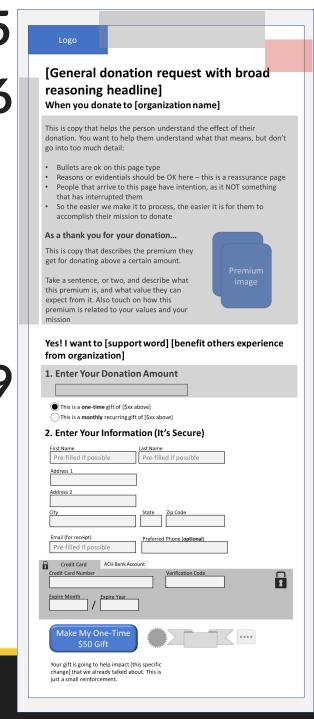
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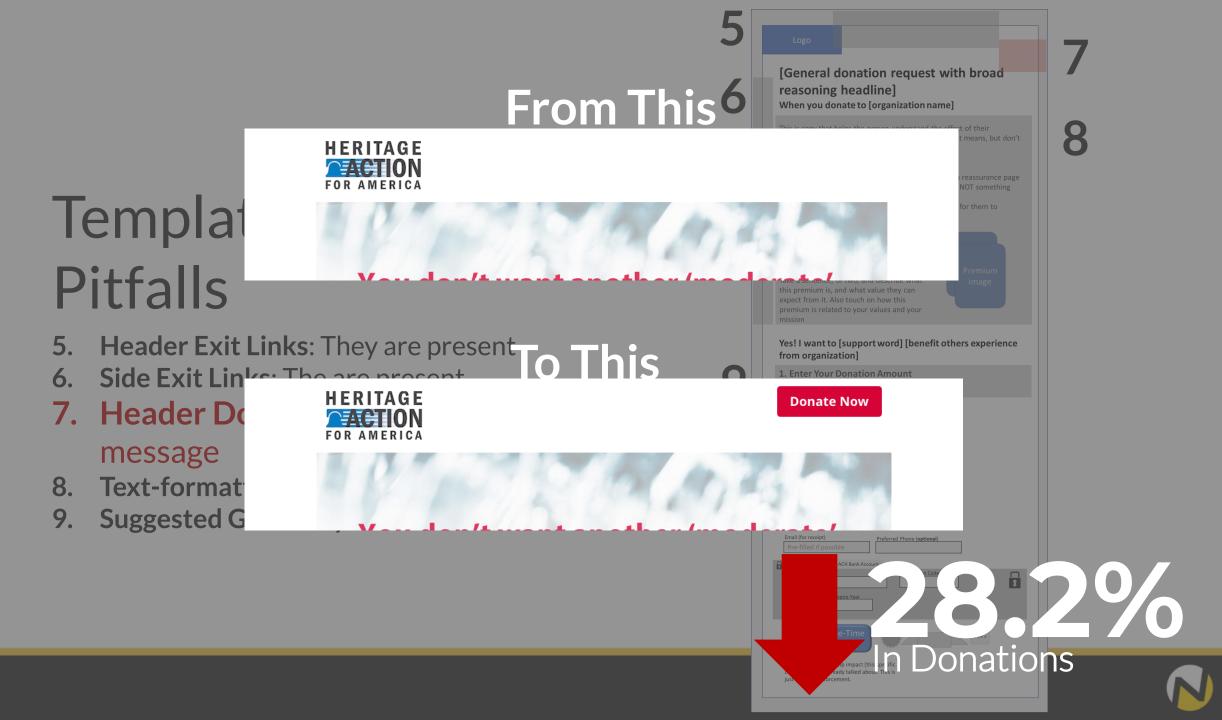
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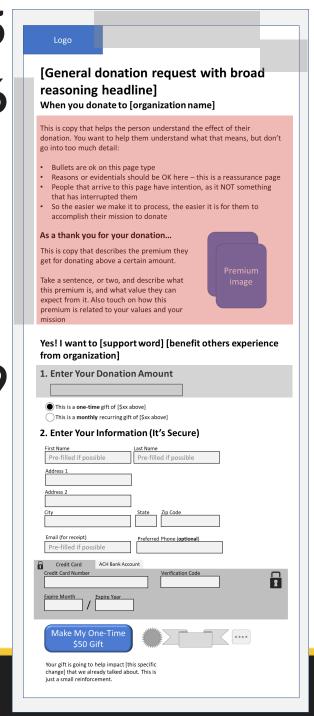






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Heritage: The trusted conservative leader

As a conservative, you know we are your voice in Washington.

For more than forty years, Heritage has **championed conservative principles** by countering the left's radical policies and keeping conservative ideas at the center of every debate. Here's what some of the movement's strongest voices have to say:

"We need Heritage's ideas to become the tools of battle."

—Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)

"Some of the finest conservative scholars alive today, live, work, and breathe at The Heritage Foundation."

-Rush Limbaugh

"No organization on earth is a better supplier of innovative, conservative ideas grounded in founding principles than Heritage."

-Sean Hannity

Your membership gets results

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- Heritage pushed for important reforms to welfare programs and made the case for breaking the link between food stamps and subsidies to farmers.
- We educated newly-elected congressmen on how the Washington Establishment works, and we developed a strong bench of new young leaders to help lead the consequency of the consequence.
- By building a stronger nationwide network among 639 state and local conservative organizations, Heritage gave our movement new strategies to use against big government at the grassroots level.
- While the Obama administration stumbled in its dealings with Syria, Russia, and other countries, Heritage experts provided crucial direction to policymakers on foreign policy.
- Heritage worked with Congressional leaders to counter the administration's push for more regulations and red tape, which would limit freedom and increase prices for consumers while expanding the size and scope of the federal government.

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For more than forty years, Heritage has **championed conservative principles** by countering the left's radical policies and keeping conservative ideas at the center of every debate. Here's what some of the movement's strongest voices have to say:

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—Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)

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Your membership gets results

Here's the impact you had through your membership in 2013:

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- We educated newly-elected congressmen on how the Washington Establishment works, and we developed a strong bench of new young leaders to help lead the conservative movement.
- By building a stronger nationwide network among 639 state and local conservative organizations, Heritage gave our movement new strategies to use against big government at the grassroots level.
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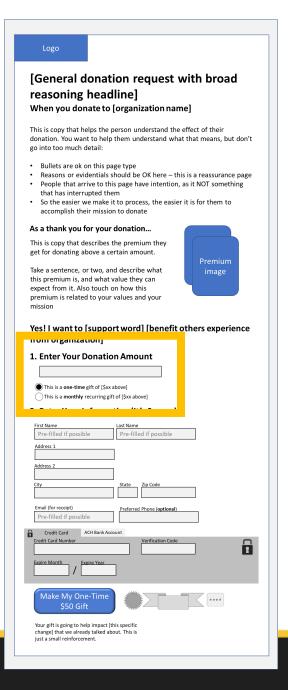
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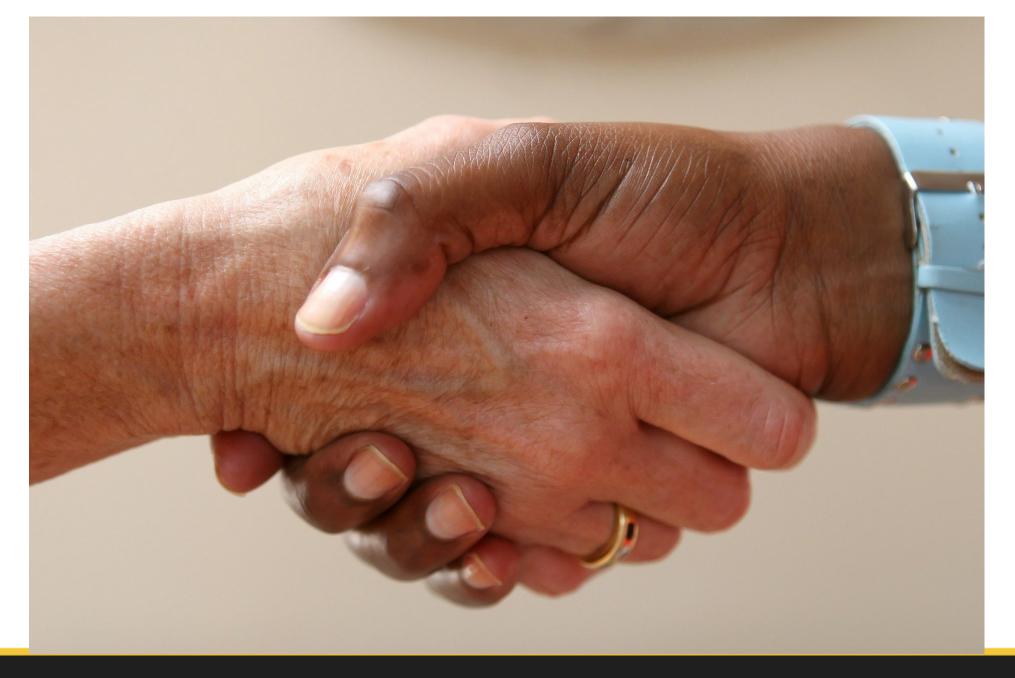


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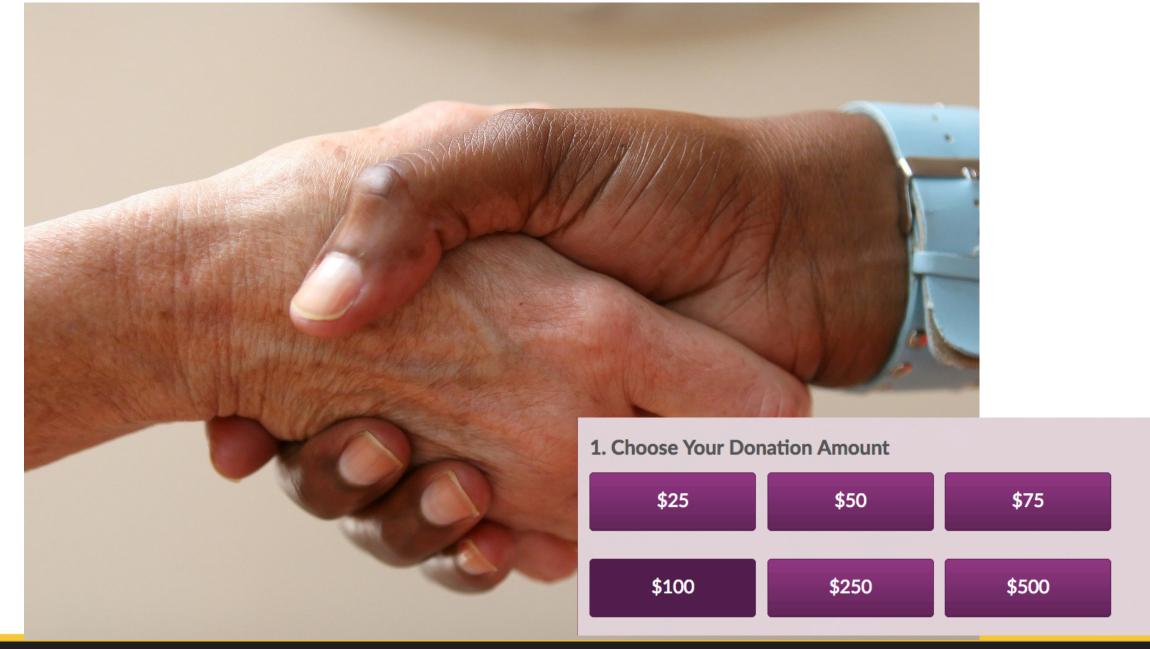
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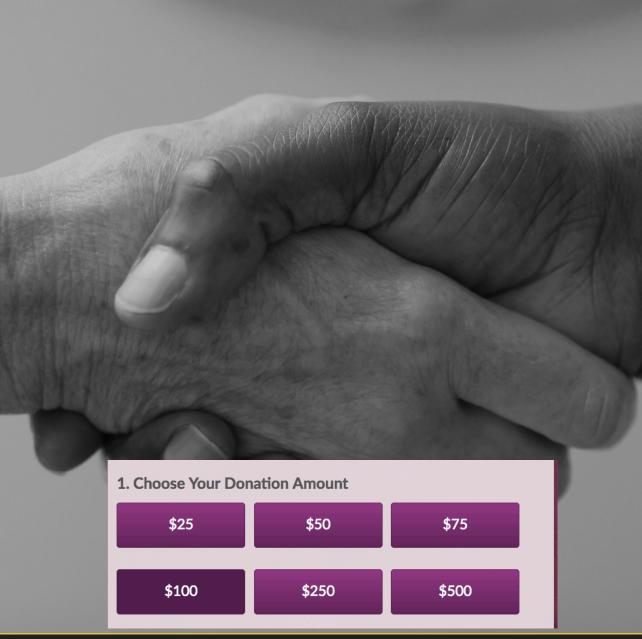










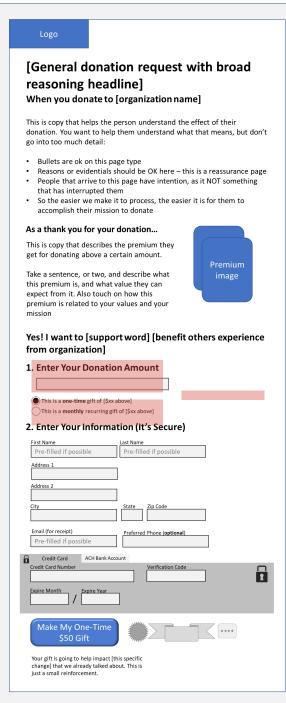




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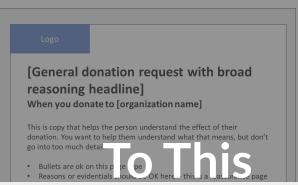
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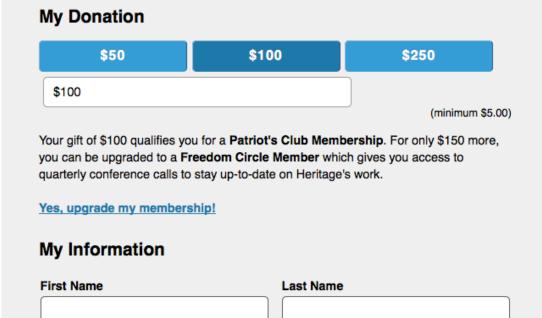
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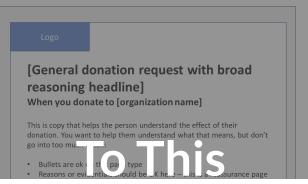
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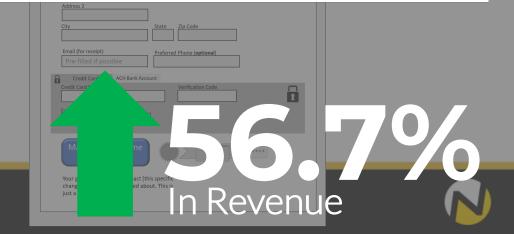
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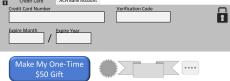
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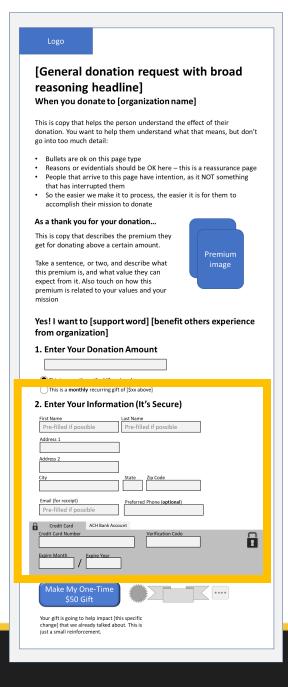


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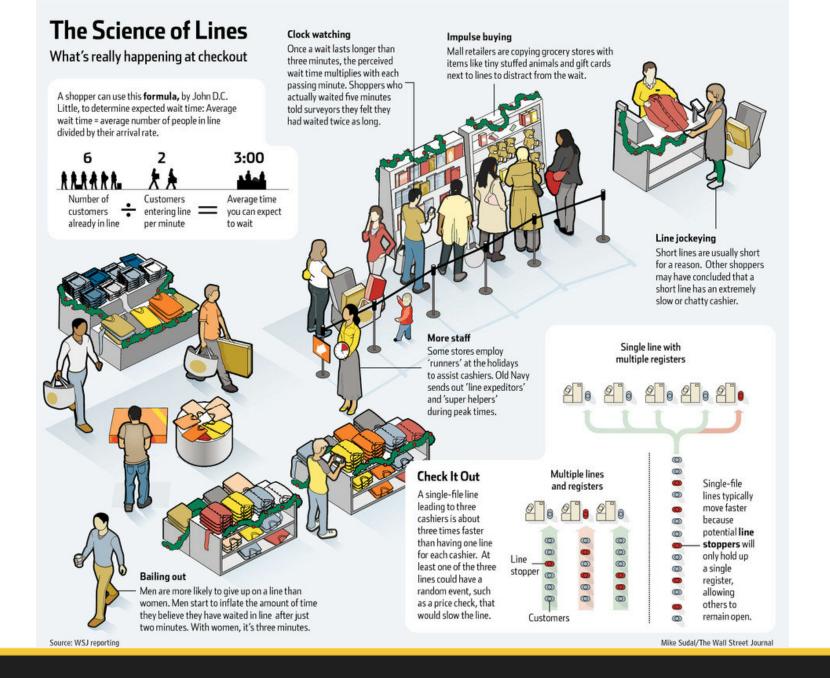
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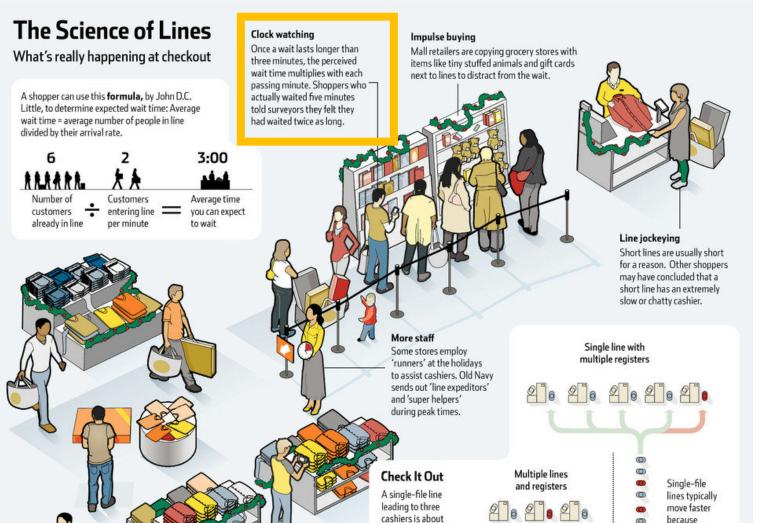












Clock watching

Once a wait lasts longer than three minutes, the perceived wait time multiplies with each passing minute. Shoppers who actually waited five minutes told surveyors they felt they had waited twice as long.

Source: WSJ reporting Mike Sudal/The Wall Street Journal

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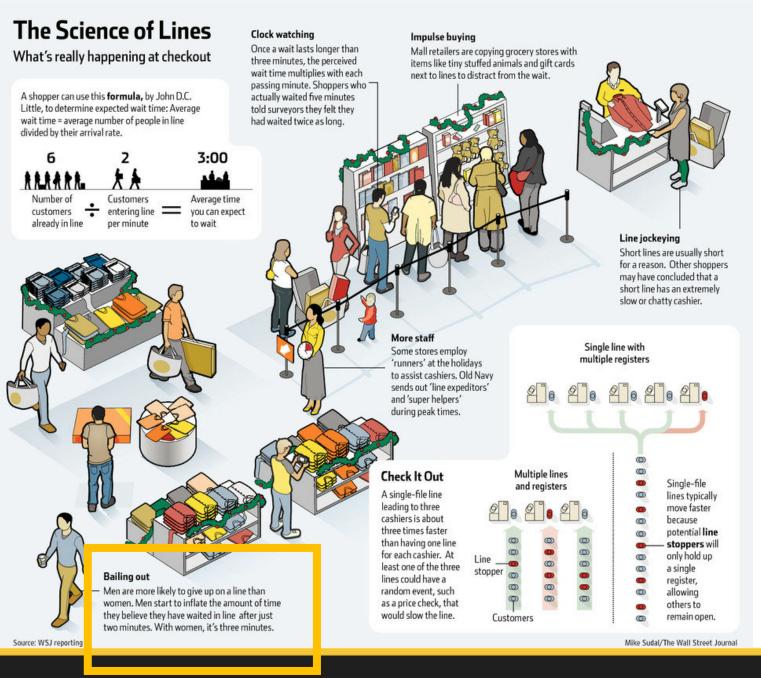
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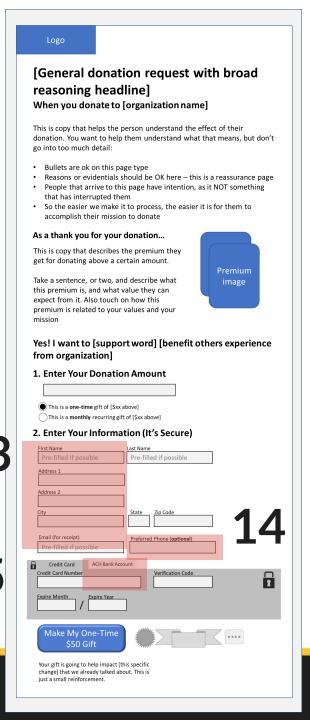
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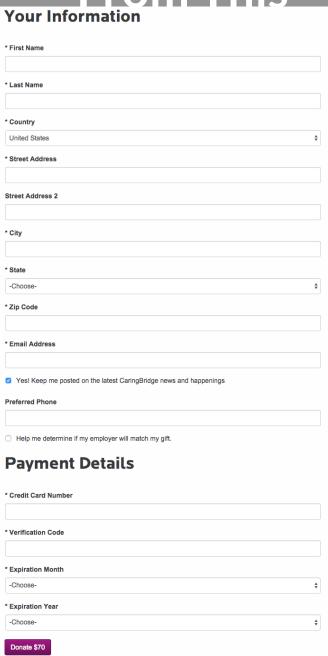
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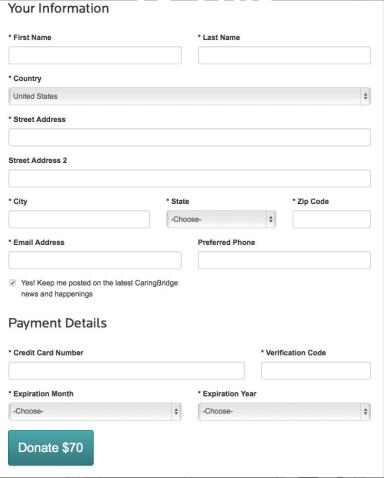


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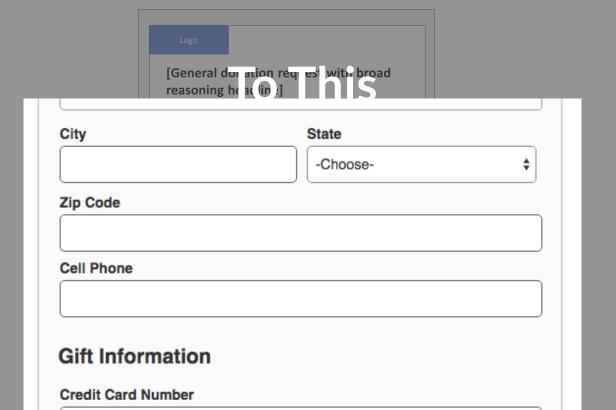
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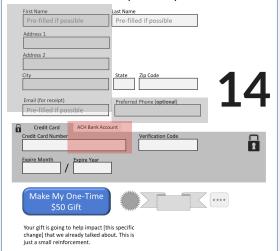


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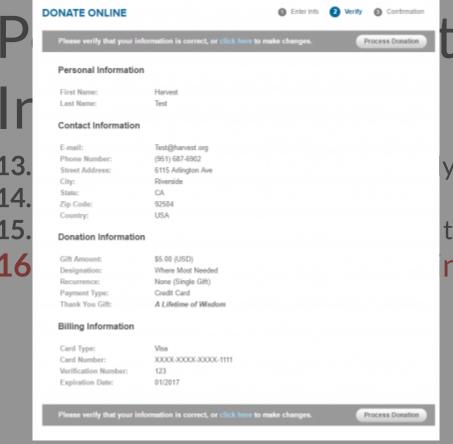
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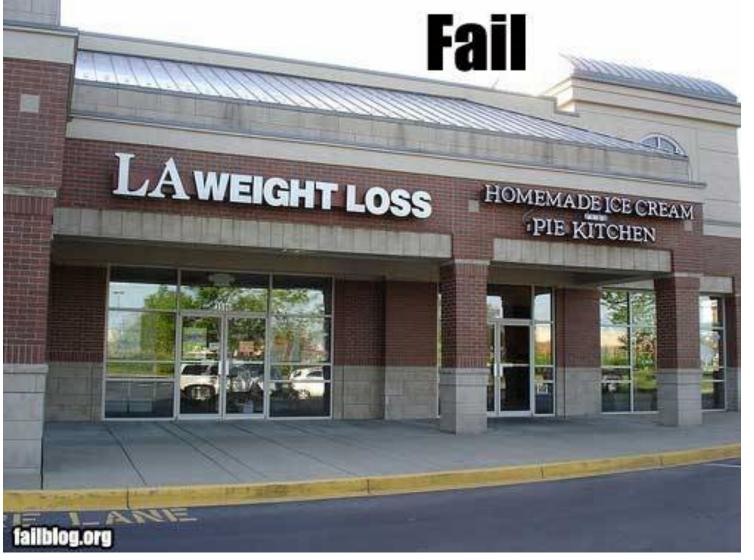
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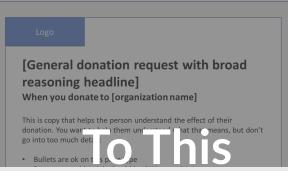
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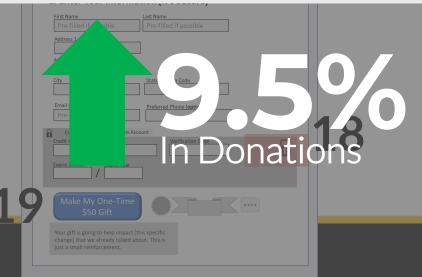
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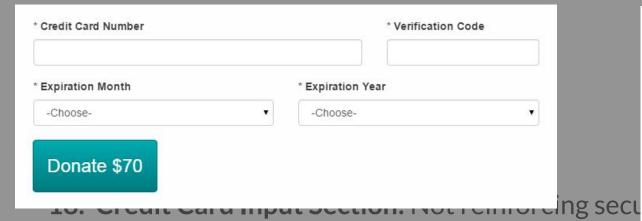
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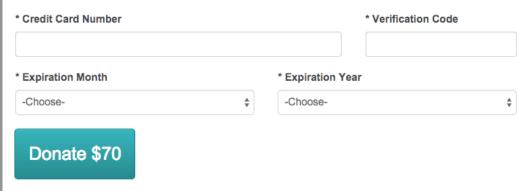


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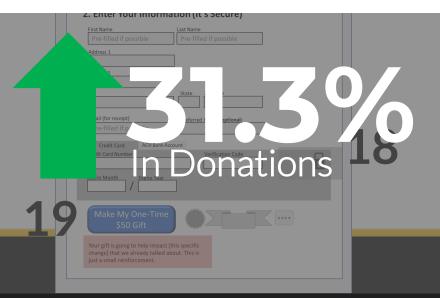
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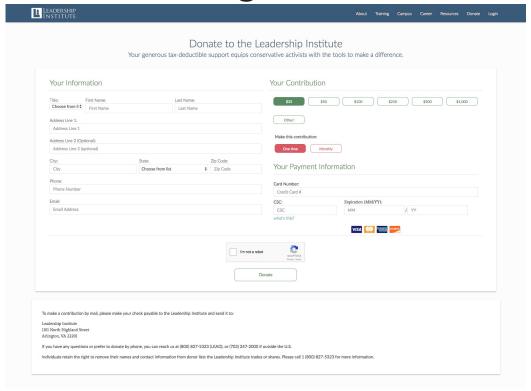


Let's revisit the original case study

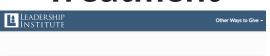


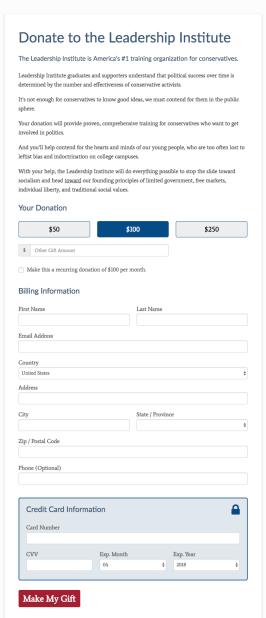
So why again did the original lose?

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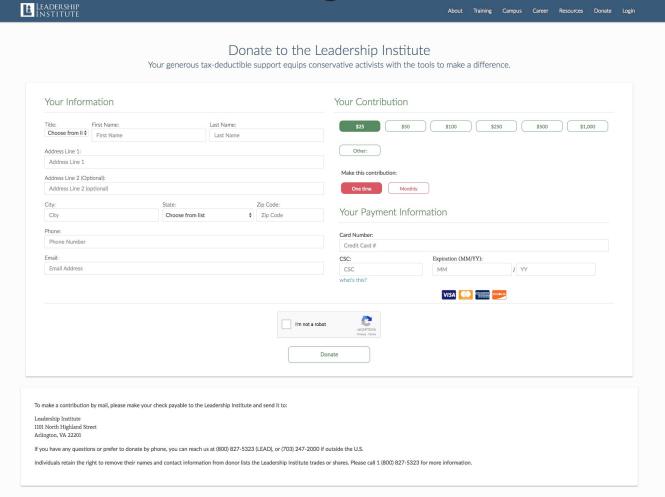
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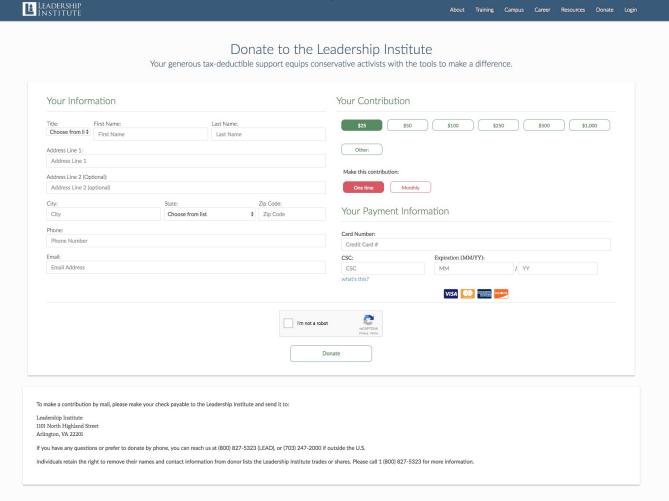


1. Main Message Pitfalls

- Little to no copy at all!
- Not even transition-toaction copy



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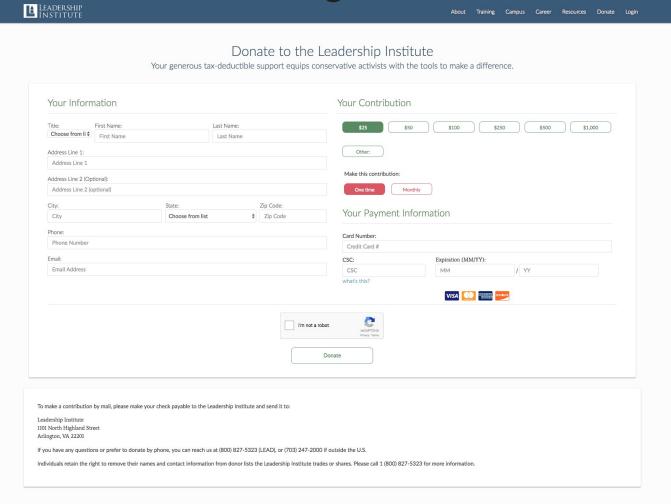


2. Template Design Pitfalls

- Header links
- Small button design
- Horizontal form approach



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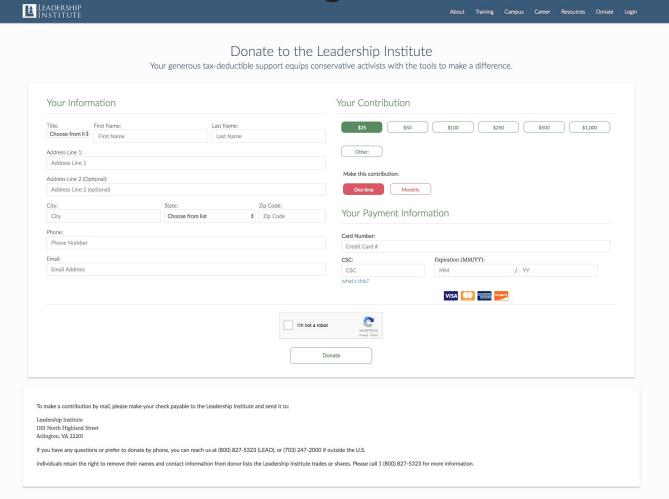


3. Donation Selection Pitfalls

 Large option gift array with lowest amount defaulted



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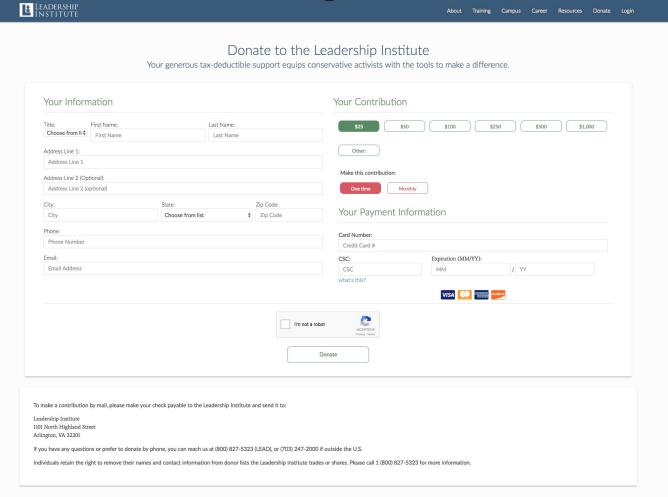


4. Personal Info Input Pitfalls

- Required Phone
- CAPTCHA



Original



5. Support Message Pitfalls

- No security reinforcement
- No impact reinforcement



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GENERAL DONATION PAGE

Header: Simple with no navigation and no donate button.

- Donate short-cut button
- Exp. # 2107 28.2% decrease in donations, 43% decrease in average gift.
 Exp. #1547 18% decrease in average gift size.
- Design elements: Avoid over-investing in design, and ensure evt is readable Exp. #5641, 2161, 4367 - No difference in
- Headline: Clearly spell out the Headline: Clearly spell out the specific effect of someone's

Exp. # 4164 - 21.2% increase in

Intro Copy: Introduce your general value proposition here. Communicate clearly and concisely.

Add value prop (when there is none)

- Exp. #900 28% increase in donations
- Exp. # 6623- 150% increase in donations
 Exp. #1780 186% increase in donations.
- Exp. #2023 27.4% increase in donations
- Body Copy: Stick to a concise, general, and bulleted message. Avoid excessive explanation copy and narrative.

Focus
- Exp. #4467 - 43.8% increase in donations using

- Formatting
 Exp. #4537 23.1% increase in donations using
- Evossive Evolunation
- Exp. #3951 38.5% decrease in donations Exp. #2503 - 30.6% decrease in donations
- Exp. #5340 No difference.
 Exp. #1956 No difference.

Gift Array: Test an enter-your-own dollar amount field if your average gift size is significantly larger in this channel compared to others

Important: Use a 4-5 option gift array if your average gift size is around or below other

Exp. # 6700 - 125.9% increase in donations.

Gift Type: Do not default or overemphasize a recurring gift.

 Exp. #245 - 5.5% increase in donations. 48.5% increase in average gift.

Form Fields: Pre-populate with customer information and ensure phone is always and an ensure phone is always an ensure phone is always an ensure phone in the ensure phone is always an ensure phone is always an ensure phone in the ensure phone is always an ensure phone in the ensure phone is always an ensure phone in the ensure phone is always an ensure phone in the ensure phone in the ensure phone is always an ensure phone in the en

Exp. #2112 - 42.6% decrease in donations when

• Evn. #5991 - 14.4% increase in donations Exp. #5755 - 9.5% increase in donations.
Exp. #6091 - No difference. [General donation request with broad reasoning headline]

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• Exp. #1066 - 29.5% increase in donations using prepopulation. 16.4% increase in average gift.

• Exp. #6086 - No difference when adding optional

requiring phone.

a 17 Credit Card Fields: Visually box out fields with a high contrast background and visible lock icon. premium upsell.

Use big designed buttons
• Exp. #5612 - 22.9% increase in donations Exp. #1434 - 63.1% increase in donations Exp. #15 - 59.9% increase in donations Avoid premium upsell language (typically in membership organizations

Background image: If using one, ensure it is related to your value proposition.

related image.
• Exp. #2013 - 53.1% increase in donations using a value.

Exp. #3970 - 203% increase in donations

Exp. #5827 - 560% increase in donations Exp. #3970 - 203% increase in donations
 Exp. #1985 - 342% increase in donations.

Exp. #3397 - 48.5% decrease in donations

Fyn #2347 - 135 4% increase in donations

Call-to-action Copy: Provide a single call-to-action at the end of he body copy, reinforcing the

· Exp. #4269 - 49.4% increase in donations

an array, use big designed

buttons, and do not use a

Main Image: No image needed.

Video: Avoid it.

In-line Reviews: Use them cautiously.

In-Line Premiums: Describe it here, and use an image.

Exp. #780 - 12.6% decrease in donations

Form Field Design: Arrange to reduce page length, add headers with numbering and clarity.

decision points.

• Exp. #4638 - 12.5% increase in donations. Arrange and group form fields to reduce page

length.

Exp. #1007 - 39.4% increase in donations.

Alternate Payment Methods: Alternate Payment Methods:
Use caution when adding payment options you can't control (i.e. PayPal).

> Exp. #867 - 65.3% decrease in donations when adding PayPal. 6.6% increase in average gift.
>
> Exp. #6509 – No difference when adding



19.5% increase in average gift.

Call-to-action Button Area: Use 18 Call-to-action Button Area: Use credibility seals and reinforce

impact of gift with brief copy.

Exp. #1053 - 31.3% increase in donations

Verification/Confirmation Pages: Eliminate them.

increase in average gift.

Add value reinforce text.

Exp. #4990 - 22% increase in donations, 17%.

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