# **Impact of Social Media on Branding of Product**

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#### ABSTRACT

Social media is not only a tool of communication these days, with the development of technology, it has turned into a tool for generating large amount of data, which is used by marketers to interpret their markets and conduct various studies using big data. Within few years of its launch in India, the development of social media has been remarkable. Almost all the powerful marketing capacities are under its domain. It is even involving the sections of sustenance level consumers. Rural consumers also seem to have been influenced by the social media. Political parties also use social media to reach out to their potential voters and it is evident from the recent elections. All types of marketers, whether small or big, local or international, service industry, etc., are using social media for brand building and increasing the effectiveness of their marketing efforts. It helps firms to persuade and influence the consumers purchase decisions. The impact of social media has grabbed the attention of the researchers. They are studying it from various perspectives. Various studies are already been conducted abroad and now on Indian consumers as well. Some of the researches done on social media in marketing are from the viewpoint of its impact on consumer decision making, effectiveness studies, return on investment view, data mining studies, sentiment analysis, etc. Branding plays an important role in consumer purchase decision, when it comes to search of alternatives. Social media has arisen as a medium for supporting the consumers in brand identification and recall. Furthermore, social media also helps consumers in getting proof from their references, which increase the effectiveness of brands. This study analyses the impact of social media on branding and how it influences to the consumers brand choice.

KEYWORDS: Consumer, Perspective, Investment, Financial, Economy, Social Media, Purchase, Environment.

# **INTRODUCTION**

Nowadays the work of marketing gets to be exceptionally challenging due to the interaction of different variables. Associations are battling with changing consumer behaviour, financial stagnations, environmental decay, the tall pace of innovative progression, political instability, impact of fluctuating economy and other social issues. Competitors have ended up being more aggressive than ever before. They are prepared with a part of marketing strategies. Each of them gets fascinated by creating a winning equation that may win the confidence of customers. Since the day, social media marketing advanced as an isolated discipline, it is one of the most critical developments in marketing. Social media emerged as an

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effective instrument for connecting individuals and this made a difference in each perspective of marketing. With 1.5 billion users of different social media platforms, social media has beaten all models of development. It has included over a 6th of the whole humankind into the web. The generosity of numbers makes it a really effective database, which can be utilized for a gathering of significant offers, including marketing. Social media is being utilized for recognizing customer needs, communicating and engaging with customers, and making a difference for them in recognizing and recalling the brands, convincing their purchase decision-making process, and post-purchase satisfaction.. Recognizing the plausible of this most effective instrument for expanding the proficiency of their marketing techniques, all sorts of firms including the little businesses, non-profit organizations, and indeed political parties are utilizing social media marketing instruments for reaching out to their target audience.

#### **BRAND AWARENESS**

Brand awareness implies to the degree to which customers can survey or see a brand. Brand awareness could be a key thought in buyer conduct, advancing organization, brand organization and strategy enhancement. The buyer's capacity to see or review a brand is crucial to getting fundamental authority. Buying can't proceed unless a client is to begin with careful of a product class and a brand inside that classification. Awareness does not truly suggest that the customer must have the capacity to survey a specific brand name; in any case he or she ought to have the capacity to review satisfactory recognizing highlights for buying to proceed. For illustration, on the off chance that a buyer demands that her companion get her a few gum in a "blue pack", the companion would be depended upon to know which gum to buy, in spite of the truth that not one or the other one of the companions can review the precise brand name at the time. Different sorts of brand awareness have been recognized, in specific brand review and brand affirmation. Key pros fight that these differing sorts of awareness work in a common sense particular ways and this has basic repercussions for the purchase choice process and for marketing the brand. Brand awareness is immovably distinguished with thoughts, for case, the evoked set and thought set which portray specific parts of the customer's purchase choice. Buyers will ordinarily purchase one of the most three brands in their thought set. Brand loyalty is the positive affiliation customers join to a specific product or brand. Consumers who show brand loyalty are committed to a product or service, which is illustrated by their repeat buys in spite of competitors' endeavours to bait them away. Organizations invest critical amounts of money in customer benefit and marketing to make and keep up brand loyalty for a well-known and developed product. Coca-Cola Company is an illustration of a famous brand that has brought about in customers illustrating brand loyalty over a long time in spite of Pepsi's products and marketing endeavours.

# SOCIAL MEDIA

The development of social media has given new comprehensions to the consumers, which turned their way of communication into business purposes. The online users are now converted into marketers and guests. Social media also converted the way of communication between them. Currently, consumer through their reviews related to products or services used, influences buyers on social network platforms. The companies

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have changed the marketing conditioning and tactics towards the social media. Currently, all sizes of enterprises are fastening on social media and trying to attract attention of users on their sanctioned runners was on various social networking spots. The consumers also served by getting mindfulness about new brands. They know their favourite brands and like to bandy with the other users and brand directors about their capabilities from the brand. Social media has brought the consumers at the centre of business ecosphere, which desires marketers to use new set of marketing tools to integrate the consumers to their brands in veritably innovative mores. Today, social media is among the stylish openings available to a brand for integrating prospective consumers. Social media is the channel through which companies can fraternize with consumers. It has a solid impact on branding and the way consumers purchase. The conventional buying process of consumers includes searching for information of a brand/ product, after that they consider numerous brands druthers, and also from those brands they estimate many brands and, in the end, the final opinions are taken according to his/ her needs. The consumers are moving down from the conventional sources of advertising, similar as radio and TV, and they're constantly demanding further control over their media operation.

#### ADVERTISING ON SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

The rise of social media, similar as Facebook and Twitter, has proffered and announced a million conceivable issues for marketers. One reason why they're so feasible is the capacity for these social media to scrap the request naturally. Shoppers can customize their Facebook and social networking runners so that the data they get is important to them. Marketers discover it simple to reach connectors through social media networks for spreading word of mouth and deals representatives to convert others to hop on the social media crusade. The 2008 presidential election was one exceptionally clear and effective illustration of the use of social media for creation. The presidential election in 2008 was the first election in history where social media played a major part. A really aggressive and effective social media crusade was used by President Barack Obama. Easily, the rise of social media forums deeply impacted the presidential election for 2008, and that trend will probably continue. Keller & Kotler (2013), (2000) set up that the rise in social media advertising too sets out upon a uninterrupted trend by marketers to set up more insinuate client connections. As per the digital age, decreasingly individualities in western societies are chancing other ways to connect with harmonious people. The citizens of the advanced nations are more fascinated by satisfying their more prominent regard and tone - fruition requirements. The invention is advancing at a soaring rate. In this manner, it has come more worrisome for marketers to anticipate the future. The guests are presently using social media to put data about them and they also post their feedback about products or brands on it. These feedbacks and reviews on different social media have come crucial for marketers to get the new patterns about products services and around new client trends (2010). Though, a vital question for marketers is how online business can draw in guests. Online commerce is introductory and cost-effective, and it also takes lower time to set up an internet store as compared to a Shopping centre or Retail store. Still, it's exceptionally delicate to draw in business of implicit guests for the website. Enterprises are snappily embracing social media advertising as their internet marketing strategy. Also "the users of social media purchase or visit the websites specified by other users". Social media tools similar as wikis, blogs, and virtual worlds (e.g. Alternate life) are employed by individualities. In any case, the most successful and astronomically used bias is blogs and operations similar as Facebook and LinkedIn (Sawyer, 2008).

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#### **BRANDING THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA**

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#### IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON BRANDING

With increase in the internet operation, the power of social media growing exponentially. The social media stoner can partake their experience, studies, and passions, about any brand that they've used. These gests are likely to draw attention of other social media users and may also have long lasting impact on their purchase opinions as well. Social media has a benefit of allowing fast and free inflow of information because of which brands get noticed through these platforms. However, these platforms also allow them to connect with consumers snappily, if the brands are creative. It also has capability to produce brand knowledge over short period of time. People don't suppose doubly indeed to expose the brands that give bad client service or poor gests. As well as, guests also appreciate and partake good gests, where the brand has exceeded their prospects. P&G calls this "blowing people down today's" (Neff, 2011). Companies now a day are going redundant afar to produce today's of surprise and delights. Companies have understood that one satisfied client can reach hundreds or thousands of implicit guests through social media. Numerous brands have started using social media as a medium of reaching out large number of followership and spread today's of delights in order to attract them towards brand. Electronic word of mouth (E-WOM) is the biggest advantage to brands that has happed due to being on social media. Word of mouth advertising is the stylish form of advertising for any brand. It brings huge advantages to the brands. Brands can now produce, engage and converse directly with implicit and being consumers via social media platforms. According to (Mawton, 2015) over two billion people enjoy the most influential and hand- held technology created the smartphone bias. These mobile phone and operations have come the utmost dependable technology which links us not only with people but also with multitudinous services and product brands we use. On other hand, companies can use this device and technology to break through one- way

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communication and produce trust and credibility for the brands. According to (Genslar, S., Volckner, F., Liu- Thompkins, Y., & Wiertz, C., 2013) Consumers have come the brand ministers by uploading stories of brands to their social media accounts. This change has passed because of the ease of communication that takes place between consumers and companies with the help of social media runners. One of study reveals that both brands and stoner generated content on social media has a positive impact on brand fidelity and perceived brand quality. As well as, there was a significant difference observed amongst different brands studies in this exploration which belonged to different diligence (Sachivinski, B., & Dabrowski, D., 2015).

# CONCLUSION

Since the day, internet is introduced to this world; it has surfaced as a promising tool in marketing. It has opened a huge occasion for marketers. Internet marketing has various tools to help marketing and branding to companies. Out of all social media platforms has also shown a veritably promising future in marketing and branding for companies. It was introduced to produce and connect people across different communities and different part of the world. There are several platforms served as an important medium to communicate for stoner as well as the marketers. The most prominent of those platforms are YouTube, Instagram, and Facebook. Piecemeal from the below mentioned platforms, there are several other options available for specific users and purpose of communication. This study helped the experimenter to identify the most favored social media. The study reveals that the repliers from different metropolises who represents the population of Gujarat or indeed to India at large, have embraced social media networking websites apps as a part of their everyday lives and therefore social media marketing tools used by several brands has a veritably strong impact on brand mindfulness, brand engagement, E-WOM, brand choice, and brand fidelity. The result of this exploration validates the plunge being given by marketers to use social media networking websites apps as a branding tool. The models developed for social media networking websites apps and marketing sweats tools used provides critical perceptivity on the external and internal variables that affects companies to borrow social media platforms as a brand communication tool. The findings of this exploration can suggests that all size diligence i.e. small, medium and large use social media networking websites apps tactics and strategies to brand their products and services to achieve their objects.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

From the literature review and findings of this check it can conferred that the establishment created and consumer generated social media content plays an veritably important part on consumers which leads to brand mindfulness, brand engagement, e-wom, brand choice and brand fidelity. Though, firm created social media marketing communication has an encouraging effect on brand mindfulness, which affects the consumer's perception of the brand. It's suggested that companies should concentrate more on content creation which is eye catchy. It should visually appeal, with the help of vids, film land and plates this can achieved. It has been seen from the data that users like pictorial donation and this will help them increase the brand mindfulness. This will further lead to brand fidelity. Social media marketing tools should be incorporated with traditional marketing strategies to get the community effect. Now-a-days assiduity

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experts also considers social media as an important part of marketing as internet services are growing and large number of users are using it on diurnal base.

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