

A VISUAL GUIDE

If you really want to get into the spirit of the conference, I mean... you are going on a grand adventure to the Aztec Theatre. We don't think there are any pitfalls, booby traps, or giant boulders to run away from. But just in case, you may want to bring your adventurer's gear....



If you have more questions on the dress code, you're probably missing the point. If you decide to email us about it, we'll probably say something like "Wear something comfortable. And don't wear a tie."





A video recording of this broadcast will be sent to you afterwards.





Links to featured resources and experiments will be sent out with the recording.





We'll send you this handy eBook as well!





We want your questions!



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Today's Speaker



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Tips

- Write things down (ideas in particular but ANYTHING)
- Try to walk away with 3 key, tangible, actionable things
 - Something you can do today
 - Something you can look into this week
 - Something to discuss with people next week
 - Something new to try this month









Why is GROWING your email list IMPORTANT anyways?

"Email is nearly **40 times better** than Facebook and Twitter at acquiring customers."

McKinsey&Company



Source: Email marketing: Think inside the new inbox," which originally appeared on forbes.com

"Email marketing yields an average **4,300% return on investment** for businesses in the United States."





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"Marketers consistently ranked email as the single most effective tactic for awareness, acquisition, conversion, and retention."

GIGAOM RESEARCH



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The percentage of donors
motivated to give online by an
email has jumped 40%.
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8%€
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Source: Dunham + Company

Then, Let's See What Our Data Says...

Here's What We Learned by Examining Google Analytics for Four Very Different Nonprofit Orgs

Google Analytics



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A Faith Based Organization





An Education Organization





An Advocacy Organization





The SIZE and the QUALITY of your EMAIL LIST is the MOST IMPORTANT factor that will influence your ability to RAISE MONEY ONLINE.

And It's Not JUST About Money ONLINE.

Average Revenue Per Donor by Cohort





Average Retention by Cohort



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The SIZE and the QUALITY of your EMAIL LIST is the MOST IMPORTANT factor that will influence your ability to **RAISE MONEY ONLINE (and it even helps**) with offline revenue).

But WHY Is It So HARD To Get Emails?

People come online to GET not to GVE. So YOU need to give before YOU can get.

About this Test



Partner Background

Founded in 1844, Hillsdale College is an independent liberal arts college with a student body of about 1,400. Hillsdale's educational mission rests upon two principles: academic excellence and institutional independence. The College does not accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies for any of its operations.

As part of their service, they offer free courses, such as Constitution 101, as a service to the public. Like other not-for-profits, **they need donations to survive**.



Experiment

Version A



Your tax-deductible gift to Hillsdale College is a strategic investment in the future of America.



Experiment

Version B

Billy Gray and Matt Schlientz like Hillsdale College Online Courses Image: Hillsdale College Online Courses Sponsored (demo) · Grow your understanding of America's most important founding document in Hillsdale's free "Constitution 101" course.	Study the document that God-given rights. The U.S. Constitution is the key to securing libery 1 what it says, and what freedoms it protects. Hillsdal millions of Americans about this critical document. popular course, 'Constitution 101' for free, when you Hillsdale's course, Constitution 101' for free, when you more sores who teach this course on Hillsdale Colle colleges in America - outside of the millitary acader course on the Constitution to graduate. The course is delivered via email, with one lesson p lively teaching and discussion boards, suggested re Activate your free Constitution 101 course now!	for all Americans – yet very few know exactly le College is dedicating this year to educating That's why the College is offering its most pu sign up now. and History of the Constitution, features the san ge's campus. Hillsdale is one of the only mies – that requires every student to take a per week for 10 weeks. Each lesson features padings, weekly quizzes, and more.	
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Thank you! You are now enrolled in Hillsdale College's Constitution 101 course! You'll receive your first lecture in your inbox in just a few minutes (it takes a second to send it to you) We are often asked — why does Hillsdale offer this course for free? Here are three important reasons: It is concerning that most Americans complete their education with little to no knowledge of America's foundational principles. Every American must understand the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence—these set forth America's founding principles. By educating millions of Americans on our founding principles of liberty America can begin to turn around and restore lost liberty. Hillsdale refuses every penny of taxpayer-funded government support (ev indirectly through student grants and loans) to remain truly independent. That's why the College counts on the generosity of people like you that help to underwrite the costs of developing, producing, and distributing these courses so that more Americans can learn to understand and PAT sppreciate what made America the freest and most prosperous nation in human history. the same Will you make a tax-deductible donation today to help produce and promote more free online courses? Not only will your aift help the College cover our costs. but it will also help reach more people just like you about the underlying principles of liberty in the Get your copy of the part companion textbook to the Constitution 101 course. Constitution. Special offer: For a gift of \$100 or more, you will receive a copy of Hillsdale's online course companion textbook, The U.S. Constitution: A Reader. Yes! I want to help Hillsdale produce more free online courses and ensure more citizens are educated about America's founding principles of liberty. MY GIFT AMOUNT \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 S Other Gift Amount BILLING INFORMAT xplain. I rs" with a First Name * aren't Country * Zip Code * CREDIT CARD INFORMATION Card Number* Exp. Year* Make My \$50 Gift



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Experiment Results





Optimizing Each Micro-Yes





Optimizing Each Micro-Yes





Optimizing Each Micro-Yes





Understanding the Value Exchange

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Contact Info



Value of Offer


VALUE



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C = 4m + 3v + 2(i-f) - 2a

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CONVERSION MOTIVATION

VALUE PROPOSITION

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So what are you OFFERING?

"An email newsletter! Wow! Where do I sign up!"





Web Accessibility Policy | Terms and Conditions | Privacy Policy Statement | Community Guidelines





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Email Value Proposition Assessment

Desire

- 0 No interest
- 1 Possible interest
- 2 High interest

Exclusivity

- 0 Anywhere Else
- 1 Somewhere Else
- 2 Nowhere Else
- 1. Rank the ideal customer's **desire** level for the offer associated with the email capture.
- 2. Rank the **exclusivity** of the offer associated with the email capture.
- 3. Multiply the two integers.
- 4. If the total is less than 2, re-craft your offer.





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How are WE doing?

Online Fundraising Scorecard(s)

USA! USA! USA!

Canada.





How Easy Is It to Find?

USA! USA! USA!

Canada.



takes less than 10 seconds to find the email sign-up

How Many Steps to Sign Up?

USA! USA! USA!

Canada.



takes less than 2 clicks to submit your email from the homepage



How Much Would Someone Want It?

USA! USA! USA!

Canada.







Can They Get It Anywhere Else?

USA! USA! USA!

Canada.





92%

Present a non-exclusive offer



How Are We Doing? VALUE COST

The MECLABS Conversion Sequence Heuristic ©









7 Proven Methods to Acquire More Emails

- 1. Copy
- 2. Design
- 3. Sequence
- 4. Incentive
- 5. Form
- 6. Placement
- 7. Offline



1. Writing Effective Email Acquisition Copy



The most important factor that influences conversion is your VALUE **PROPOSITION.** The words you use to communicate that value proposition is your most important tool. In copy, clarity equals persuasion.

Is there more than one sentence to describe the offer?

Less than 1/3 of organizations use copy to convey value and encourage signups.





How communicating value of an email newsletter impacts email acquisition



Experiment #1621

<u>Control</u>

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EMAIL SIGN UP

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Background:

- Partner: Alliance Defending Freedom
- Tested email acquisition on the home page
- Home page receives ~12,000 visitors each month with less than 1% giving their email



Treatment Changes:

- Added a call to action to the headline
- Included value proposition language identifying the benefits of giving an email
- Button communicated value

<u>Treatment</u>

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW ...

When you sign up for email updates from Alliance Defending Freedom, you will begin receiving:

- The latest news on cases that impact your religious freedoms
- Opportunities to make a difference in the protection of your liberties
- A FREE subscription to Faith & Justice magazine

Email

Sign Me Up



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EMAIL SIGN UP

Stay informed about important issues and cases that impact your religious liberty.

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Version	Conv. Rate	Relative Diff	Stat Confidence
C: Simple form	0.9%		
T1: Value proposition form	1.3%	44.1%	99.9%

Key Learning:

Every interaction with a visitor is a potential value exchange. By communicating the benefits and value to the visitor, <u>we increased</u> <u>conversion by 44.1%</u>.

It's Not Just Copy, But the Right Copy

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TREATMENT

Stay informed about your religious freedom

Get the latest news on important cases and opportunities to make a difference in the **defense of your liberties** delivered straight to your





Sometimes You Have to Eliminate Copy

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Get the first chapter of the groundbreaking new book -- for free.

Get an inside look at the life and leadership of the 20th century's greatest statesman

Sir Winston Churchill faced his own death, often and bravely. He led millions of people who did the same. Why did he and they do these things,

for doing?

Lessons from a heroic life

Active in politics for 55 years that spanned the most traumatic events so far in history: the greatest wars, the greatest depression, the greatest political transformations, the greatest social upheavais, the greatest advancements of technology and therefore of human power, Churchill left one of the richest records about this life and actions. There are lessons to be learned both positive and negative, from Churchill's life and leadership that can help us to live our own lives, cope with our own problems, and serve the cause of our own country as it appears today.



TREATMENT

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Get the first chapter for FREE right now!

Simply fill out the form below and we'll send the first chapter to your email inbox.

First Name *

Last Name *







Experiment #23

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How clarifying the process-level value proposition affects email acquisition

Experiment #833



Process-Level Value Proposition Test



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Background:

- Client: Good of All
- Email acquisition campaign with traffic being driven from Facebook
- Call-to-action focuses on what I need to do instead of <u>what I</u> <u>can get</u>



Process-Level Value Proposition Test

Tested Elements:

- Copy addresses reader as a "fellow world-changer."
- Call-to-action focuses on what I can get and when I can get it.



Process-Level Value Proposition Test

CONTROL



What can Martin Luther King teach people of faith about human rights? Download the free book right now and find out!



TREATMENT

His world-changing movement began with his faith. How can today's world-changers learn from the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?

Get the free book right now.




Process-level Value Proposition Test

133.7% increase in names acquired

Version	Conv. Rate	Relative Diff	Stat Confidence
Control	1.3%		
Treatment	3.1%	133.7%	98.0%

Key Learning:

By addressing the reader as a fellow "world-changer" and <u>communicating the value of the offer, rather than the action</u> <u>required</u> to receive the offer, the conversion rate improved by 133.7%

Add Clarity to Action with Copy

Version A

Detecting E	Breast Cancer	Earlier
Breast cancer can't be preven	ted, but you can	
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Version B





How visitor-focused language impacts conversion

Experiment #986



<u>Control</u>



There is no better aid to understanding the principles of constitutional government than The Federalist Papers. That's why Hillsdale College is offering a new course, "The Federalist Papers," for FREE.

Written between October 1787 and August 1788, The Federalist Papers is a collection of newspaper essays written in defense of the Constitution. Writing under the penname Publius, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay explain the merits of the proposed Constitution, while confronting objections raised by its opponents. Thomas Jefferson described the work as "the best commentary on the principles of government, which ever was written."

Enroll for FREE in "The Federalist Papers" now!

Last Name

Email *

Address *

City *
State *
Select a State
ZIP Code *

Rush Limbaugh and Mark Levin agree: "Hillsdale College is the authority on teaching the Constitution."

Background:

- Client: Hillsdale
- The sign up page for the new course offering *The Federalist*
- Internal logic was to use "Enroll for..." since it was Hillsdale's course



Treatment Changes:

- Changed the call-to-action above the signup form
- Remaining copy all stayed the same





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Experiment #986

31.5% increase in conversion rate

Version	Conv. Rate	Relative Diff	Stat Confidence
C: "Enroll"	26.5%		
T1: "Activate"	34.9%	31.5%	99.9%

Key Learning:

Making the visitors <u>"Enroll" created more mental friction</u> given the perceived work that would be required. "Activate" has the perception of a one-step process which created a 31.5% increase in conversion.

Elements to Test with Copy

- Add copy
- Subtract copy
- Different value propositions
- Headline
- Body Copy
- Calls-to-actions



2. Designing Effective Email Acquisition Pages



The design of your email signup page has just ONE GOAL—facilitate the mental conversation between you and your visitor.

How clarifying the design of the page header affects email acquisition

Experiment #2684



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Background:

- Client: Hillsdale College
- Email acquisition campaign with traffic being driven from Facebook
- Control uses a traditional page header that contains the headline for the landing page



Tested Elements:

- Removed the graphical Header
- New Headline

Treatment 1

Hillsdale College

Get instant free access to the world's most renowned Constitution course

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Tested Elements:

- Removed the graphical Header
- Identical Headline as control



Treatment

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9.2%





Version	Conv. Rate	Relative Diff	Stat Confidence
Control	37.5%		
Treatment 1	40.0%	6.6%	96.3%
Treatment 2	41.0%	9.2%	99.4%

Key Learning:

Sy removing the header graphic and moving the headline into the the content area, we created a tighter connection the value proposition.

How Do We Get More Names?

Version A

Exclusively for Texas History Enthusiasts:

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And just to be sure...

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Free markets have been the driving force behind America's economic growth and prosperity over the last two centuries. However, the economic principles that underlie free markets are not broadly understood

And because free markets and the entrepreneurial spirit require freedom to flourish, Hillsdale seeks to teach you-and all Americans-about these fundamental principles.

This ten-lecture course is delivered by economics professor Gary Wolfram, with an introduction and concluding lecture by Hillsdale President Larry P. Arnn. This course covers the most important economic topics you need to know, including how markets work, the role of profit, restoring economic liberty, and more.

Activate your free Economics 101 course now!

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Step 1 of 2

Title * Select

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Email *

Activate my course!

What students say

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If the design is too beautiful, it is a DISTRACTION. If it is too ugly, it is a DISGRACE.

How a redesign and stronger value proposition increased name acquisition rate

Experiment #1937



<u>Control</u>



Get insider access to the Take Back America Presidential Forum

Sign up to receive video footage and resources from the largest, most substantive policy discussion of the 2016 presidential campaign cycle.

The Presidential Forum is hosted in South Carolina, a key primary state, where a capacity crowd will see the top Republican presidential candidates and hear for themselves where they stand on the most important issues. With your free insider access, you can see the responses the candidates give.

Candidates will be asked to explain their conservative solutions for the growing problems facing our country. They'll explain their plans to:

- **Restore free enterprise and limit government** to enable the economy to flourish and grow.
- **Defend America**, rebuild our military and foreign policies and protect our borders at home and our interests abroad.
- Promote a strong civil society, strengthen families, defend marriage, protect life, and restore religious freedom.

This is your opportunity to engage in a vital conversation that will shape the 2016 presidential debate along conservative lines and restore our country to its founding principles. Register now using the form below and you'll receive a link for access to the Presidential Forum on Friday, September 18th.

Sign up free for insider access to Presidential Forum videos

First Name *

Last Name *

Email Address *

Give me access

Background:

- Client: Heritage Action for America
- Event signup page with traffic being driven from Facebook and Email
- Text-based landing page focusing on "insider access"



Tested Elements:

- Radical redesign of the landing page
- Copy and primary value proposition is focused on accountability
- Design includes full-color images of each candidate

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You deserve the <u>truth</u> from conservative Presidential c	
That's why Heritage Action for America is holding a special one-day Presidential Forum on Friday,	INVITED SPEAKERS*
September 18th. Conservative Presidential candidates	
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- All supporting content is generally hidden from the main eye-path, as there is only room enough for main content.
 This includes images and testimonials
- ✓ Form fields are stacked vertically instead of grouped.



Logo

Main Offer Headline Goes Here, Even if it Seems Long, Mobile Users are OK to Scroll

Description text goes here. This is where you want to describe the offer that you're giving them

You can go into a little more detail

What's Not Different

- ✓ The AMOUNT of content stays the same, even if it seems strange initially.
- ✓ Why? Experiments across the board (for profit and non-profit) reveal that mobile users are OK scrolling up and down, it's just pinch and zoom that has a negative effect on performance.



3. Creating a Conversational Thought Sequence



Every time you ask for something—whether it is a donation or even just an email signup, you are entering into a MENTAL CONVERSATION with your visitor. To increase the potential for success, it is important that the conversation takes place in the PROPER ORDER.

How reordering the elements of a landing page increased name acquisition rate

Experiment ID: #1692



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Background:

- Client: Stanford Graduate School of Business
- Email acquisition page for eBook offer
- Three-column layout mirrored branding throughout the site







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Kenneth Klopp Cofounder The North Face

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Eric Baker Founder Stubhub

Founding CEO Bonobos



Treatment Changes:

- Changed headline to convey value
- Gave copy contextual placement near the form
- Moved email acquisition form into eyepath
- Moved image and credibility indicators to the right column as supporting content

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<u>10.8% increase</u> in conversion rate

Version	Conv. Rate	Relative Diff	Stat Confidence
C: Three-column page	38.7%		
T1: Optimized page	42.9%	10.8%	98.9%

Key Learning:

Simply matching branding throughout the site is not enough. Each landing page must be optimized maximize perceived value and minimize perceived cost.

Re-Ordering Thought Sequences

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4. Choosing the Right Incentives



When choosing an incentive, you must present something that the visitor **PERCEIVES** to be of **GREATER VALUE** than their personal contact information.

How offering something with a higher perceived value impacts name acquisition



Experiment #8546

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Background

FamilyLife wanted to take advantage of the traffic to their homepage for name acquisition. In order to increase conversion on the subscribe button at the top of their page, they tested offering the free online course instead of a general subscribe button. In both instances, the person was taken to a page to complete their email signup or course registration (depending on if they saw the control or the treatment) once they clicked the button. Design elements remained the same.

Objective

Does offering something of value in a sticky bar increase email acquisition over a general subscribe header?



Offer Something with a Higher Perceived Value

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Sign up to receive our newsletter

SUBSCRIBE



Strengthen your marriage. Take the free online course, "I Still Do!"





How testing can determine the right incentive

Experiment #1355



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Email Address	7

Get My Free Chapter

Background:

- Client: Texas State Historical Association
- Email acquisition offer using a 10 question educational quiz over Texas history
- The goal of the final screen was to present an offer in exchange for their email
- Utilized a free chapter of the popular Texas Alamanc



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First Name Last Name Email Address

Tested Elements:

- Treatment A offered a free eBook entitled The Battle of the Alamo
- Treatment B offered a compellation of the best articles from their historical publication

Treatment 1



Treatment 2

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TREATMENT 2

50.2% increase in emails acquired

Version	Conv. Rate	Relative Diff	Stat Confidence
C: Texas Almanac	13.0%		
T1: Alamo eBook	19.5%	50.2%	100.0%
T2: SHQ Articles	14.5%	14.5%	99.7%

Key Learning:

By testing out the email acquisition offers during the initial roll out, the TSHA was able to achieve increased acquisition in the campaign

SOMETHING trumps NOTHING.

- Petition give their voice to a cause they believe in
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- Courses learn something they can benefit from
- Quizzes test their knowledge



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Incentives need to be for THEM.

5. Crafting a High Converting Email Capture Form


The response form is both your BEST FRIEND and WORST ENEMY. The *amount* and *nature* of information you ask for will determine which one.

How the amount of required information impacts conversion

Experiment #289



<u>Control</u>



Background:

- Client: Hillsdale College
- Name acquisition offer for their *Imprimis* publication
- The form historically required both email and home address so it could be send through mail and online



Tested Elements:

- Reduced the required form fields by removing address information
- Removed image of *Imprimis* issues





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C: Full Address	32.2%		
T1: Email Only	76.0%	136.0%	100.0%

<u>Key Learning:</u>

By removing the friction associated with the home address fields,
 Hillsdale was able to more than double the number of emails acquired

Additional Phone Number

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In Conversion Rate





QUESTION How important is it to begin personally?



Experiment #5707 CONTROL

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Now that Breast Cancer Awareness Month has come to an end, we just wanted to let you know that we exceeded our expectations.

Thanks to the generosity of donors around the country, the campaign was a massive success!

But that doesn't mean we can stop working hard to educate and empower women to take control of their own breast health.

You can help us do this at any time—<u>every dollar you give</u> means that more women can be proactive about their health.

We'd also love it if you shared *What Every Woman Needs to Know* on Facebook...just <u>click here</u> and share it with your friends!



Candice Boeck Donor Relations Manager National Breast Cancer Foundation

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Donor Relations Manager National Breast Cancer Foundation It can be okay to add more friction NOW if it means you can provide more personalization and value on the LATER.

How breaking up the form into two parts affect email acquisition



Experiment #2039

Breaking Apart Forms Test

Background:

- Client: Heritage Foundation
- Signup form for their President's Club Event
- The control version of the form lists all of the fields on one long page.



Breaking Apart Forms Test Tested Elements: Treatment

- The treatment broke the form up into two separate pages
- The first page acquired the commitment to attend and the relevant contact information
- The second page captured the event details

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Breaking Apart Forms Test

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Version	Conv. Rate	Relative Diff	Stat Confidence
C: 1-Step form	17.6%		
T1: 2-Step form	35.2%	99.4%	99.8%

Key Learning:

By removing offloading the event details fields to the second page of the form we reduced cognitive friction and increased signups by 99%.

6. Choosing the Right Place for Your Offer



If an email signup offer falls in the forest...

Pop-ups, Slide-outs, Takeovers- we all HATE them. But they WORK!

How an alternate offer, given at the right time, increased emails acquired

Experiment ID: #2292



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Background:

- Client: Texas State Historical Association
- Email acquisition page for Civil War eBook offer
- Page had a good conversion rate, but most visitors did not convert



<u>Treatment</u>

Treatment Changes:

- Created popup window as soon as visitor showed intent to exit
- Popup resented a "pivot" offer – something relevant, but different



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C: No Value Prop	7.4%		
T1: Value Prop on Page	10.2%	36.9%	99.9%

Key Learning:

Just because a visitor doesn't choose to accept our initial offer does not mean the opportunity to capture their email is over. Relevant offers presented at the right time can increase conversion rate.

How the disruptive placement of an offer increased email acquisition



Experiment #2542

The Power of Disruption

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But the story did not end there. The city continued to fight to keep this ordinance away from the voters. Eventually, the Texas Supreme Court had to intervene and issued a unanimous decision, holding that the city had violated the right of the people of Houston to vote and ordered the city to put the ordinance on the ballot. Later, the Texas Supreme Court unanimously struck down misleading ballot language the city tried to use to confuse voters.

Yesterday, after a prolonged battle, the voters had their say – and they overwhelmingly rejected HERO 62%-38%. Democracy prevailed, despite the city's anti-democratic actions and the intimidation tactics of the mayor and her staff. When the dust settled, the people of Houston sent a message – they will not be intimidated or fooled by a swarm of celebrities and millions of outside dollars into abandoning the First Amendment and the safety of women and girls.



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Background:

- Partner: Alliance Defending Freedom
- Tested email acquisition on the blog
- Blog receives ~3,000 and 5,000 visitors each day
- Multiple Calls-to-action at the bottom of the page



The Power of Disruption

Treatment Changes:

- Added a slide-in call-to-action with email signup offer
- Included value proposition language identifying the benefits of giving an email
- Button communicated value

<u>Treatment</u>



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But the story did not end there. The city continued to fight to keep this ordinance away from the voters. Eventually, the Texas Supreme Court had to intervene and issued a unanimous decision, holding that the city had violated the right of the people of Houston to vote and ordered the city to put the ordinance on the ballot. Later, the Texas Supreme Court unanimously struck down misleading ballot language the city tried to use to confuse voters.

Yesterday, after a prolonged battle, the voters had their say - and they overwhelmingly rejected HERO 62%-38%. Democracy prevailed, despite the city's anti-democratic actions and the intimidation tactics of the mayor and her staff. When the dust settled, the people of Houston sent a message - they will not be

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In Conversion Rate



The Power of Disruption

523.9% increase in emails acquired

Version	Conv. Rate	Relative Diff	Stat Confidence
C: Simple form	0.07%		
T1: Value proposition form	0.42%	523.9%	100%

<u>Key Learning:</u>

By introducing an interruption to the reader we observed a 523.9% increase in email signups. Compelling content by itself is not enough—we need to present our captive audience with timely, compelling offers.

7. Collect emails offline



- Use Facebook targeting with an email offer for offline only donors
- Include an email option on the direct mail response device
- Event registration and donations on-site
- Regular database sync/update with email tool

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So...in case you SNOOZED the whole time...

- People come online to get, not give
- Offer value to them to earn trust and work towards a donation
- Emails are valuable for online AND offline revenue
- Experiment to find the right offer and incentive for your audience
- Optimize for how people think

7 Proven Methods to Acquire More Emails

- 1. Copy
- 2. Design
- 3. Sequence
- 4. Incentive
- 5. Form
- 6. Placement
- 7. Offline



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And a few from US.

General vs. Contextual Headline

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ent t	Stay Informed ×		nt t	Before You Go	
	Samples	Emails Acquired	Conv. Rate	Relative Difference	Significance
Control	74	3	4.1%		
Treatment #1	94	1	1.1%	-73.8%	76.4%
Total	168	4	2.4%		
ent: Email		A	nt: Email		
	Sign Me l	Jp! to fro new ideas for		I Me Up!	3.8%



General vs. Contextual Headline

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13 Proven Ways to Optimize Your Email Acquisition Landing Page

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7 Proven Methods to Acquire More Emails and Grow Your Donor Base

	Samples	Emails Acquired	Conv. Rate	Relative Difference	Significance
Control	209	6	2.9%		
Treatment #1	260	3	1.2%	-59.8%	80.3%
Total	469	9	1.9%		
acquisition landin First Email Addres				Email Add	
Get th	e Free Guide			RESERVE YOUR SPOT	

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Tangible vs. General Offer

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Grow Your Fundraising With Innovative and Research Driven Strategies

7 Elements of an Effective Donation Page

After conducting nearly 700 fundraising

	Samples	Emails Acquired	Conv. Rate	Relative Difference	Significance
Control	2,487	75	3.0%		
Treatment #1	175	13	7.4%	146.3%	97.2%
Total	2,662	88	3.3%		

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103.7%

In Conversion Rate



Chat Bot with Drift

• Meet our bot... Winston





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Thanks! QUESTIONS?