# Maximizing Your Customer Base & Revenue In An Online World

**Digital Business Strategies** 

To Attract Customers To Your Website & Store

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## Session Objectives

- State of Retail
  - Online is winning
- Does this mean anything for you?
  - What can YOU do?
- Understanding Online and Scaling
  - Visibility can they find you anytime and from anywhere? are you above the noise?
  - Brand Utility (apart from brand promise)
  - Customer convenience
- How do you do it all Online?
  - Strategy



### State Of Retail: Overall Game

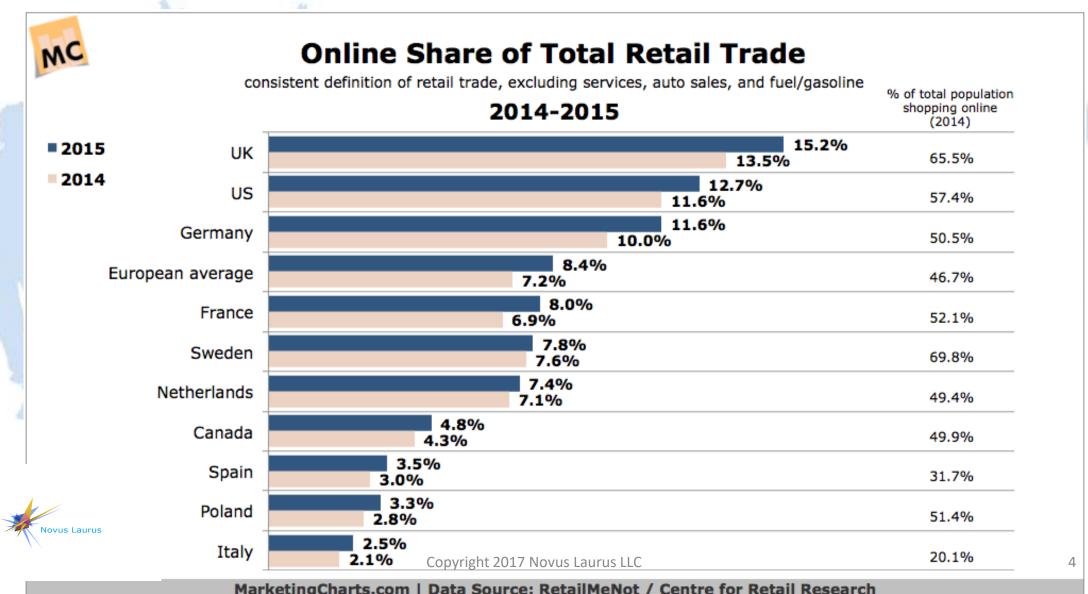
Total World Retail sales: \$22.5 Trillion (eMarketer)

Total US Retail Sales: \$5 Trillion (eMarketer)

Total Retail in Vermont or USA market share: not that easily found!!



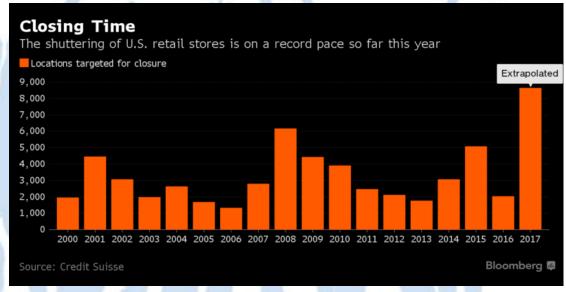
#### State Of Retail: Numbers For Online



## State Of Retail: Online Is Winning



#### **Store Closings**



Staples sold itself and went private Rue21, Payless Bankrupt JCPenney, Sears, Macys closing stores

#### Oracle of Omaha Savs:



#### Warren Buffett Biography

Business Leader, Philanthropist (1930-)

1.8K SHARES









Known as the "Oracle of Omaha," Warren Buffett is an investment guru and one of the richest and most respected businessmen in the world.

Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway has sold off \$900 million of Walmart stock, choosing instead to invest billions in airlines.

The sale, which leaves Buffett with nearly no shares in Walmart, comes as the US's largest traditional retailer has been rushing to catch up to Amazon and other online competitors.



Billionaire investor Warren Buffett. Bill Pugliano/Getty Images

## Warren Buffett just dropped Walmart and signaled the death of retail as we know it



## Business Landscape Changes On You

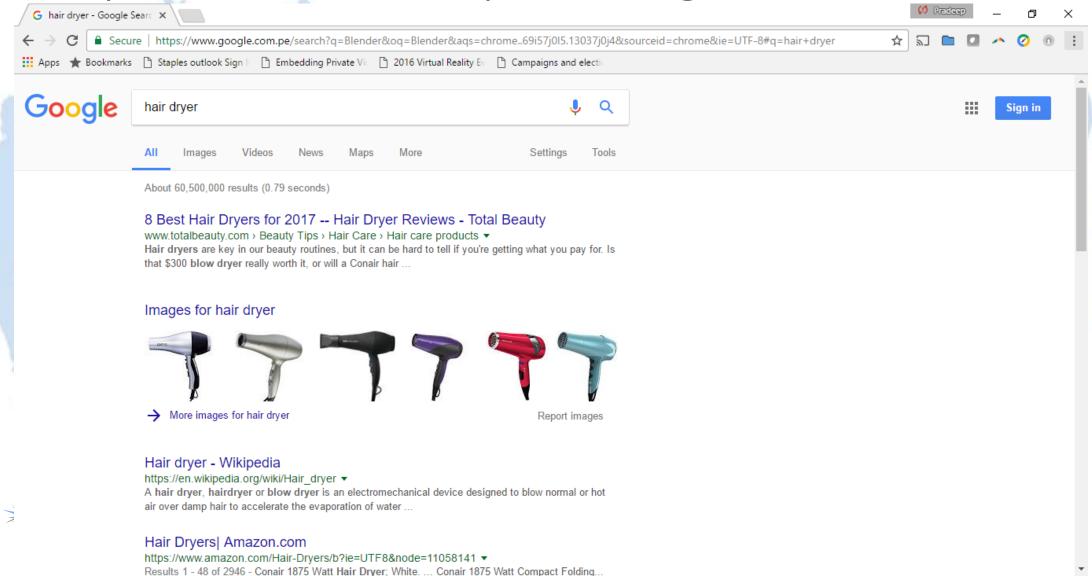
Brick and Mortar will NOT vanish!

However Online margins will continue to pressure Brick and Mortar



YOU have to find a balance!

## Competitive Landscape Changes On You



#### What Can YOU Do?

- Understand Online and Scaling Online
  - Information Conscious Customers
  - Convenience
- Create Online Strategy
  - Visible and Easy
  - Brand Utility & Customer Advocacy
- Execute and Enhance (Online changes fast) Strategy
  - Monitor Performance & Be Nimble
  - Be Aware & "Ahead" Of Trends





## **YOUR Customer**

## EYE GETIT

Source – North American Consumer Trends by MINTEL



## Door Delivery

- Known anyone with an Amazon habit? Why is it a habit?
- Even the Perishable Food Industry has a habit:



Deliveroo is building Supply Chain Of Food Producers!!

Bottom Line: Make delivery EASY an INEXPENSIVE



## Where Should I Spend Scarce Marketing \$?

- Should I go all in on
  - Social Media?
  - Online Advertizing?
  - Local Radio?
  - Search Engine Optimization (SEO)
  - Search Engine Marketing (SEM)



## Brand Utility Vs Brand Promise

- Brand Promise just says product or service is high quality and will do what is expected.
- Savvy marketing and sales folks always provide "VALUE ADD" that goes beyond the product – this is Brand UTILITY
- Online this means CONTENT MARKETING: contextual information
  - Example: How to Videos for Electronics Products
  - Example: Home Beauty Tips and Articles for Beauty Products
  - Example: Recipes for Food Products
- Your Digital presence is a "Destination" or it does not exist!!



#### CAC & LTV – How Business Live or Die

• If your Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC) is not much smaller than your Customer Lifetime Value (LTV) then your business cannot survive

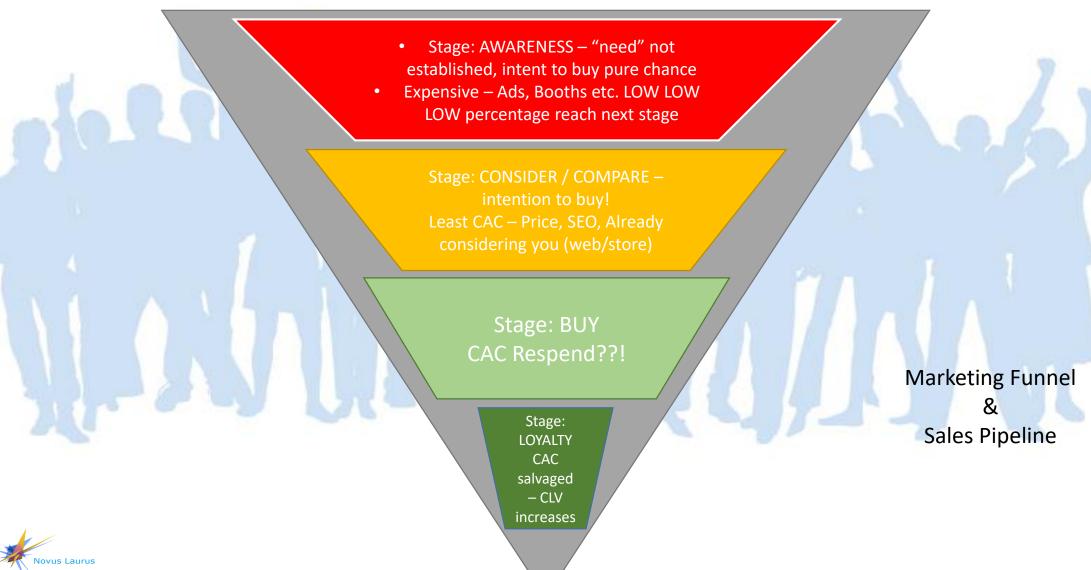
 CAC = Total marketing and sales expenditure/Number of PAYING customers brought in

• LTV = Total revenue per customer over average period of loyalty (1-5 yrs)

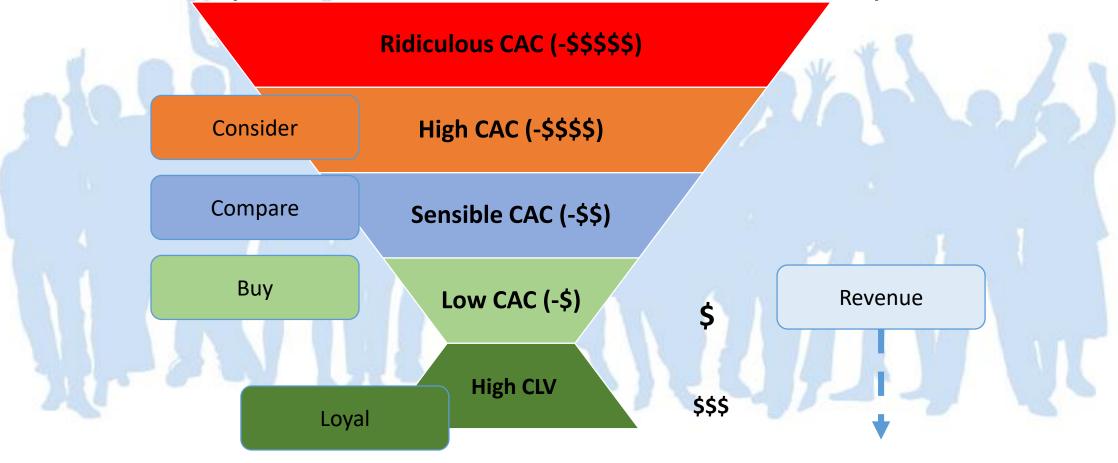
Calculate by mechanism – Ads/Booths/SEO/Social Leave out one time or Cap Ex costs



### Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC) & LifeTime Value (CLV)



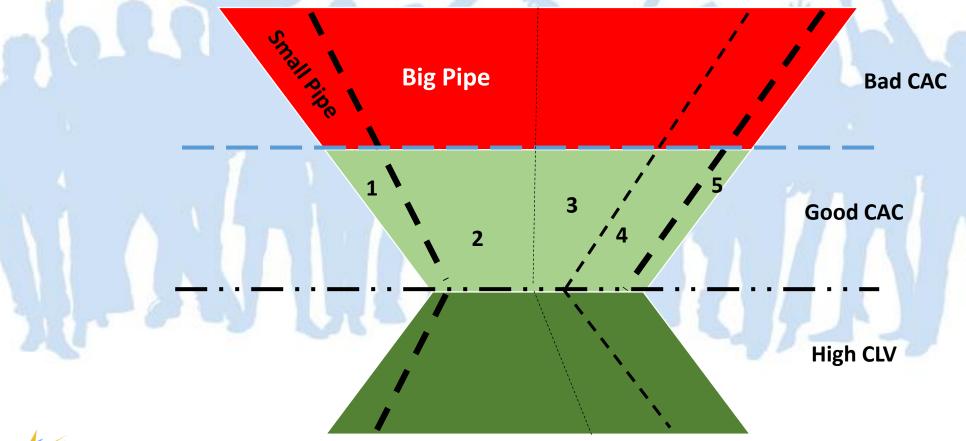
## Funnel Dynamics: Follow The Money





## Funnel Dynamics: Finding Best Pipes

Pipes: Types of customers, Different Products, Different Geographies, Different Channels





## Common Problems & Digital Roadmap



#### - Text heavy, Stale, Navigability, Visitor

Intent not addressed,



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- SEO: Code, Keywords, Content, Links inadequate

- Custom Content



#### Calls To Action

- Weak, Absent, Too many



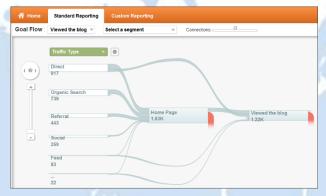
#### Personalization

- Lack or absence of Visitor Specific Content or Paths



#### Social

- Network not leveraged, Enthusiasts not Empowered, No Strategy or Custom Content



## Outcome Tracking

& Optimization

- Analytics absent or not used, Insights not actioned



 Not accessible on all devices, Not Mobile enough for SEO



## Engagement

#### I have content

I have ever smaller text

I have even smaller text

I really need you to read this

Please read my hot tiny copy

Did the visitor find what they came to find?
Are they happy?
Will they come back?

Different text

Tiny

ору

More text

And

Tiny copy



## Driving Traffic

Lowest Customer Acquisition Cost and Highest Lifetime Value

- Keywords visitors are using
- Landing pages with those words
- Links from other sites to those pages
- Coding practices





LINKS

#### Call To Action



## Personalization

MOTHER'S

- Who are they?
- What do they want?
- Identify Individual
- Segment and Assign Persona

Give them

- Accounts
- Wishlists
- Voice

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Incentivize to return

- Shorter paths
- Recommendations

YOU'RE ON DAD

DIANE TAYLOR



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## Social

#### **Networks**

Where do your visitors like to play?

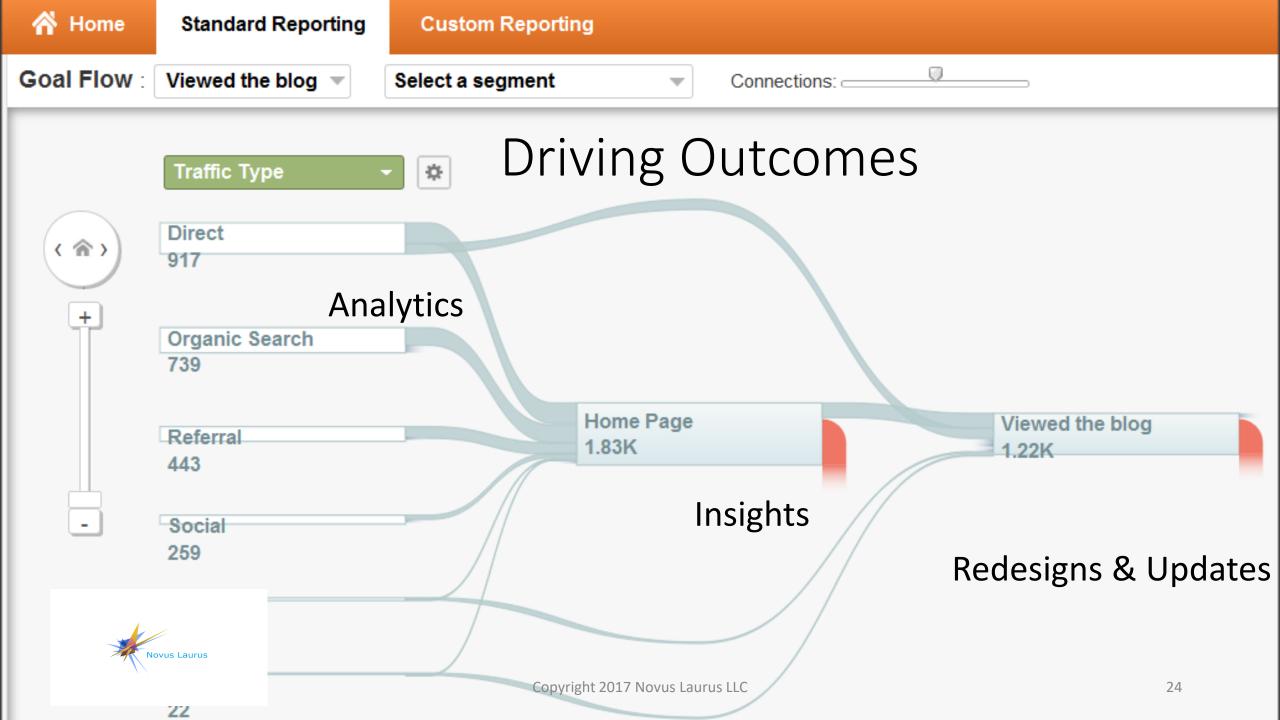
#### Cultivate

Identify and empower enthusiasts

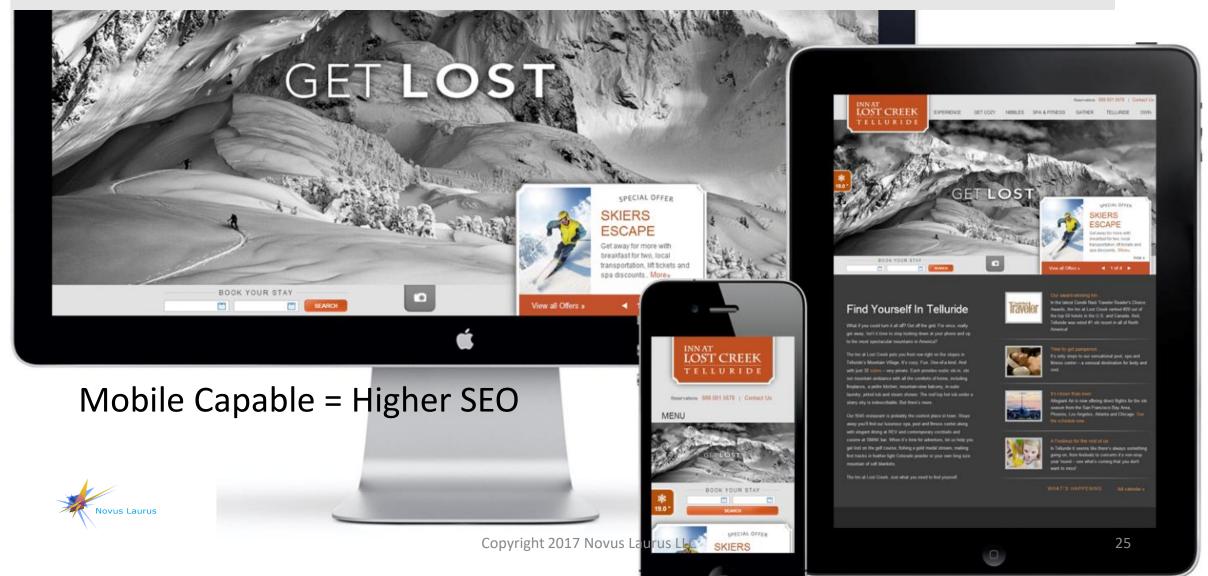
#### Virality

Make content easy to
 ... SPIN and share





## Anytime, Anywhere, Any Device = Responsive



## Examples

• Ensnaring unsuspecting new customers who are <u>searching for "artisan</u> <u>oil shave"</u>

- Birch Box : makeup
- Magnolia : photography
- Plow and Hearth: home and garden



## Examples

 Ensnaring unsuspecting new customers who are <u>searching for a way</u> to combine grapefruit and beets

- WholeFoods Market
- Clif Bar
- Max Brenner Chocolate
- EarthBound Farm



## Cool Website Examples ... Not Expensive!!!

Caviar Store

- Do NOT pay to develop from scratch!
- Just fill with your content
- Adopt the right digital strategy





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