

## **Audience Segmentation for Paid Social**

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How do we define paid social, and why is audience segmentation important?

Users logged into a personal profile



Ads are aligned with user interest and experience



Measurement and targeting in 'people-based' / 'user based'











All brands have a **target audience**, or group of core customers that can either benefit from the brand's value proposition, align with the brand's values or simply find inspiration from the brand image.











**Audience Segmentation** 

## Why Audience Segmentation

But how do we talk to them in a way that grabs their attention?

**Audience segmentation** 

**Target Audience** 



Why does this matter on paid social?





We can gather more information than ever on new and existing customers.

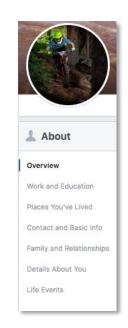




Information is pulled from nearly every action taken on the Internet.



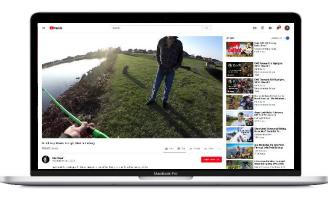
The posts, likes, comments and shares you make



The information that you provide



The products you buy



NFL NBA MLB Soccer NCAAM MMA ...

The websites you visit and videos you watch





The information can be made into **custom audiences** for the purposes of digital advertising.



Pixel-Based Custom Audience



Upload-Based Custom Audience





And we can analyze each segment with a fine-toothed comb through the platforms.



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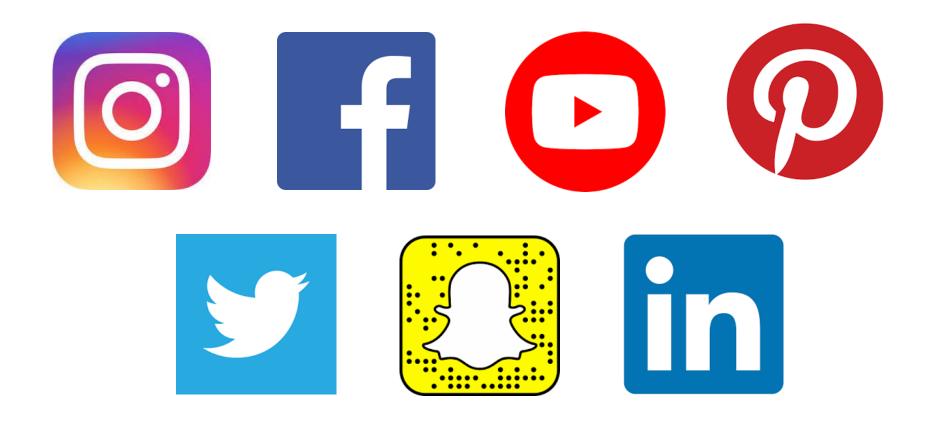
Think with Google





### Where to use Audience Segmentation?

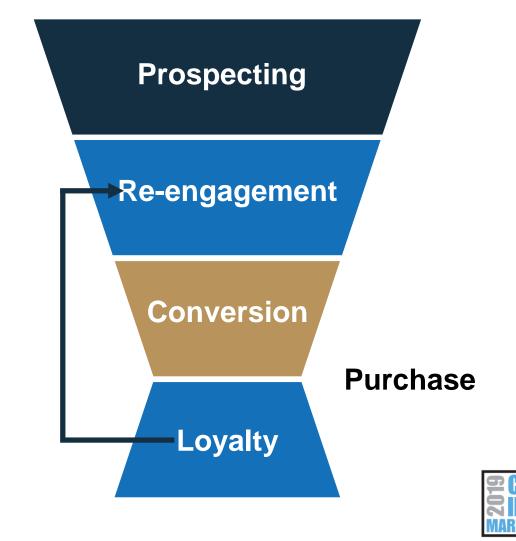
We use the same approach to audience segmentation across all paid social platforms.





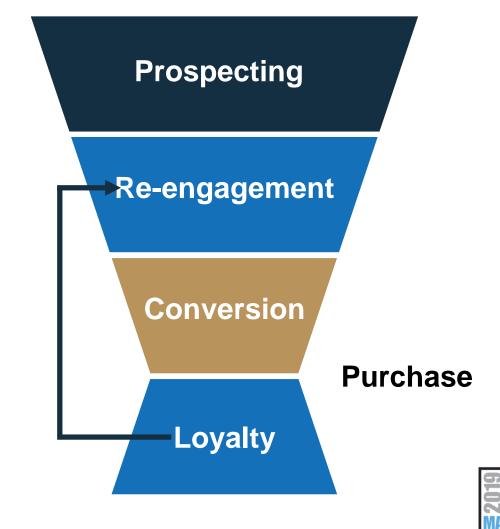


"83% of buyers trust the recommendations of their family and friends more than they trust your marketing..."





With **loyal brand advocates** as the ultimate goal, we apply a full-funnel approach to audience segmentation to ensure **relevant** and **timely** messaging tailored to each customer's familiarity and comfort with the brand.





### Prospecting

Introduce users who have no known interactions with the brand or product.

These targets can be:

- Lookalike Buyer Audiences
- Interest-Based Audiences
- Demographic–Based Audiences
- Competitor Conquesting Audiences

**Prospecting** 

Bring people into the brand through storytelling and points of differentiation.

Re-engagement

Conversion

Loyalty





### Re-engagement

Re-engage users who have demonstrated interest in brand, products or upper funnel advertising.

These targets can be:

- Lapsed buyer groups (6 month+)
- Recent site visitors (30 days+)
- Video content viewers
- Fans or engagers with social media accounts

**Prospecting** 

Re-engagement

Tell the product story — educate users on the brand through product attributes and aesthetic.

Conversion

Loyalty





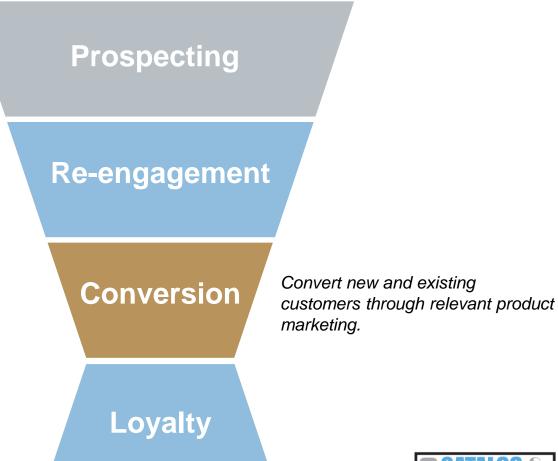
### Conversion

Maximize frequency against those who have shown recent purchase consideration.

These targets can be:

- 0-28 Day Add To Cart Users
- 0- 7 Day Site Visitors / View Content

\*Defining exact parameters between mid and low funnel is unique to the sales cycle of each brand.







## Loyalty

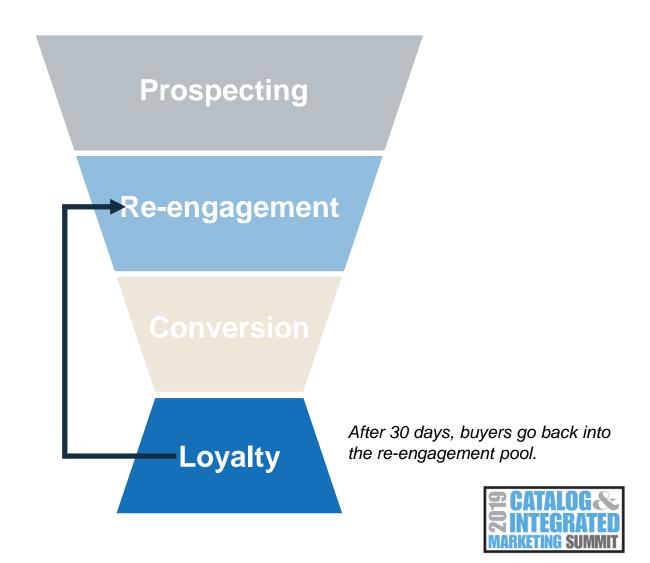
### Welcome users into the brand tribe.

Cultivate loyalty by sharing the values, culture, and stories of the brand. Don't over-promote new product, instead focus on customer service and brand experience.

### These targets can be:

- Recent Buyers
- Top 30% of highest LTV customers





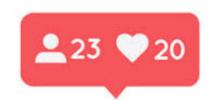
With the full-funnel strategy in mind, we adjust reach and frequency of messaging to align with the objective at each stage.





This allows users an opportunity to "opt-in" to the advertising funnel through their engagement with content and ads.













Additionally, we use a differentiated approach to KPI's to measure the effect of advertising according to the respective goal.

More on this to come.







# How does this all work on the platforms?

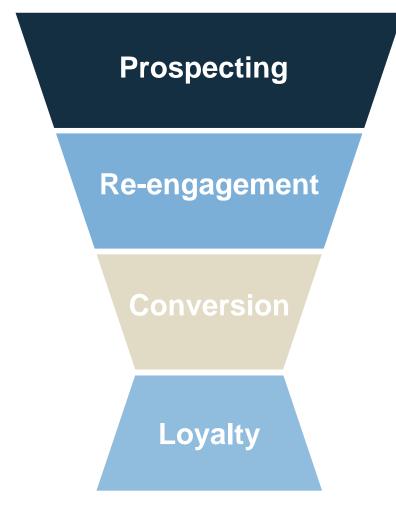




## Upper Funnel Audience Segmentation



## Prospecting



Bring people into the brand through storytelling and points of differentiation.





### **Target Audience Analysis**

Before diving into audience implementation on any platform, it's important to conduct research and clearly understand the **target customer(s)** and **their needs**.





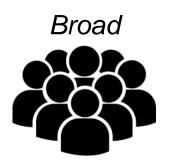








Drive site traffic and awareness by **understanding the size of your addressable market** and as a result, **your budget**.













Establish the **appropriate source** for your target audience:

Dynamic Ads for Broad Audiences

Ex. Allow algorithm to target US population

Lookalike Targeting

Ex. Allow algorithm to look for lifetime value lookalike

**Interest Based Targeting** 

Ex. Users with an interest in hiking, backpacking or camping

Interest + Demographic Targeting

Ex. Females with an interest in hiking between the ages of 25-40





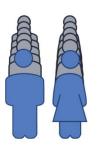




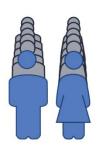
**Lookalike audiences** are a powerful way to fine tune the power of Facebook algorithm to meet the needs of your brand.



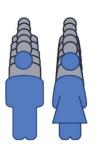




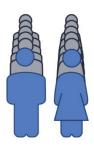
People who have purchased most recently



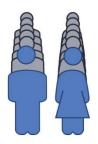
People who purchase above a certain value



People who have purchased multiple times



People who purchased within a specific category



People who purchased from a specific country

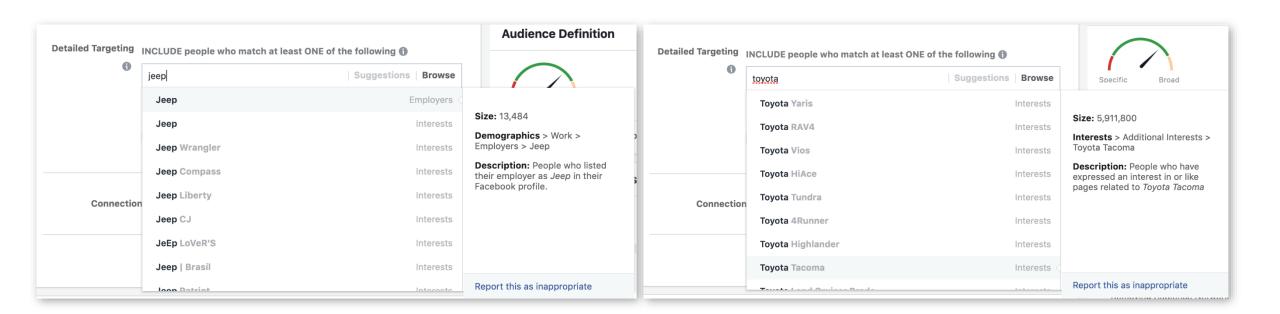








### Employ Interest and Demographic based targeting.





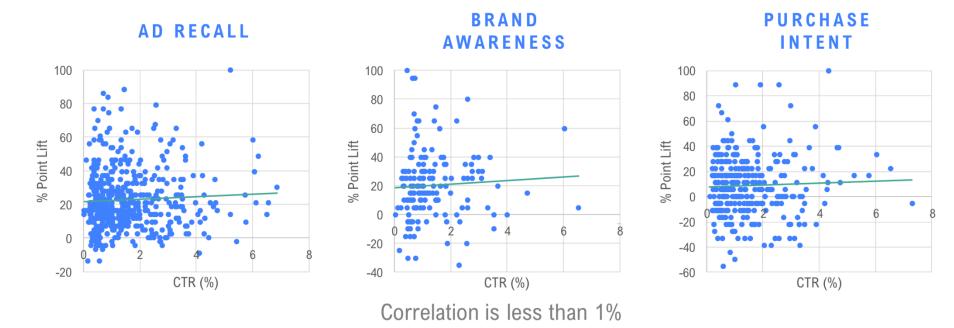






### Remember the end-goal and optimize audiences based on this goal.

Don't just ask for purchases and site visits from those who do not know you!







### YouTube: Prospecting



Similarly, YouTube provides a wide range of prospecting capabilities.

### Target:

- Affinity Audiences (ex. Sports Fans)
- Custom Affinity Audiences (ex. Cyber Monday Deal Seekers)
- Consumer Patterns (ex. Home Automation Shoppers)
- Life Events (ex. Nearing College Graduation)
- Similar Audiences (ex. Buyer File Lookalike)



Affinity



**Custom Affinity** 



**Consumer Patterns** 



**Life Events** 





### Pinterest: Prospecting



Dubbed the "visual discovery engine" Pinterest also offers sophisticated awareness driving audience segmentation.

### Target:

- Act-alikes (ex. Similar to Facebook Lookalikes etc.)
- Interests (ex. users interested in home improvement)
- Third Party Targeting (ex. Catalog prospecting list)



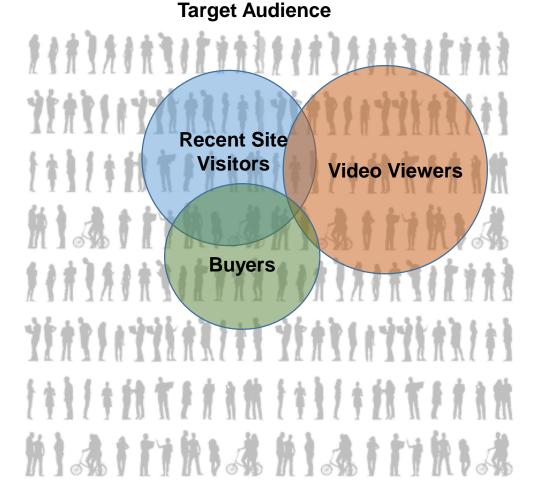






### All: Prospecting

It is quite likely that your target audience includes groups **you are already marketing to.** 







### All: Prospecting

So be sure to exclude these audiences! No matter what! We will show you how to talk to them in a bit.





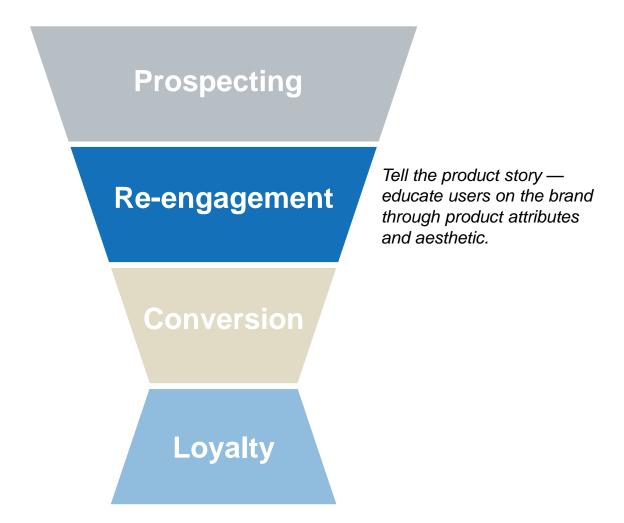




# Mid & Low Funnel Audience Segmentation



### Re-engagement







### Facebook & Instagram: Re-Engagement





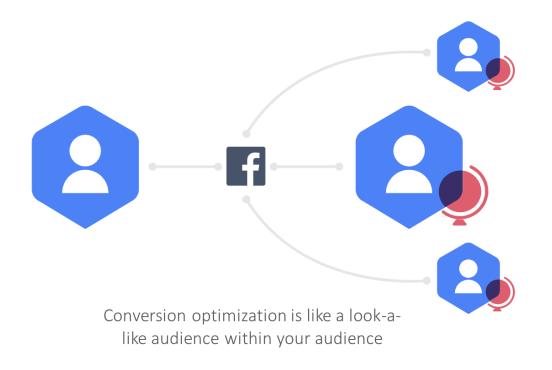
With a mid-funnel goal of influencing and driving conversions, reach users with limited **recent interactions** with the brand.

#### Target:

- Recent Site Visitors (>14 days)
- Content Viewers
- Cart Abandoners (> 28 days)

#### Optimize for:

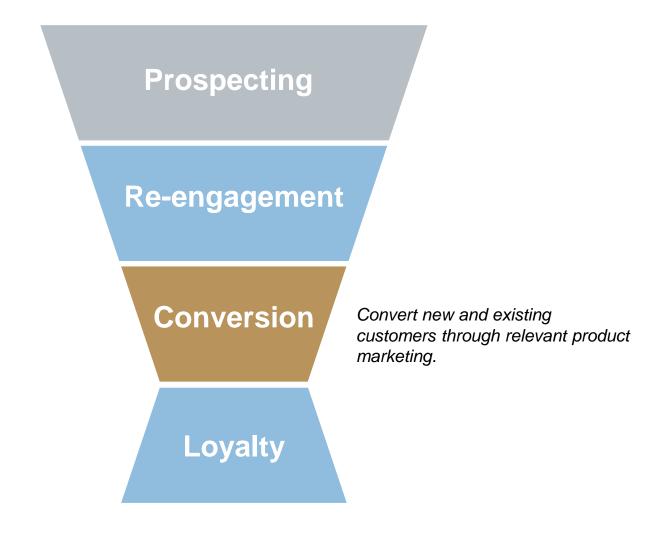
- Conversions (View Content, Purchase, Add to Cart)
- Catalog Sales
- Leads







## Conversion







## Facebook & Instagram: Conversion





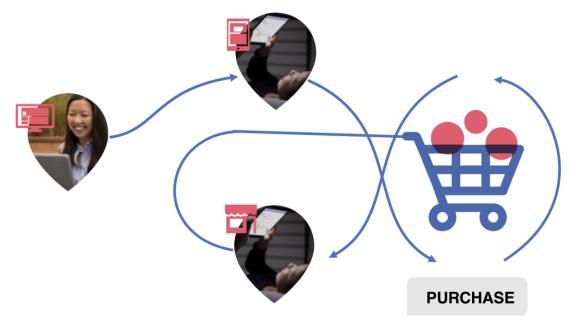
**Foot off the brakes** – this is the time for product focused advertising to your most qualified low funnel audience.

#### Target:

- Site Visitors (0-14 Days)
- Cart Abandoners (0-7 days)

#### Optimize for:

- Conversions
- Catalog Sales
- Leads





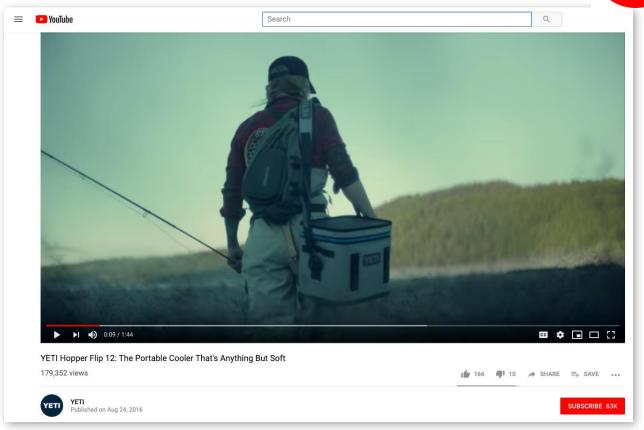


## YouTube: Re-Engagement, Conversion



## Why use **YouTube audience segmentation** for driving sales?

- Highly attentive cohort (95% viewable).
- 80% of users say they typically switch between online search and video when researching products to buy







## YouTube: Re-Engagement



#### Drive actions with high intent audiences.

YouTube has found advertisers that use similar audiences in conjunction with remarketing typically see a 41% uplift in conversions.

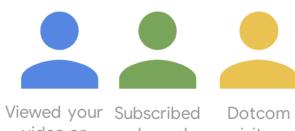
**Re-engage with valuable audience** to upsell, retain or reach incremental audience excluding existing ones

#### **Customer Match**



Find current audience by uploading CRM list to Google Ads (matched by email address, etc.)

#### **Remarketing List**







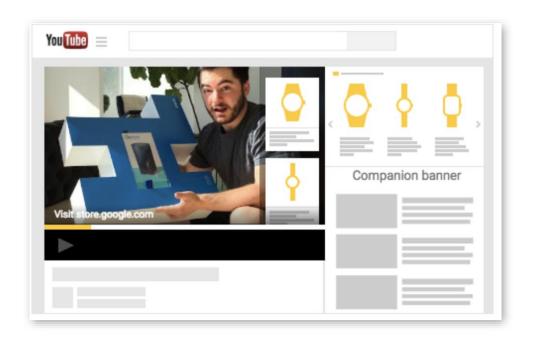


## YouTube: Re-Engagement



#### Video View Based Remarketing

 Methodically move true prospects through the funnel by following up on their initial brand impression with product messaging



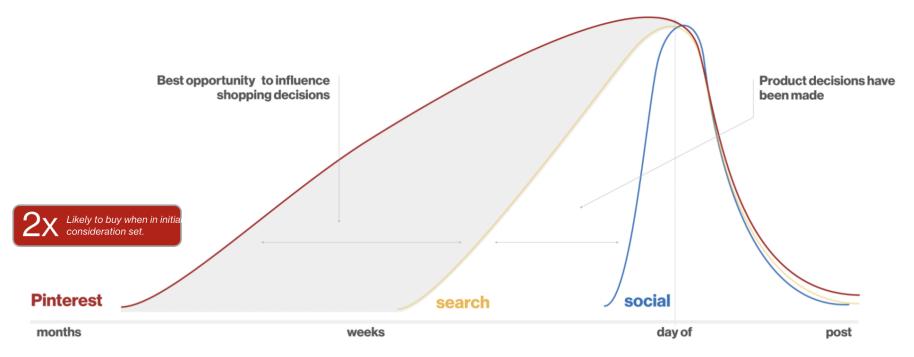




## Pinterest: Re-Engagement / Conversion



**Pinterest** is a highly shoppable platform and a critical place to hit users with demonstrated purchase intent.

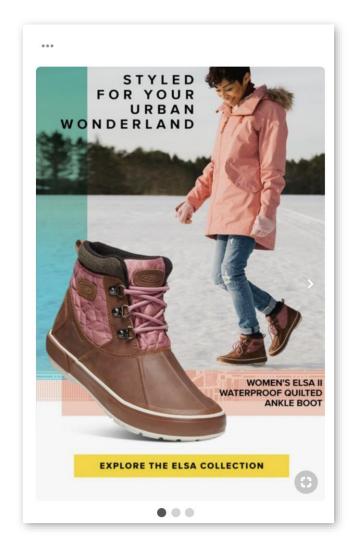




## Pinterest: Reengagement / Conversion

#### Retarget, Retarget

- Based on engagement in platform (pin to board, click, video view)
- Target on traditional engagement (site visit, content view)
- Upload owned audiences to target past purchasers (6 month purchasers, LTV purchasers)











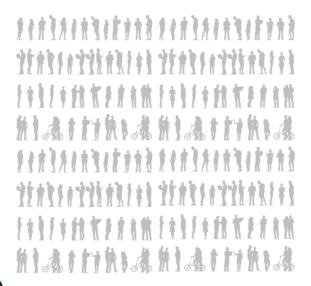
# How much do I communicate with my segments?



## Reach & Frequency

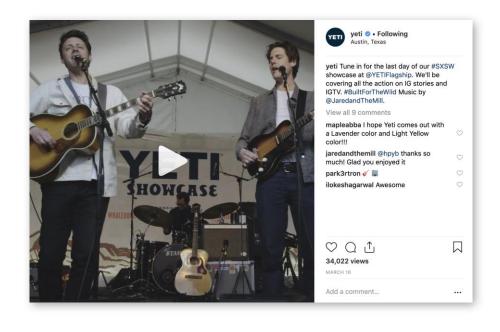
#### Prospecting Reach

 Aim for at least 75% of target audience



#### Prospecting Frequency

- If frequency is higher than 3 in a month – widen the prospecting group
- Once users click or view content, they will be moved down the funnel



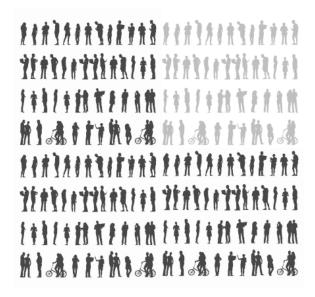




## Reach & Frequency

#### Reengagement Reach

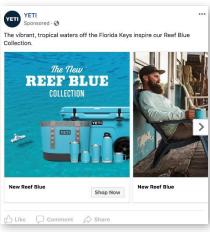
 Aim for at least 80% of owned audiences



#### Reengagement Frequency

 Aim for a minimum frequency of 2-5 (per month)







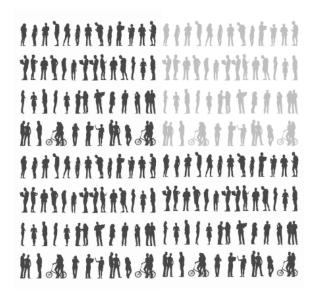




## Reach & Frequency

#### Remarketing Reach

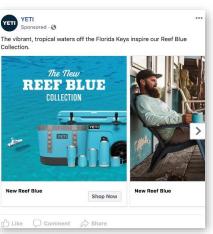
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#### Remarketing Frequency

- 7 Day Site Visitors: 2x a week
- 0-28 Day Add to Cart: 3x a week











#### Measurement

Just as we use different tactics to reach customers at **different stages of the funnel**, it's important to define success at each stage based on true marketing goals.

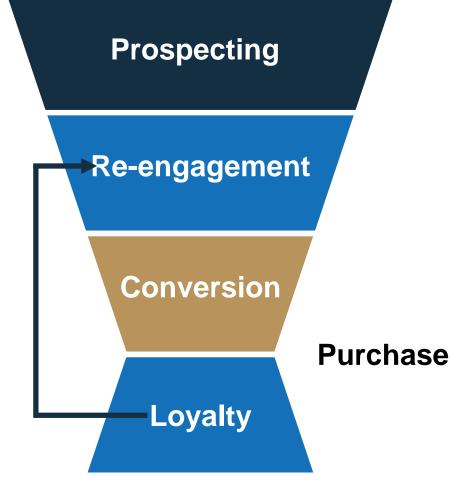




#### Measurement

It is **unrealistic** to expect users to convert on their first interaction with the brand.

Measure success with metrics that are strong proxies for the goal at each stage of the funnel.







## Upper Funnel KPI's

#### **Goal: Increase Brand Awareness**

Content View, Video View, Landing Page View

Cost per Site Arrival GA: Top-Line Increase in Site Traffic









Remember, clicks are not necessarily a proxy metric for conversions, users who click may not be inclined to purchase.



## Mid Funnel KPI's

#### **Goal: Drive Brand and Product Consideration**

Conversions, ROAS, CPA Content View, Video View, Landing Page View

Cost per Site Arrival Time on Site, Pages per Session













## Low Funnel KPI's

**Goal: Maximize Conversions and Returns.** 

Conversions, ROAS, CPA



Average Order Value (Up-sell, Cross-sell)







## Thank You!



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