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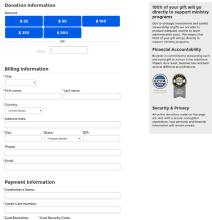
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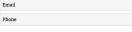
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A Special Story of Hope this Christmas

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





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VERSION A



VERSION B

You Can Change a Life with a Gift

This Christmas, give a gift that can meet a critical need of a child or family living in poverty. When a family receives a goat, education, water, or some other tangible solution, their lives are changed for years to come.

CHANGE A LIFE BY GIVING A GIFT





How did you do?

How did *you* make your decision?

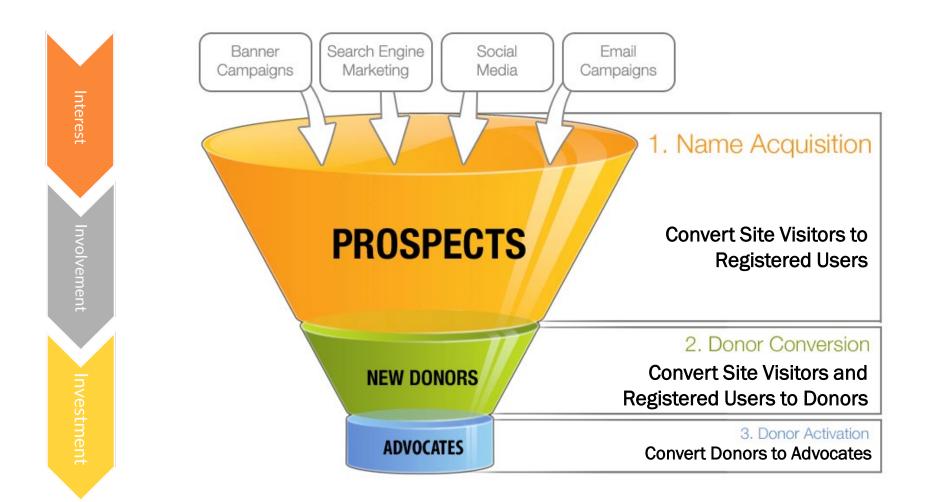
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How did *you* make your decision? Intuition? Best Practices? Guess?

And So Began My Quest...

Traditional Online Donor Funnel





Nonprofit Industry Benchmarks

1%-4% Donation Conversion Rate

0.15% Email Response Rate



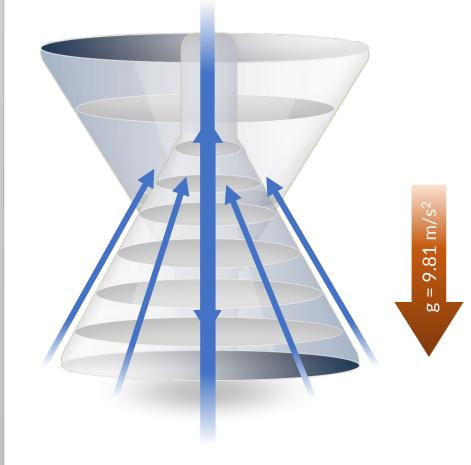
Is the Funnel Leaking?

96%-99.85% Failure Rate

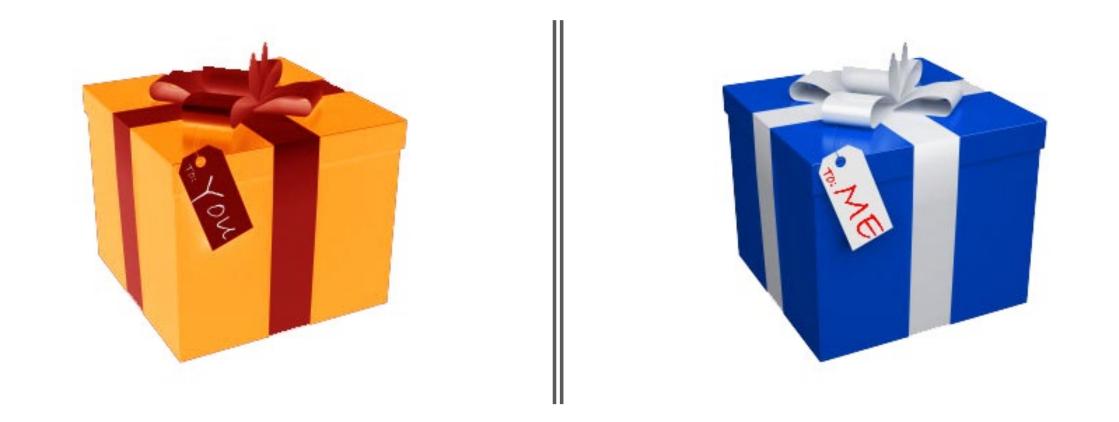


A New Perspective of the Funnel

- 1. The funnel is often presented as one potentially useful analogy for marketing. It is in fact, **the primary analogy**. All marketing should influence a decision.
- 2. The funnel analogy distorts reality. People are not falling into your funnel, they are falling out. The funnel **must be inverted**.
- 3. People don't travel down the center of the funnel. People are **climbing up the sides**.

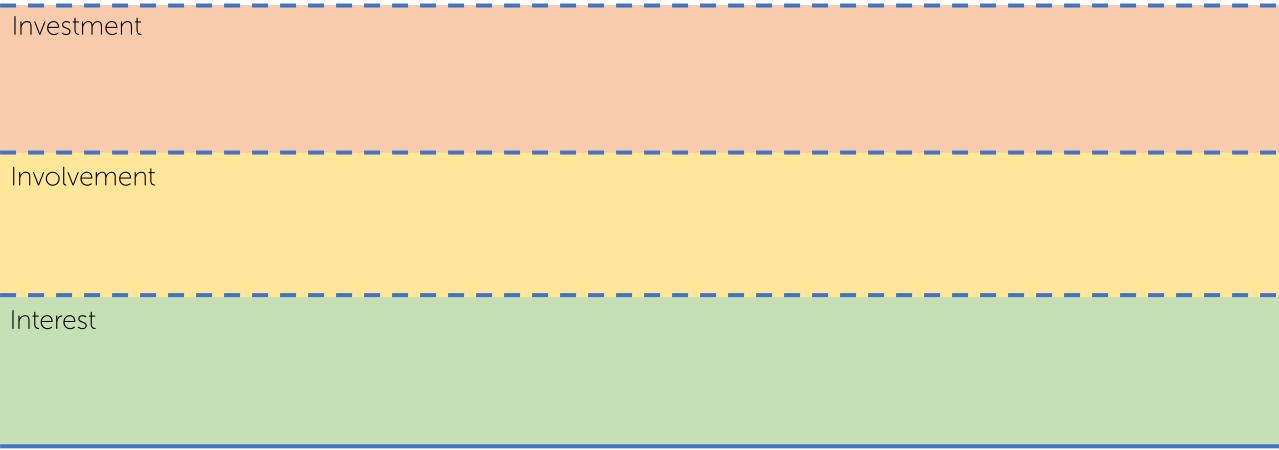




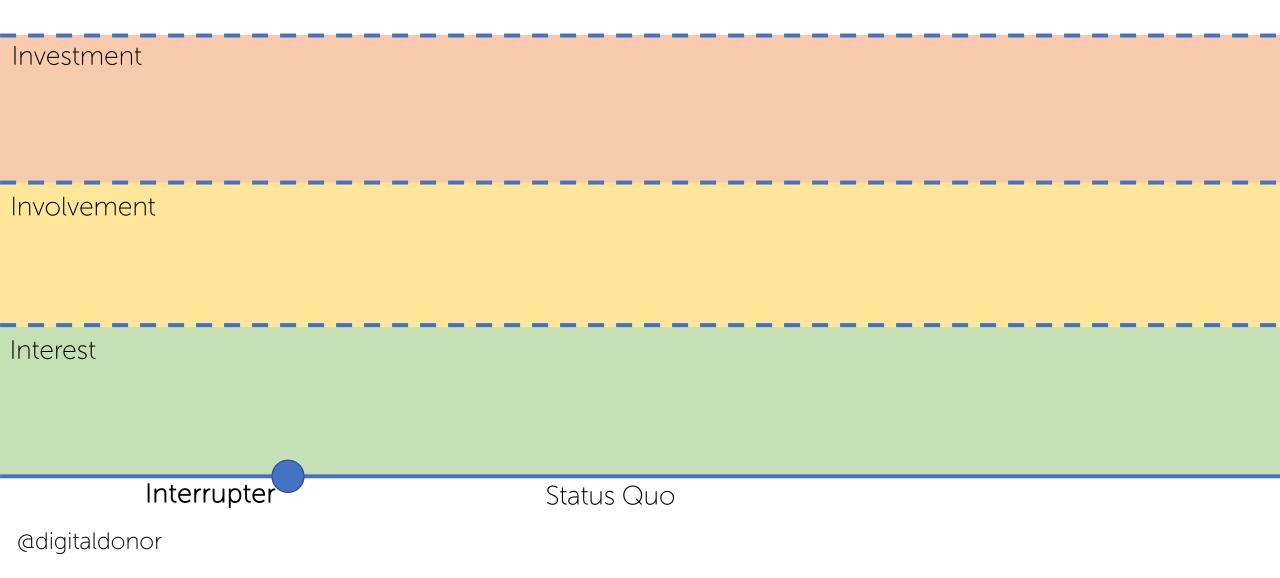


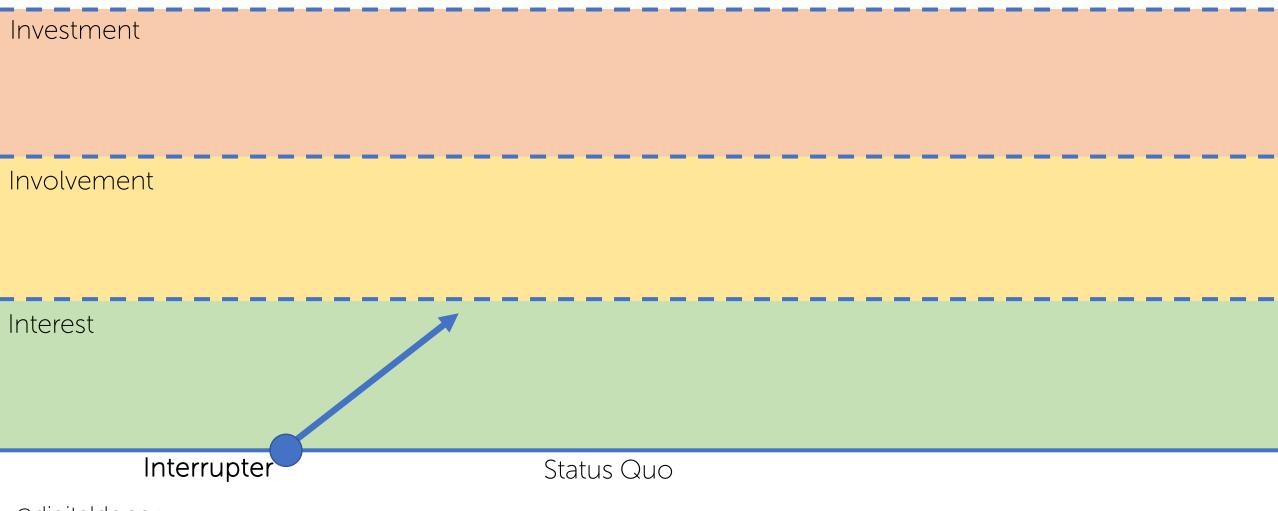
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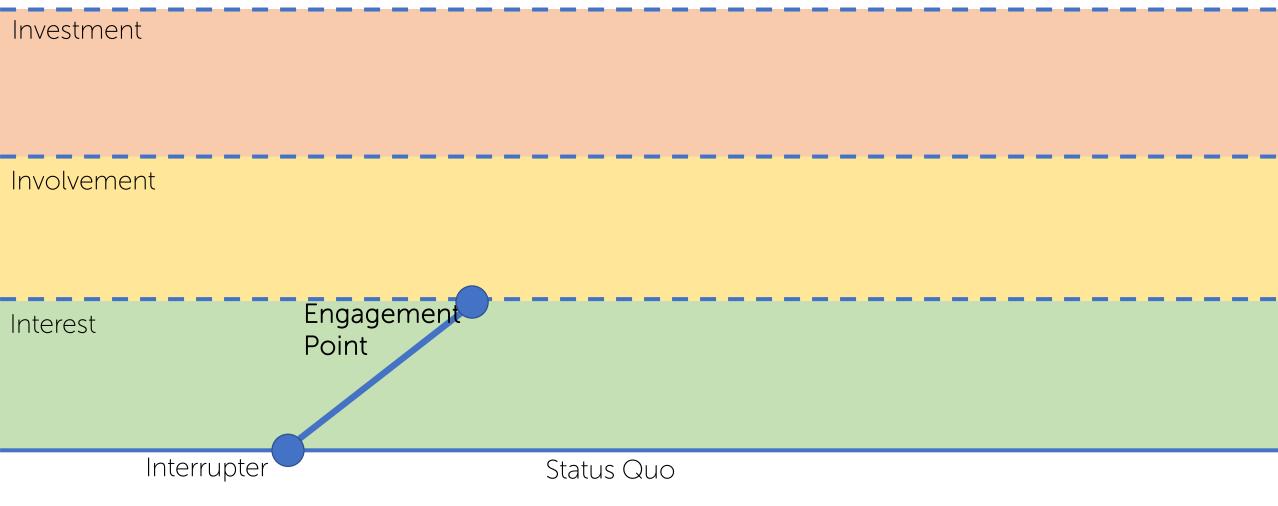
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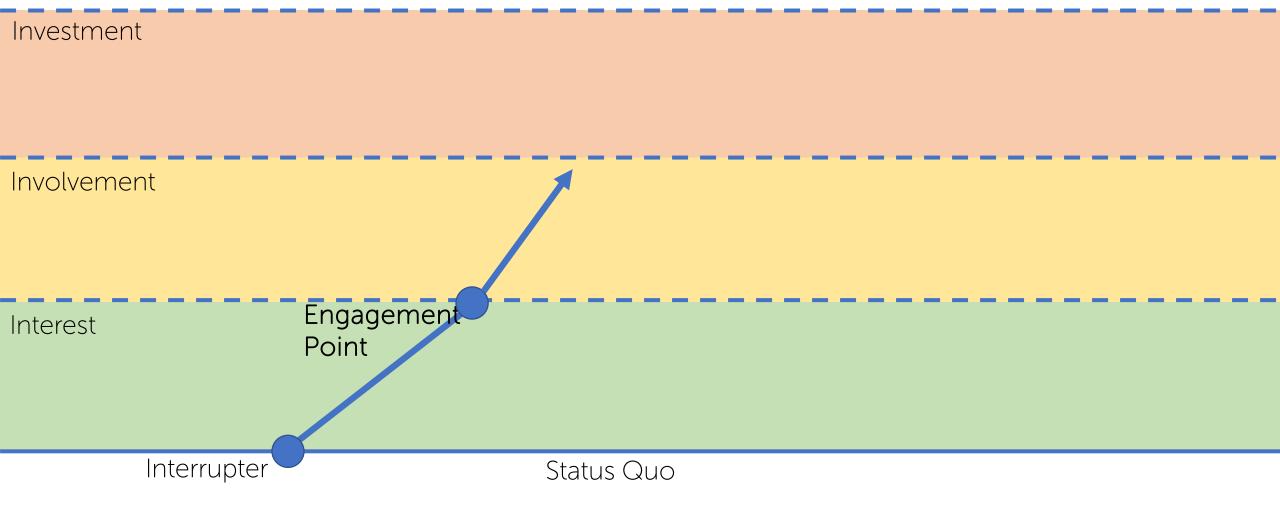


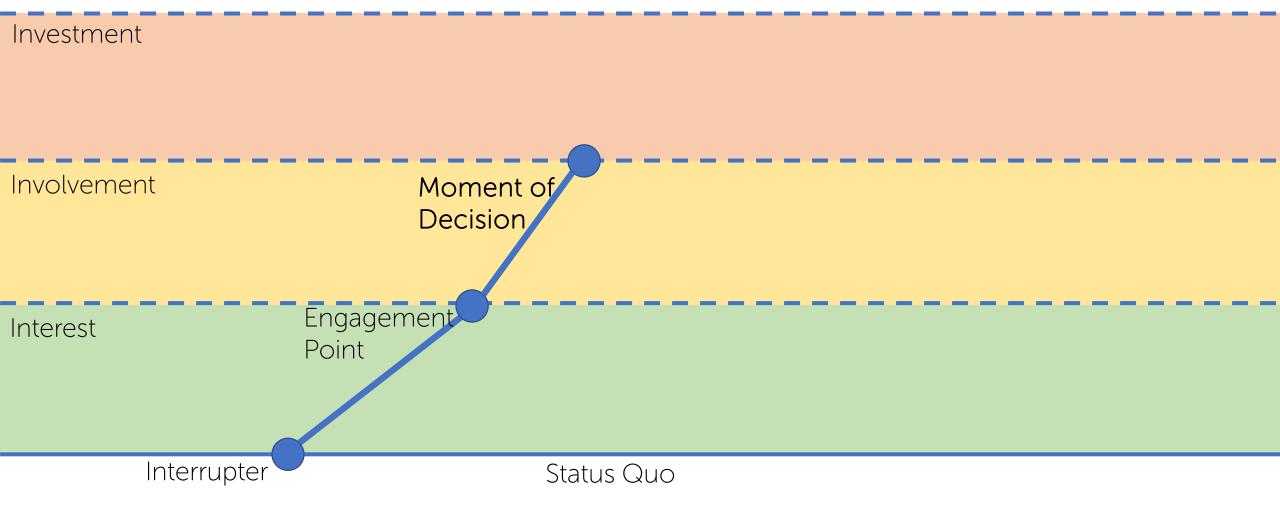
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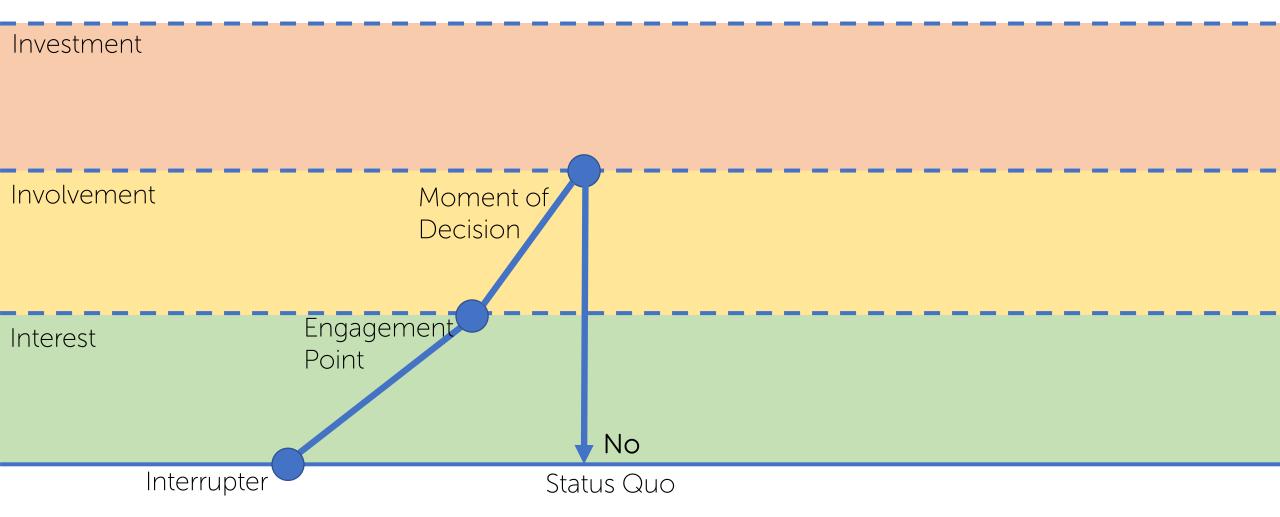


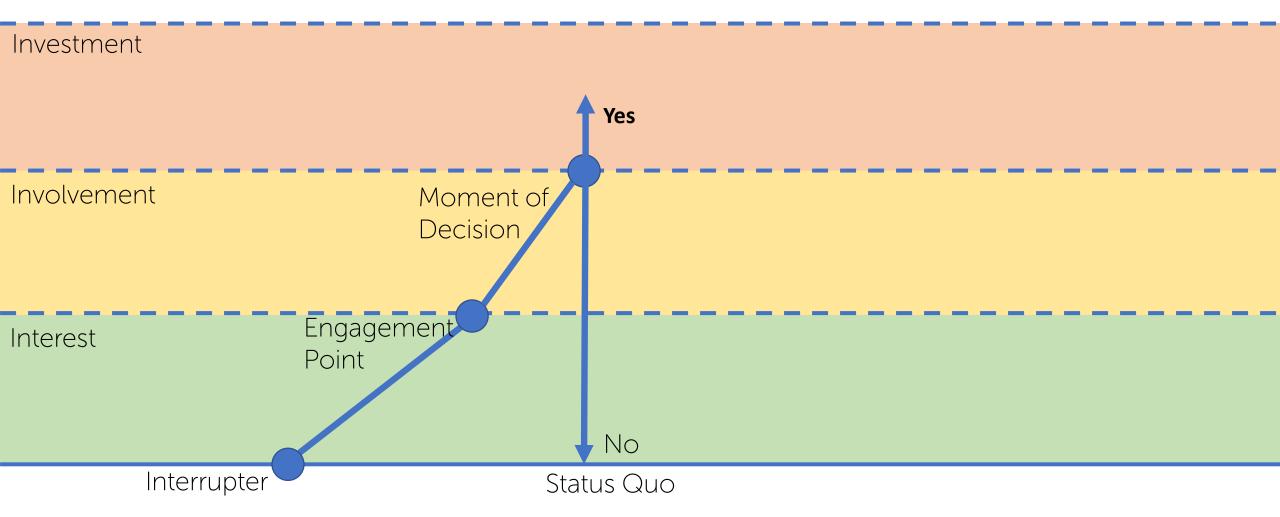


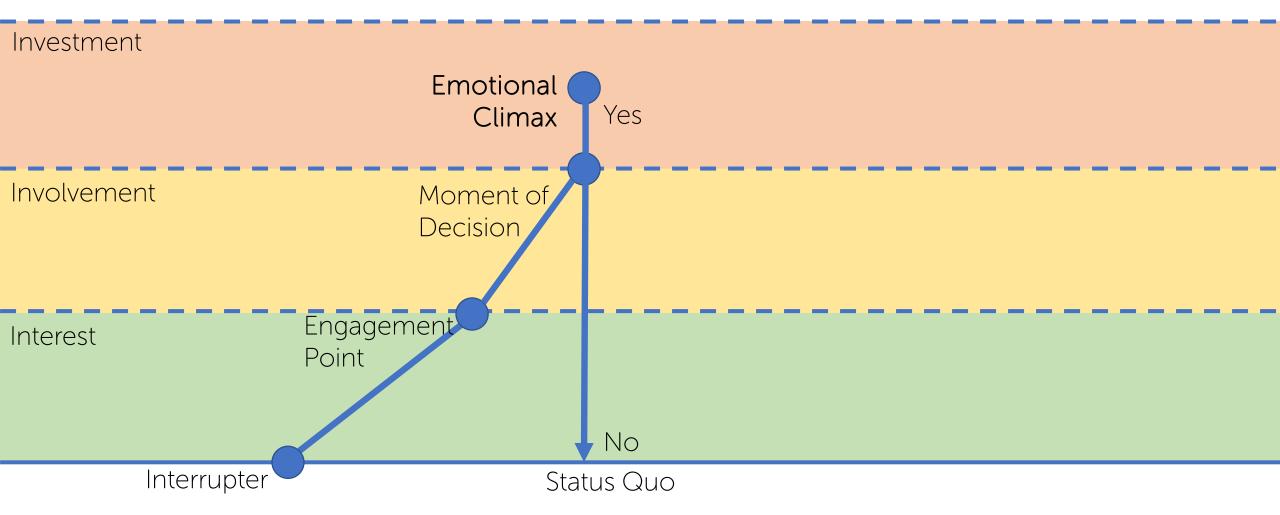


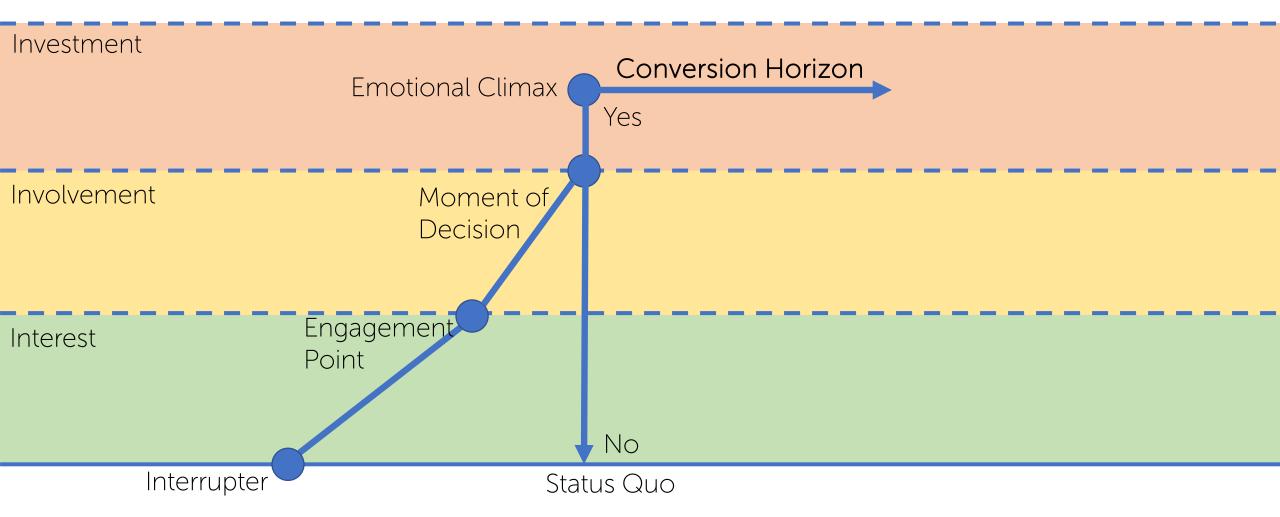


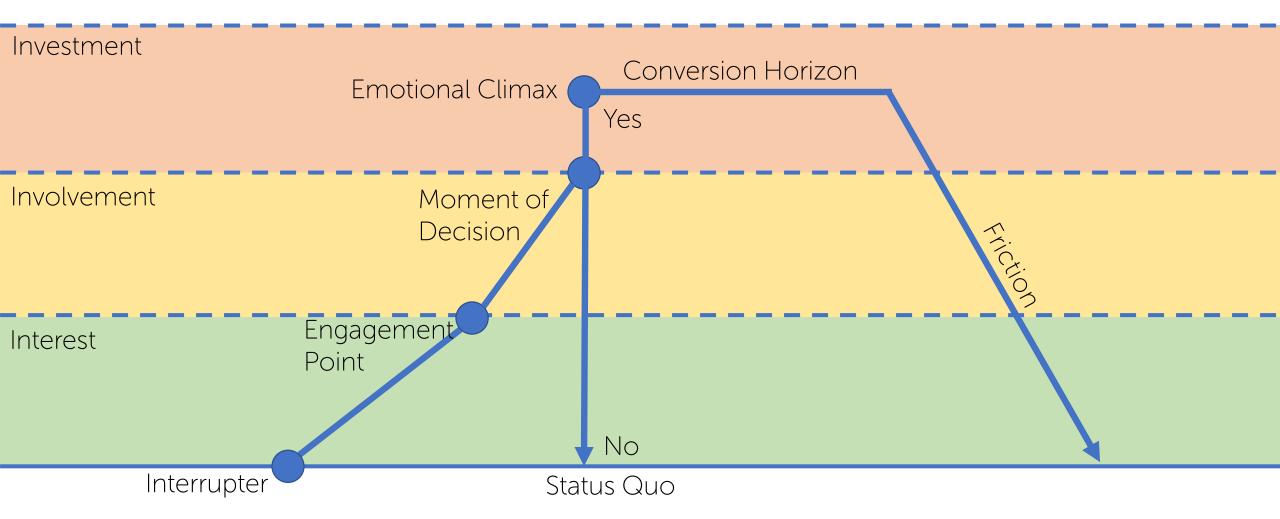


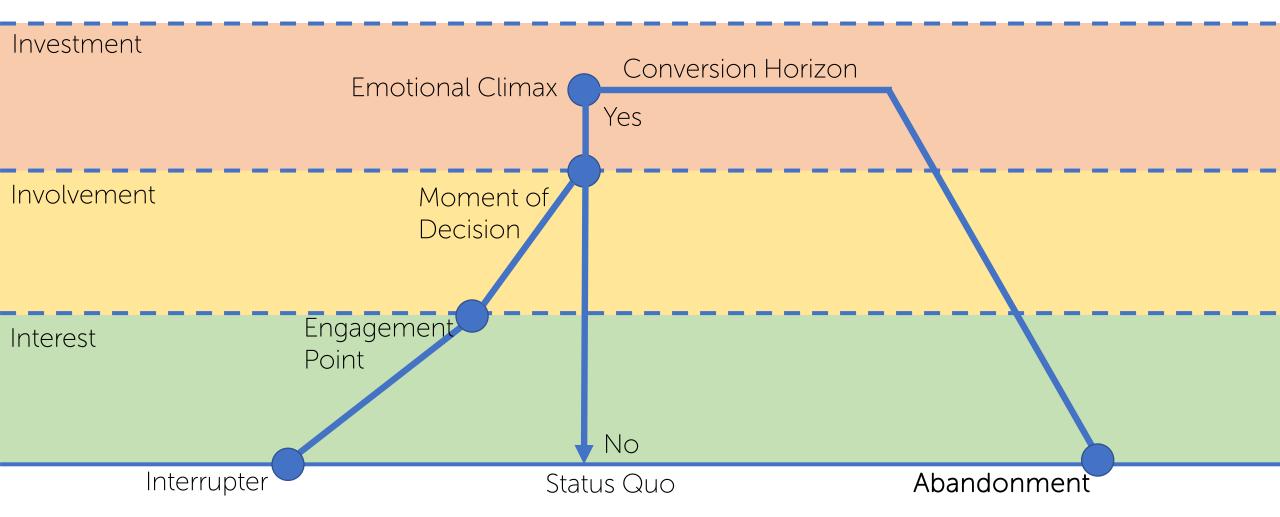












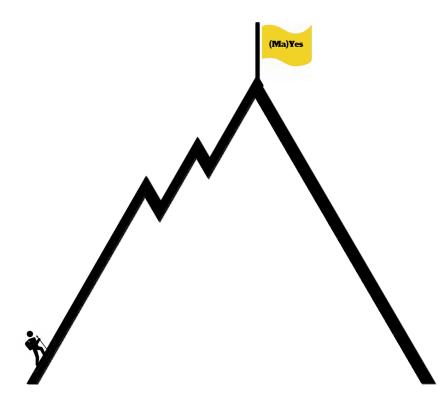
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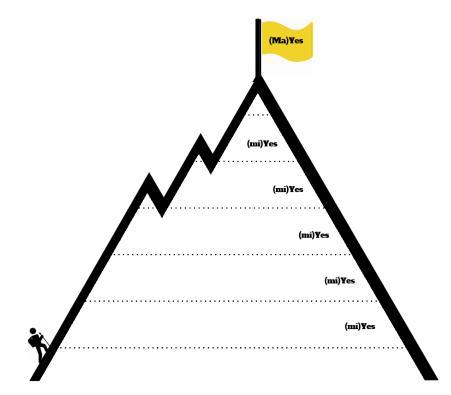






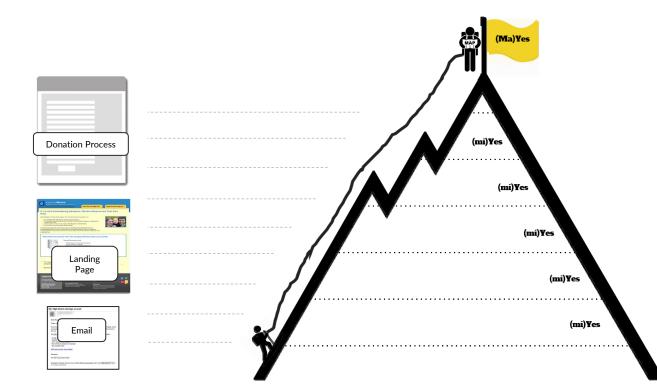






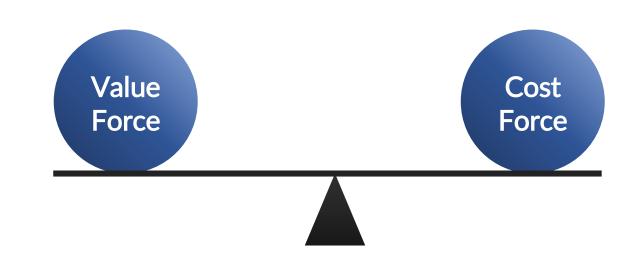


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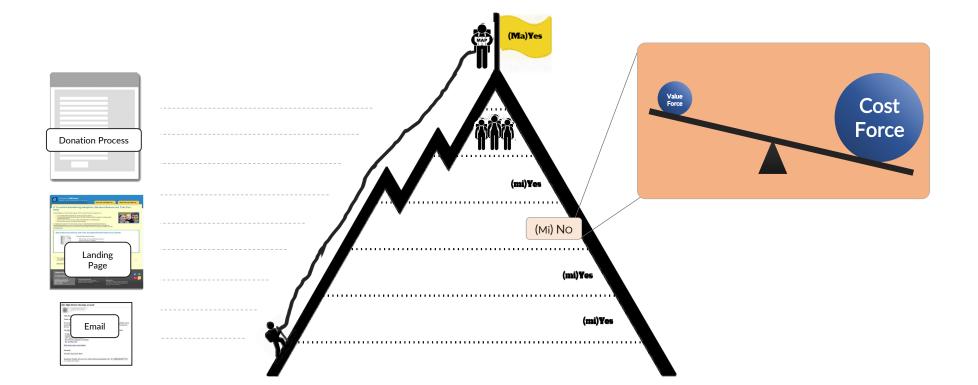


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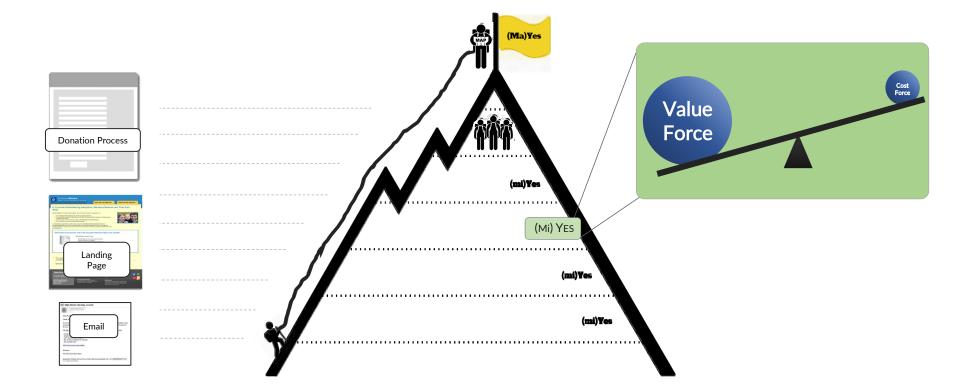


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My First Experiment

My First Experiment

Version A - CONTROL



principles of freedom, opportunity. responsibility and compassion. Become a Charter Member of the George W. Bush Presidential Center today!

BECOME A CHARTER MEMBER TODAY

Dear Friend,

I don't have to remind you how America was tested time and again-at home and abroad-during the eight defining years of the George W. Bush presidency.

The difficult decisions President Bush made in the face of each challenge were rooted in the core principles he held throughout his years of public service-the fundamental values that have guided America since her founding: Freedom ... Opportunity ... Responsibility ... Compassion.

Now President and Mrs. Bush-with the support of many patriotic Americans like you-are taking on a new challenge. They are continuing their personal commitment to advancing these enduring principles through the George W. Bush Presidential Center.

The Center will uniquely integrate the records of a national archive, the thematic exhibits of a presidential museum, and the intellectual capital of a research-based policy institute to transform ideas into action.

The George W. Bush Presidential Center will continue to advance the ideals and core principles that shaped his presidency during a defining period in America's history.

Please accept this invitation to stand with President and Mrs. Bush by making a taxdeductible online contribution now.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely

Hon. Mark Langdale President George W. Bush Foundation

Version B - TEST

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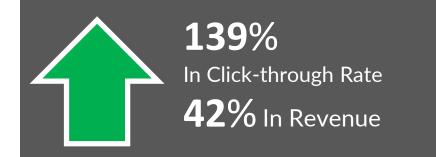
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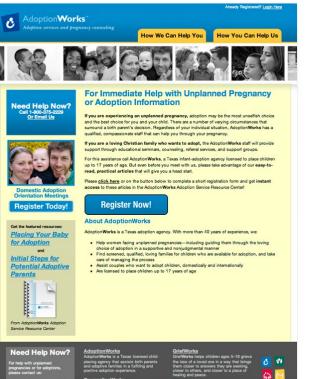
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139% In Click-through Rate 42% In Revenue

Optimizing Email Capture

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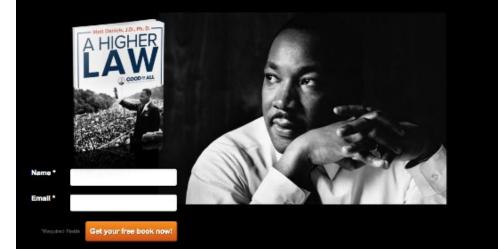


Optimizing the Process-Level Value Proposition

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



BUT THIS



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

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Optimizing Donation Pages

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About NextAfter



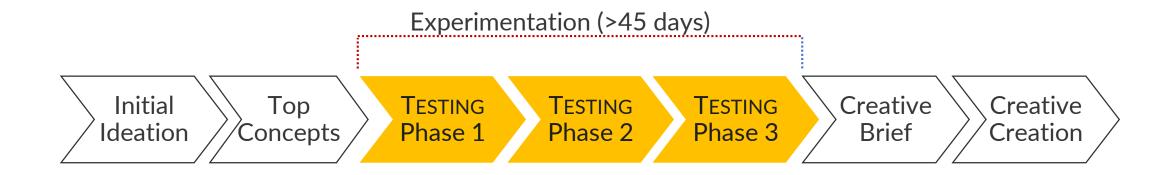
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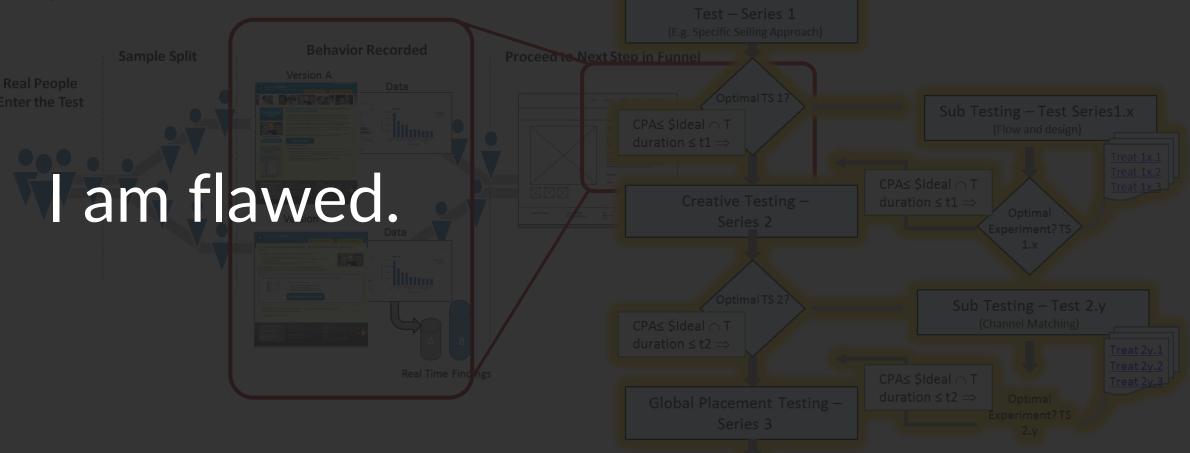
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The Fundraiser's 3 Fatal Flaws:

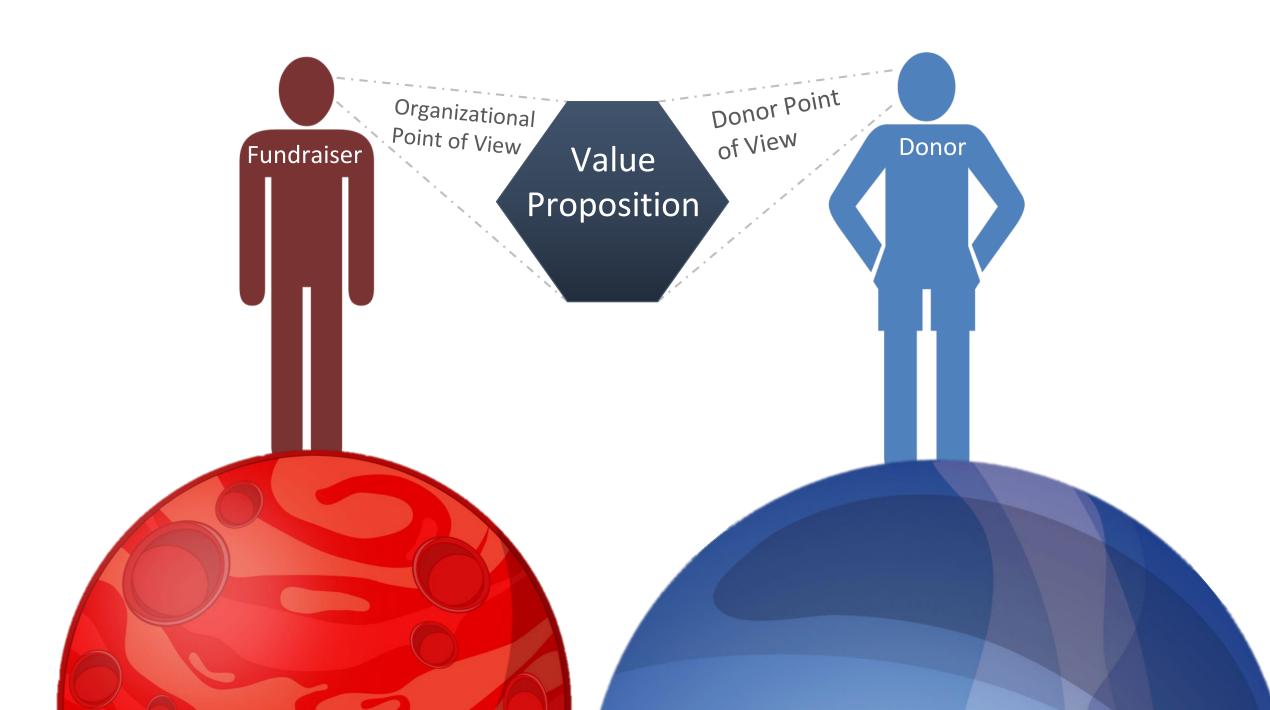
1. We fail to see what our donors see.

2. We fail to hear what our donors are saying.

3. We fail to speak in our donor's language.



We fail to see what our donors see.



Fundraiser Sees:

- Professional
- Polished
- Nicely designed

Donor Sees:

• Marketing

FAMILY LIFE Help for today. Hope for tomorrow.

A Cru Ministry



Scholarship funds have run out. Here's why it matters . . Donate Now!

[Salutation],

You don't often think about pastors needing help with their marriage. Our expectations are so high. But the truth is, they work long hours. They are constantly sacrificing. It takes a toll on their families, who also do so much.

Your gift will help provide a scholarship to our Weekend to Remember[®] marriage getaway for at least one pastor couple like Fred and Melissa.*

While they were having a difficult time, they received their scholarship, thanks to caring friends like you. Fred told us:

"I had been going through some issues of burnout after pastoring a very small church for nine years that we had planted... We had lost two children to miscarriage. We didn't want to be another statistic. The pastor scholarship allowed us the opportunity to attend this marriage getaway. Without it, we could not have afforded to go."

Workers like Fred and Melissa are few. We can't afford to lose them to the stresses of ministry. One failed marriage can be a tragic setback for a whole church.

Please pray for the need. <u>Your gift now</u> will also make a huge difference for a pastor couple, their church, and the community they serve. God bless you for being a great friend to FamilyLife.

Yours for godly homes,

Dennis Rainey

Donate Now!

Hi Jenn,

I hope you're having a great day so far. I wanted to tell you something that's been on my heart as of late.

The Lord has blessed Barbara and me by allowing us to serve at FamilyLife for 41 years. While there are many parts that make the ministry special, the best part is the people we get to meet and help. Over the years, we have had the opportunity to help over one hundred thousand pastors and their spouses attend our Weekend to Remember® marriage getaways.

I have a great appreciation for pastors. Maybe that's because I like to think that I have a pastor's heart, and I also know the challenges they face and the stresses that come with their job. We tend to put high expectations on pastors and sometimes forget that they are human too. They work long hours, make lots of sacrifices and often don't take time for themselves and their families.

Marriage and families require intentionality and investment. That's why I'd like to continue to make it possible for even more pastors and their spouses to attend our Weekend to Remember getaway as a gift from FamilyLife and generous people like you.

Jenn, would you consider giving a special gift to FamilyLife that will help provide a scholarship for a pastor couple to invest in their marriage at this weekend getaway?

Your donation will give this faithful couple biblically-based insights to strengthen and improve their marriage, time to relax and rediscover the love between them, and tools and resources that will immediately impact their marriage.

This weekend will not only help a pastor in his marriage, but he will come away recharged and in a better position to minister to his congregation.

I can't think of a better way to invest in God's kingdom, than to invest in the people God has called to do His work.

Here is the link where you can make your gift: https://donate.familylife.com/t/2017-07/index.php?

Thank you, Jenn, for helping build strong marriages and families.

Have a great week!

May God bless you, Dennis

Fundraiser Sees:

- Unprofessional
- Boring
- Plain

Donor Sees:

• An email from a friend

Organizational-Centric



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Experiment # 6988

People give to people, not email machines.



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- Clean design
- Minimal copy
- Donation form is above the fold

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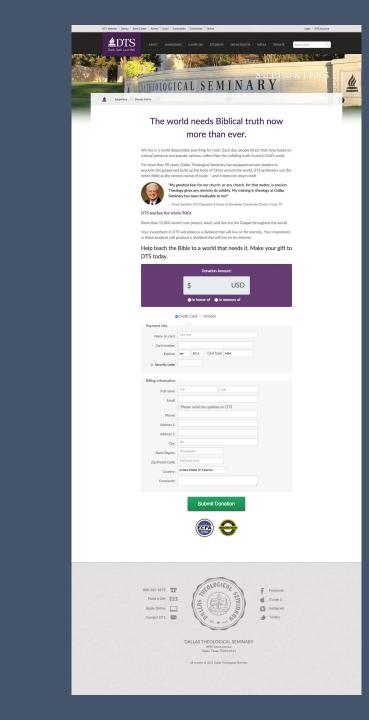
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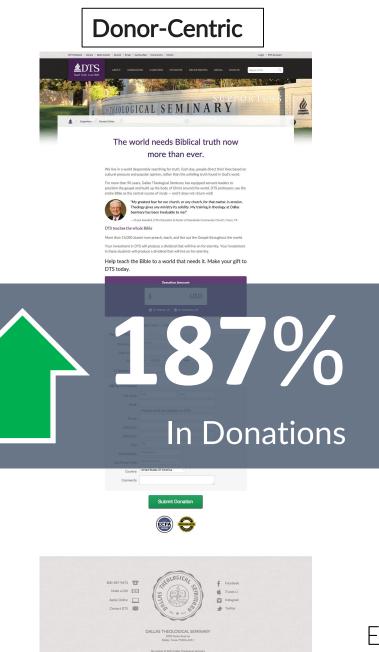
- Too much copy
- Too much scrolling
- Form below the fold

Donor Sees:

• A compelling reason to give



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Experiment # 1780

"People don't read advertising—they read what interests them, and sometimes that's advertising."–Howard Gossage

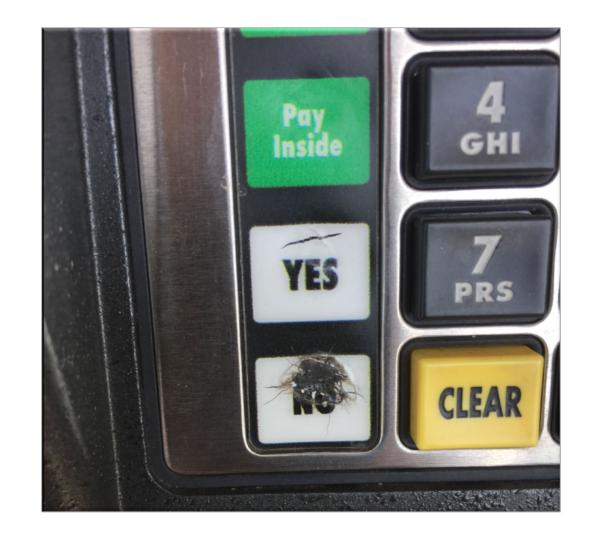
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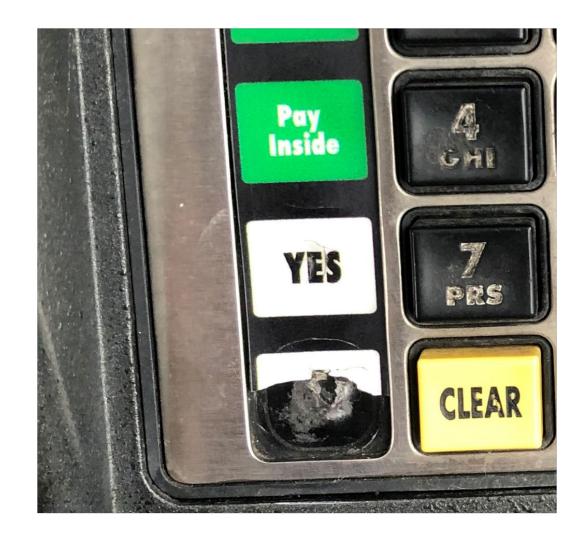




We fail to hear what our donors are saying.







YES

95% Delivery Rate

26% Open Rate

12% Clickthrough Rate

120% Email-to-Visit Rate

7% Conversion Rate

10,000 Emails Sent

9,500 Emails Delivered

2,500 Emails Opened

300 People Clicked

360 People Visited

25 People Donated 5% Undeliverable

NO

74% Non-Open Rate

88% Non-Click Rate

0% Dropoff Rate

93% Non-Conversion Rate

For every person that says "YES" there are always more people saying "NO."



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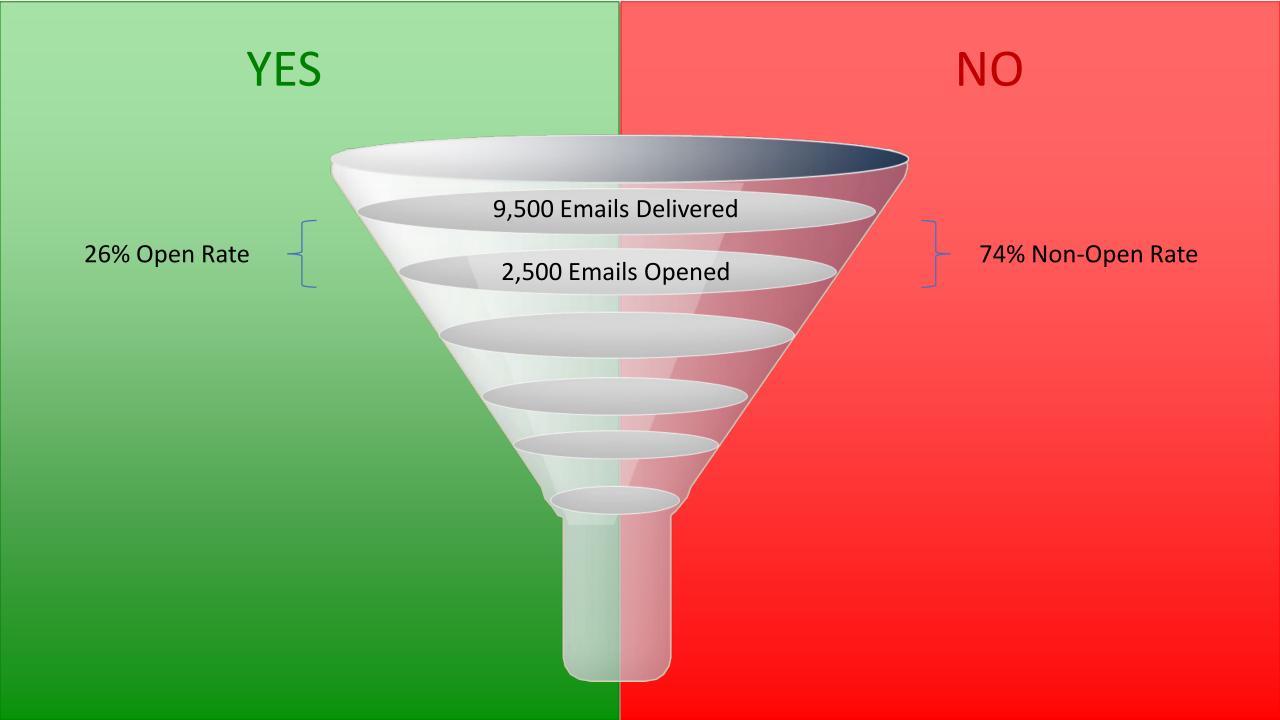
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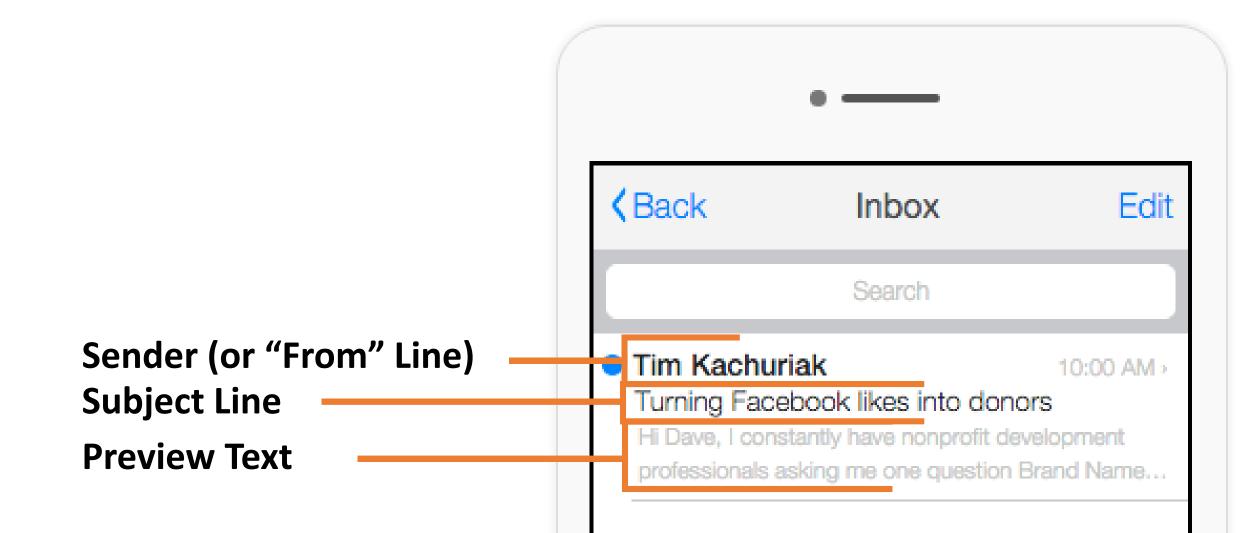
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What can I test to get more people to open?

The Message Envelope

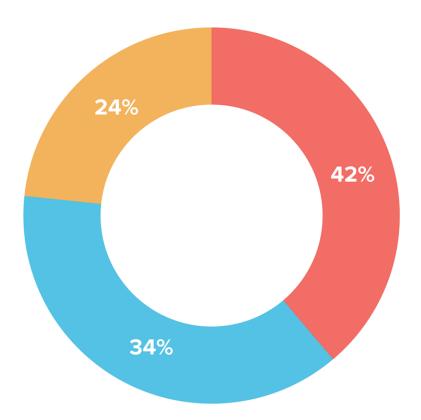




Inbox at a Glance

What's the first thing you look at when deciding whether to open an email?

- Sender or from name
- Subject line
- Preview text



Source: Data is from a joint Litmus-Fluent survey of 1,361 American adults (aged 18+) nationwide on July 5, 2016. Respondents were randomly selected, and the findings are at a 95% confidence level with a margin of error of +/- 2.7%. Fluent's proprietary ad serving technology includes a real-time survey module that was used to facilitate the data collection for this research.

Version A

Jim DeMint

Make this bold statement

Version B

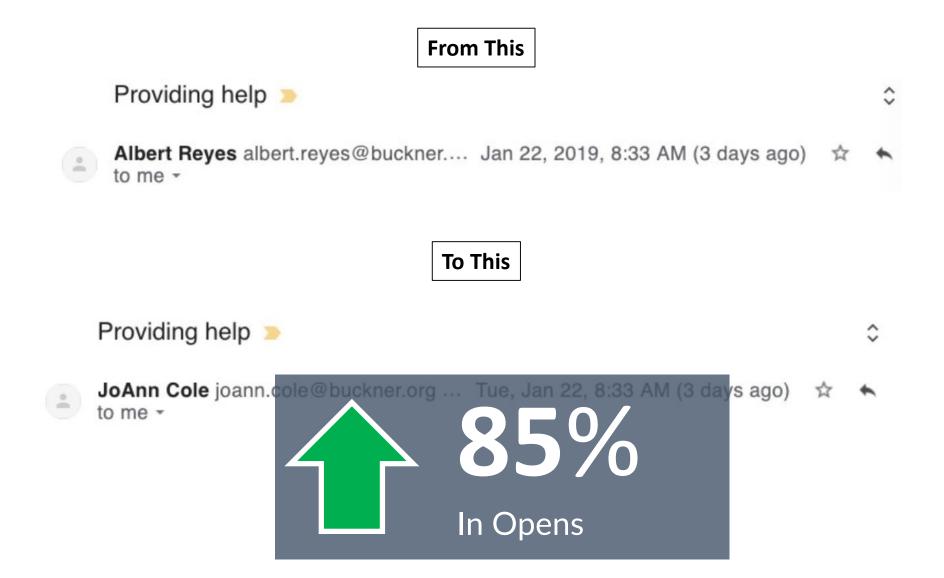
Christie Fogarty

Checking In

Hey there, I wanted to check in to see if you'll be able to con



Experiment #8737 – 1 Variable

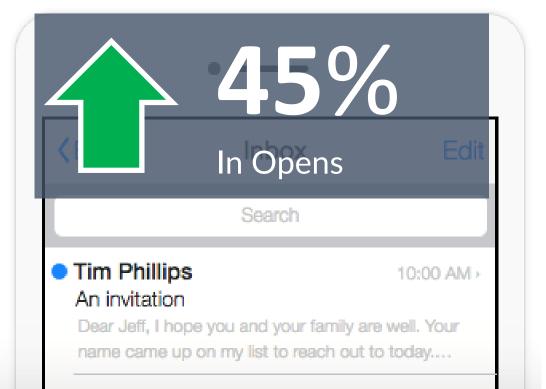


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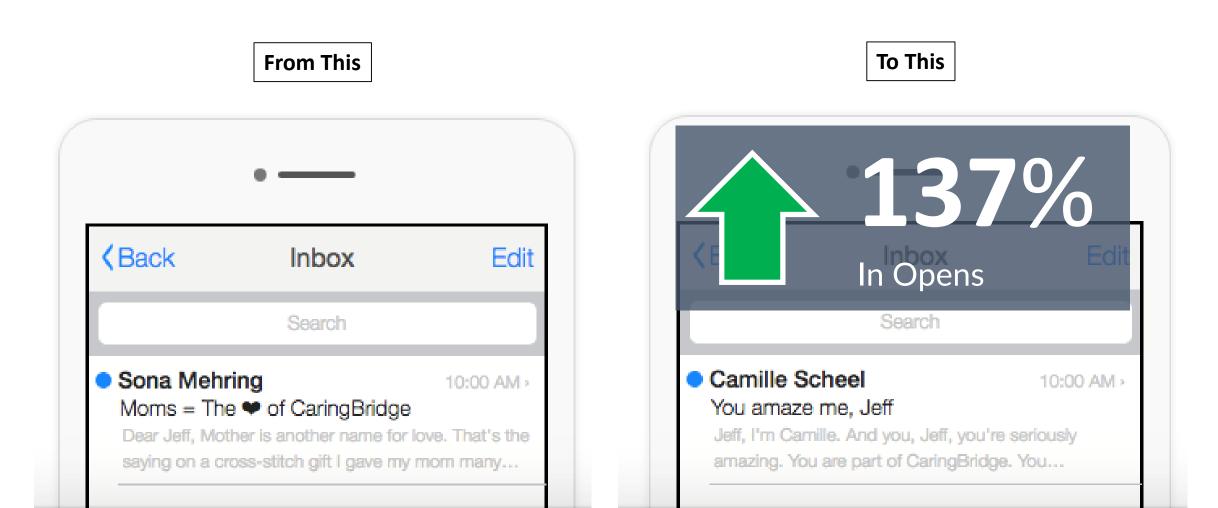
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Experiment #4307 – 3 Variables



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12% Clickthrough Rate

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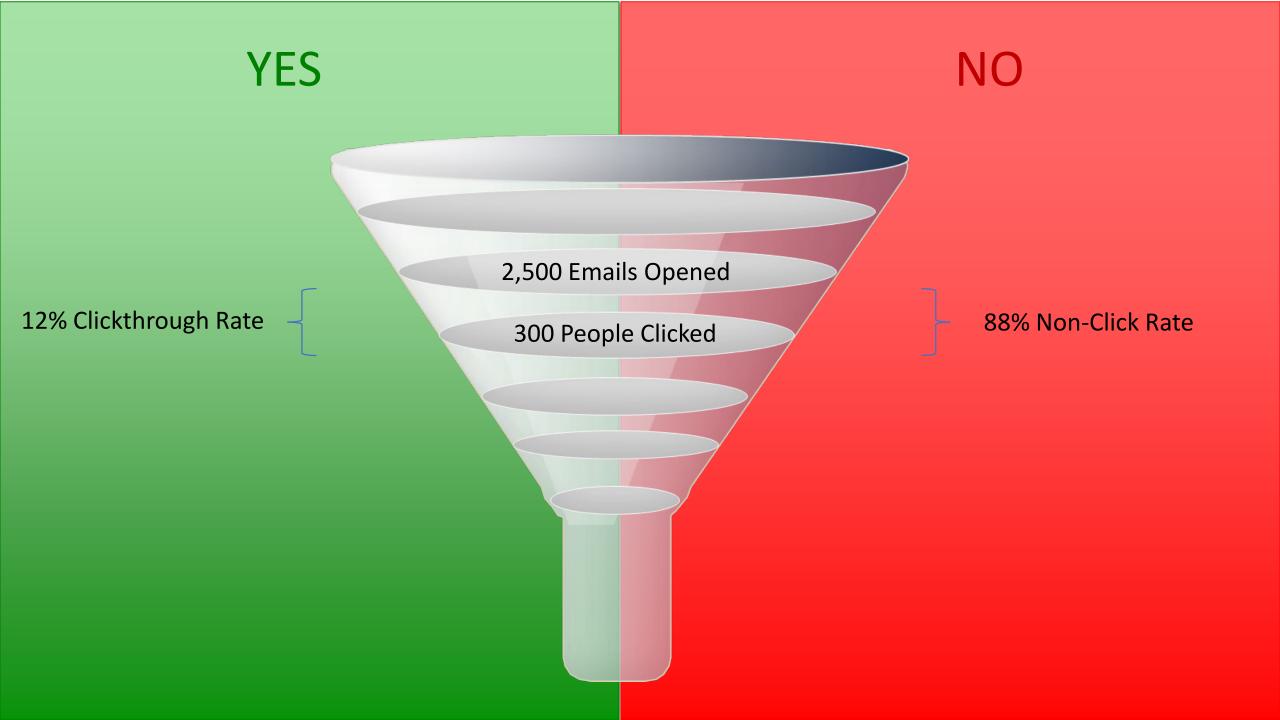
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From This

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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!

Thanks for joining us!

Candice Boeck Donor Relations Manager National Breast Cancer Foundation





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Amanda, thank you

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Dear Amanda

In Rebecca's time of need, it's the love of friends and family that makes a difference. And every time you visit Rebecca's website and add a message of encouragement or an offer of help, you become part of a circle of hope.

You are an important part of Rebecca's journey.

Today, you can send a powerful message of support when you honor Rebecca with a donation to CaringBridge. You'll also ensure that CaringBridge is always here for life's most important moments, both joyous and challenging.

People who use CaringBridge have told us that during their most difficult times, the messages that arrive through their website are an inspiring and uplifting source of comfort. And it's compassionate, generous people like you who make this happen.

Make a Tribute gift to CaringBridge today in honor of Rebecca, and you'll ensure that there's a circle of hope around each person who needs it, every single day.

Make a Tribute Gift

With gratitude, Sorron Mehring CaringBridge Founder, CEO and Proud Donor

P.S. Every 7 minutes, a new CaringBridge website is started to connect with loved ones. Our kind donors make this possible. Please make a gift today.

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Hi Kelly,

On behalf of CaringBridge, I want to thank you. You are an essential part of Catherine's community – and your support brings comfort on a daily basis.

CaringBridge is a powerful resource. Every 7 minutes, a new CaringBridge website is started. And we're happy to offer this safe, protected service free of charge as a nonprofit organization.

That's why I'd like to give you the opportunity to <u>honor Catherine with a gift</u> to CaringBridge today.

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Have a great day, << Test First Name >>!

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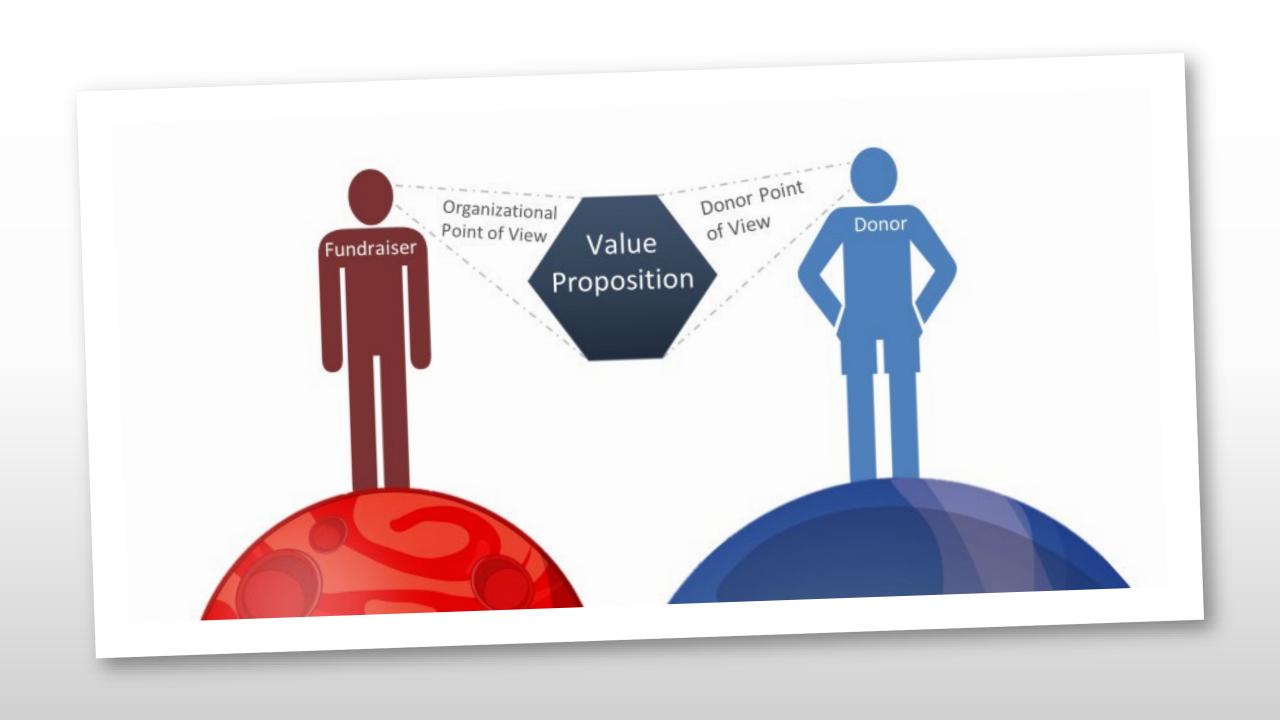
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When we learn to listen to our donors, they will tell us everything we need to know to increase our results.





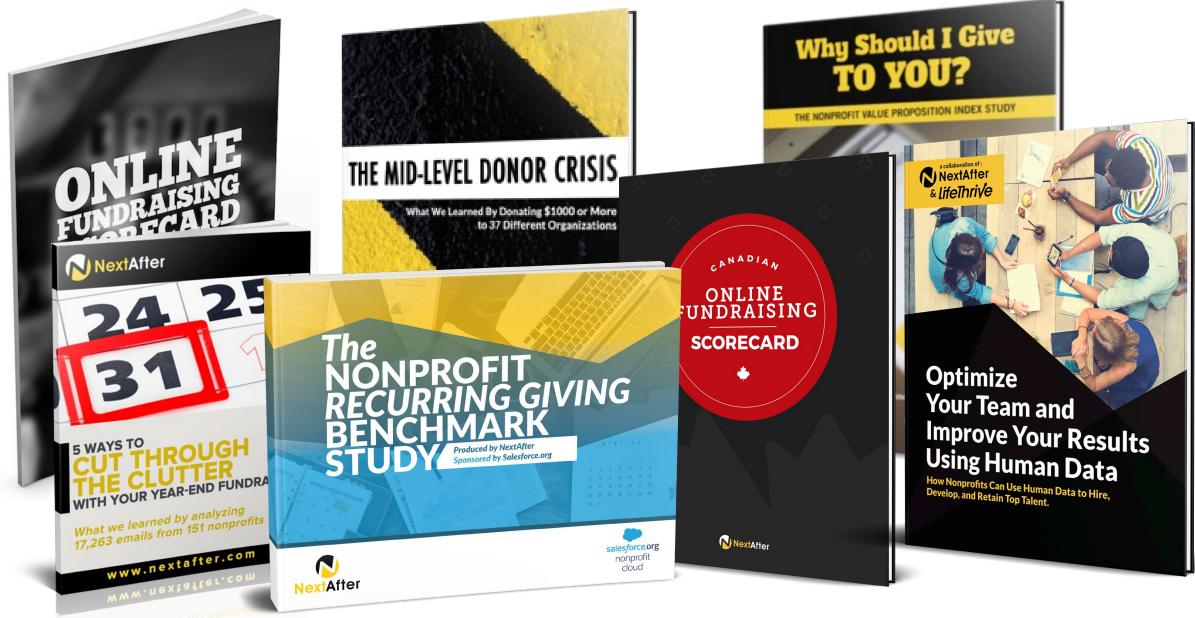
We fail to speak our donor's language.



Three keys to becoming the translator for your organization

1. Empathy

"Mystery Donor" Research Studies



The Value Proposition Index Study



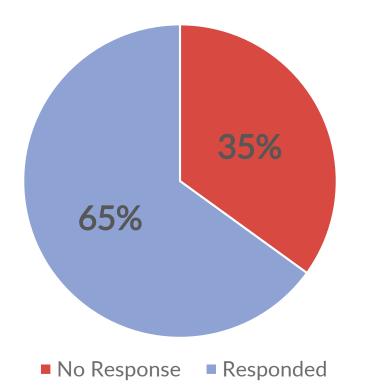
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- Study of 127 nonprofit organizations across 8 different verticals
- Assessed the value proposition as communicated via four channels:
 - Telephone
 - Email
 - Web site
 - Social Media
- Value propositions scored in four areas:
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 - Exclusivity
 - Credibility
 - Clarity
- Data collected from 11/4/15 through 2/6/16

Regardless of Vertical, Value Proposition Seems to be a Challenge

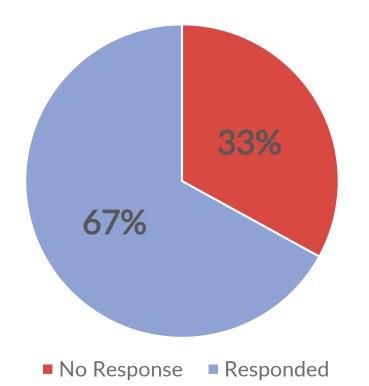


Email Response Time is an Issue



Of the organizations that had a "Contact Us" form, more than one third did **NOT** respond to our submission...ever!

Social Media is not much better....



When we contacted organizations through direct message on Facebook, 33% **never got back to us**.

Email Example #1

Dear Friend,

Thank you for contacting us here at [ORGANIZATION].

We do not ask for donations, so this decision is entirely up to you. If you would like to make a donation, you may do so online, or by calling our customer service department at 800.XXX.XXXX. Our normal customer service hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.—3:50 p.m. (Pacific time). We would be happy to assist you in any way we can.

Thank you again for writing. If you have any further questions, please let us know.

Have a blessed day.

Sincerely,



Social Media Example #1

Hi, Mary.

Thank you for your message. You can learn more about our mission at www.[organizationwebsite].org.



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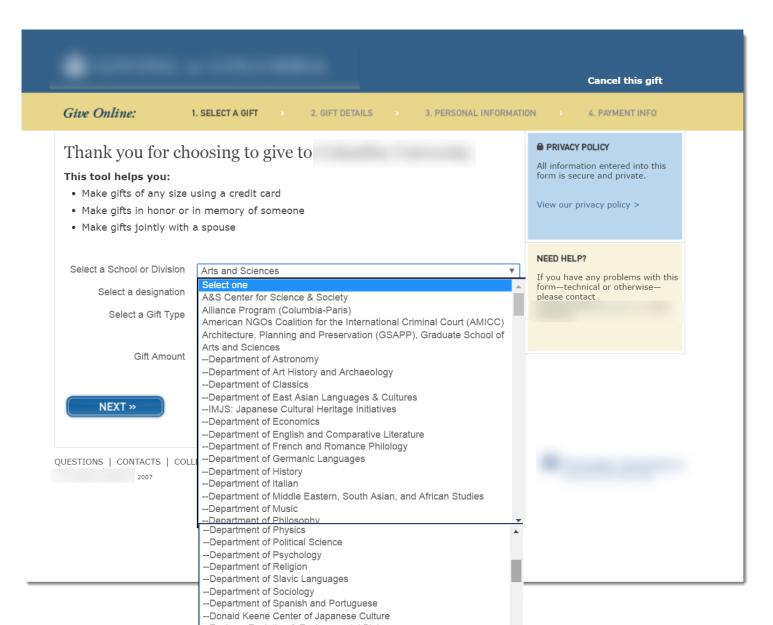
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So...which one??

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2. Emotion

Donors are not all logic and reason.





"We are not thinking machines that feel; rather, we are feeling machines that think."

Antonio Damasio, Neuroscientist University of Southern California

We spend so much time trying to communicate to the **CONSCIOUS MIND** that we forget to consider the messages we are unintentionally sending to the SUBCONSCIOUS MIND.



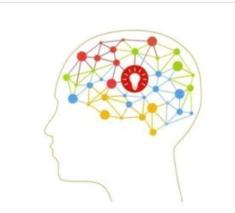
"The limbic brain is responsible for all of our feelings, such as trust and loyalty. It is also responsible for all human behavior and all our decision-making, **but it has no capacity for** *language*."

-Simon Sinek Start With Why



Learn or Die by Edward D. Hess

"Research has shown that **emotion** and **cognition** jointly contribute to the control of mental activities and behavior...thus, when it comes to <u>making decisions</u>, we should be considering the interaction of our cognition and our emotions"



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3. Clarity

"Clarity trumps persuasion."

-Flint McGlaughlin







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Whatever Your Why, Thank You!

Life is why the exists.

For the littlest baby and the oldest grandparent, you can change and even save their life. With your donation today, you are why families will stay together after threatens to tear them apart.

Yes, I want to be the reason why.

How would you like to donate?





What type of gift would you like to give?







How much would you like to give?











We can't get people to give unless we first get them to care.

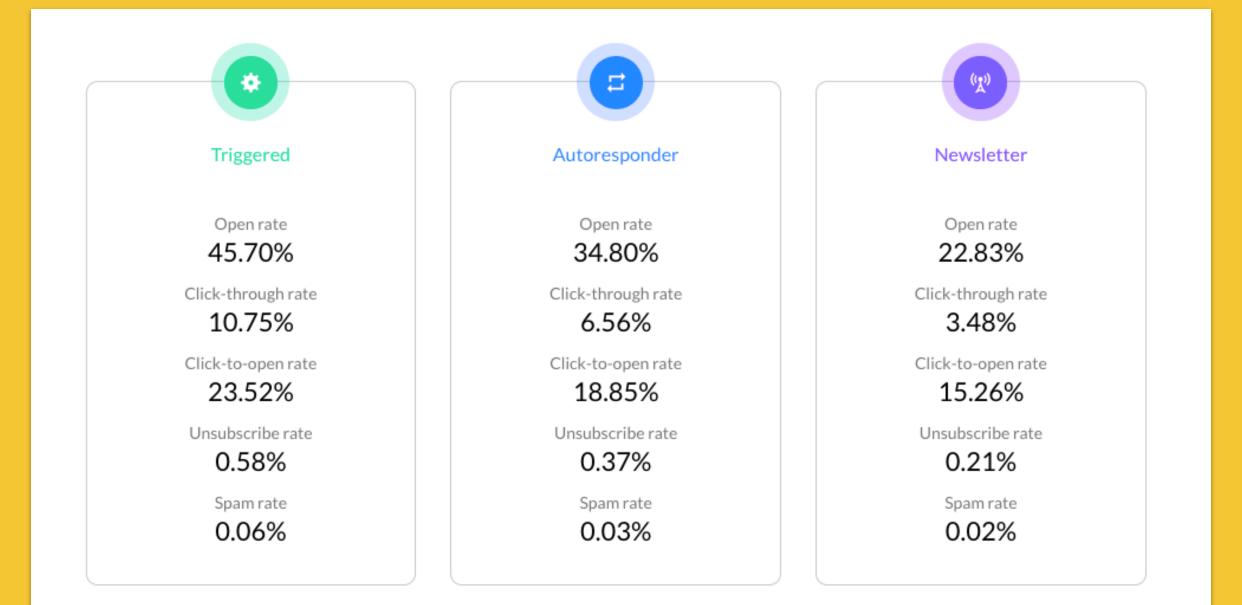
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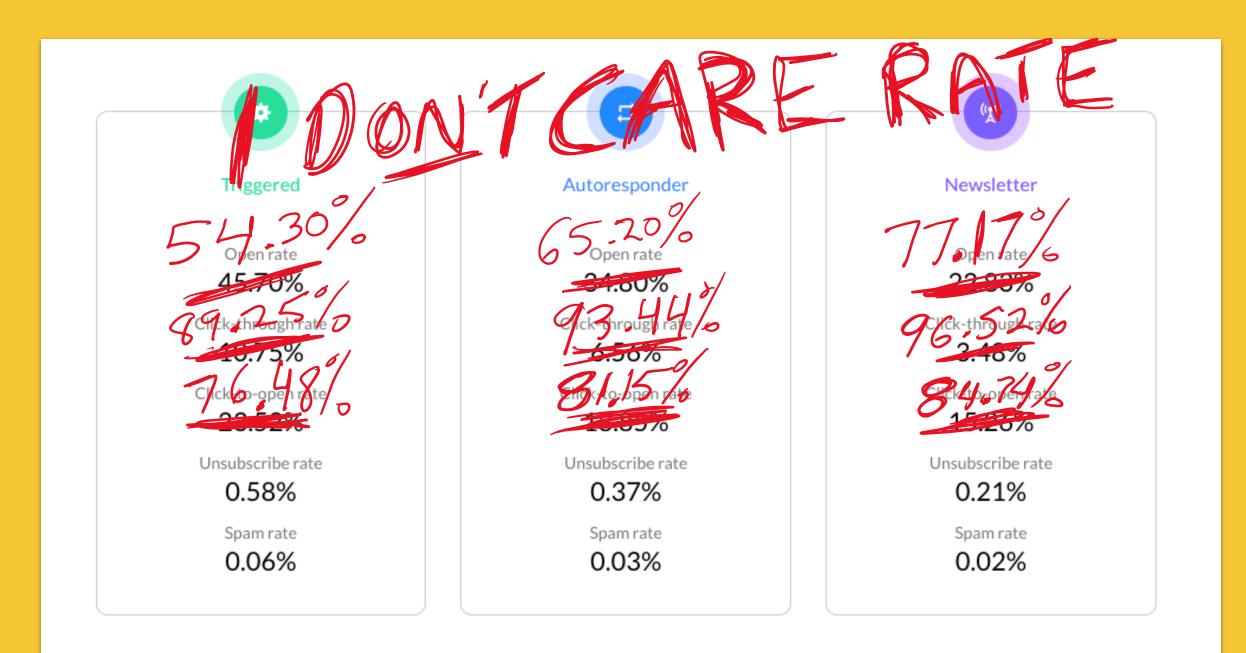
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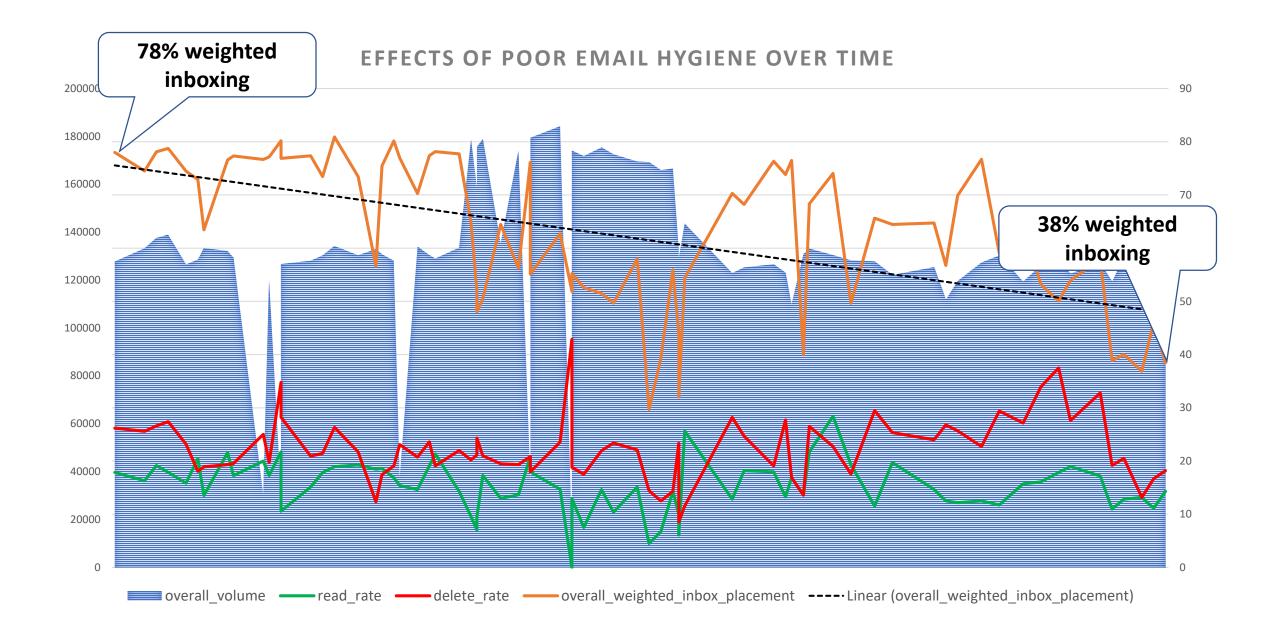
"People don't care."

Do we experience apathy from our donors?

Yes, all the time.







Apathetic Strategy: Let them go.

Getting people to care. Theory #2: Egoism

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"People *only* care about themselves."

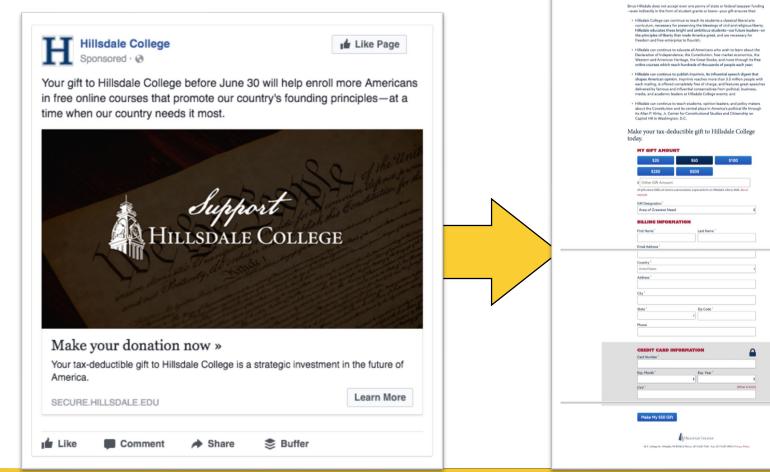


"The punters know that the horse named Morality rarely gets past the post, whereas the nag named Self-interest always runs a good race." **Gough Whitlam**

Let's look at an experiment

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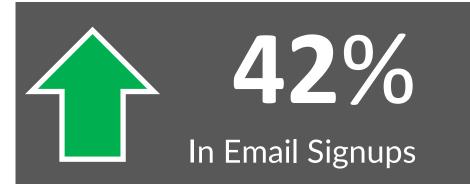


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Egotistic Strategy: Content marketing.

Getting people to care. Theory #3: Altruism

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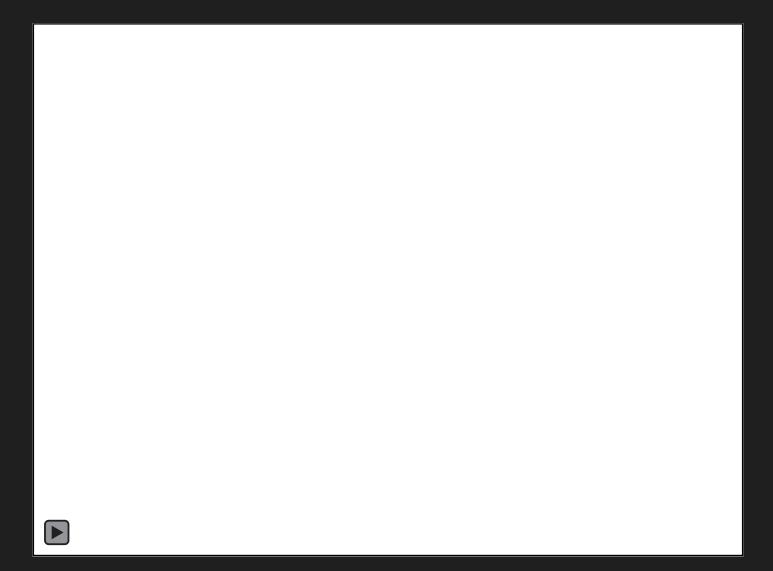






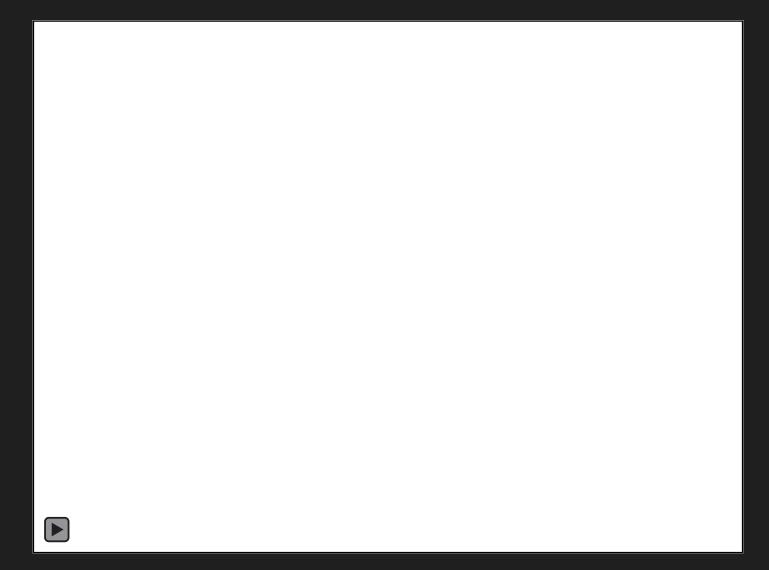
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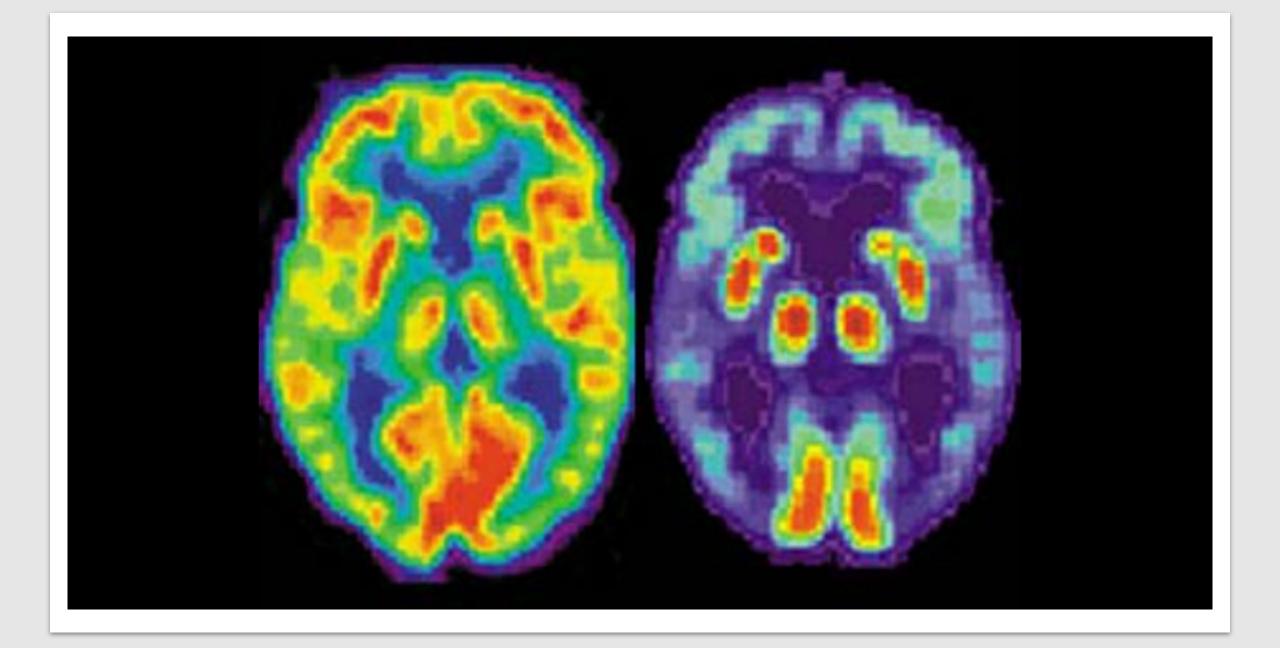
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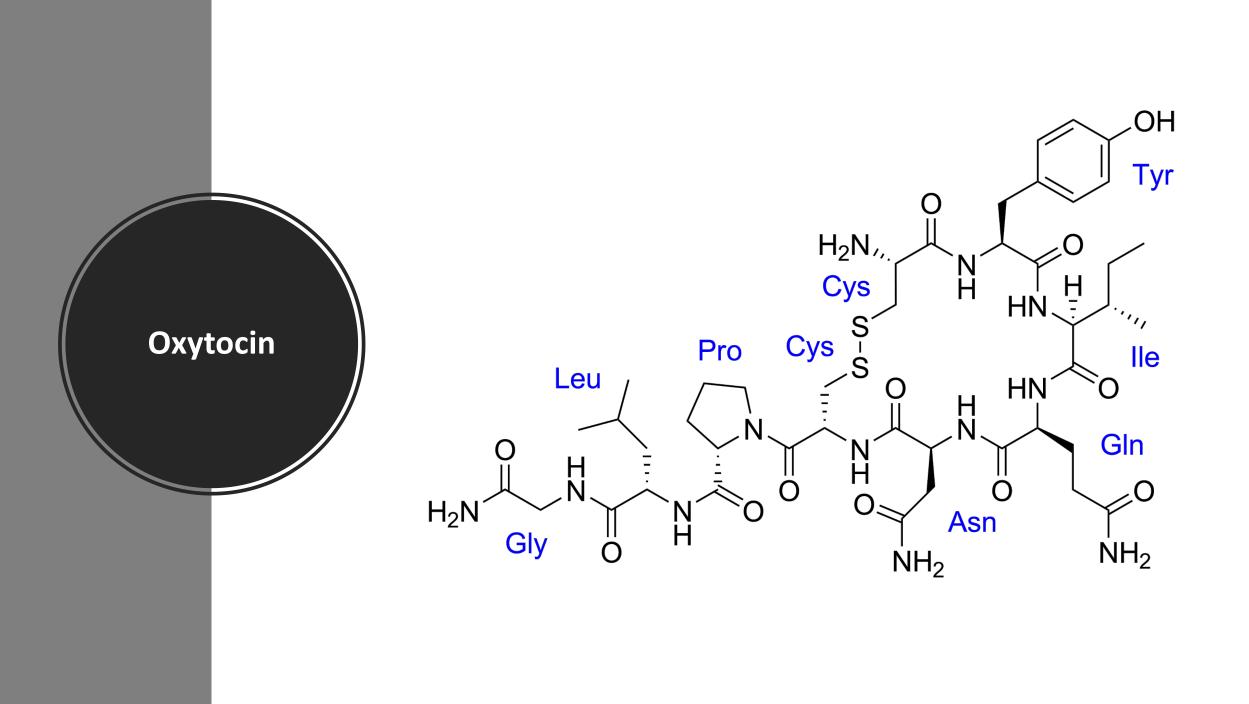


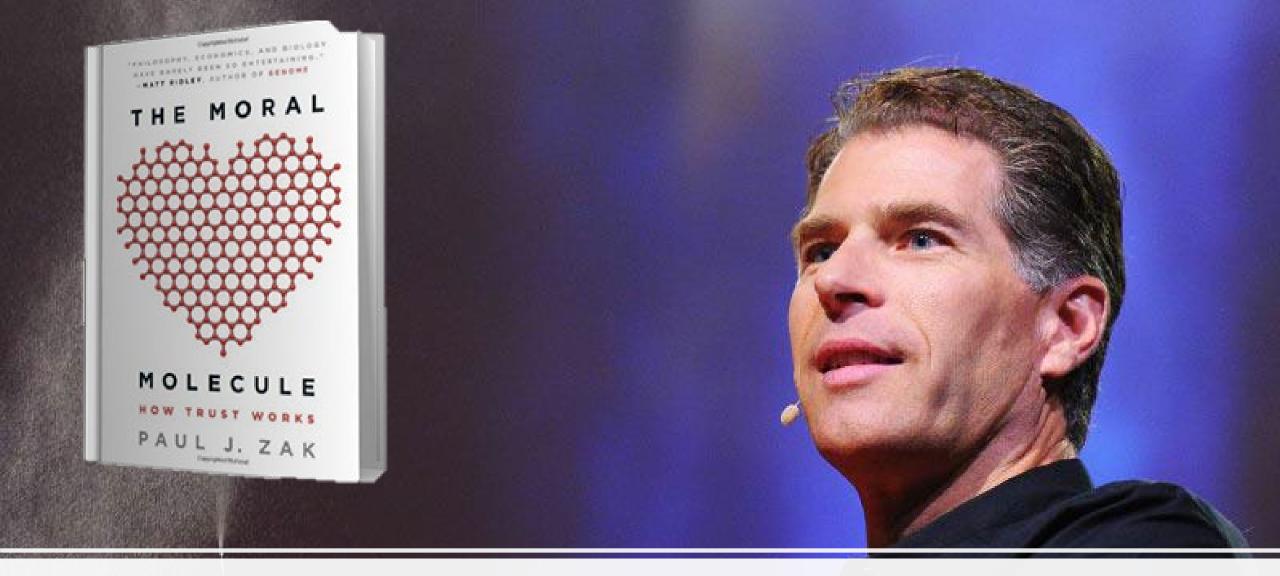
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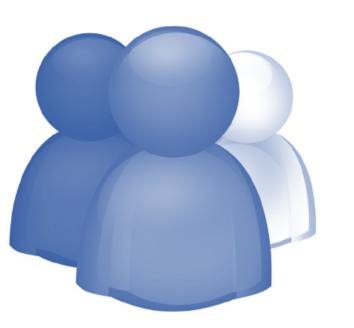




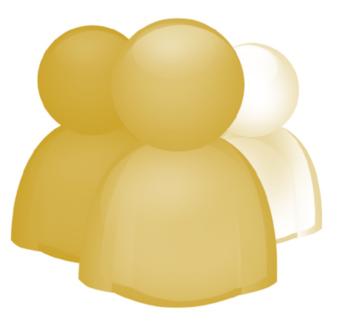
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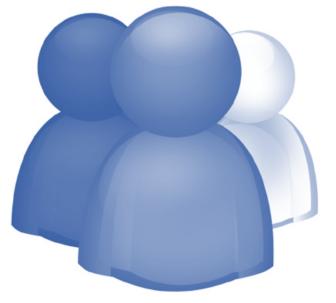
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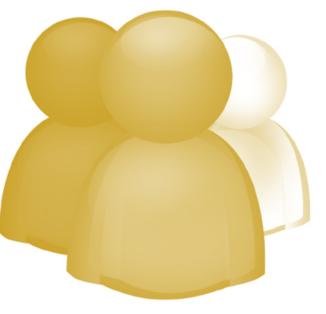
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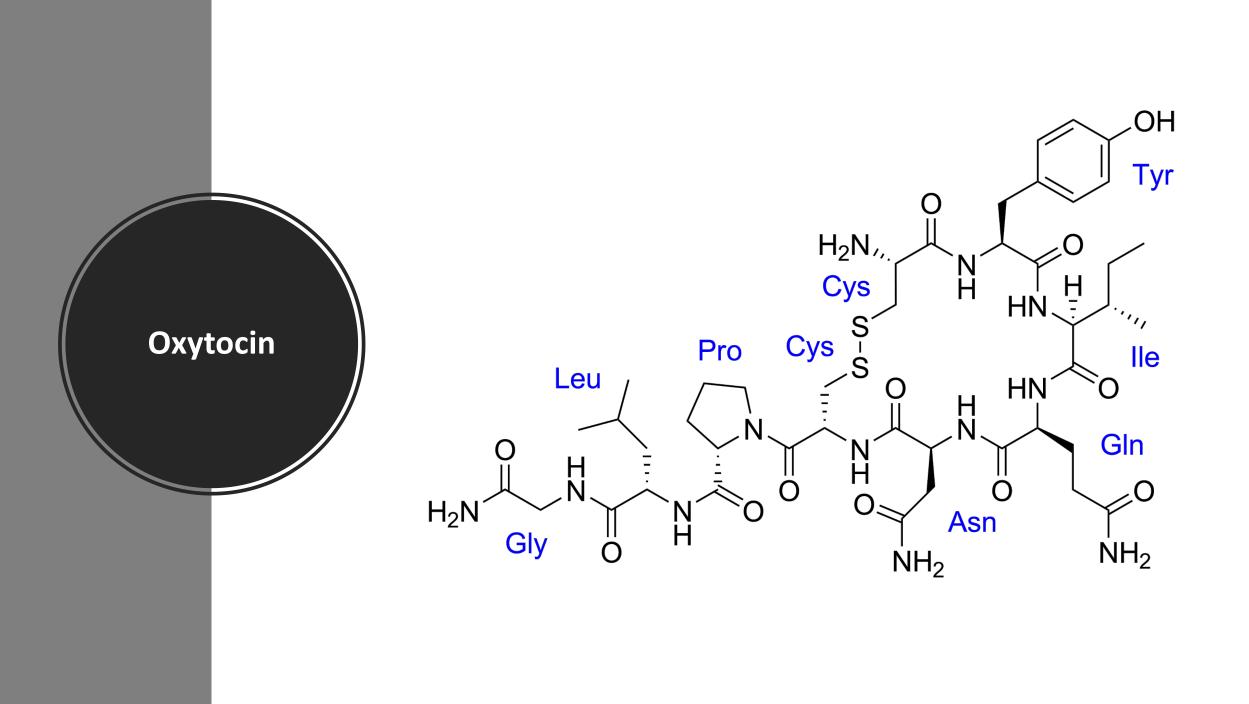
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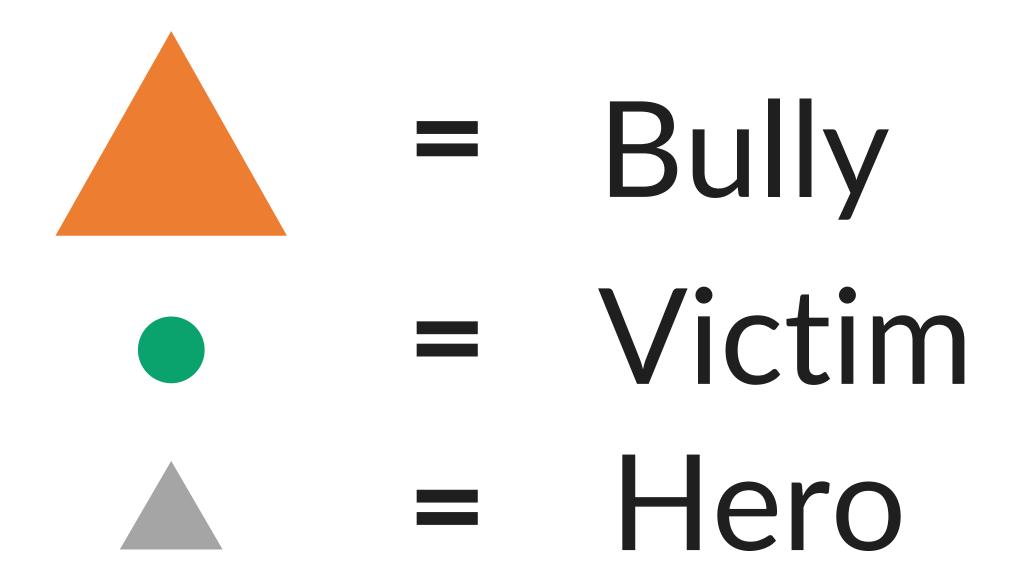
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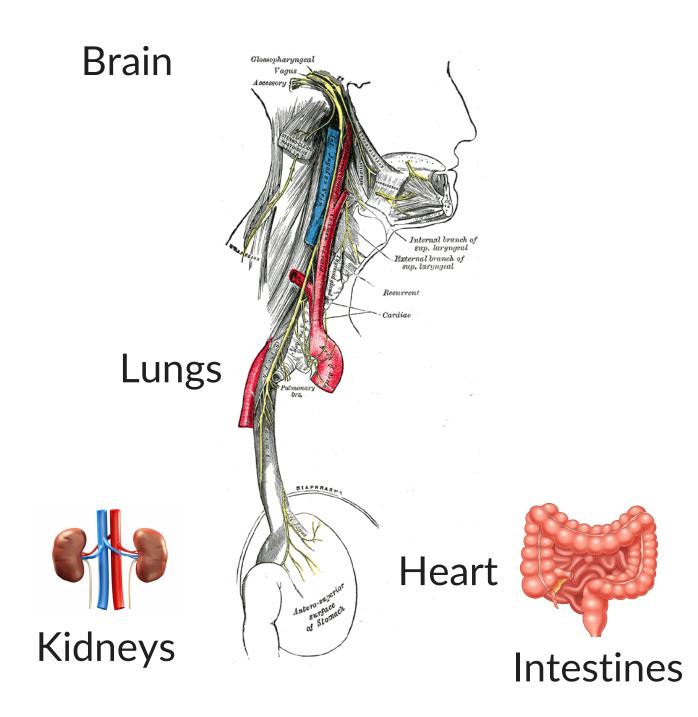
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