

Creating a Coherent Social Strategy for Business

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Businesses expect to participate

% of companies adopting Web 2.0 tools in 2008



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(percentages may not total 100 because of rounding)

Source: Enterprise And SMB Software Survey, North America And Europe, Q3 2007

Web 2.0 approach-avoidance syndrome

Symptoms

- » Obsessive interest in the blogosphere, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, FriendFeed . . .
- » Excessive salivation upon hearing of successful corporate applications
- » Checking TechCrunch and Techmeme hourly
- » Increasing nervousness answering bosses' and colleagues' questions about "Web 2.0 strategy"
- » Asking your teens "What's up with this MySpace thing?"
 - -And taking careful notes on the answer

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Definition

Groundswell

A social trend in which people use technologies to get the things they need from each other, rather than from traditional institutions like corporations



Where are you on this scale?

Corporatist

Pragmatist

Purist

 Online activities must deliver business benefits People are in charge, but corporations can benefit People are the most powerful force on the Net

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Theme

Objectives are the key to successful social strategy

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The four-step approach to the groundswell

<u>People</u>

Assess your customers' social activities

Objectives Decide what you want to accomplish

Strategy Plan for how relationships with customers will change

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Technology Decide which social technologies to use

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The Social Technographics Ladder



Key roles and their groundswell objectives

<u>Roles</u>	Groundswell objectives	
Research	→	Listening
Marketing		Talking
Sales		Energizing
Support		Supporting
Development		Embracing

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Listening to dog owners (Del Monte)

Home » Message Boards » Doggie Playpen

Submitted by HostDeb on Wed, 2007-01-10 22:03.

What Do You Do For Your Doggie's Birthdays???



Home | Member List | Message Boards | Polis | Log Out

Active Message Boards

- Doggie Haiku Contest!!!
- Questions about thirsty dogs
- What Do You Do For Your Doggie's Birthdays???
- Pup'd Out Jeep Adventure --What do you think of this???
- Would You Try These?

most influence on your

doggies health? Use

more

Poll

diet

exercise



Doggie Playpen | fun

Do you give them special food and/or treats? What kinds? Where do you get them? Pee Dee, my beagle just turned 13 on December 17th and he got some scrambled eggs and a doggie bisguit shaped like a cake that I got at a local pet store called "babies." He LOVED them all -- HostDeb.

< Doggie Haiku Contest!!! NEW Contest + MORE Prizes!!! WINNERS EVERY WEEK!!! >



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A conversation with customers



Del Monte: What does your dog eat for breakfast?

George: . . . she would definitely want bacon and eggs and she would want ketchup on her eggs. She loves ketchup!!!

Del Monte: Would you buy more treats if they had vitamins and minerals as ingredients?"

George: I would buy healthier treats over ones that didn't have vitamins and minerals.... I try to look for amino acids and omega 3 and fish oils.

The result: a successful product launch . . .

Would You Try These?

Submitted by HostDeb on Wed, 2006-12-20 16:02.

Feeding Your Furry Friend | new products



Remember, HostDeb is NOT trying to sell you on any new idea introduced here in the community. I need your honest feedback. Please use the comments link to give your opinion of this new idea. Please tell us what you think of it. If you'd be interested, why or why not. Thanks! -- HostDeb





Let's talk about tampons



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P&G talks with young girls



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Brides.com energizes brides

Brides.com on myspace

+ ADD TO FRIENDS + ADD TO GROUP + ADD TO FAVORITES + FORWARD TO FRIEND

VIDEO



Real Engagement Jeffrey and Anna are high school sweethearts who began their relationship in New York City. Watch him propose to her at Rockefeller Center's legendary rink.

Credit: Melissa Pomeroy

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Starbucks solicits ideas



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And then posts on a "blog" to close the loop

Wi-Fi changes—coming your way

March 25, 2008 posted by Kevin Shawver

This is Kevin Shawver and I work on the Wi-Fi program at Starbucks. First of all, I am excited to see all the energy around free Wi-Fi—we know it is important to our customers. I was secretly hoping that free Wi-Fi would be #1 amongst the popular ideas, but I'll take #2.

Back in February we announced that we're switching to AT&T as our Wi-Fi provider in our U.S. company-operated stores. As Brad Stevens mentioned in his post on March 24, we're thrilled to be rolling out two hours of complimentary Wi-Fi service for customers who have a registered Starbucks Card. It'll be simple to sign up. All you have to do is:

- 1. Register a Starbucks Card
- 2. Sign up for an AT&T Wi-Fi account (and limited ATT marketing)
- 3. Come to Starbucks and login

To keep your newly created Wi-Fi account "active" you'll need to make a purchase with your registered Starbucks Card or add additional funds to it within the prior 30 days of logging on. We feel that the complimentary two hours is a meaningful amount of time and a fantastic way to reward Starbucks Card holders.

We have customers with a variety of needs—some want to come in and read, some want to chat with a friend and others want to use Wi-Fi. Starbucks means different things to different people and the two-hour limit helps balance the many needs of our customers so that everyone can enjoy spending time at Starbucks. This service will be available to all customers nationwide later this spring.

I love all the dialogue around Wi-Fi and look forward to hearing more. Look for me in the comment strings...my screen name is sbx_shvr.





Crédit Mutuel's "suggestion box"

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ROI of executive blog (year one)

<u>Cost</u>		<u>Value</u>	
Planning and training	\$35K	Advertising visibility	\$7K
Platform and IT	\$30K	Press stories	\$240K
Brand monitoring service	\$50K	Blog word of mouth	\$37K
Content production and review	\$170K	Support savings	\$69K
Total costs	\$285K	Total value	\$353K





Keys to success for pragmatists

- Start with your customers
- Choose an objective you can measure
- Line up executive backing
- Romance the naysayers
- Start small, think big



Summary

- Pragmatists bring companies and the groundswell together
- Objectives are the key to successful social strategy

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- Use POST to frame your strategy
- Line up backers, and think big

Thank you

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