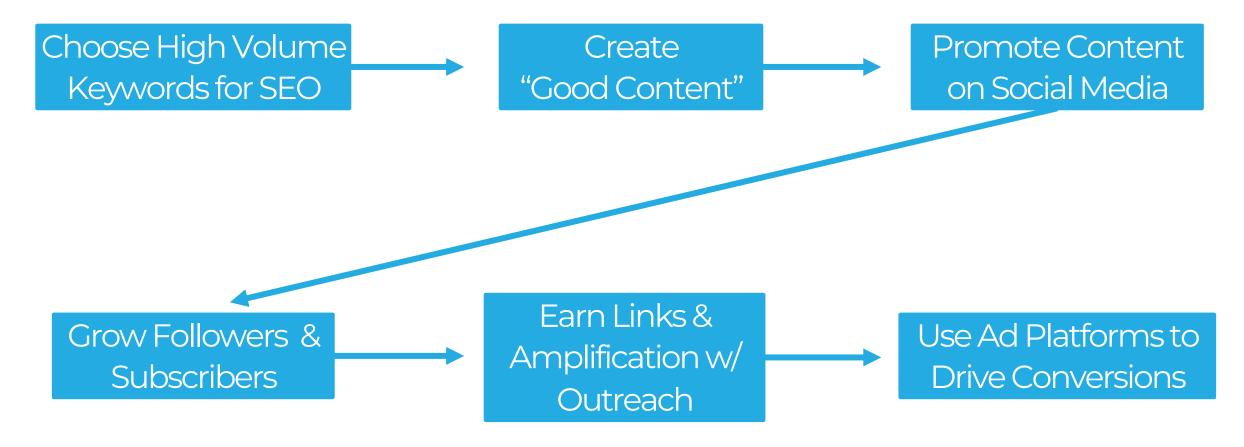
### **The Four Horsemen of the**

# Web Marketing Apocalypse

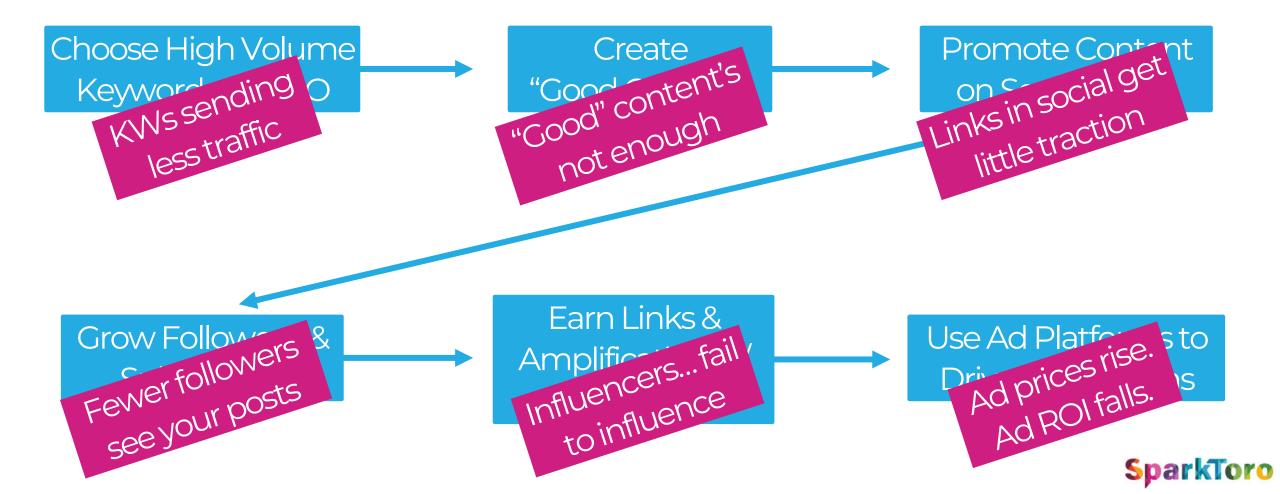
Rand Fishkin | Founder & CEO



## 2009 - 2016 The SEO+Content Playbook



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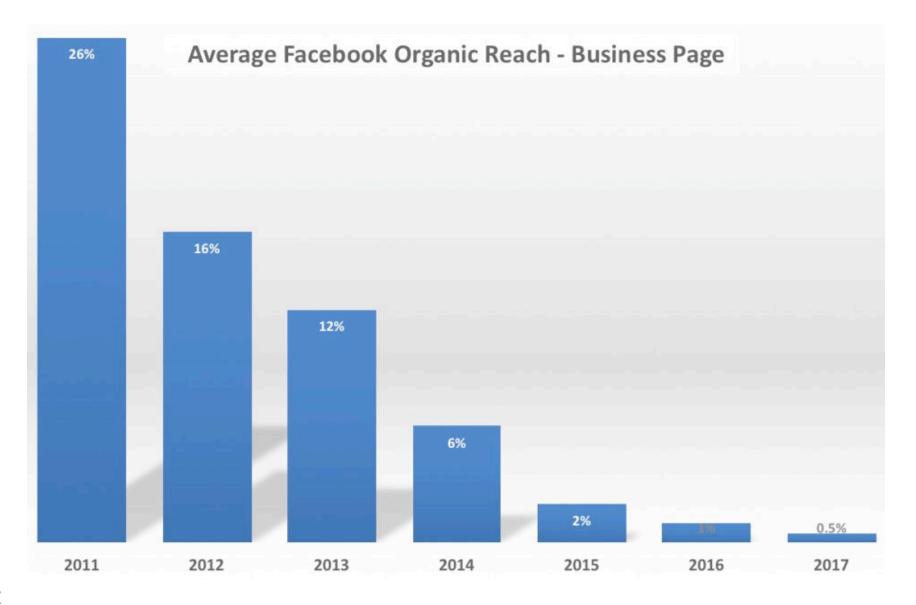
## What Happened?!



## **#1** The Social Platforms Massively Diminished Outlinking Traffic



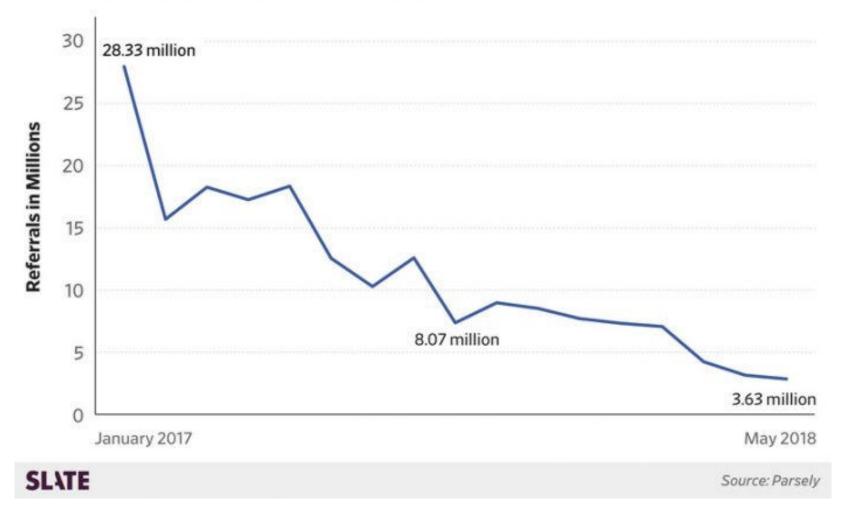
## Facebook Killed Organic Reach



Via <u>BusinessGrow</u>

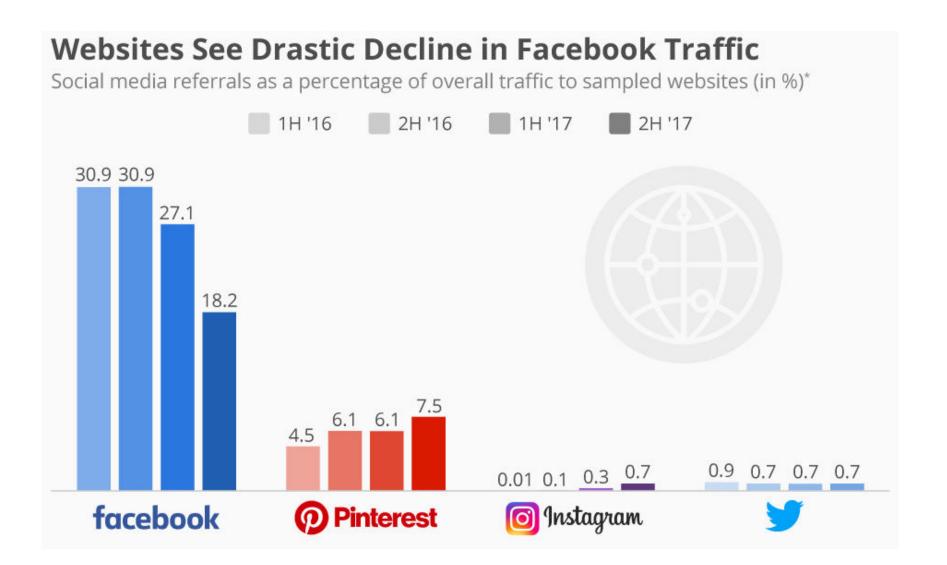
## They Sent Outbound, Referral Traffic to Near-Zero

#### **Facebook Referrals to Slate**



Via <u>Slate</u>

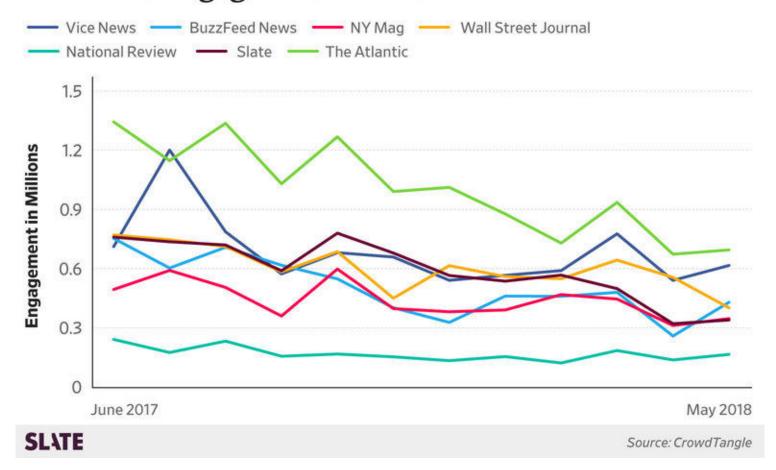
## **Declines in FB Referrals Have Hit Every Vertical**





## **Even Publishers Who Focused on FB Clickbait**

#### **Facebook Engagement for Midsize Publications**



Via <u>Nieman Lab</u>

## **Instagram Has Always Limited Outlinking**

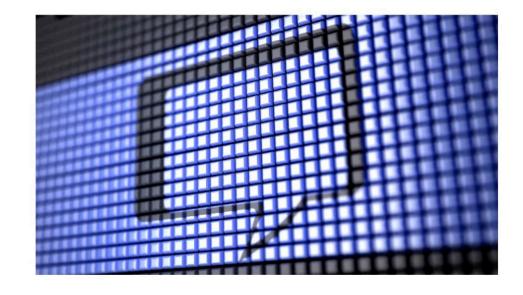


## **Twitter & LinkedIn Now Bias to On-Site Content**

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Steve Brownlie Follow We build natural outreach-based links, handle influencer and PR campaigns for Agencies and Online Entrepreneurs at https://www.reachcreator.com Aug 13, 2017 · 2 min read

#### 'The Link Is In The First Comment'—Oh What A Mess LinkedIn



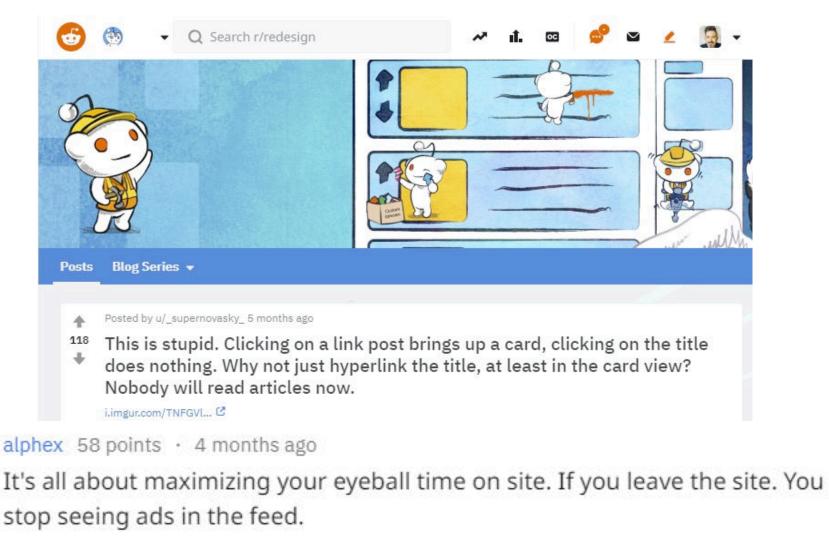
Being a marketer, I naturally follow a lot of marketers on Social Media. A new trend has developed on LinkedIn that borders on an insane solution to a problem they have created with their new algorithm.

Almost everyone has noticed that simply sharing your content from other platforms, and even full-length articles on LinkedIn's own publishing platform doesn't get the reach it once achieved.

Via <u>MarginallyCoherent</u>



## **Reddit Works to Keep You on Reddit**



This is nothing but anti patterns to maximize advertising revenue.

SparkToro

🌉 Reply Share Report Save Give gold

#### Via <u>Reddit</u>

## YouTube Cuts Off Descriptions to Avoid Making Links Visible in the Default View



#2 ON TRENDING Marvel Studios' Captain Marvel - Official Trailer

24,324,345 views 1 47K → SHARE =+ ...

Marvel Entertainment Ø Published on Sep 18, 2018

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Higher. Further. Faster. Watch the trailer for Marvel Studios' Captain Marvel, in theaters March 8, 2019.



## **So...**

## Who Still Does Send Web Traffic?



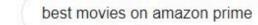
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| Yahoo.com                    | 6.0%            | 4.3%     | -1.7%       |
| Reddit.com                   | 5.4%            | 3.4%     | -2.0%       |
| YouTube.com                  | 4.5%            | 4.8%     | +0.3%       |
| Imgur.com                    | 2.2%            | 1.0%     | -1.2%       |
| Bing.com                     | 2.2%            | 3.7%     | +1.5%       |
| Wikipedia.org                | 1.4%            | 1.3%     | -0.1%       |
| Amazon.com                   | 1.3%            | 1.4%     | +0.1%       |

#### Via **"jumpshot**

## **#2** Google (for the first time) Sends Less Organic Traffic



## Google Solves More & More Queries Without Clicks

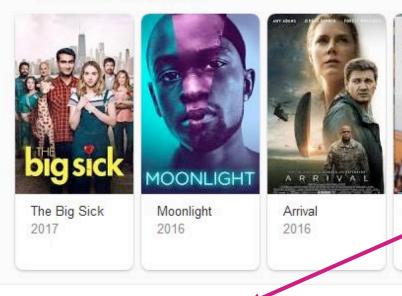


Google

All News Videos Shopping Books More

#### Movies > Prime Video

## Google creates these by scraping and aggregating the top results.







### Thanks for the hard work suckers! We'll take the traffic from here ©

The Best Movies on Amazon Prime Video Right Now - The New York ...

https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/arts/.../best-movies-on-amazon-prime.html

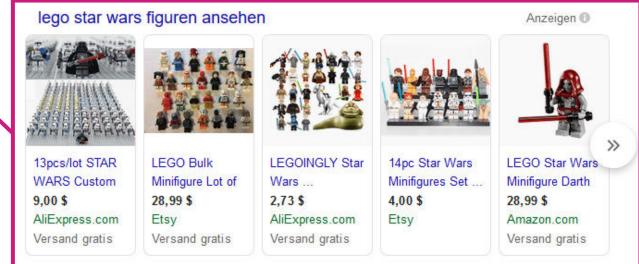
Mar 20, 2019 - We've plucked out 100 of the absolute best movies included with a ... Amazon Prime Video is picking up the slack, adding new movies for its ...

## Google's Desktop CTRs October 2018 (EU):

Paid: 6.4%

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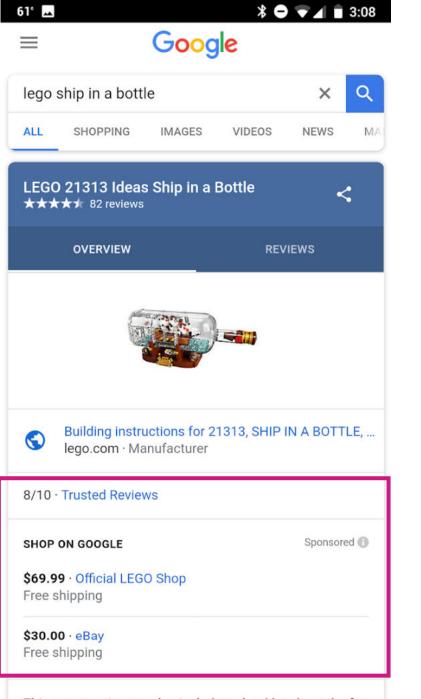
Piloten, Schmuggler, Rebellen, Jedi™-Ritter und Sith™ Lords – es gibt viele Möglichkeiten, um eine Legende zu werden. Triff einige der größten Legenden.

## Organic: 63.6%

### No Click Searches: 30%

## Google's Mobile CTRs October 2018 (EU):

### Paid: 8.8%



This construction toy also includes a booklet about the fan

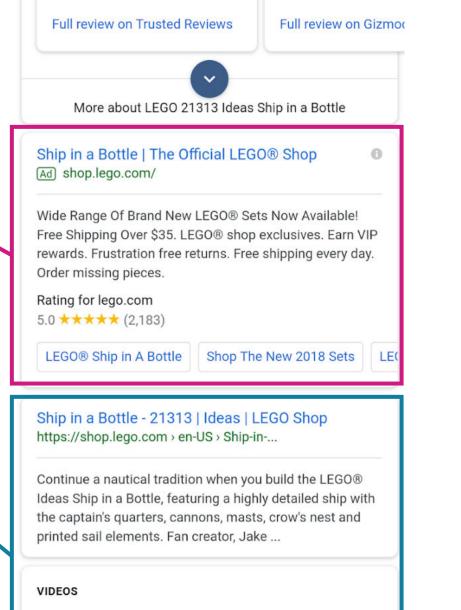
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## Google's Mobile CTRs October 2018 (EU):

## Paid: 8.8%

### Organic: 36.7%

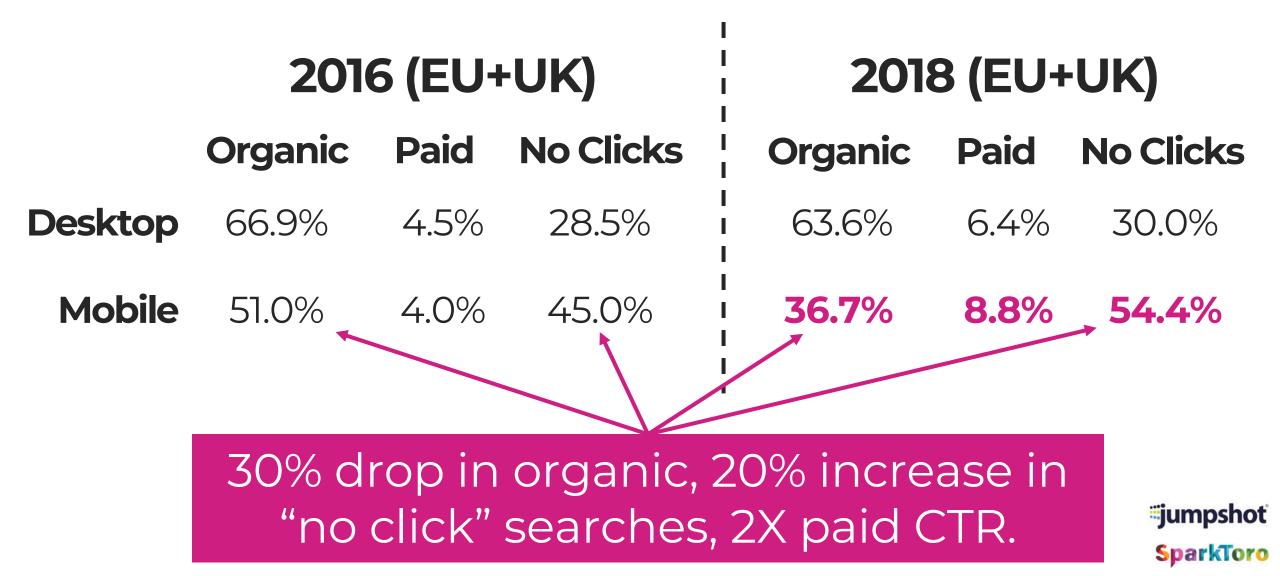
## No Click Searches: 54.4%





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## **The Scary Part:**

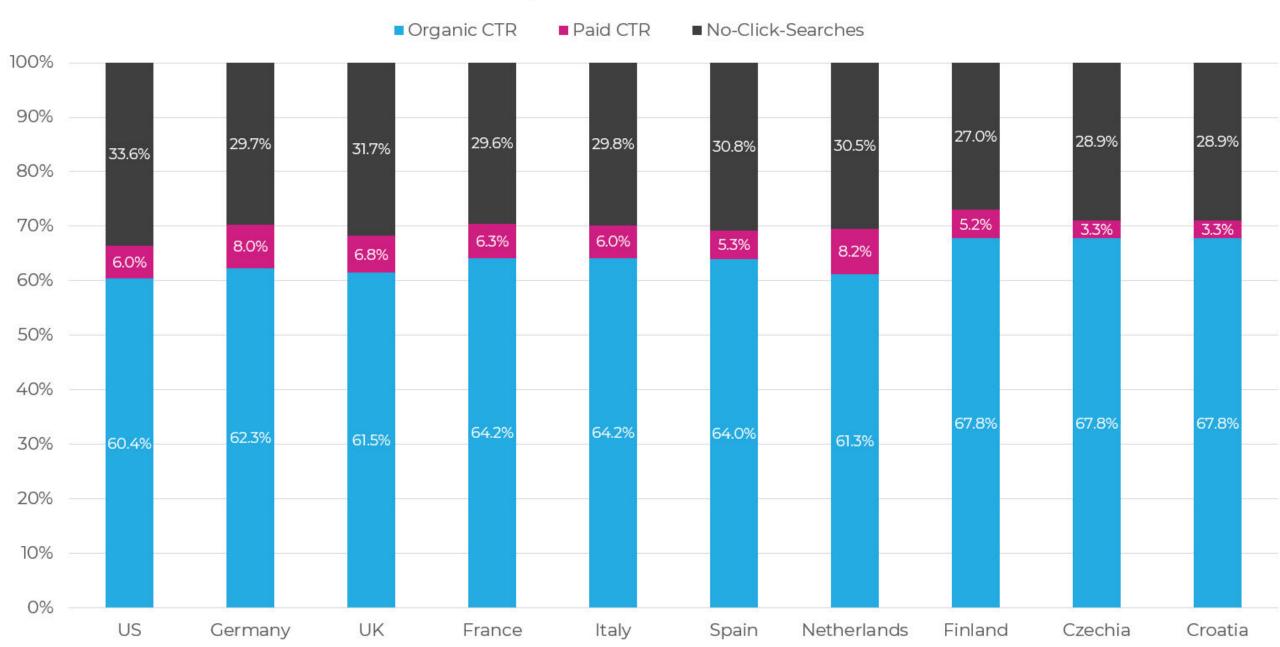


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#### Google Desktop Click-Through Rates (2018, Selected Countries)

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Data Via Jumpshot's Panel of ~80 Billion Searches



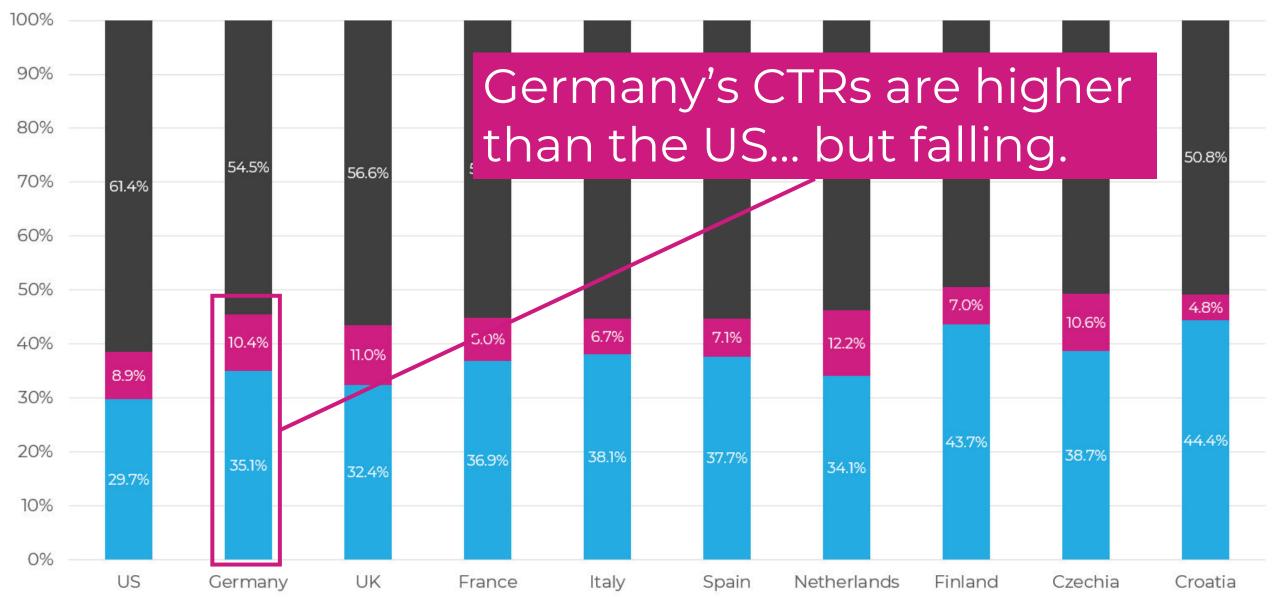
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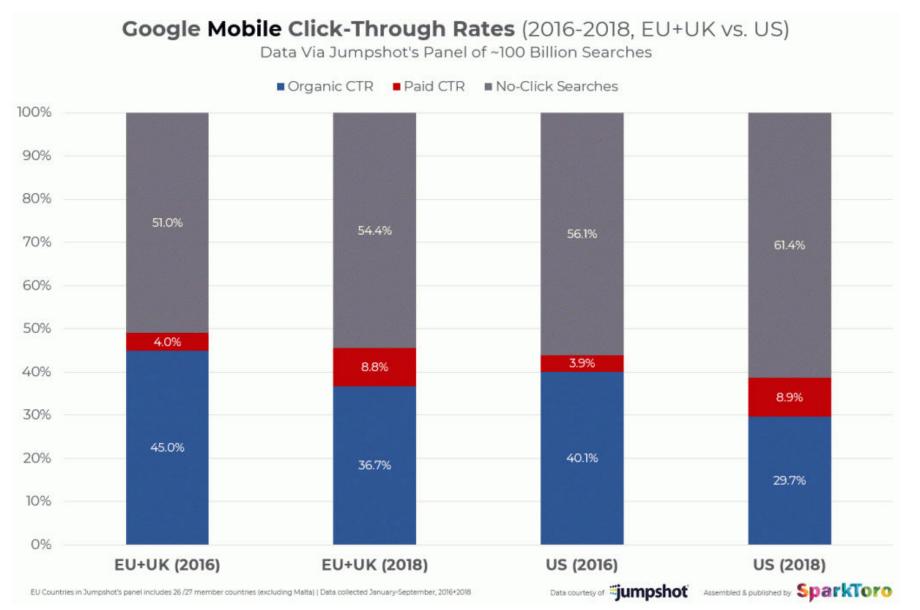
**Google Searches Resulting in ZERO Clicks** 

Jan. 2016 - Sep. 2018



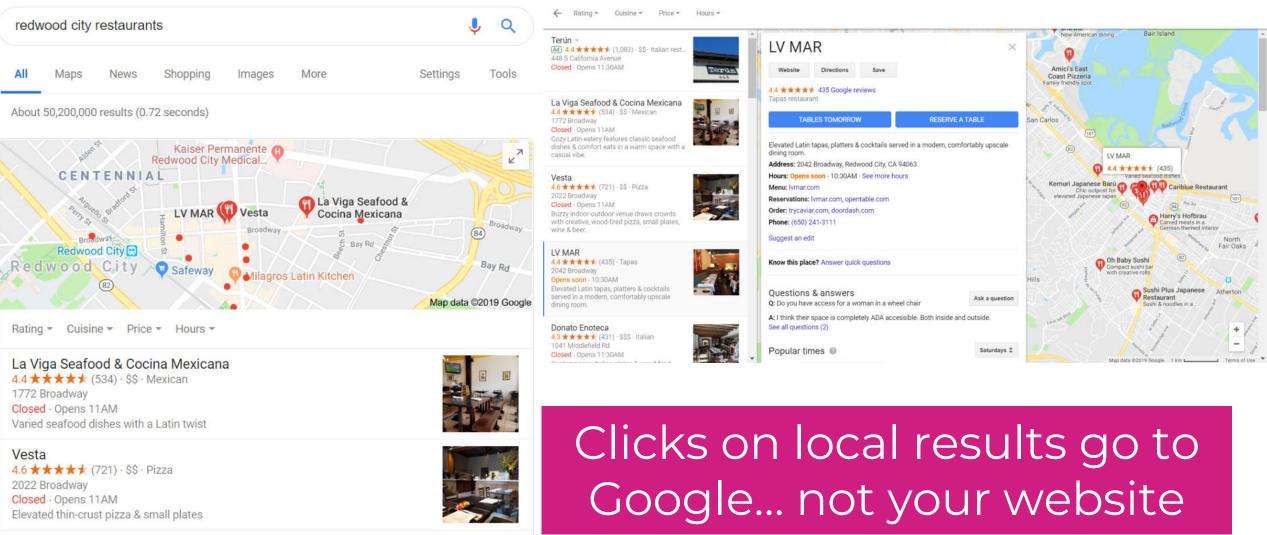
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### **Cannibalization of Clicks is a Worldwide Phenomenon**



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## **Google Maps/Local**



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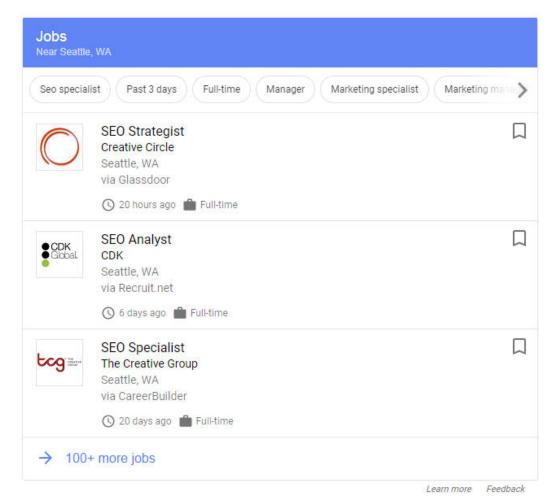
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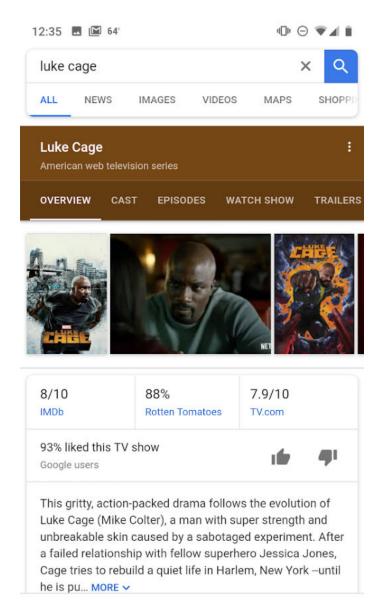
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## Film & Television



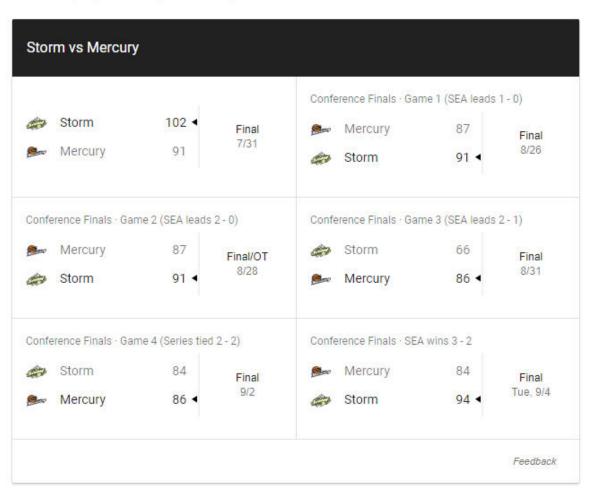
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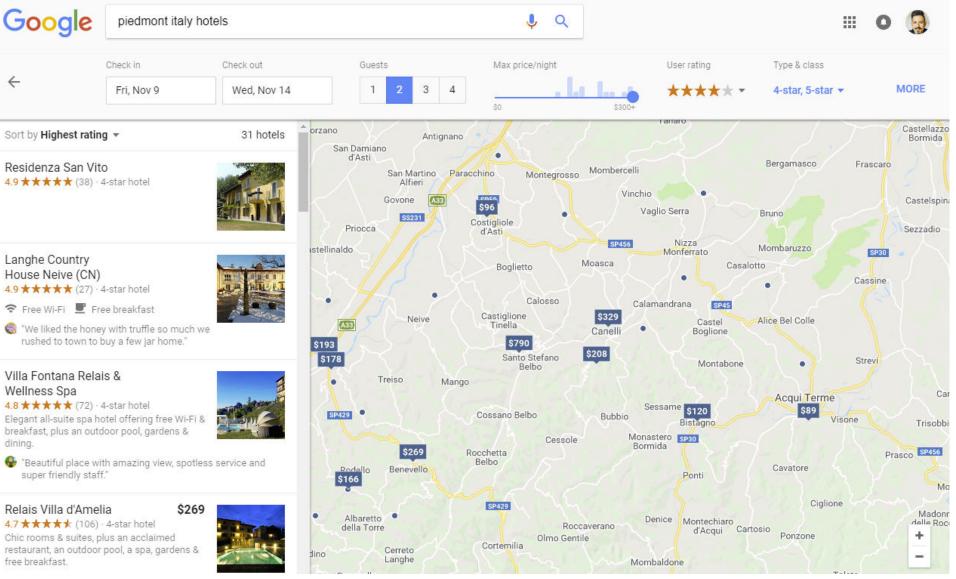


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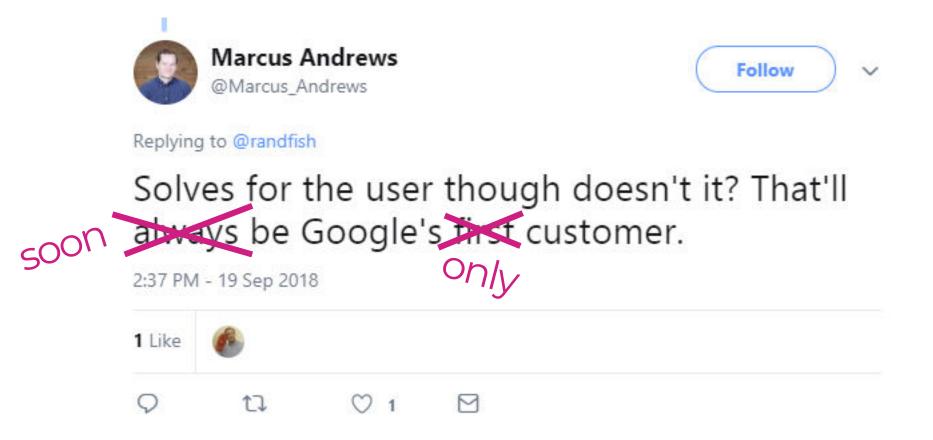
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#### Cheap Flights from Seattle, WA to Kyoto, Japan - Find Tickets & Airfare ...

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Find airfare and ticket deals for cheap flights from **Seattle**, WA to **Kyoto**, Japan. Search flight deals from various travel partners with one click at Cheapflights.com.



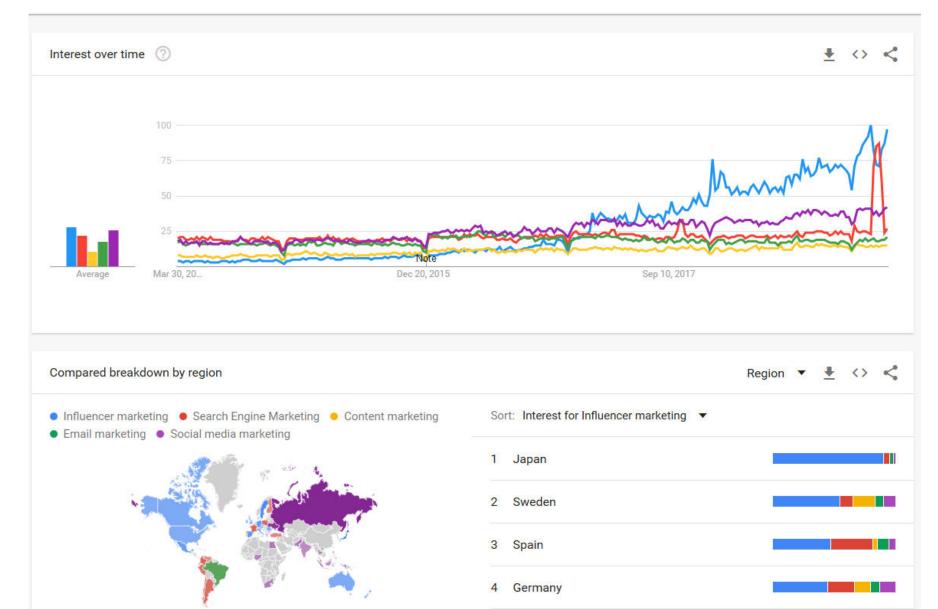
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# **#3** "Influencers" Failing to Deliver Influence...

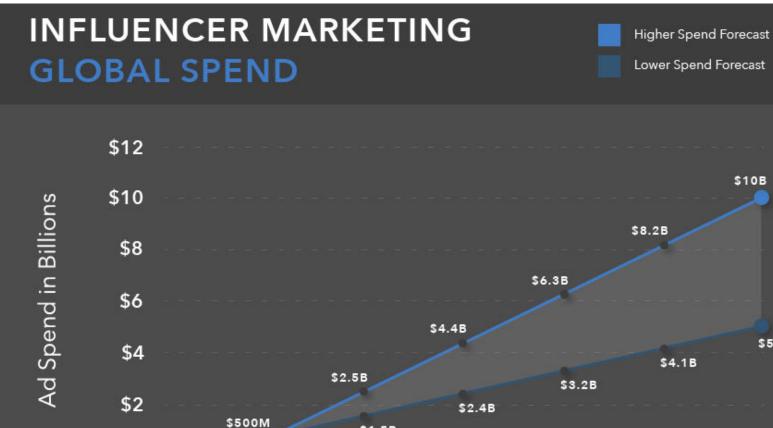




Worldwide 💌 Past 5 years 💌 All categories 💌 Web Search 💌



Via <u>Google Trends</u>



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Via <u>MediaKix</u>



#### hespokestyle Zürich, Switzerland

#### 788 likes

hespokestyle Who's excited? This guy! Landed in Zurich, picked up the car and now ready for an amazing European road trip. #BMW #7series #drivingluxury #sponsored

gentlebox\_ 👍

cataleya\_ra\_ Jajajaja mola mucho mkat5 So excited for you guys!

friedlousoph Welcome to Europe, have fun and enjoy 😊

beauhayhoe Safe travels! Very cool!

bloggers\_boyfriend lovely

**n.gisler** Enjoy the trip! If you'd like to have a look at some of the best swiss watches drop by the Chronometrie Beyer.

justifyles @hespokestyle where did you rent the car? Driving Zurich -> Bern -> Geneva in March and would love some

Add a comment...

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Via <u>MediaKix</u>

#### The long read Fake it till you make it: meet the wolves of Instagram

Their hero is Jordan Belfort, their social media feeds display super-rich lifestyles. But what are these self-styled traders really selling? By Symeon Brown



he original Wolf of Wall Street, Jordan Belfort, was a rogue trader convicted of fraudulently selling worthless penny stocks to naive investors. His biopic, starring Leonardo DiCaprio as the ostentatious, money-obsessed huckster, was a box-office hit in 2013. Although it may have been intended as a cautionary tale, to thousands of young millennials from humble backgrounds, Belfort's story became a blueprint for how to escape an unremarkable life on low pay.

Via MediaKix



#### John Robertson is founder of men's lifestyle blog The Everyday Man. He has recently worked with brands including House of Fraser, Lacoste, and Vauxhall.

"The Everyday Man is started as a hobby and I've now been doing it for six years. I've not felt pressure to buy fake followers, I've had time to grow a decent organic following. But for people who start now, it's harder to get organic followers and if they want to be a "blogger" or "influencer" then buying is something they might feel like they have to do.

"I do campaigns for brands on a weekly basis and less than half ever come back for metrics; less than 50% ever want to know what's happened. That makes me think it's PRs playing a numbers game and once a campaign has gone no one is really interested."

#### Fake Followers Audit for @Sartorialist



Scott Schuman @Sartorialist 176,023 Followers

#### 34.6% (60,904) Fake Followers

This tool defines "fake followers" as accounts that are unreachable and will not see the account's tweets (either because they're spam, bots, propaganda, etc. or because they're no longer active on Twitter).



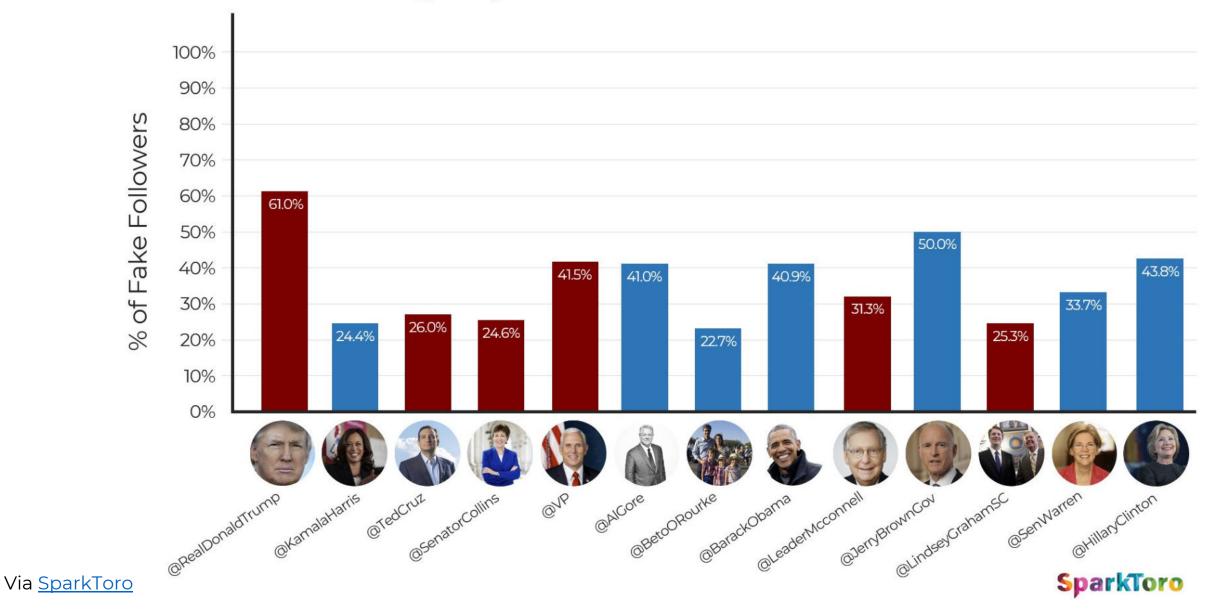
Accounts with a similar sized following to @Sartorialist have a median of 32% fake followers. This account has more fake followers than most.

#### Follower Quality Distribution





#### Spam, Bot, Propaganda, & Inactive Accounts Following Major American Politicians on Twitter



### **Influencer Marketing Definitions:**

**2012:** Discover all the sources that influence your audience. Do marketing (of all kinds) in those places.

**2018:** Pay half naked people on Instagram \$500 to snap photos with your product.



### **Potential Sources of Influence:**

- Podcasts
- Web Searches
- Events

Blogs

- **Email Newsletters**
- Mainstream Media
- Trade Journals
- Whitepapers
- Consumer Review Pubs

Radio Facebook Groups Television Twitter Guerilla Marketing YouTube Channels **Branded Publications** Industry Reports Instagram **Spark** 

### Where "Influencer Marketing" is Done:

- Podcasts
- Web Searches
- Events

Blogs

- **Email Newsletters**
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- Trade Journals
- Whitepapers
- Consumer Review Pubs

Radio Facebook Groups Television Twitter Guerilla Marketing **YouTube Channels Branded Publications** Industry Reports Instagram Spark

### The Backlash is Here...

#### Influencer marketing damages public's perception of brands, survey finds

Nearly three quarters of the public incorrectly believe there are no rules or regulations surrounding influencer marketing and almost half think it is damaging for society, according to a new survey.

# It's time to address the elephant in the room: Influencers don't really influence anything or anyone!





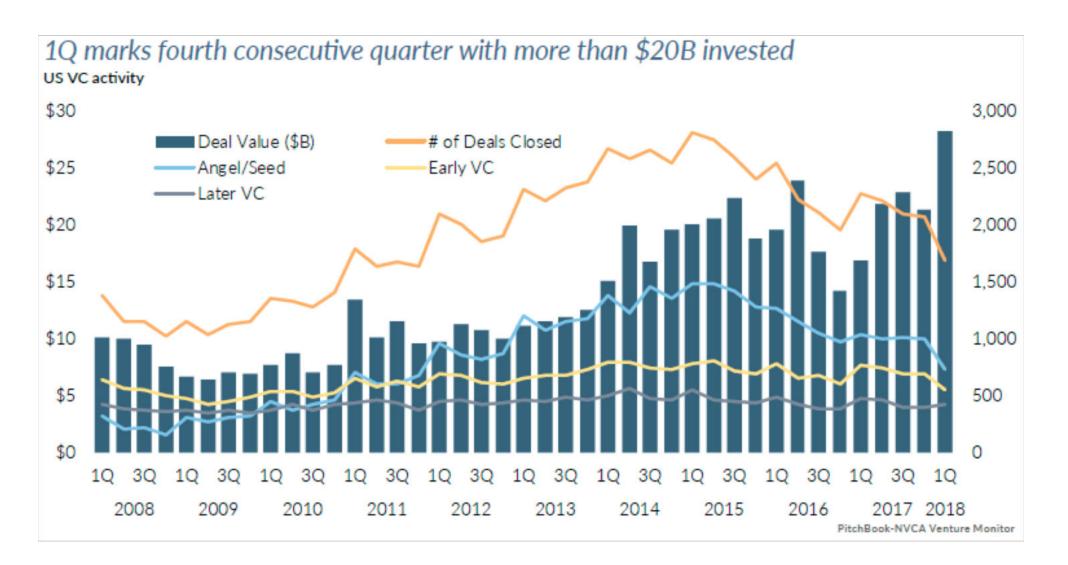
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Unilever used the global pull of Cannes Lions to draw attention to the problem of fraud in influencer marketing. The advertiser duly made headlines, leading others to reveal that not only it is on the agenda but that they have been quietly working on their own solutions. So, just how big a problem is

# #4Web Advertising ROI (in many fields) Is Trending to Zero



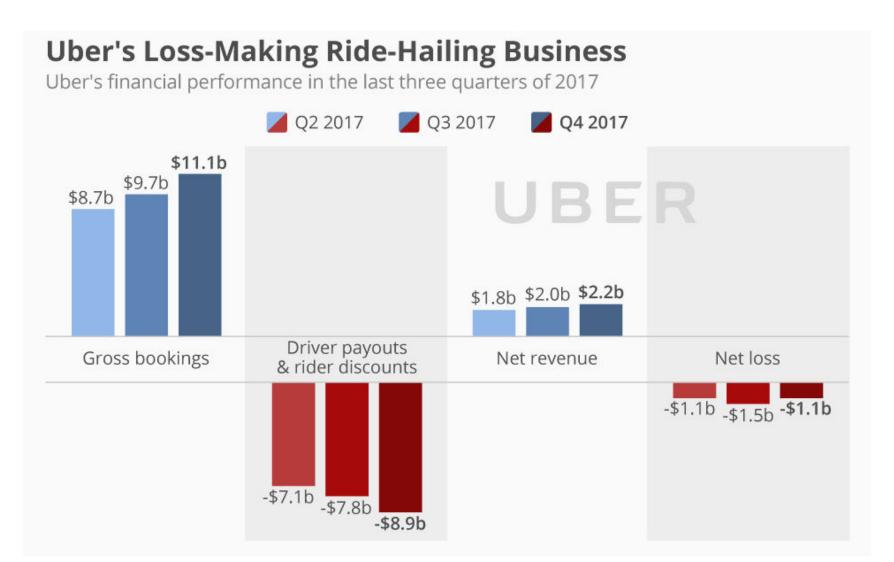
### **Venture Dollars Flood the Ad Markets**



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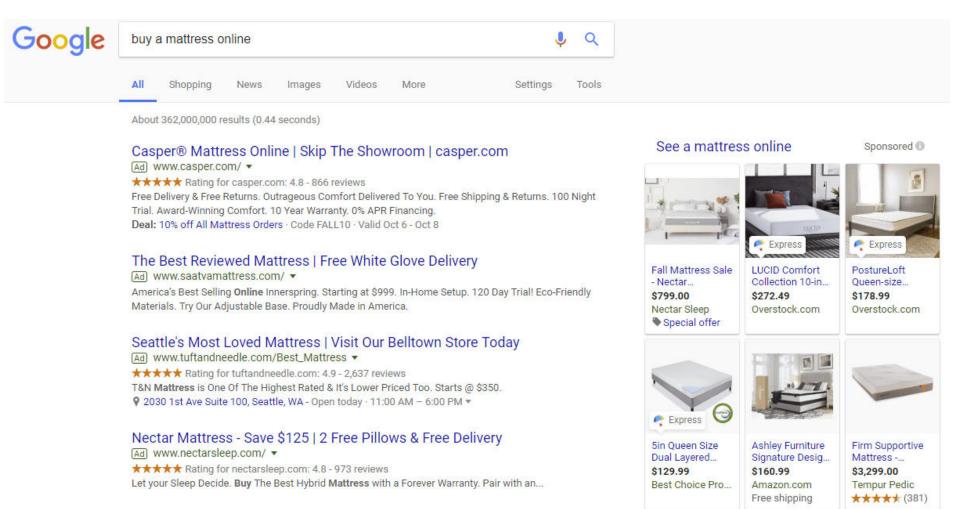
#### Via <u>Pitchbook</u>

### Investment Dollars Aren't Seeking Profits... Just Growth



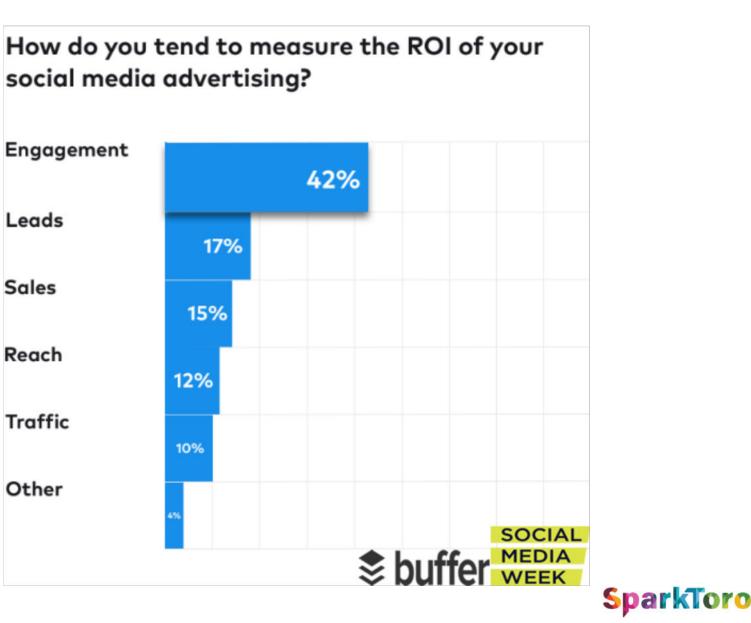


### Ad Bids in Many Sectors Go Far Above What's Profitable



### Many Marketers Aren't Accountable to Metrics

Platform that Offers the Highest Digital Ad Spending ROI According to US Senior Ad Buyers, Dec 2017 % of respondents **Google search** 48% Facebook 30% Ad exchanges/networks 8% Instagram 4% YouTube 4% Twitter 2% Other 4% Source: Cowen and Company, "Ad Buyer Survey VI: Look for Digital Advertising to Grow Its Lead Over TV/Offline Advertising in 2018," Jan 4, 2018 235122 www.eMarketer.com



Via <u>Buffer</u>

### Display, Search, & Social All Operate This Way

| Age 🚯         |   |
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| Locations ()  |   |
| United States | * |
| United States | * |
| Add locations |   |

#### Detailed Targeting 6

INCLUDE people who match at least ONE of the following (

| Interests > Additional Interests         |                    |
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| Public relations                         |                    |
| Add demographics, interests or behaviors | Suggestions Browse |

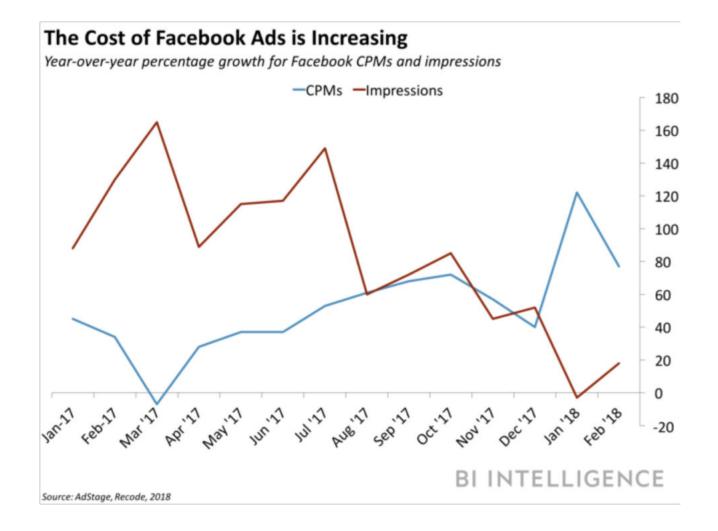
#### Exclude People or Narrow Audience



Your audience size is defined. Good job!

Potential Reach:: 2,700,000 people

#### Ad Costs Have Gone Up, While ROI Trends Down



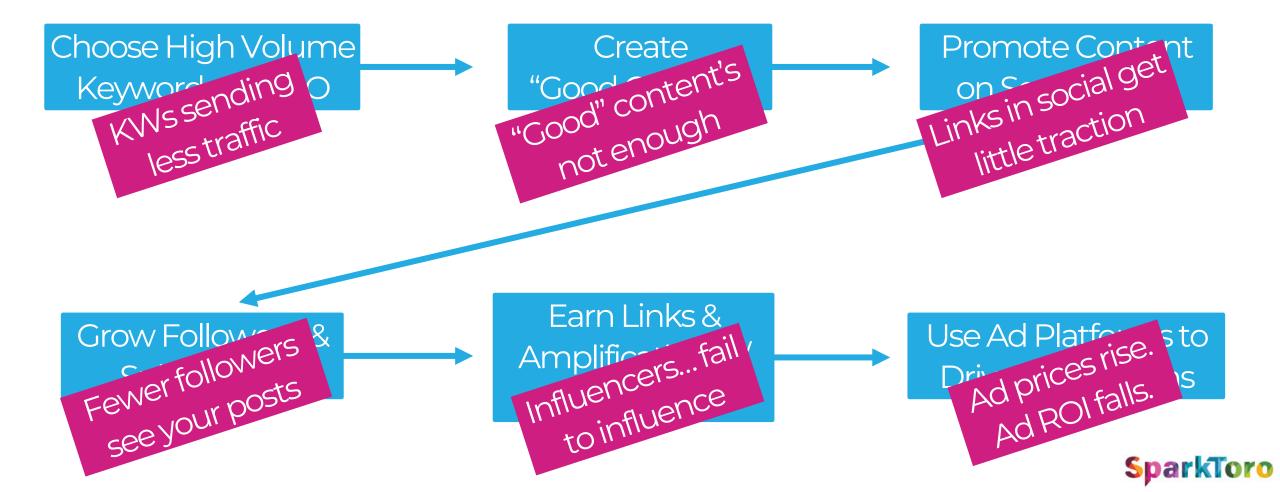
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## So... What Do We Do?

## The Smart Marketer's Battle Plan

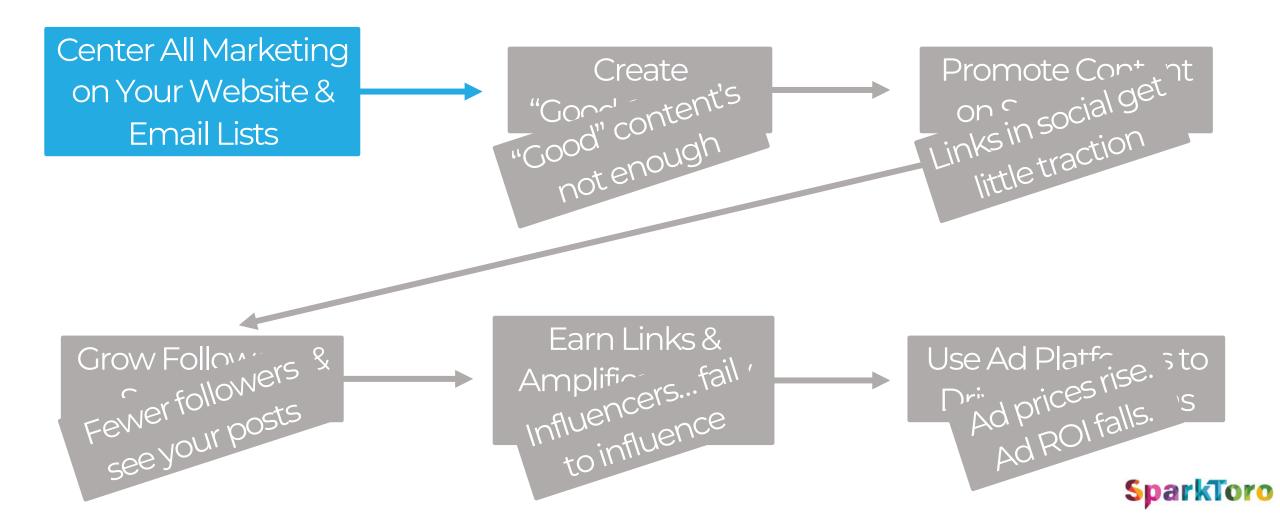


### 2009 - 2016 The "Inbound Marketing" Playbook



#### 2019

### What Needs to Change



### Make Your Website (and email list) the Center of Your Digital Campaigns



### **Old School Cool**

Two German brothers that were separated by the Berlin Wall reunite in December 1963 so they can celebrate Christmas together due to the Border Pass Agreement. Photograph taken in East Berlin.

### **Your Email List**

### **Your Website**



### 10 New Emails > 10,000 New Followers





### Website Visitors > 10,000 New Followers







### 100 True Fans Beats 100,000 Visits. Aim to Increase Passion > Traffic.



sparktoro.com

Via Buzzsumo

### **Change Your Approach to SEO:** Click Volume > Search Volume

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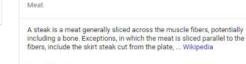
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| Monounsaturate       | ed fat 23 g |             |                |
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| Sodium 146 mg        |             |             | 6%             |
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| Sugar 0 g            |             |             |                |
| Protein 62 g         |             |             | 124%           |
| Vitamin A            | 1%          | Vitamin C   | 0%             |
| Calcium              | 3%          | Iron        | 33%            |
| Vitamin D            | 3%          | Vitamin B-6 | 65%            |
| Vitamin B-12         | 91%         | Magnesium   | 14%            |

| buy steak online |          |        |      |        |      |
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About 109,000,000 results (0.29 seconds)

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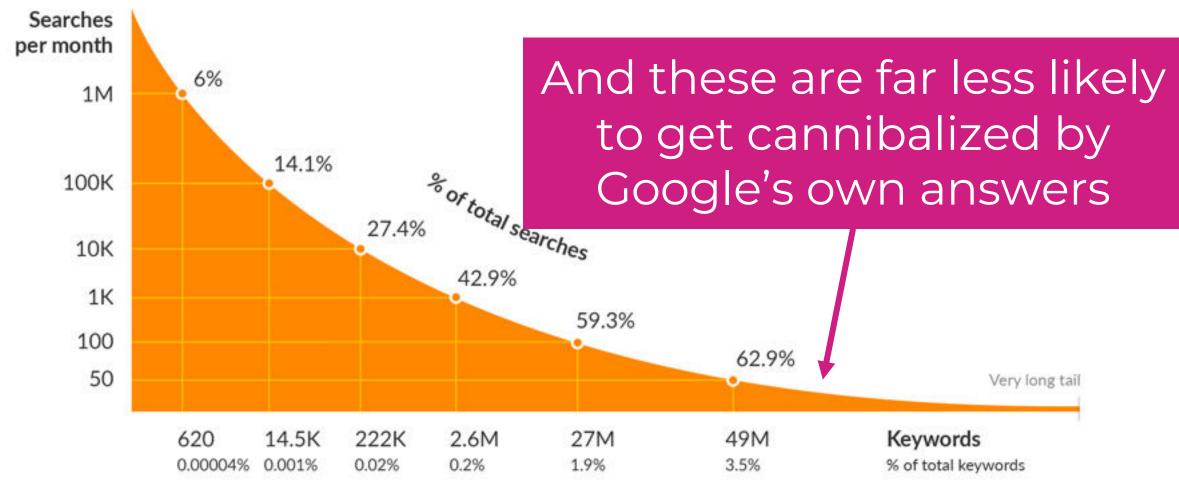
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#### Keyword Overview: steaks



### **38% of Google's Query Terms Still Receive** <**50 Searches/Month**

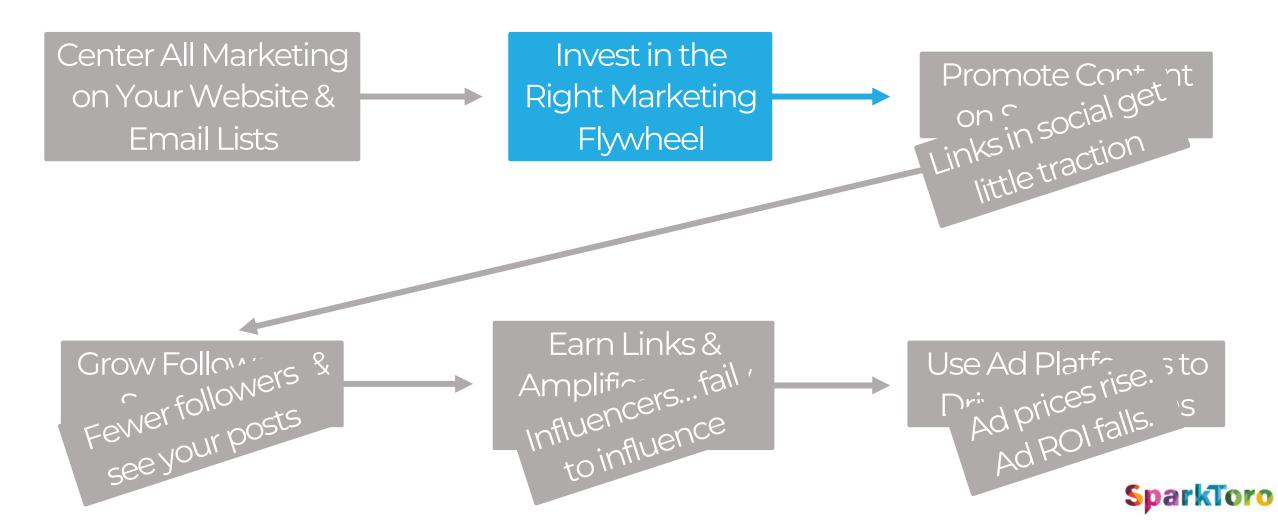


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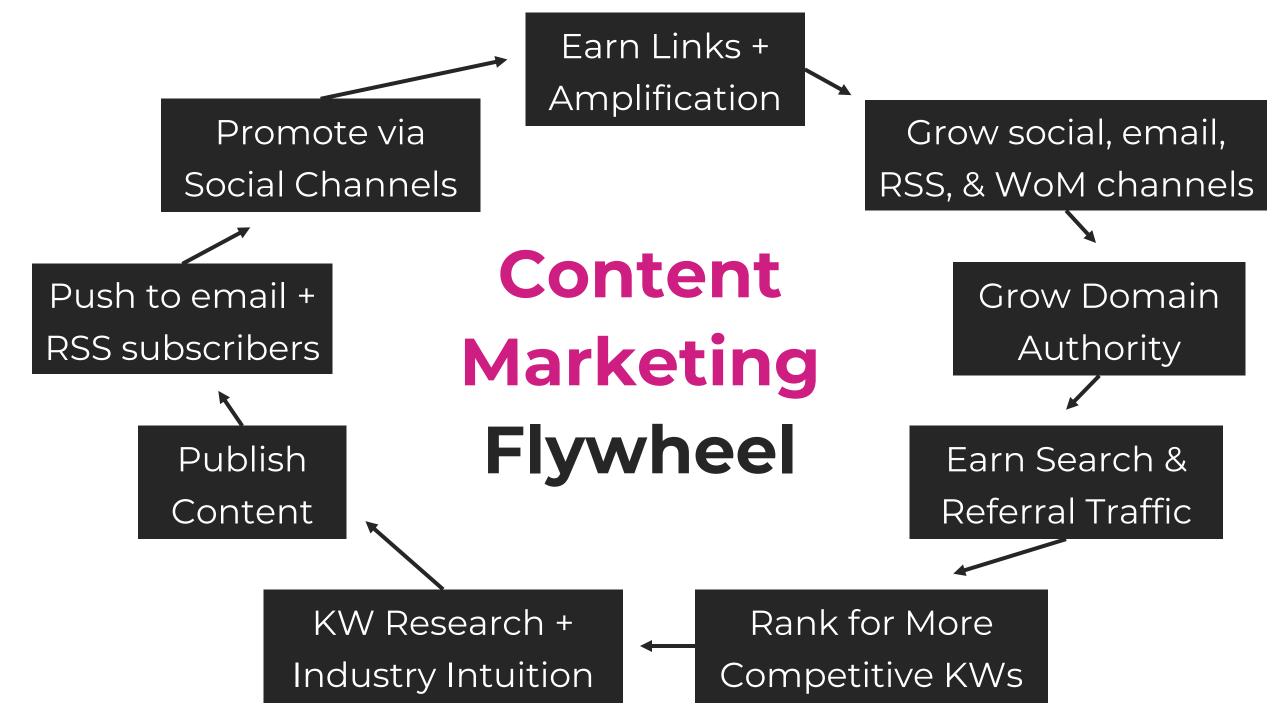
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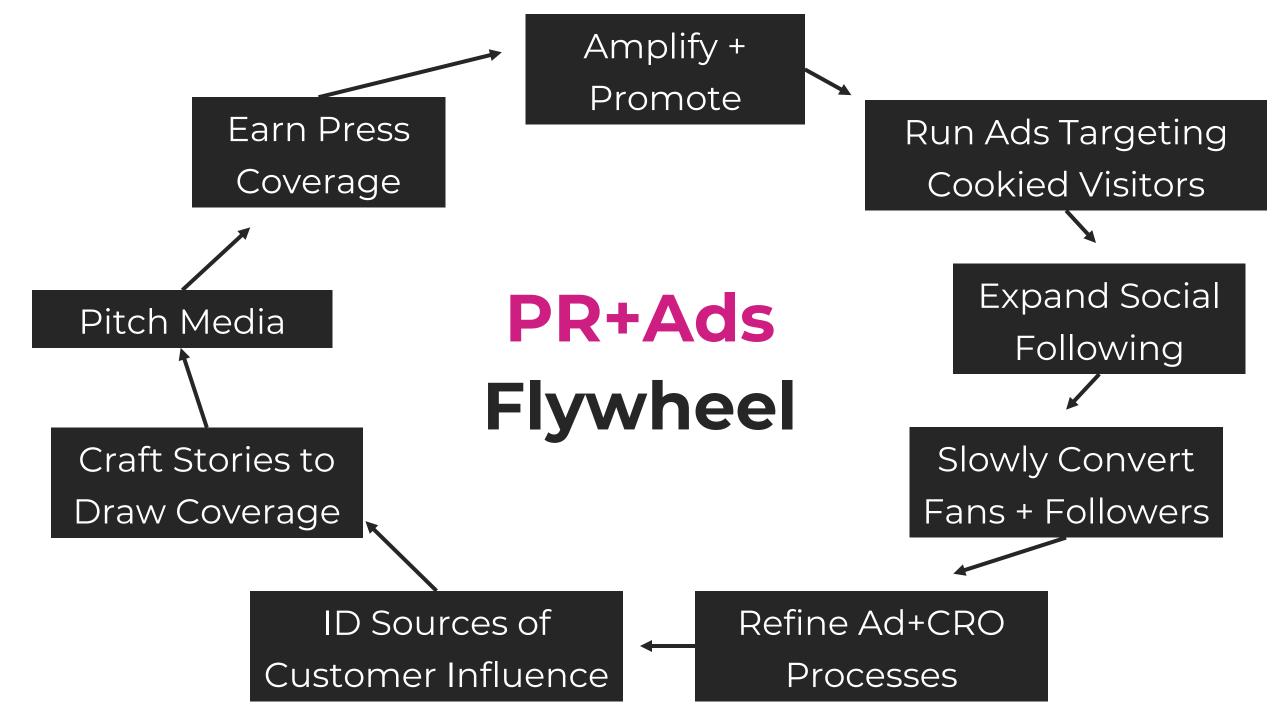
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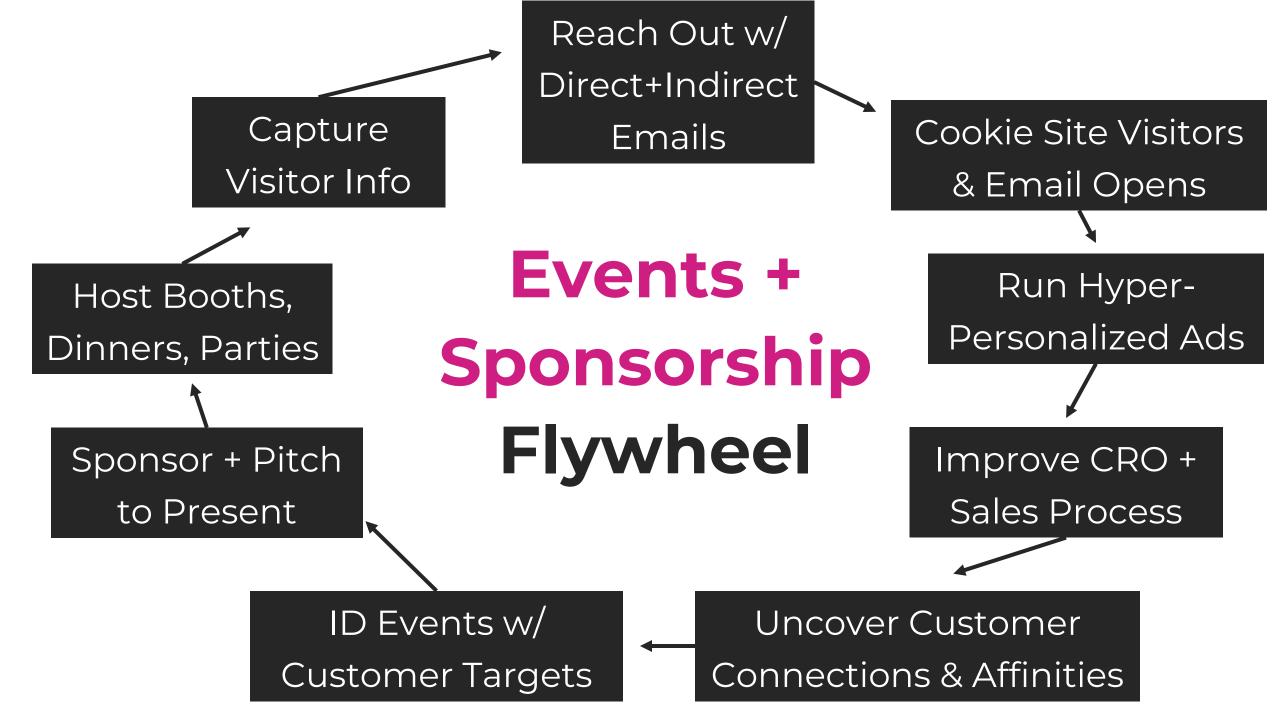
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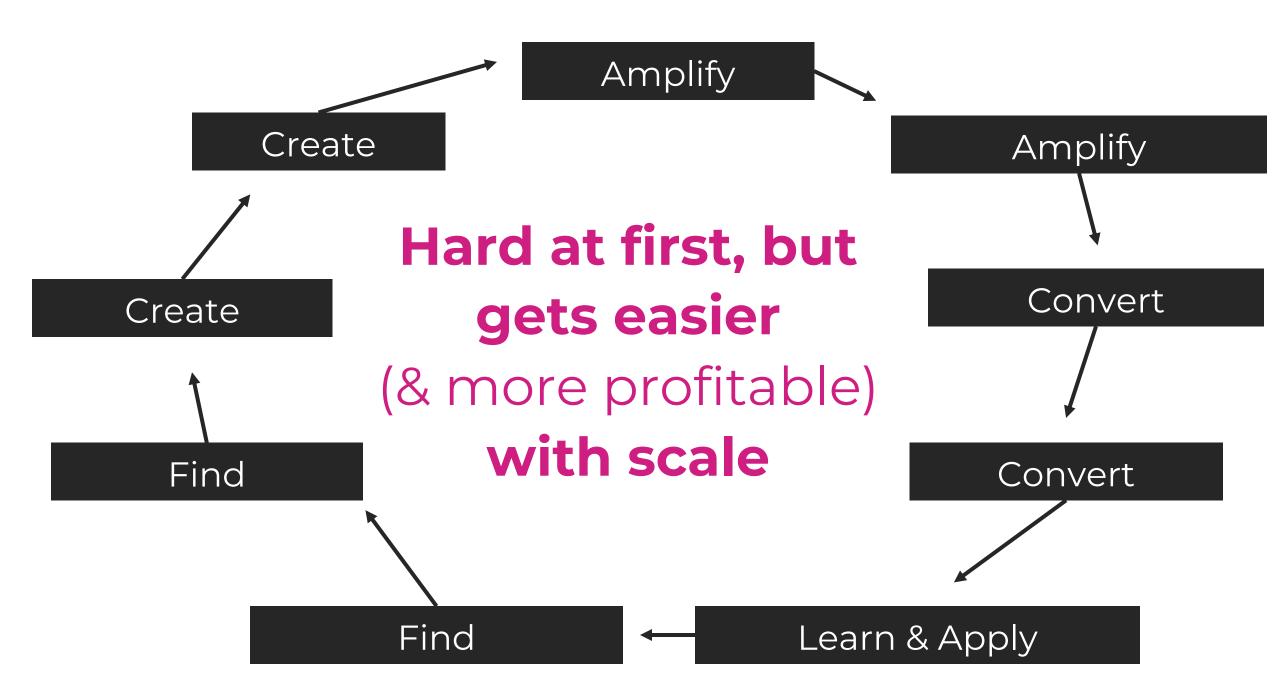


### A Great Marketing Flywheel Scales with Decreasing Friction

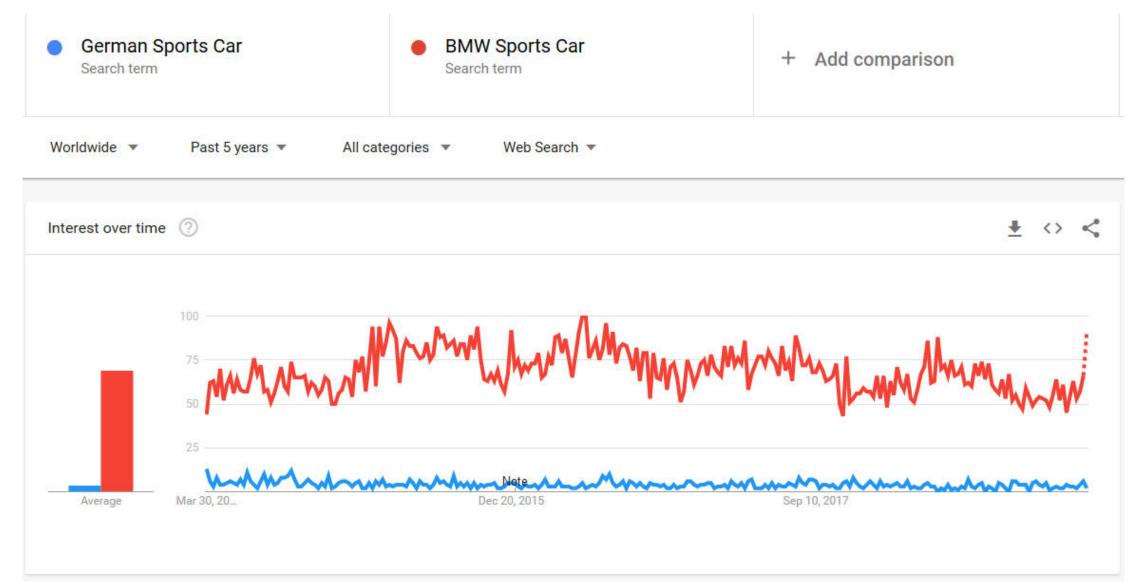




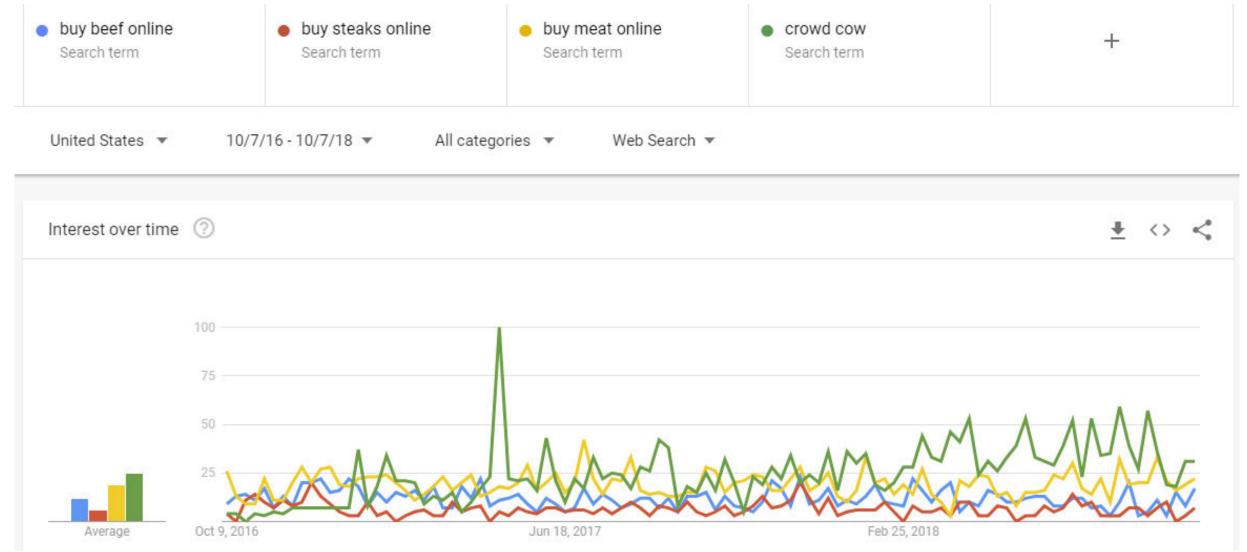




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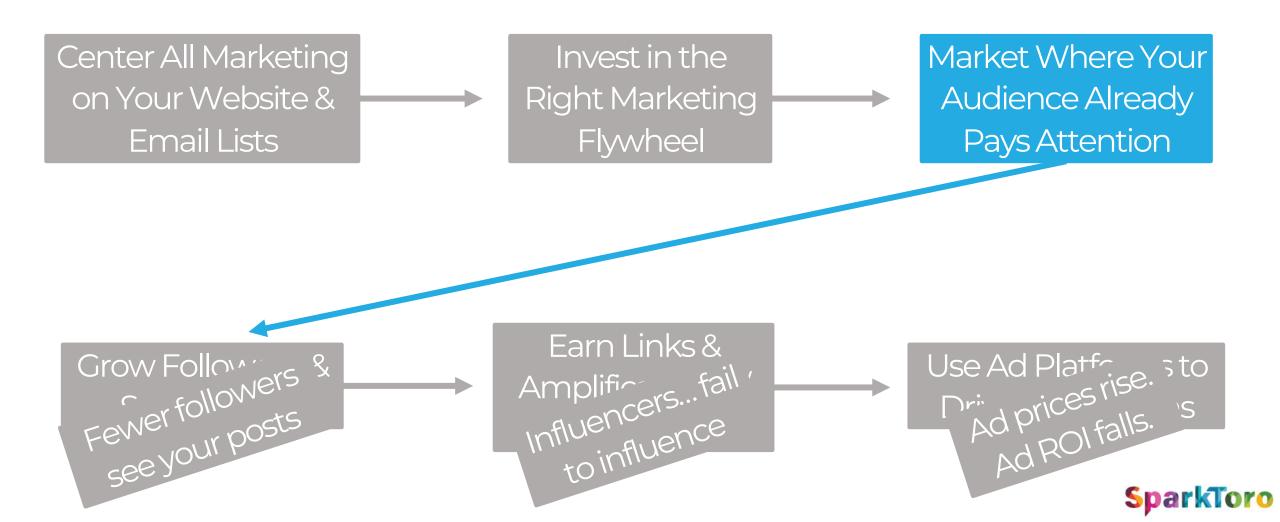


# Growing Branded Searches > Ranking #1 for Generic Searches

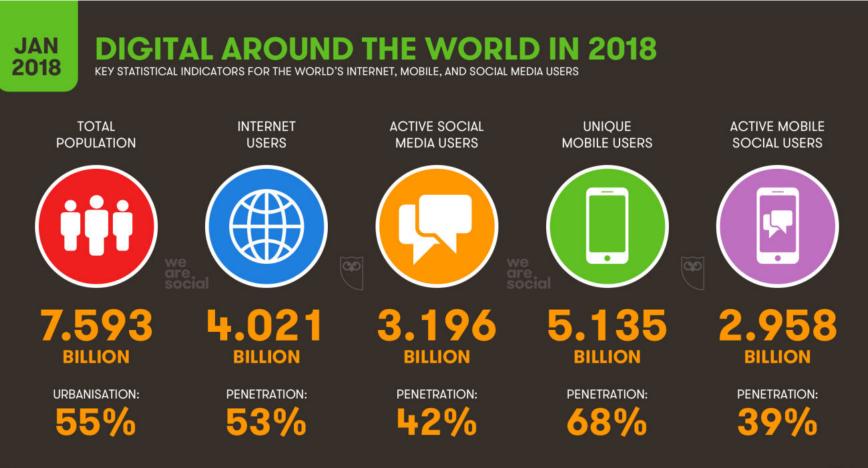


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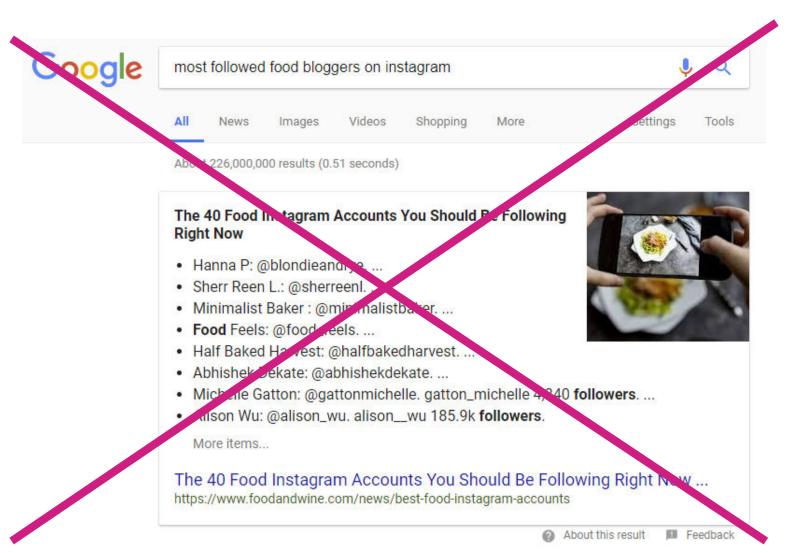
# "Social" Isn't Where Your Audience Is... That's Just Saying "Our Audience is Online"



Via <u>Hootsuite</u>

SOURCES: FOPULATION: UNITED NATIONS; U.S. CENSUS BUREAU; INTERNET: INTERNET: INTERNET: UROSTAT; INTERNET/UVESTATS; CIA WORLD FACTBOOK; MIDEASTMEDIA.ORG; FACEBOOK; GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; REGULATORY AUTHORITIES; REPUTABLE MEDIA; SOCIAL MEDIA AND MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA: FACEBOOK; TENCENT; VKONTAKTE; KAKAO; NAVER; DING; TECHRASA; SIMILARWEB; KEPIOS ANALYSIS; MOBILE: GSMA INTELLIGENCE; GOOGLE; ERICSSON; KEPIOS ANALYSIS. NOTE: PENETRATION FIGURES ARE FOR TOTAL POPULATION (ALL AGES). Hootsuite<sup>®</sup> dre social

## Discover Your Audience's True Sources of Influence – Market There



# Not the Most Followed X... But the Sources of Influence Most Followed by Xs



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3. Kevin, FitMenCook<sup>™</sup> – 1.1M followers

VS.



| +         | food blogger   | Search                     |                     |
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Conference (@IFBC). @Food...

### It's Hard to Get This Data, but Surveys & Interviews are a Good Start

#### 7 Which of the following software tools have you used in the past for identifying channels, publications, & people that influence an audience?

1513 out of 672 people answered this question (with multiple choice)

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#### SparkToro

Via <u>Typeform</u>

### Your Targets Should Include ALL of These:

- Podcasts
- Web Searches
- Events

Blogs

- **Email Newsletters**
- Mainstream Media
- Trade Journals
- Whitepapers
- Consumer Review Pubs

Radio Facebook Groups Television Twitter Guerilla Marketing YouTube Channels **Branded Publications** Industry Reports Instagram Spark

### Your Targets Should Include ALL of These:

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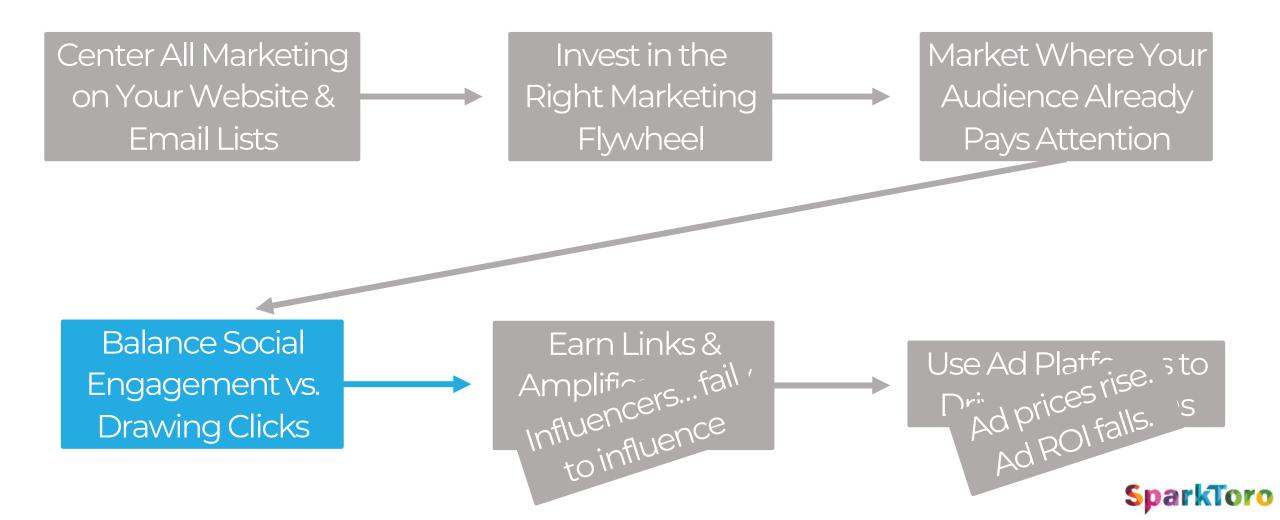
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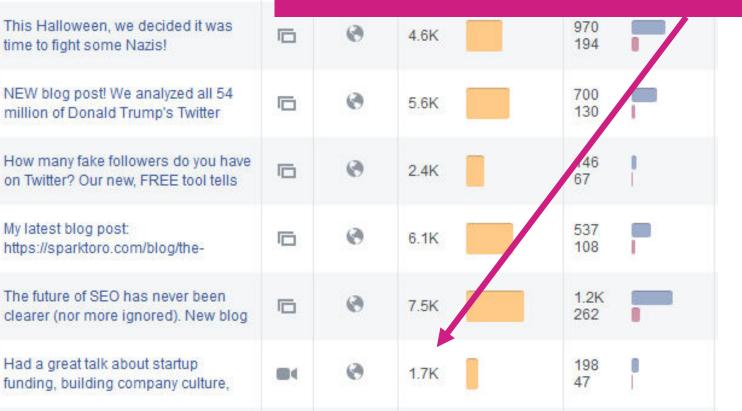
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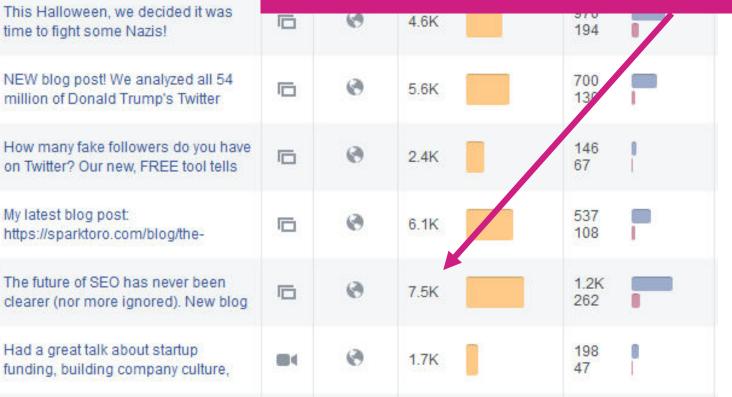
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| <b>10/01/2018</b><br>2:13 PM | How many fake followers do you have<br>on Twitter? Our new, FREE tool tells |      | 0         | 2.4K    | 146 <b>1</b><br>67           |                         |
| 09/25/2018<br>2:24 PM        | My latest blog post:<br>https://sparktoro.com/blog/the-                     |      | 0         | 6.1K    | 537 <b>—</b><br>108 <b>—</b> |                         |
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### Social Algorithms Are Designed to:

Does this content attract users, generate likes/shares, & hold their attention?

Do users who see this content stay on our platform and keep engaging?

Retain →

Engage

Addict

Do users who've consumed this content return to our platform again & again?

# To benefit from this system, use a formula like this:

These earn brand exposure & new followers High engagement, non-promotional post

High engagement, non-promotional post

Promotion w/ Link

High engagement, non-promotional post

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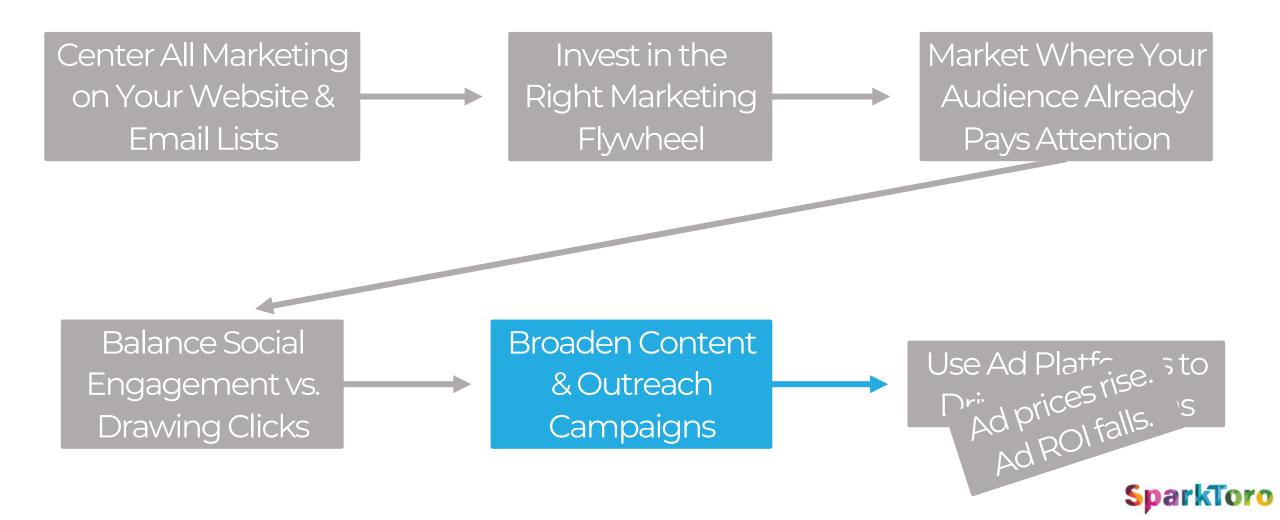
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# Successful Content Targets Topics that Resonate with Amplifiers, Not Just Customers

What Your Customers Care About What Influential Publications & People Your Customers Listen To Care About

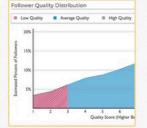
Topics with high potential reach



## The More Difficult Content is to Create, the Easier it is to Stand Out

#### Free Tools From SparkToro

In 2019, we hope to launch our initial product -- a <u>search engine for sources of influence</u>. In the meantime, check out these handy, entirely free tools. And please do share with friends ;-)



The Front Page of the Web Market

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#### Fake Followers Audit

Analyze the followers of any Twitter account, Fake Followers Audit looks at 25+ factors correlated with spam/bot/low quality accounts to return a percentage of followers that are thought to be fake.

#### Learn Mo

#### Trending

See what web marketers are talking about and sharing on Twitter. Trending refreshes every 15 minutes based on the tweets of thousands of accounts in the marketing field. Connect your own Twitter profile to have your votes counted in the system.

#### iet Caught Up

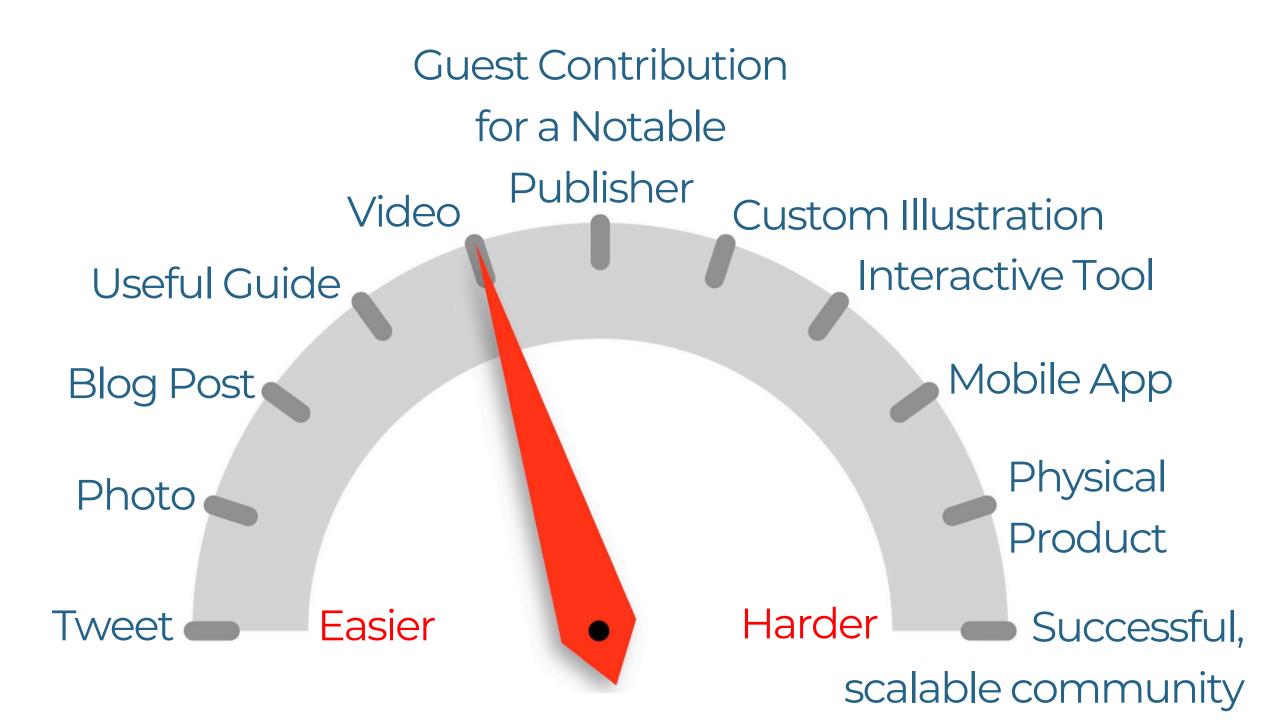


#### SparkScore

Determine the "true" level of influence for any Twitter profile on a scale from 0-100, and get detailed insights into how the score is calculated and the elements that support it.

Learn More

E.G. SparkToro's strategy is to create free, interactive tools, not just blog posts



# Spray+Pray Outreach Leads to Reputational Damage (for both brand & social/email/search algos)

| Paid Opportunity  |   | ¢         | ē       | Ø    |
|---|---|-----------|---------|------|
|   | Thu, Sep 6, 9:17 AM   | ☆         | 4       | :    |
| to me 👻   |   |           |         |      |
| Hi Rand,  |   |           |         |      |
| We have a great opportunity to help promote confirm the spot and I can send over the full details. Happy to | See summary below, and lmk<br>chat through any questions as well. The | (         | ant to  |      |
| WHOSAY Campaign Summary   |   |           |         |      |
| Brand:  |   |           |         |      |
| Talent: Rand Fishkin  |   |           |         |      |
| Social Ask: one (1) original self-produced unfiltered video to p<br>on FB/TW/IG                             | post on FB/TW/IG and one (1) share of                                 | a         | video   | asse |
| Whitelisting: Yes + brand rights to promote content on social   | channels.   |           |         |      |
| Usage/Term: 45 days from the date of the first post   |   |           |         |      |
| Talent Fee: \$7,500   |   |           |         |      |
| <ul> <li>The content he'll be creating should be an extension</li> </ul>                                    | of the original TV ad (the same link the                              | w'll he s | sharing | ð    |
| and show how he achieves his goals by using   | See example of tv c   | 2         | 100     |      |

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### Human, Targeted, Story & Values-Driven Outreach Wins

Advanced reader copy of our book, Making Websites Win



Ben Jesson <

to me 👻

Hi Rand,

Finally, our book, Making Websites Win, goes live in August.

We'd love to send you the hardcover version when it's out. Could you let me know the best address to send it to?

SparkToro

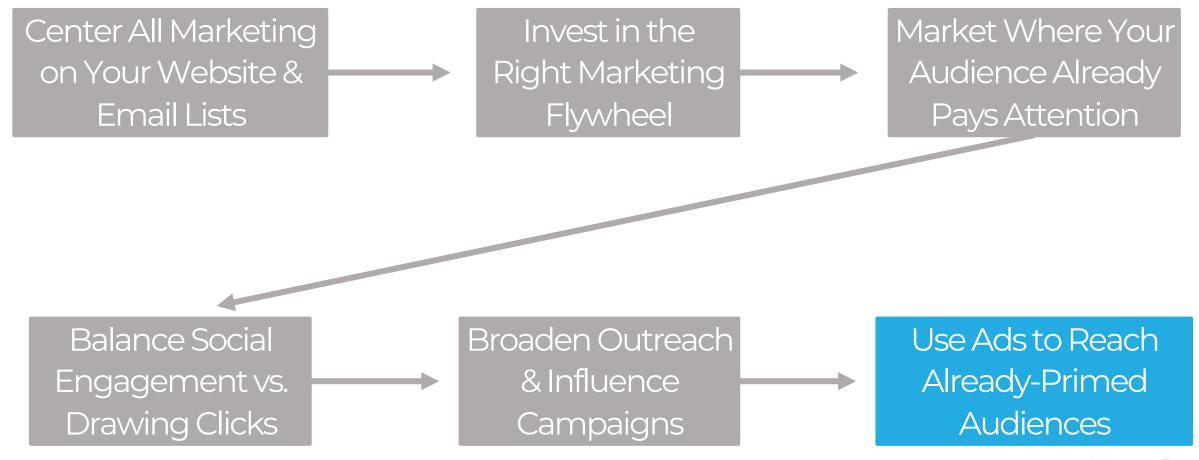
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If you've got any feedback about it-or ideas for promoting it-we'd really appreciate it.

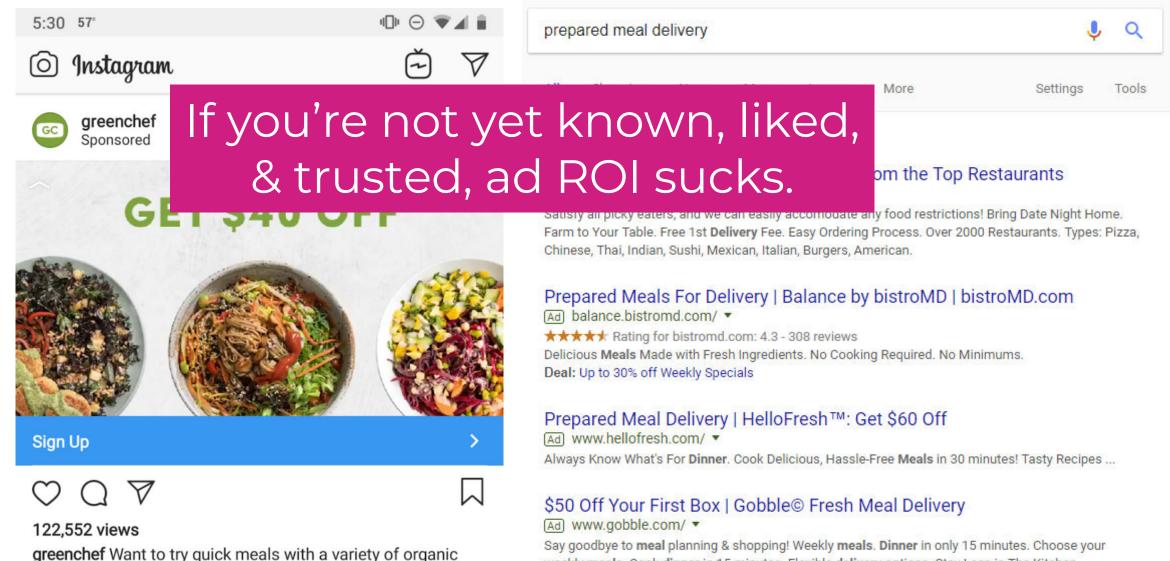
Cheers,

Ben

# 2019-Beyond The Smart Marketer's Playbook



### First: Organic + Brand; Then: Ads + CRO



and sustainable ingredients? Get \$40 off when you si... more

weekly meals. Cook dinner in 15 minutes. Flexible delivery options. Stay Less in The Kitchen.



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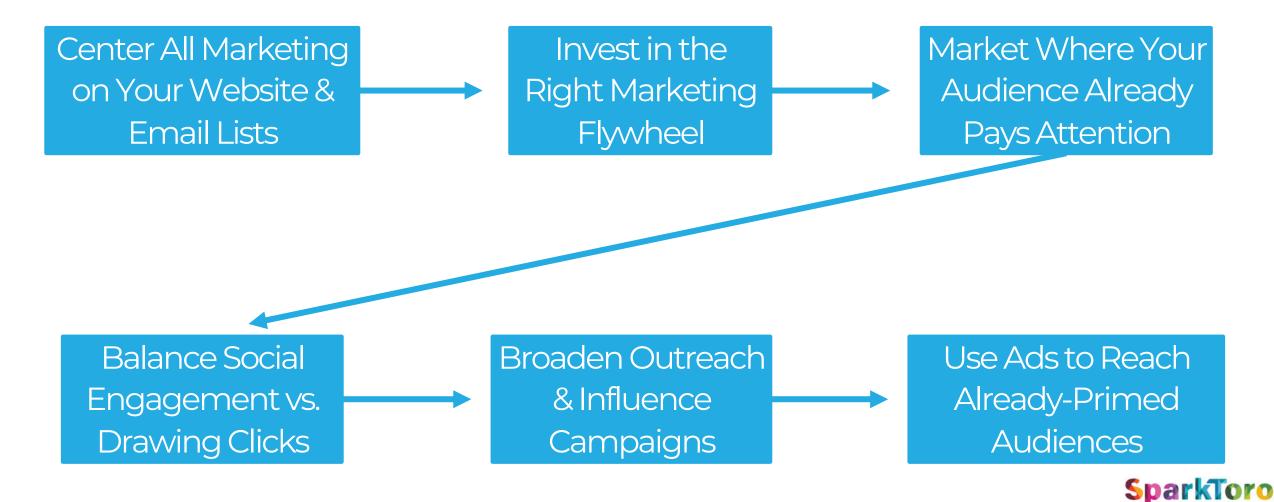
# How to Win at Digital Advertising

#### Step 1: Earn brand exposure w/your target audience

#### Step 2: Get >1 organic visit (or social engagement)

Step 3: Advertise to those who already know+like you

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# Thank You!

Rand Fishkin | Founder & CEO

