





How TV can help brands populate culture

September 2024

# Populate culture



# Culture is important to people.

# Marketing is n't.











# 3 things

# 1.Be sticky





### Populating culture for 15 years



2009

Disrupted the entire price comparison market by introducing Aleksandr Orlov, a Russian meerkat



2010

Turned a meerkat in to a best selling author, outselling Tony Blair's autobiography



2011

Introduced Meerkat Toys, gave out over 10m and became the UK's second biggest toy distributor



2012

Announced partnership with Coronation Street, lasting 8 years



2015

2018

Launched Meerkat Movies, offering 2 for 1 cinema tickets for CTM customers for a whole year





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Introduced an app to extend

Launched Meerkat Meals, offering 2 for 1 meals on thousands of popular restaurants across the UK



Introduced the meerkat family to encourage people to spend more time together



2020

United the world's biggest boyband to lift everyone's spirits in lockdown with Meerkat Music. And the same with Little Mix (just before they broke up).



Introduced AutoSergei as an innovative way

to talk about customer service propositions

2020

Meerkat Meals goes out for delivery too, for everyone stuck at home



2018

customer loyalty

2021

Created a set of Oleg's bedtime stories for hassled parents and anxious kids. Since used as reading material in schools by the National Literacy Trust



2022

Carl, our hapless but well-meaning Wombat turns up to keep us on our toes.



2023

Carl, Aleksandr and Sergei head to the cricket as part of our partnership with The Hundred



# 2. Be the enternation

# Our job is to advertise

# Our job is to entertain



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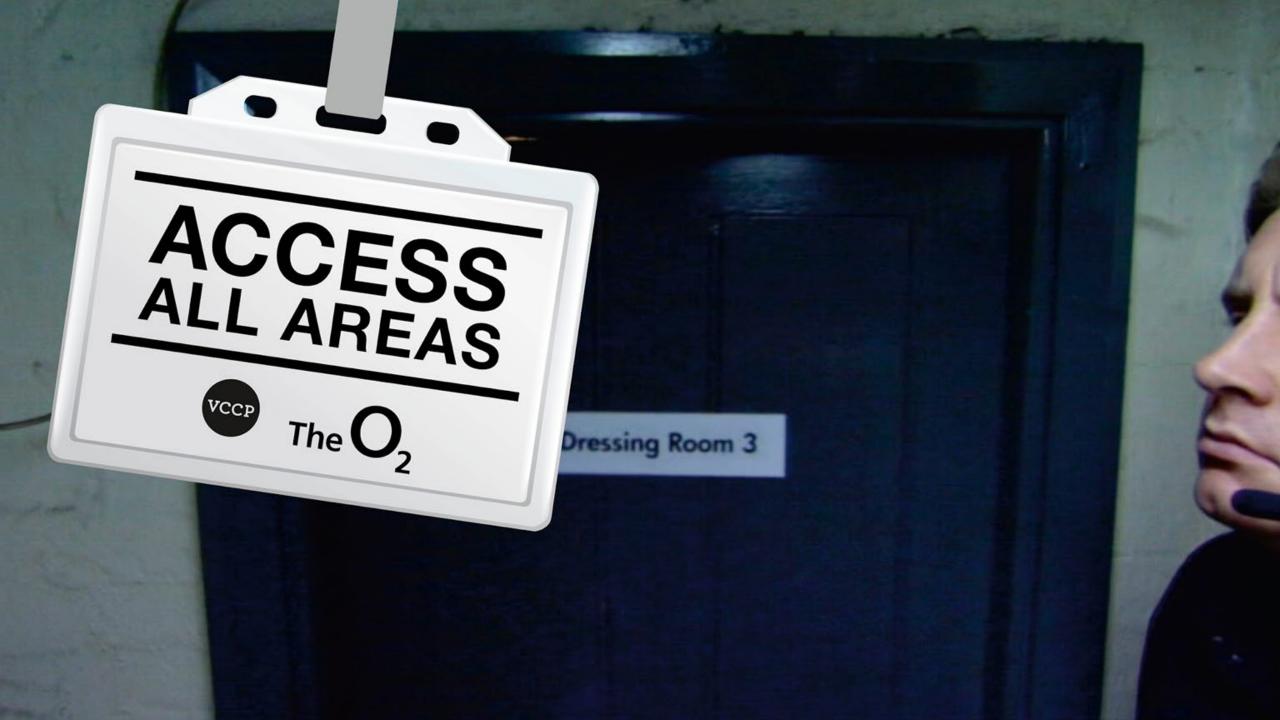
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## 3. Be different



### 17 years of John Lewis Christmas ads



Key ingredients:

Big emotional number

Never seen before

Expensive track re-recorded

With a retail opportunity

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## One big moment

# One big ritual

Secret Santa 2018 -2023





# How could we make it a ritual of mass participation?

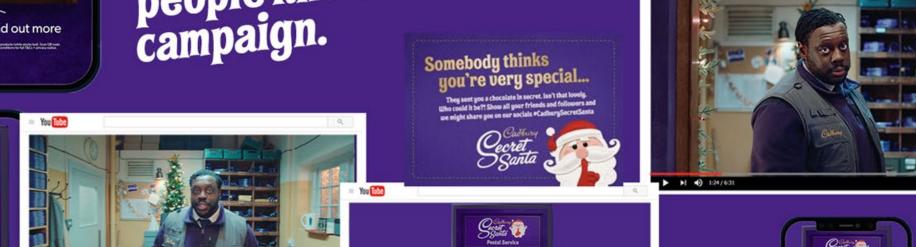




As well as the TV, tons of specially designed ads for Youtube, Instagram, Facebook and more let people know about the campaign.









delicious chocolate treat to someone special, you will need to scan one of the QR codes which can be found on digital posters in bus stops, high streets and train stations across the UK. The code will take you to the digital postal service where you will be shown if there is a bar in stock for you and if there is, you will be taken through steps to send your chocolate bar secretly to someone special.



Santa postal service' with

CREATIVE WORK >

interactive posters

The campaign was created by VCCP London.

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Waitrose go head-to-head in the battle

of the Christmas ads as more festive

clips are released (and they're just as emotional as John Lewis' offering) Cadbury, Heathrow Airport and Waitrose have all released their Christmas ads The companies all went for touching narratives with human interest stories.

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TOTAL: 105+ pieces of coverage

Rough reach - 32 million

### Secret choccie Santas

CADBURY is helping 120,000 people send free "Secret Santa" chocolate to loved ones this Christmas.

Choc lovers will need to keep an eye out for special posters in over 200 locations until Christmas Eve.

You then have to scan the QR code to get involved to send bars.

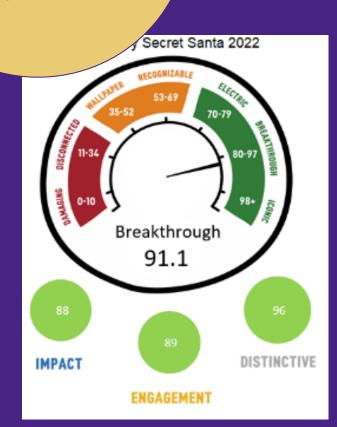
Emma Paxton, of Cadbury, said: "Our muchloved Secret Santa ritual is back and this year it's bigger than ever before.

"We hope our campaign encourages the nation to get into the Christmas spirit and become a Secret Santa."

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The Cadbury Secret Santa postal service has returned - here's how to locate the posters and send a free chocolate bar to a



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Charlotte Rawlings | November 30, 2022

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Xmas Ad of
2022

### **Cadbury tastes victory in Christmas effectiveness** charts

Asda's 'Elf' work, Aldi's 'Home Alone'-inspired film and John Lewis's 'Beginner' also scored highly.









Cadbury has come out on top as the most effective Christmas ad this year following analysis by WPP research group Kantar.

The data analytics and brand consulting company received feedback from more than 3,750 consumers and used facial recognition technology to assess people's emotional responses to this year's Christmas ad fare.

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Our new premium service offering bespoke monitoring reports for your company.

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Be the entertainment

Be different



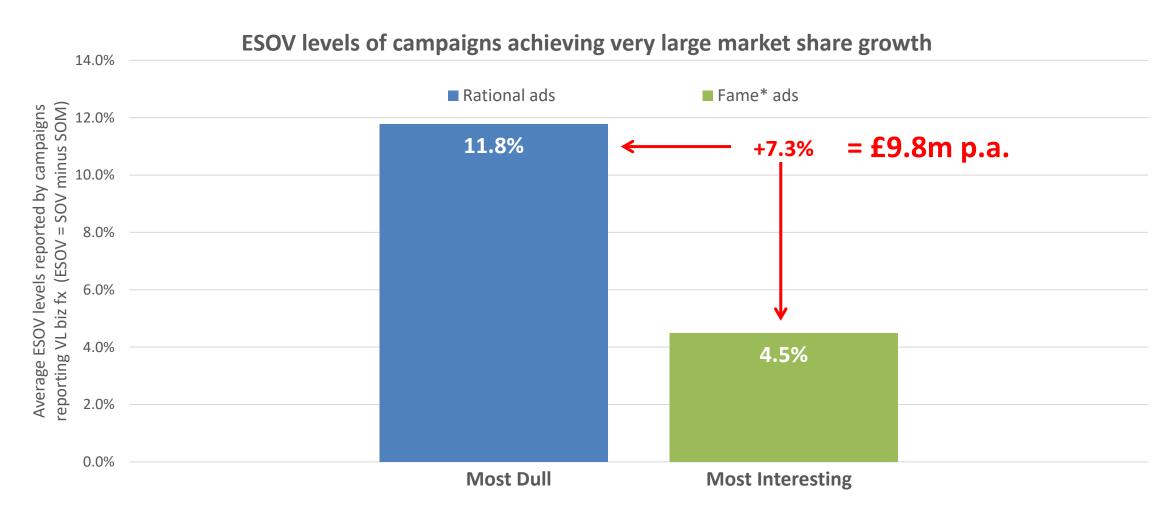


## Why TV is at the heart of effectiveness

Brands can't afford to be dull



### The Cost of Dull

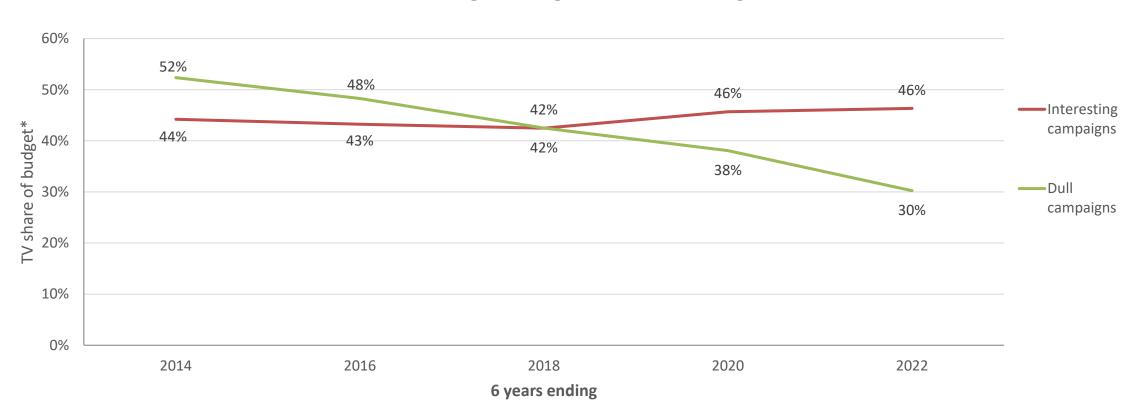






## TV's growing anti-dull role

#### TV share of budget amongst dull vs. interesting IPA cases



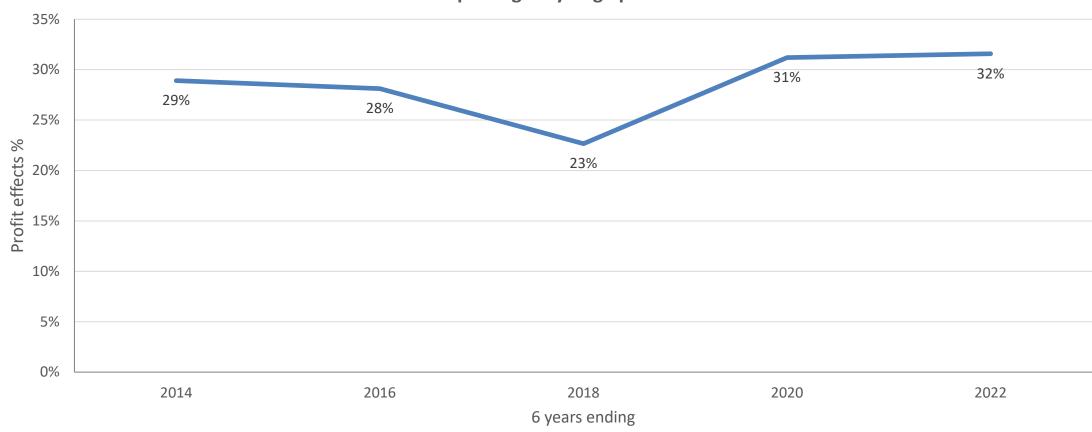
Dull is now as much about media choices as creative choices





## TV's impact on profit

#### % TV users reporting very large profit effects







## Three TV anti-Dull strengths

- 1. Attention
- 2. Emotional clout driving fame
- 3. Trust

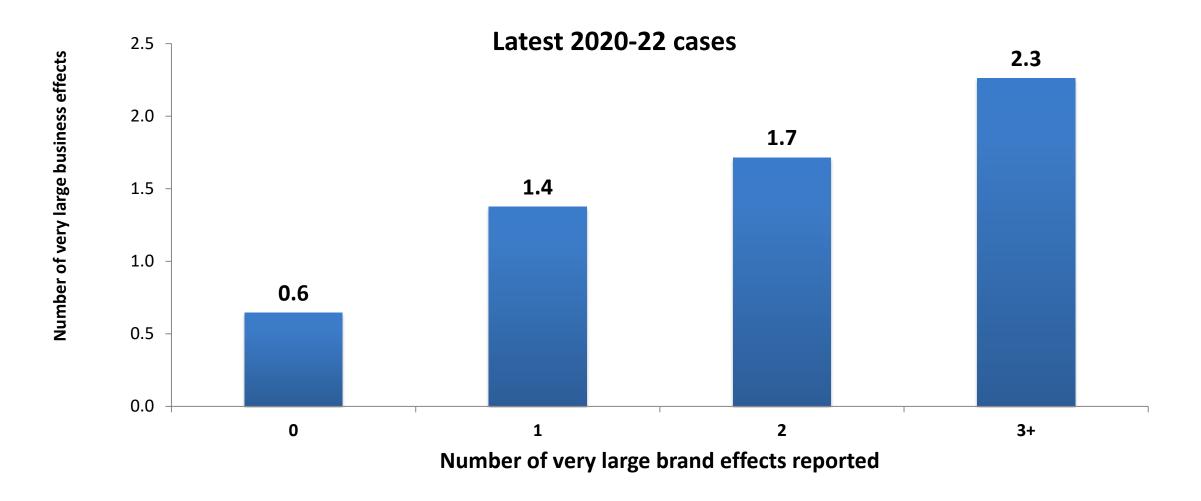


## 1. Attention

Dull media are less effective



## Mental availability drives business success







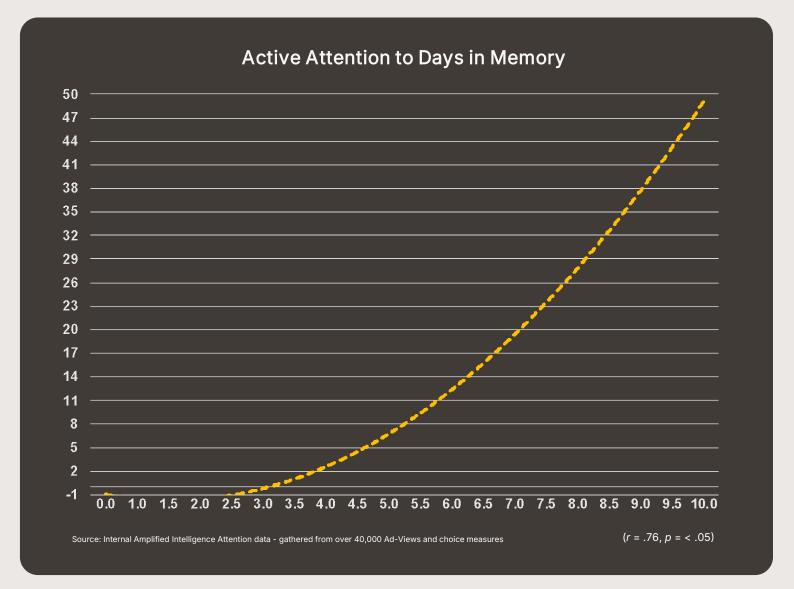
## The challenge of building mental availability in the digital age





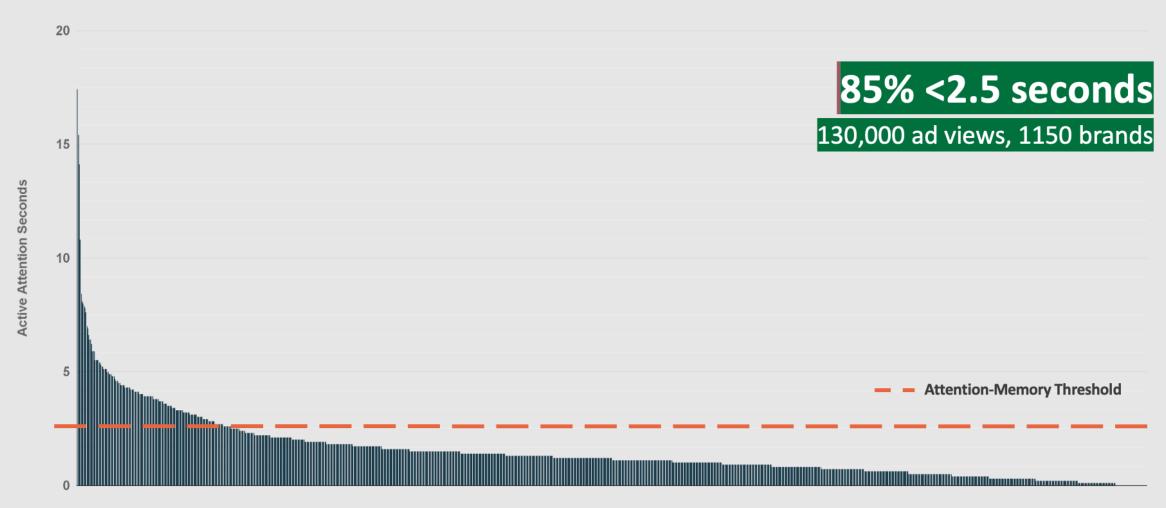
We know memory starts to kick in 2.5 seconds.

Relationship between Active Attention Seconds and Days in Memory.



### The digital MA building challenge

When ads don't meet the Attention-Memory Threshold of 2.5 seconds, it's hard for MA to grow.

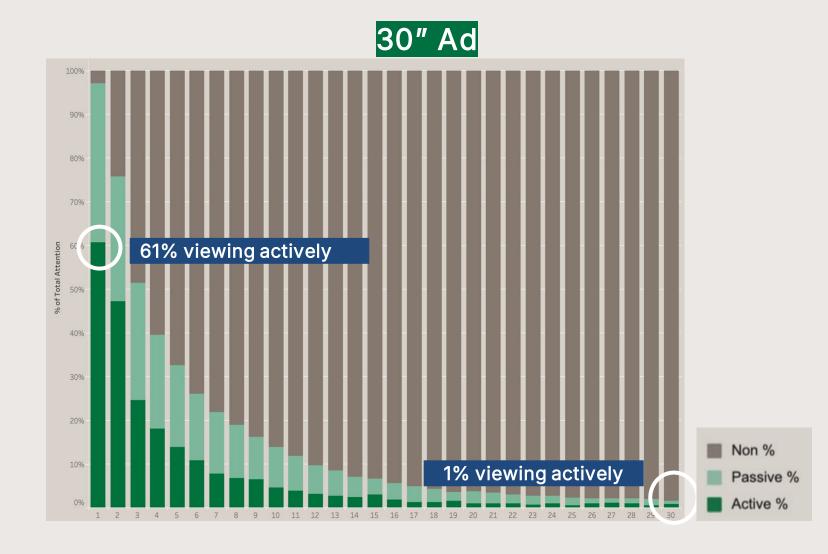


# Attention decays FAST on some formats



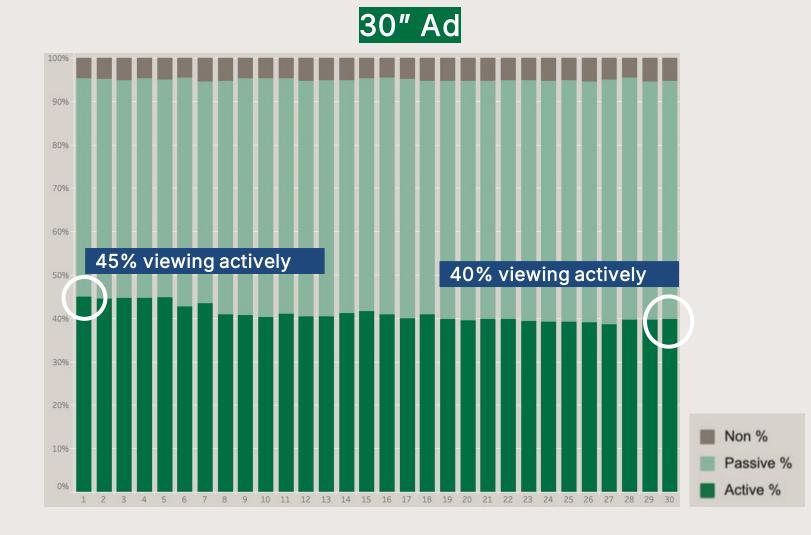
## Fast decay looks like this.

Lots of active attention early, then a then a super fast and steep drop off.



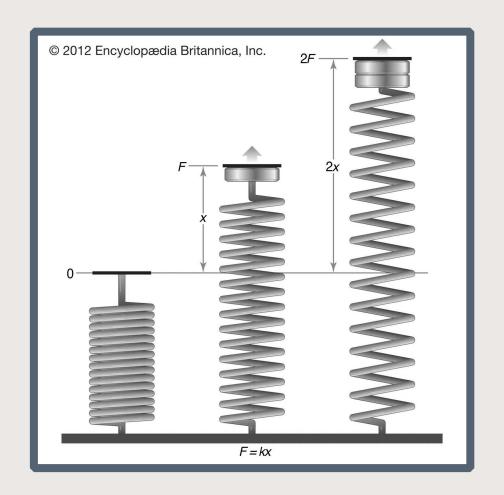
## Slow decay looks like this.

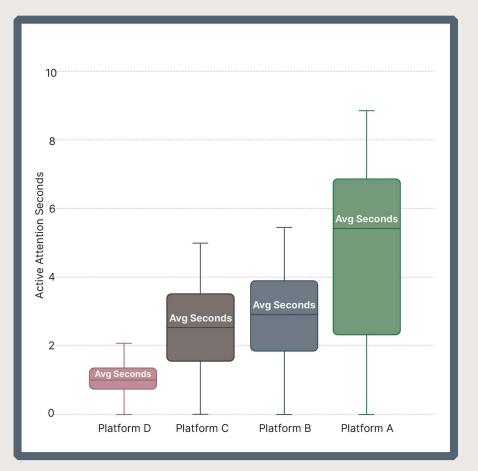
Active attention is largely stable across the entire course of the view.



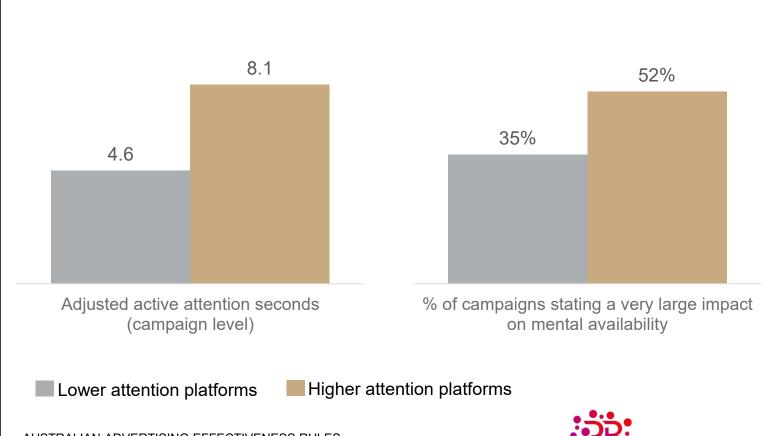
#### This is why each platform has its own Attention Elasticity

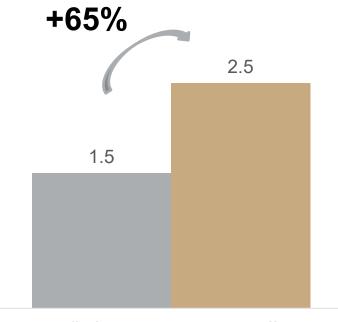
The range of attention seconds possible under the conditions of that platform or format. Attention elasticity forms the attention opportunity for ad creative.





## Investment in higher attention platforms enables creative to work more effectively

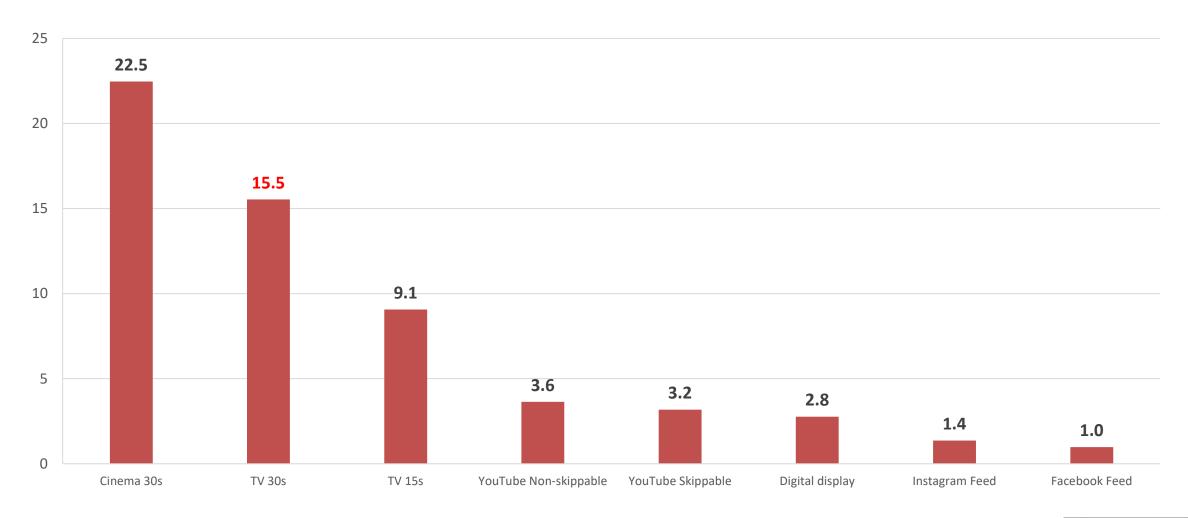




Avg # of very large business effects



## Average active attention seconds



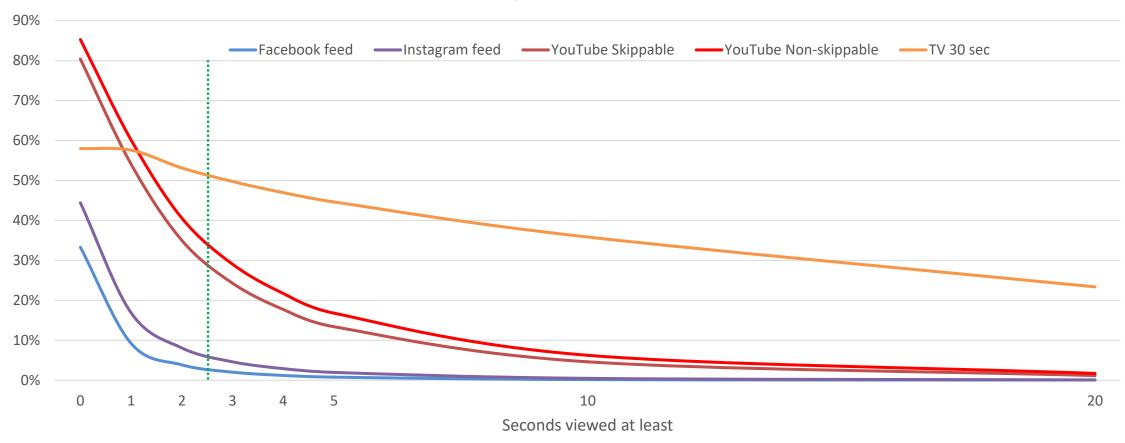






## Video media viewing curves





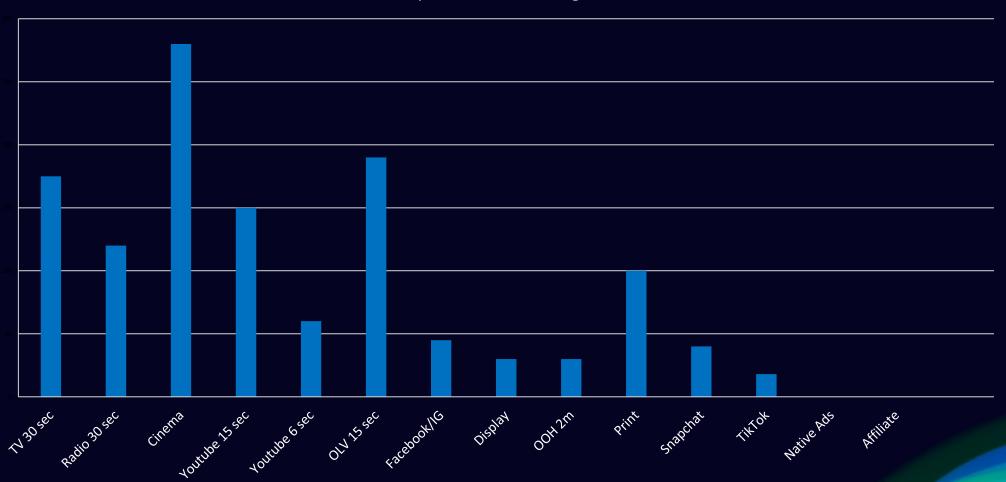






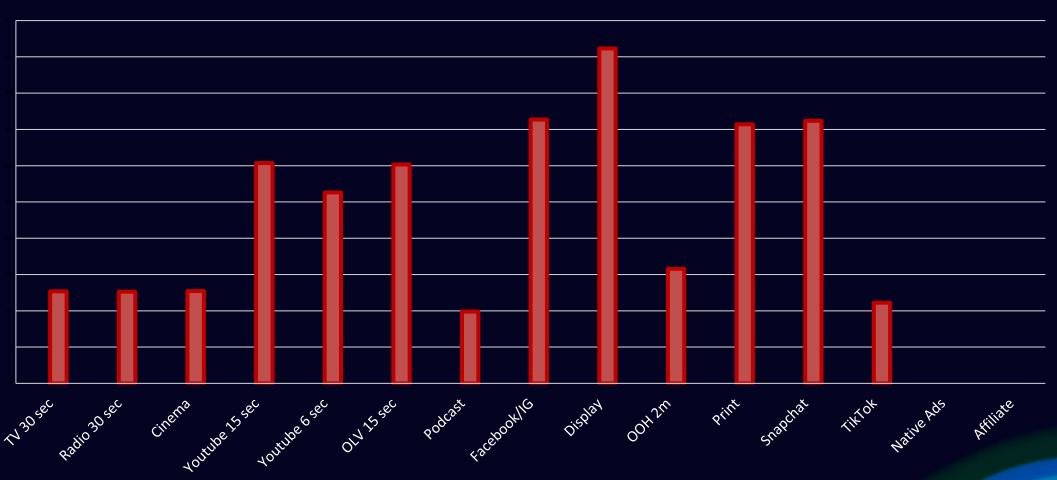
#### Today's currency does not reflect attention



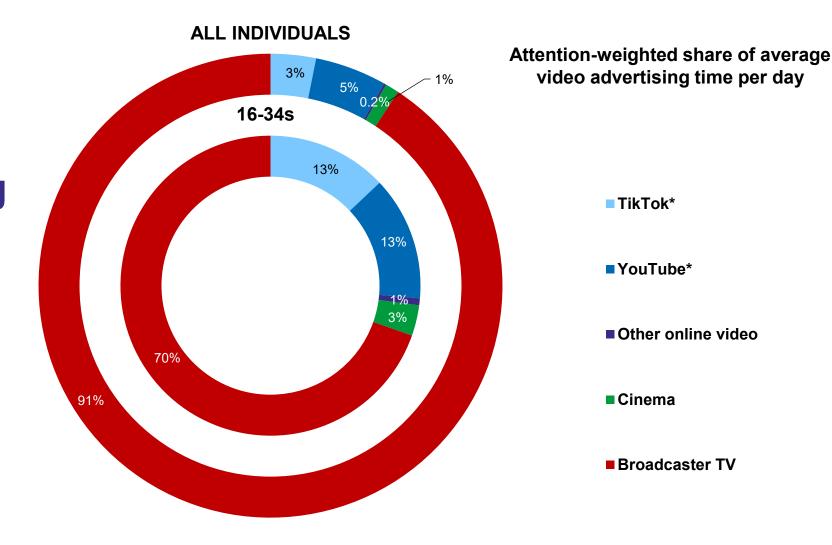


#### The cost of attention tells a different story





What happens if you (roughly) attention-weight video advertising time per day?



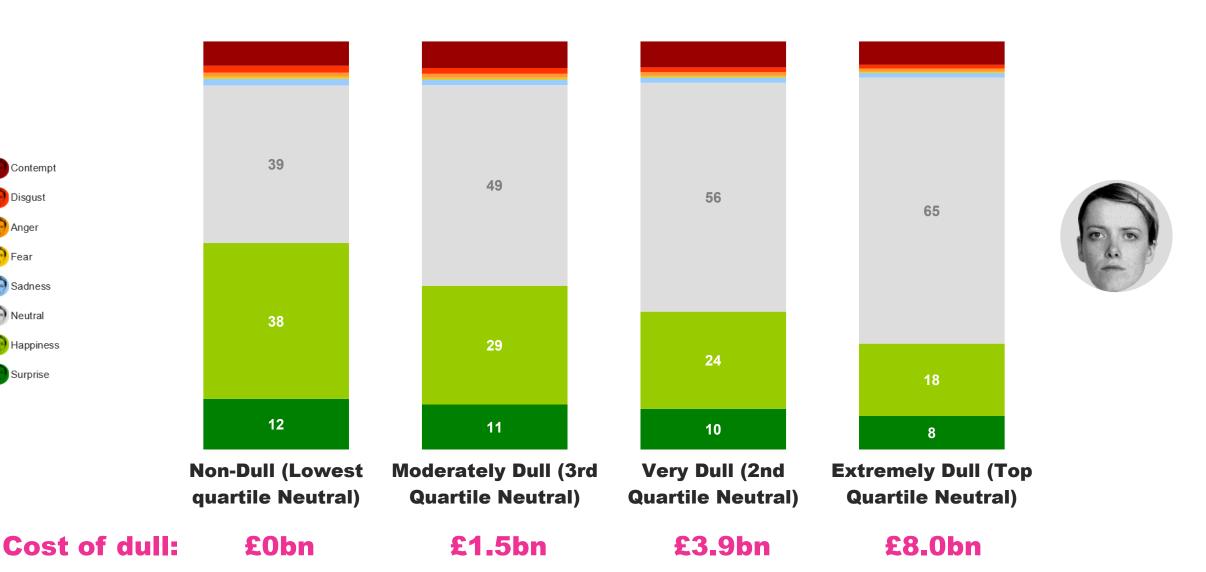
Source: 2022, Barb / Broadcaster stream data / IPA TouchPoints 2022 / UK Cinema Association / ViewersLogic to model OOH viewing time \* YouTube ad time modelled at 4.1% of content time, TikTok ad time modelled at 3.4% of content time using agency and broadcaster data, Other online modelled at 4% of content time). Attention weighting using Dentsu / Lumen - Attention Economy study 2022 all audience averages for most popular formats.

## 2. Emotional clout

Avoiding Dull requires emotional campaigns and media



#### **Dullness** is defined by less Happiness and Surprise and higher Neutrality



**Create with Confidence** 

Contempt

Disgust

Anger

Sadness

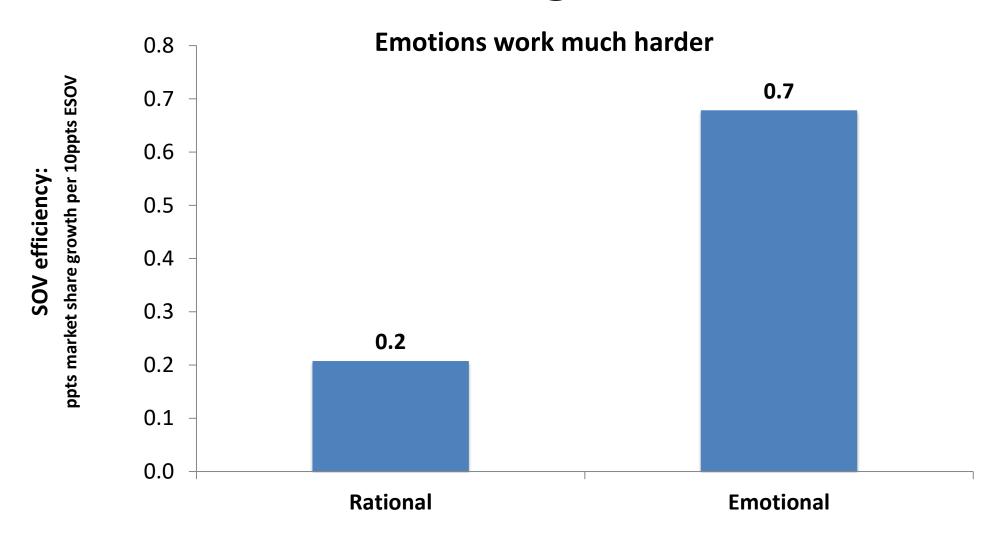
Neutral

Happiness

Surprise

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## **Emotional advertising drives effectiveness**

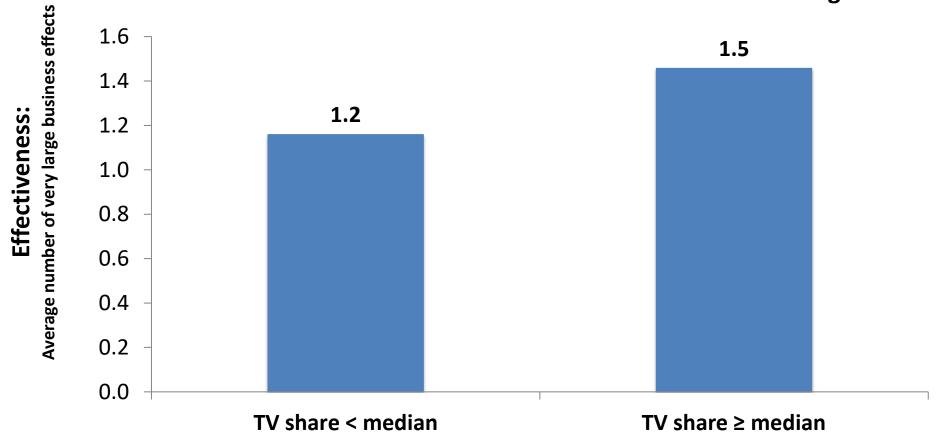






### TV boosts effectiveness of emotional campaigns





TV share of media budget (linear + on demand)

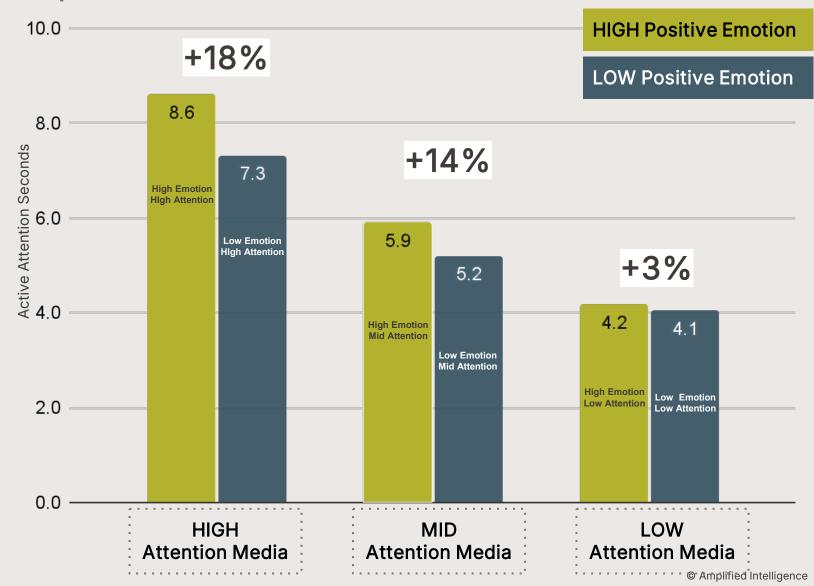




The double benefit of high attention media

There is a bigger uplift in attention seconds from low emotion to high emotion, the better the platform.

#### Impact of Emotional Creative on Attention



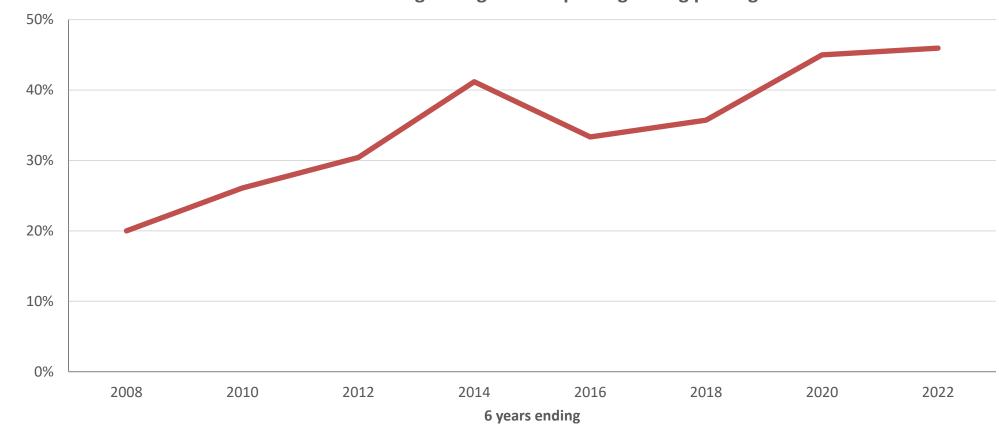
## 3. Trust

Dull is bad for trust



# The link between trust and profit has grown especially strongly

% cases with strong trust growth reporting strong profit growth

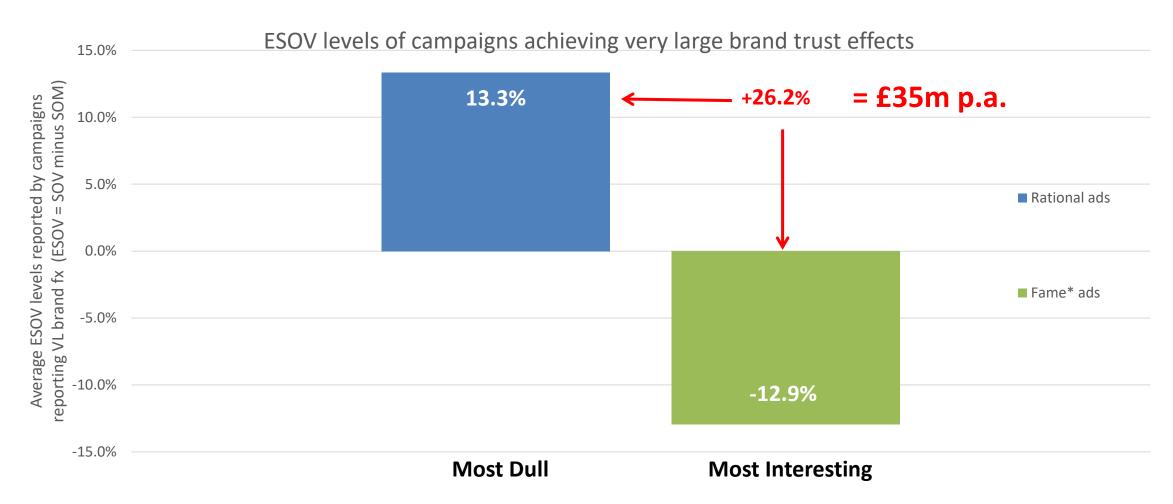


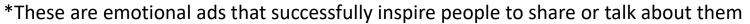


% Reporting very large profit growth



## Dull is very bad for building trust

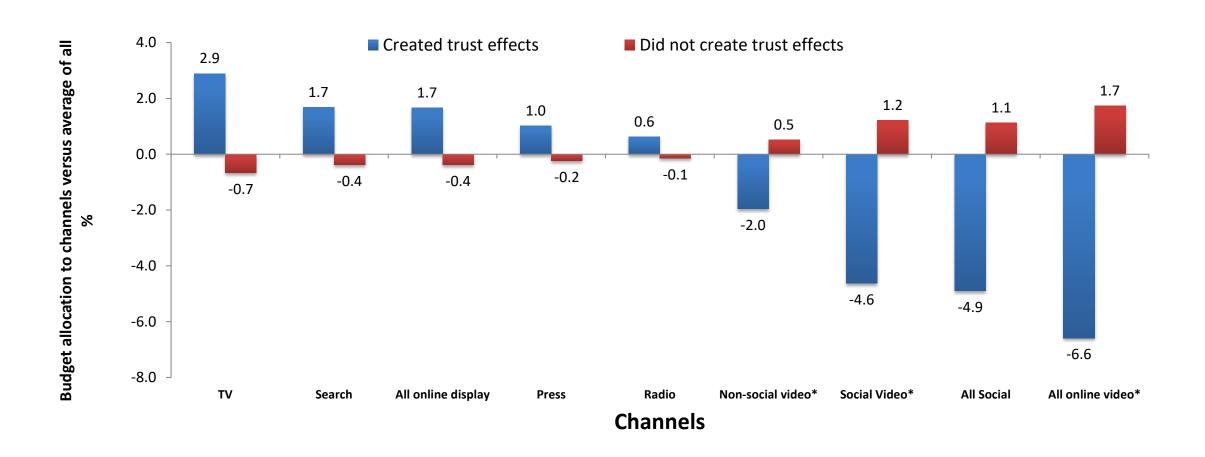








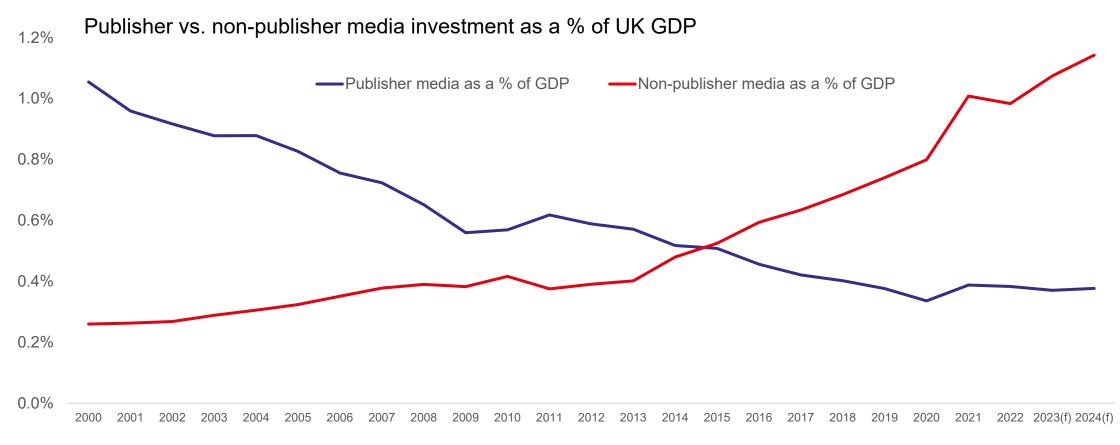
## TV is one of the trusted media







#### The threat to trusted media



Source: AA / WARC / ONS



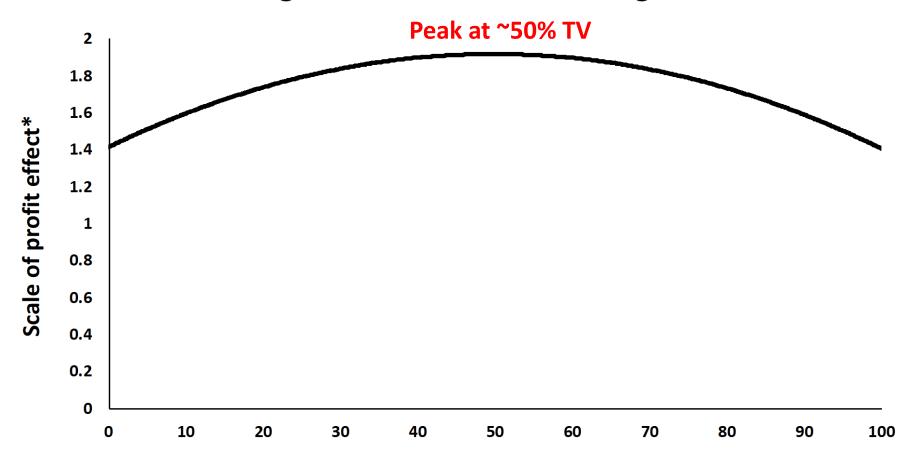
## How much TV is good for us?

Far more than dull campaigns spend



# The most profitable campaigns spend 50% of their budget on TV

Profit growth vs. TV share of budget







## Keeping TV at the heart of effectiveness

- 1. High sustained attention levels for ads to build brands
  - Increasingly on-demand and targetable
  - Not an extension of dull performance marketing
- 2. An entertaining medium where entertaining ads thrive
  - Maximum benefits of non-dull advertising
- A safe trustworthy medium where ads are trusted
  - Publisher media virtues

A unique ability to make great sales, margin <u>and</u> profit growth happen



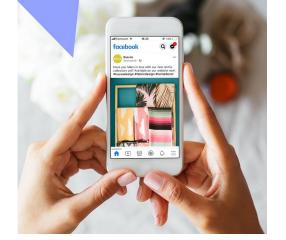




# Putting a number on media's x factor

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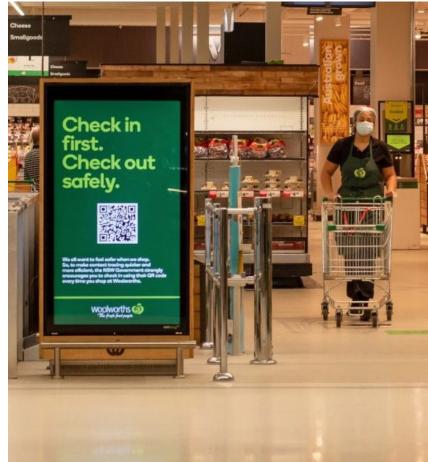






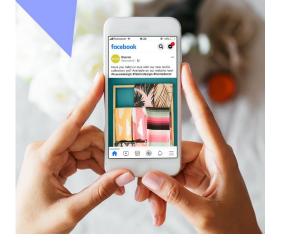






#### Another first principle:

### Media has no fixed value

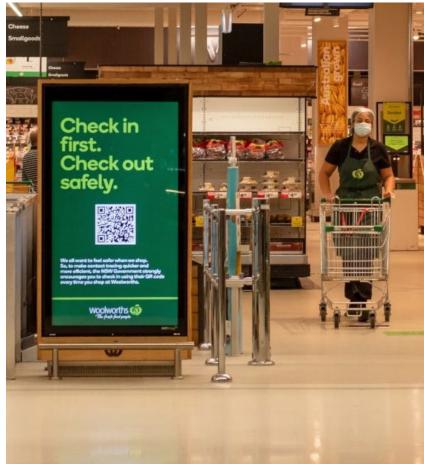








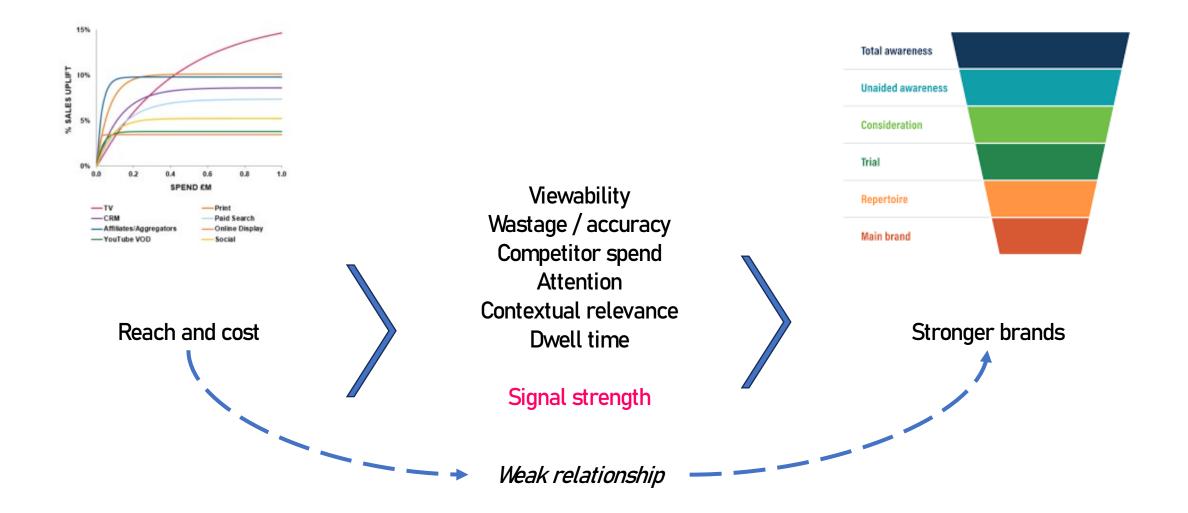








### How we think about quality is very mechanical



### Media has an "x-factor" - but is it quantifiable and is it built into current prices?







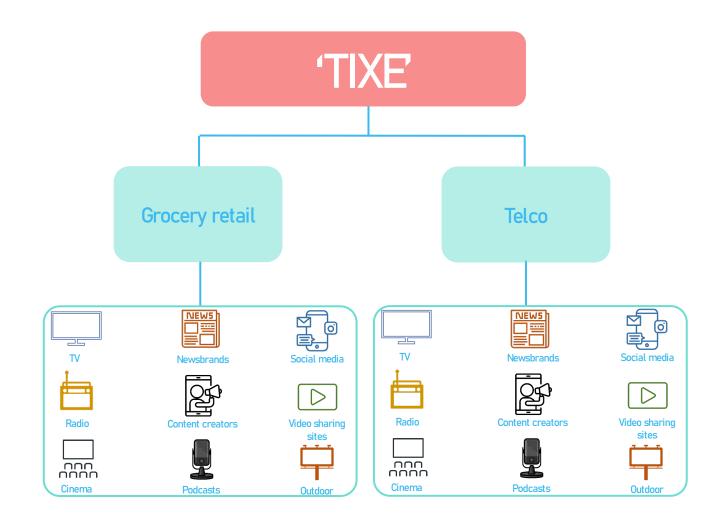


### So we revisited it in 2023

We created a fictional new brand

We created product descriptions for 2 categories

9 media descriptions varied across scenarios



### This research was incredibly well received





OPINION

## The power of costly signalling: Why you should build huge and beautiful campaigns

Advertising is like a mating ritual – impressive displays are more effective – which means consumers need to see what you're spending on media and creative.

By Richard Shotton & Will Hanmer-Lloyd | 27 Oct 2022 Share this article







### Our technique strips away all factors but media



TIXE as mobile and broadband provider - launched as videos and posts from online content creators

#### **Product Proposition**

(constant within category)

TIXE is the new flexible mobile and broadband provider dedicated to making it easier for you to stay in touch

No one cares more about their customers than TIXE. Our fully flexible mobile plans put you in control – change your phone and plan when it suits you and roll over all your unused data. Love gaming? Streaming movies? Online shopping? Or even catching up with work? Our unlimited broadband can handle anything you throw at it.

TIXE: no limits mobile and broadband

#### **Advertising Description**

(varies within category)

TIXE must decide where to advertise. TIXE will launch with an advertising campaign that will appear exclusively as videos and posts from online content creators.\* The advertising campaign will run for 3 months

\* varies

### Producing real metrics non-marketers instinctively understand are important

'Fitness' Signals

Financial Strength

Confidence (in the product)

Quality



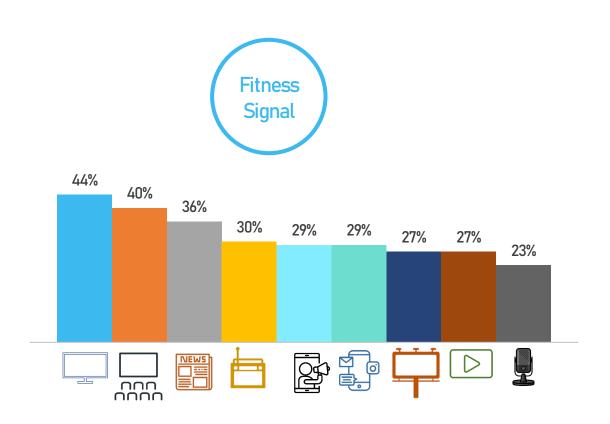
'Social' Signals

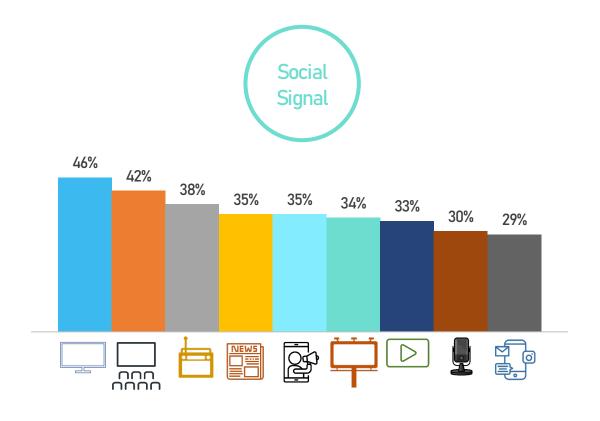
Social Acceptance

Common Knowledge

**Promise** 

### As in 2020, we see that media channels each have varying levels of signal strength



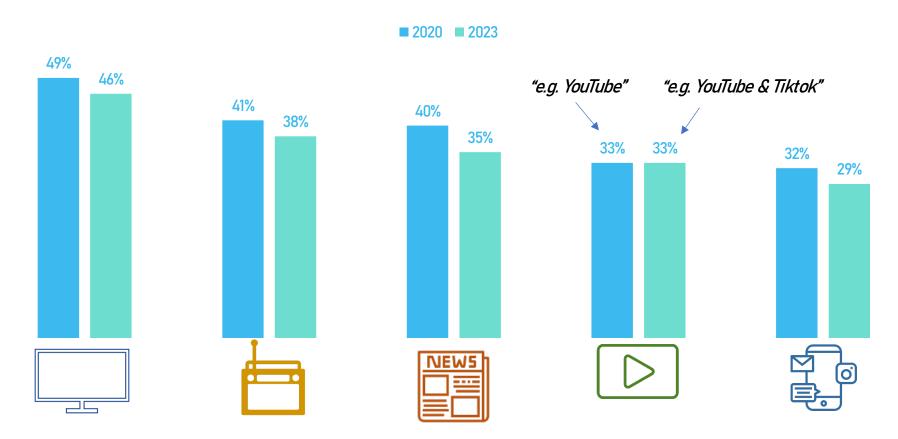


### Very little change in 3 years hints at the enduring nature of media signal strength

Social

Signal

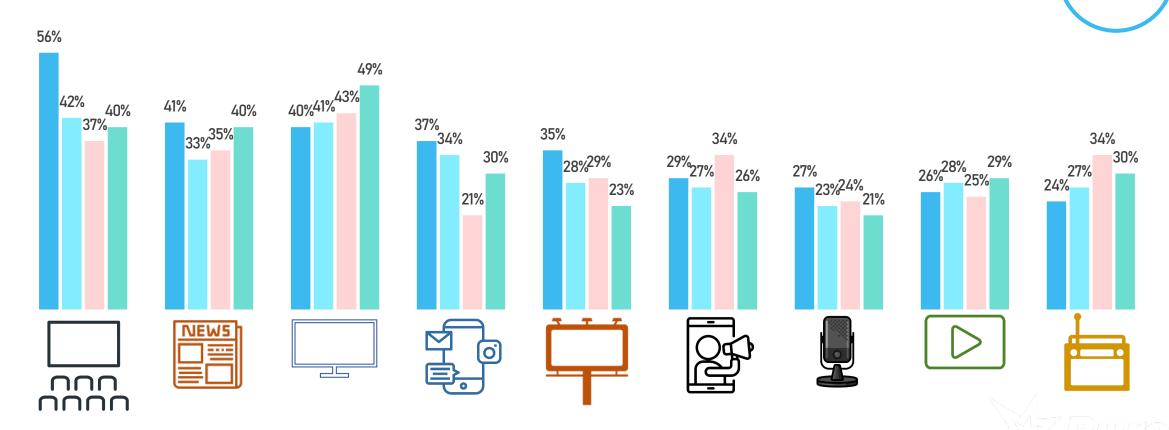
This is stability in the media landscape you can cling to



### Cinema, news and TV dominate across age groups. Stature matters even to younger audiences

**Fitness** 

Signal

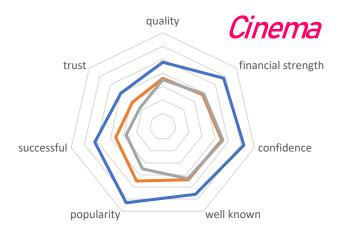


### There is no one-size-fits-all media channel, and nothing 'new' currently surpasses 'old'

Creators are not a cure-all for the woes of TV





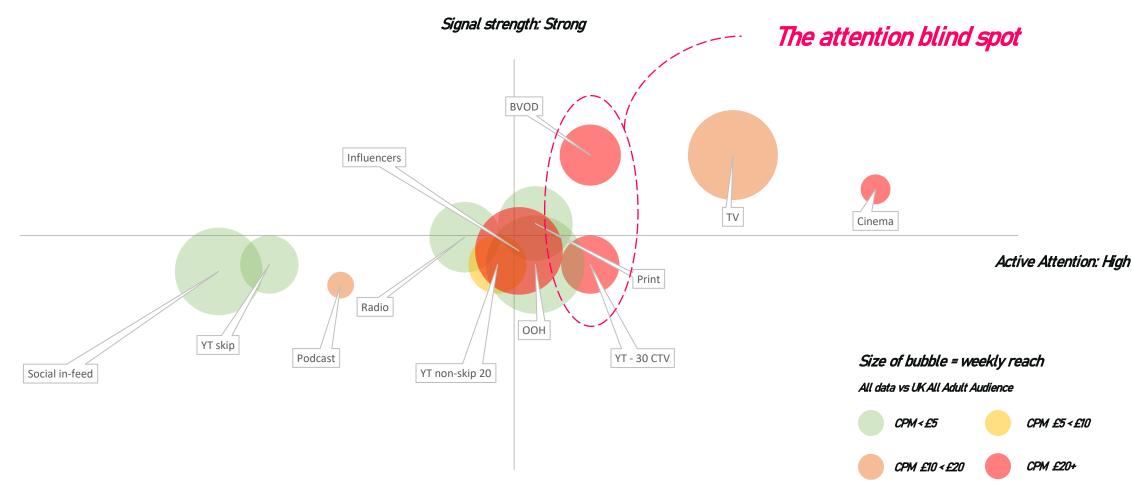


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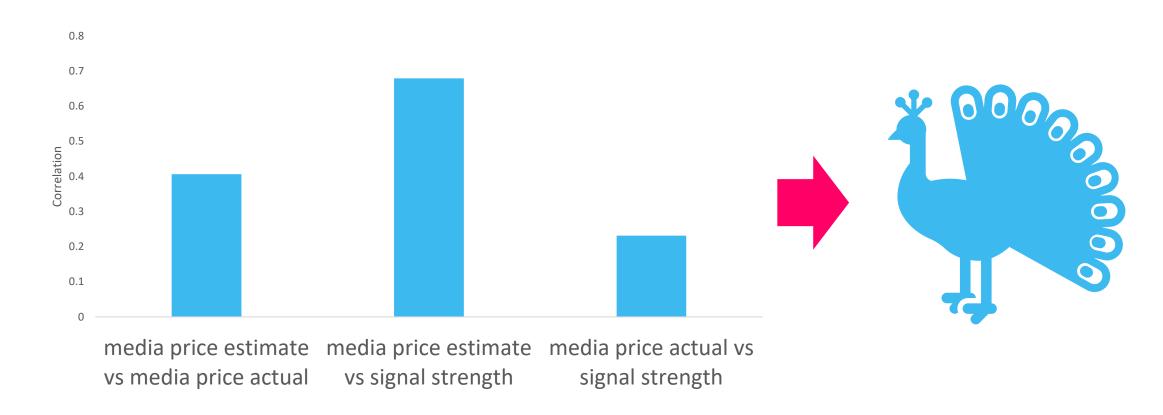
### The first ever view of media price and reach alongside a holistic quality metric



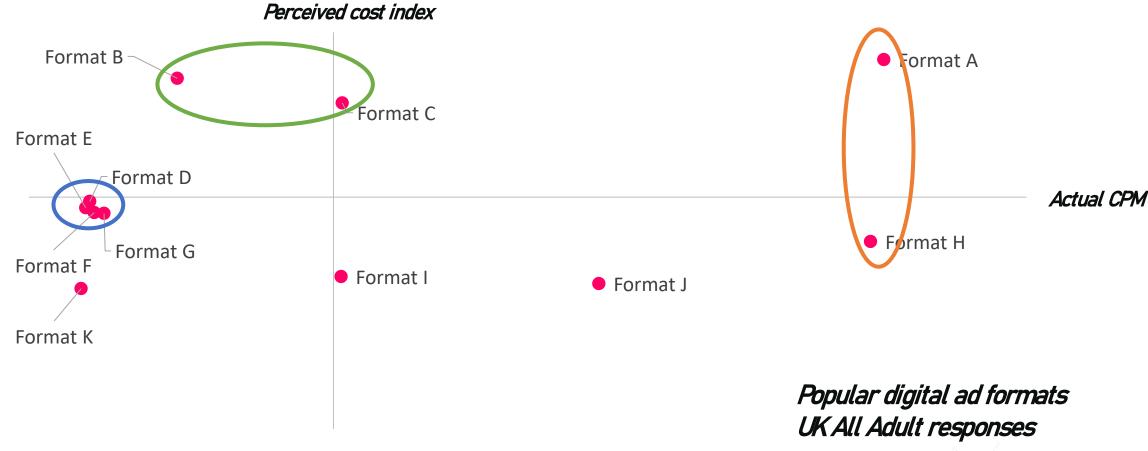
Attention data: Amplified, Lumen :: Signal Strength, Thinkbox, EM Bubble Size: PamCo, BARB, UKOM, ROUTE, RAJAR, Ofcom :: Pricing: EM

### People's estimate of media price drives signal strength (brand building potential) for each channel

But media pricing is not taking this into account



### Different formats in the same channel offer very different value propositions in terms of brand building potential



### Thank you!

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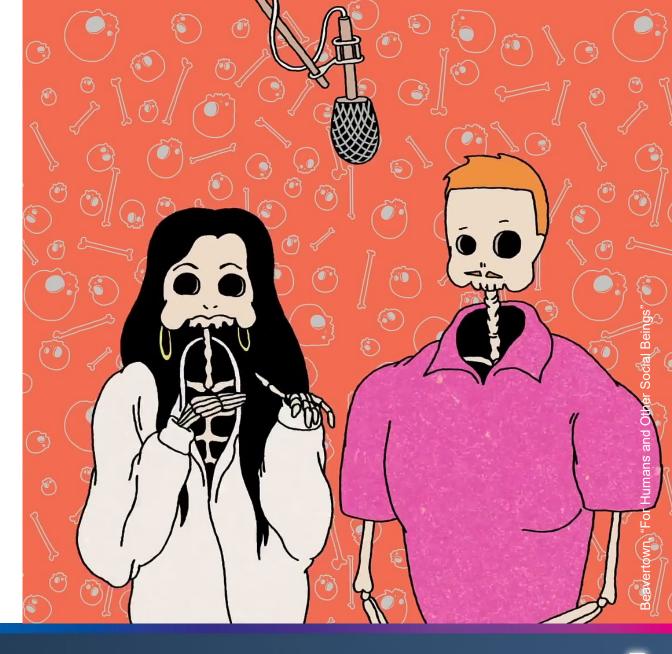


#### TV's future is:

Increased TV-quality reach potential

Transition & transformation

Advanced capability lower down the funnel

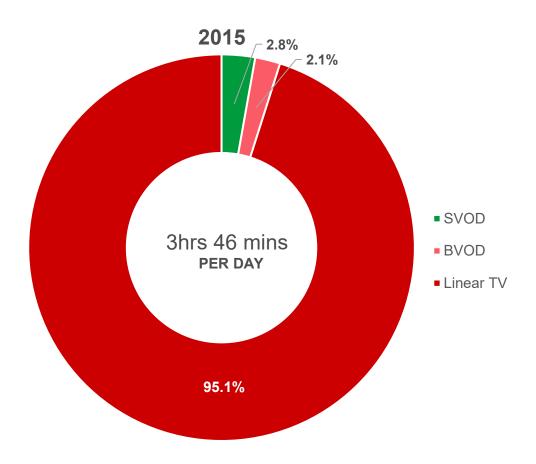


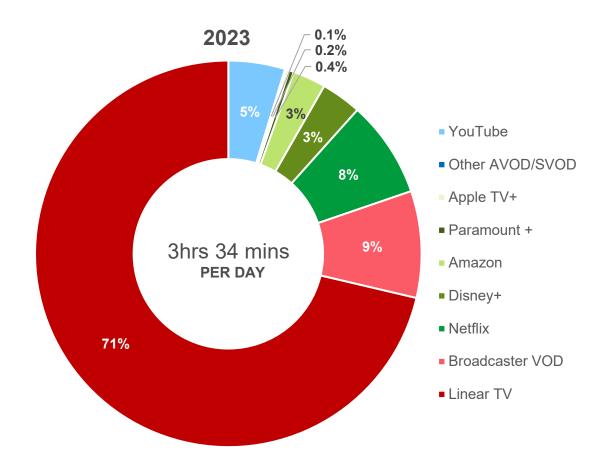




### The world of TV has expanded

TV-set viewing time by platform (All Adults)

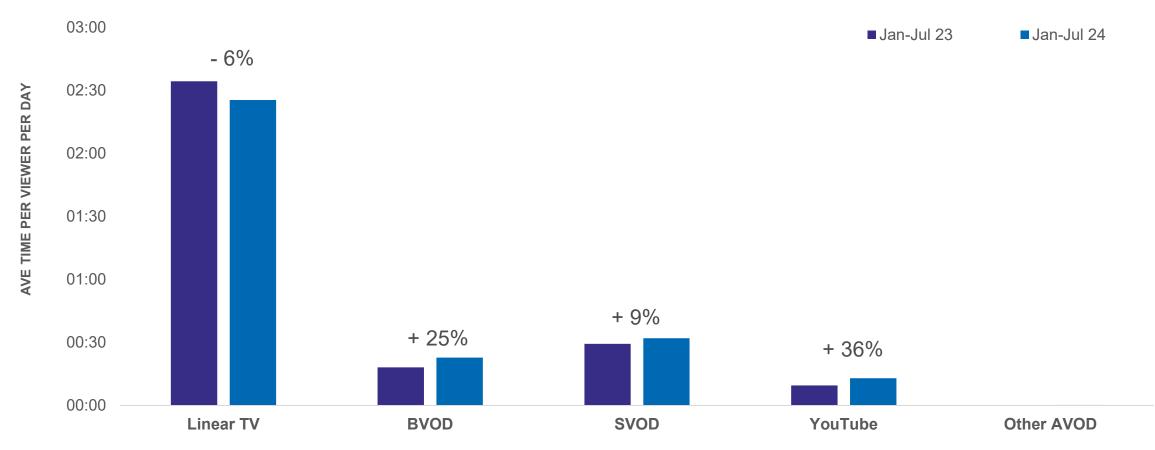




Source: Barb / Touchpoints



### **VOD** remains in a rapid growth phase

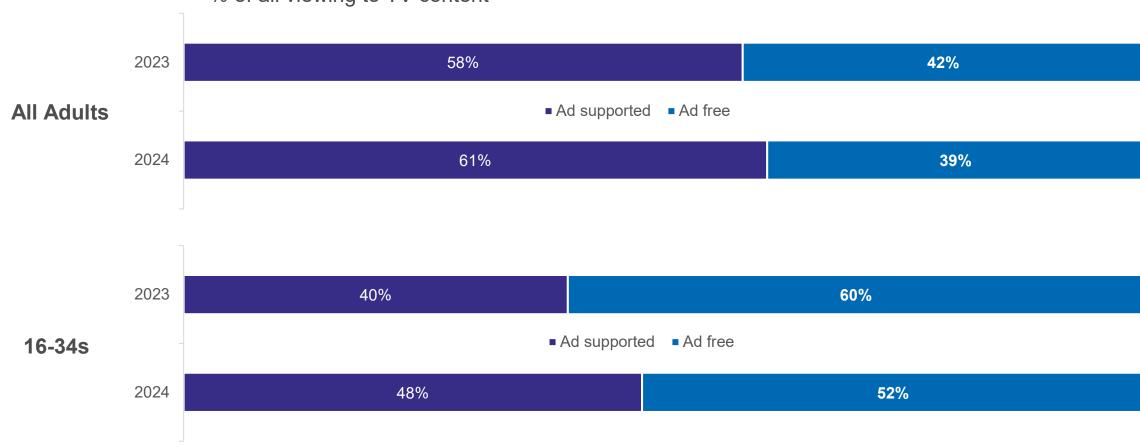


Source: Barb, All Adults, TV set viewing



### Ad-supported TV is increasing



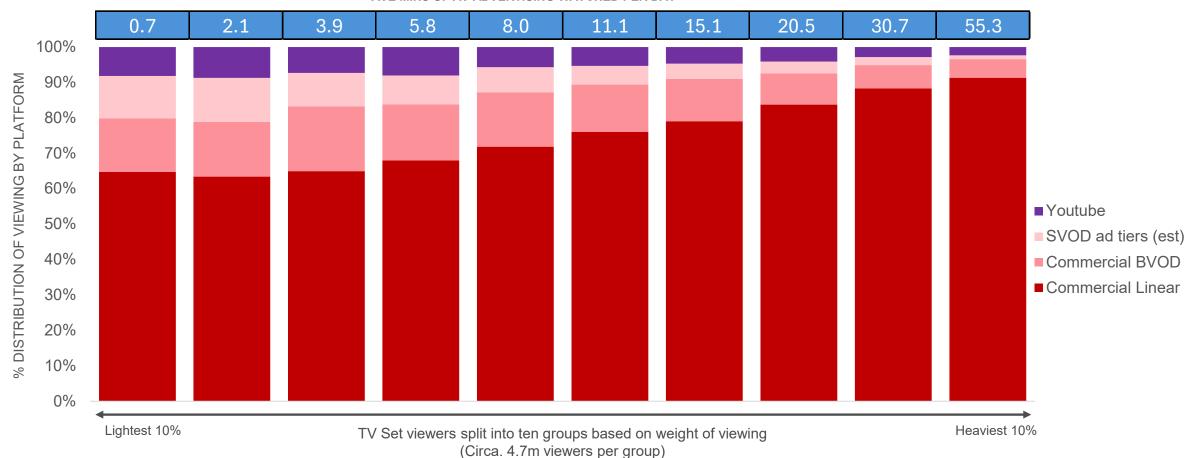


Source: Barb – TV set viewing (Jan to July 2024 Vs Jan to July 2023)



### Reach potential in ad-supported TV is increasing



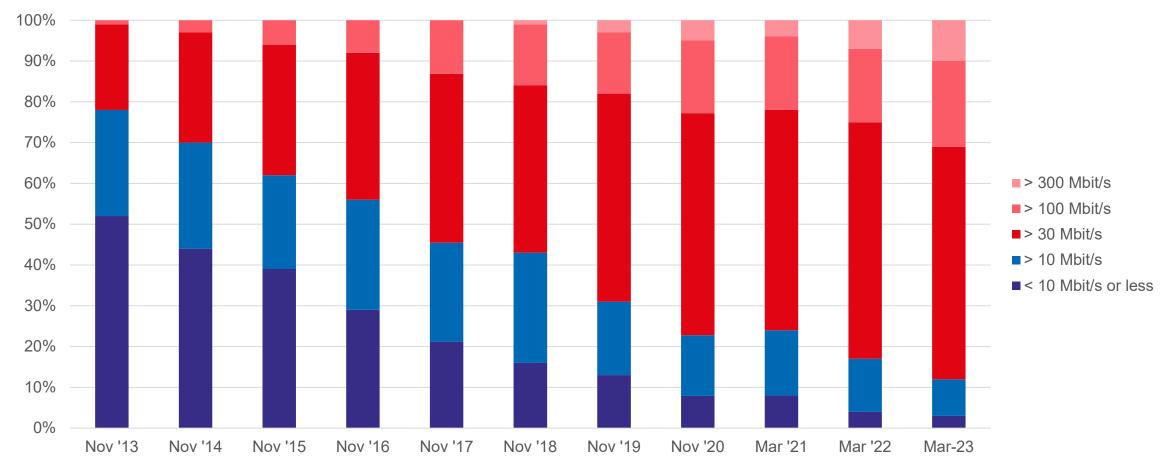


Source: Barb – July 2024, Adults, TV set viewing, deciles ranked on weight of viewing to TV Set viewing (linear, BVOD, SVOD, and video-sharing)





### The UK is ready for IP TV



Source: OFCOM



### Two strong signals from the TV companies on an IP future

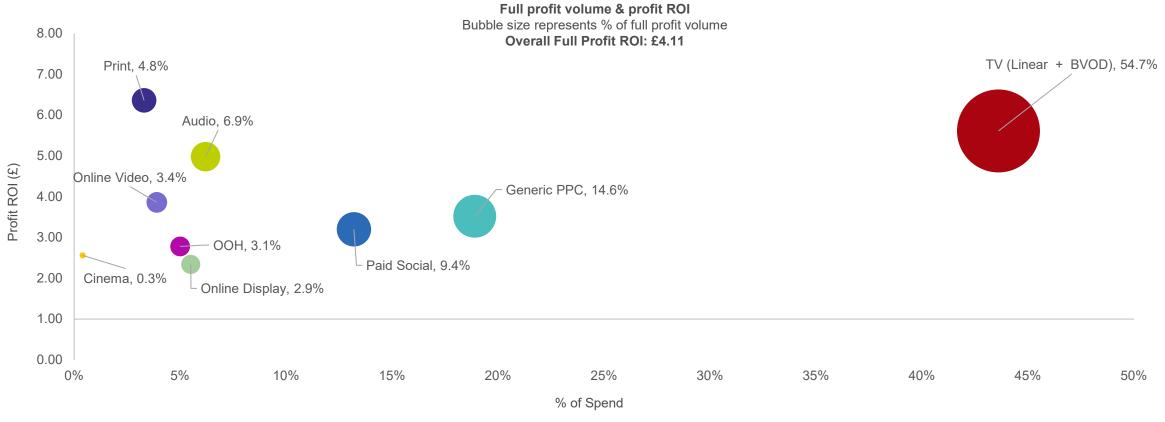








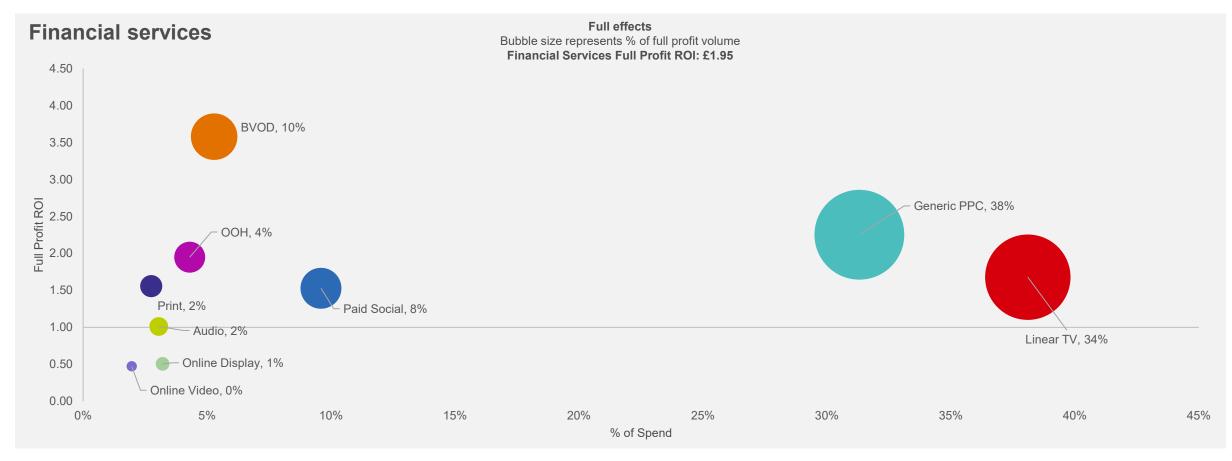
#### We know TV is highly effective



Source: Profit Ability 2, April 2024 – Short term benchmarks: Ebiquity, EssenceMediacom, Gain Theory, Mindshare, Wavemaker UK. Long Term Multipliers: EssenceMediacom, Gain Theory, Mindshare, Wavemaker UK



### 1<sup>st</sup> party data signals can significantly increase efficiency



Source: Profit Ability 2, Financial services (21 brands)



#### **Lower funnel initiatives**

Retail partnerships

Search behaviour targeting

Transaction-led insight

Lead generation & customer engagement





### The Long and the Short of It



Balancing Short and Long-Torm Marketing Strategies Les Binet, Head of Effectiveness, adam&eve DDB Peter Field, Marketing Consultant





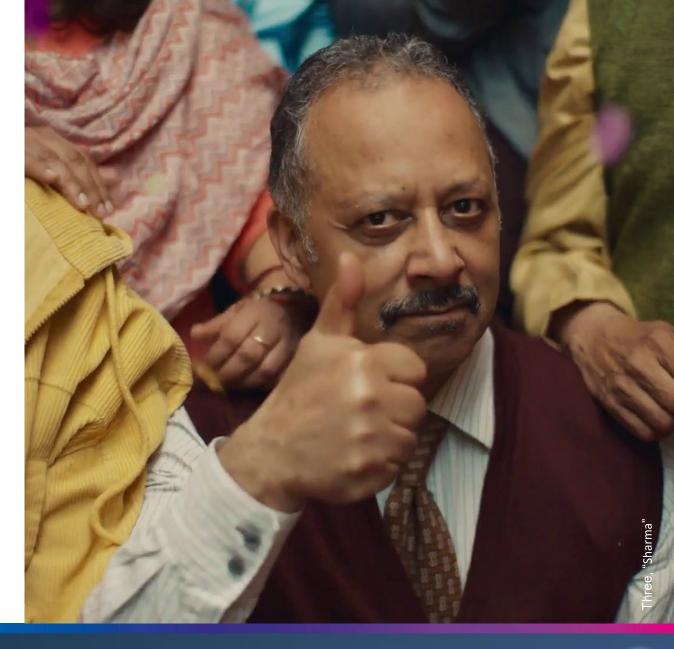


### **Summary**

TV-quality reach potential is increasing – TV budgets should increase too

TV is in the process of transitioning to an IP delivered world

TV will increasingly offer the best of both worlds









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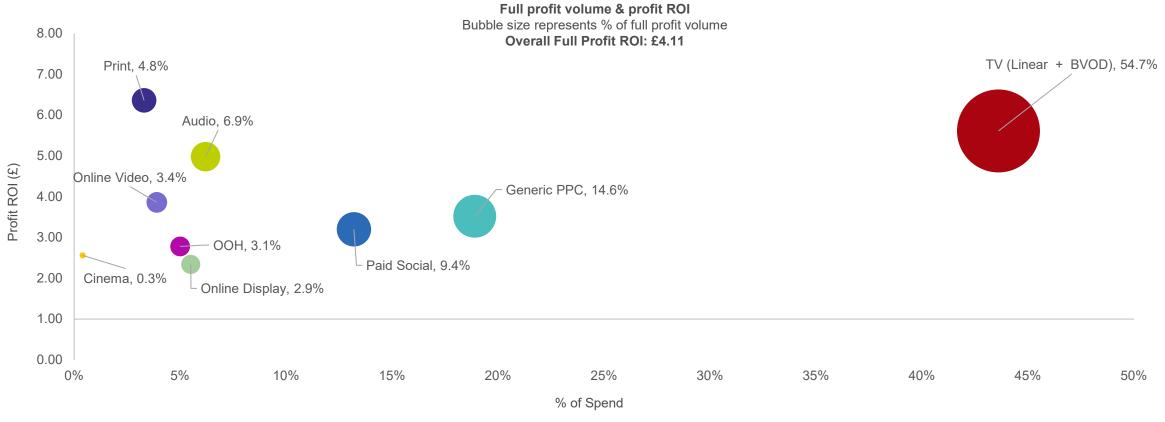


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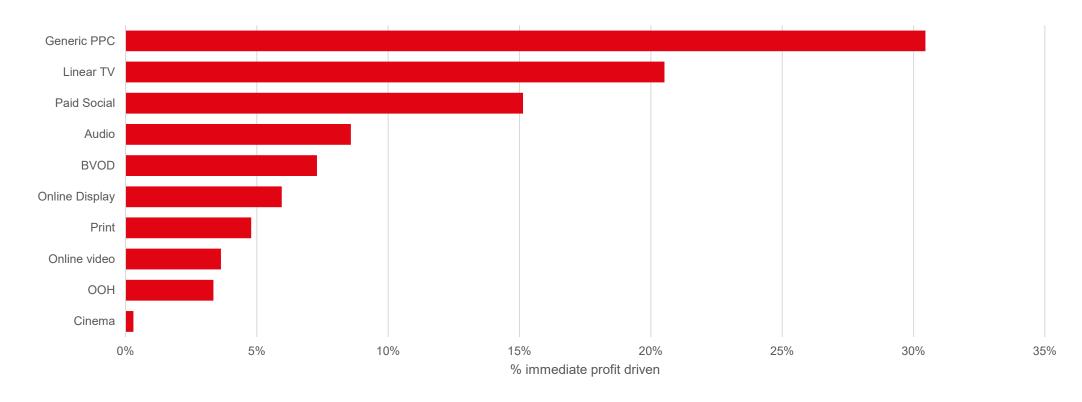
#### We know TV is highly effective



Source: Profit Ability 2, April 2024 – Short term benchmarks: Ebiquity, EssenceMediacom, Gain Theory, Mindshare, Wavemaker UK. Long Term Multipliers: EssenceMediacom, Gain Theory, Mindshare, Wavemaker UK



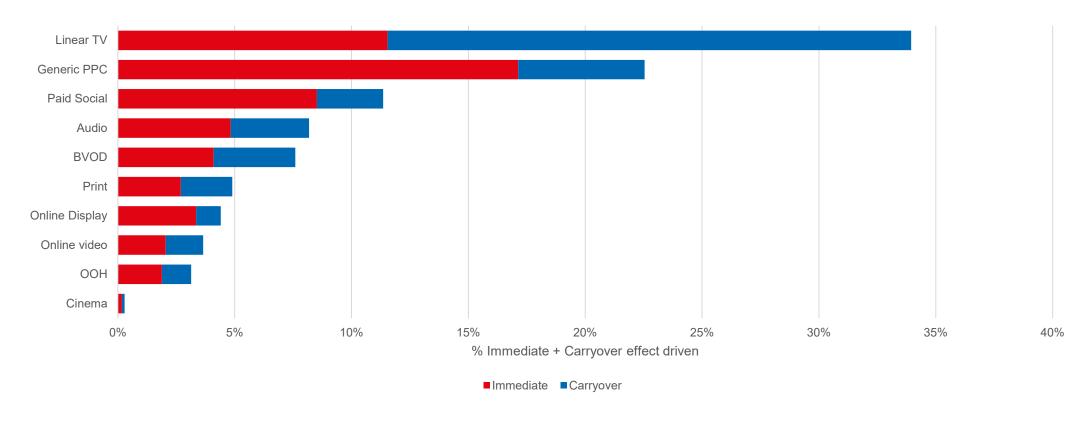
#### Immediate payback not exclusive to 'performance' media



Source: Profit Ability 2, April 2024 – Short term benchmarks: Ebiquity, EssenceMediacom, Gain Theory, Mindshare, Wavemaker UK. Immediate contribution = the same week of advertising exposure



#### TV's carry-over effects are unrivalled



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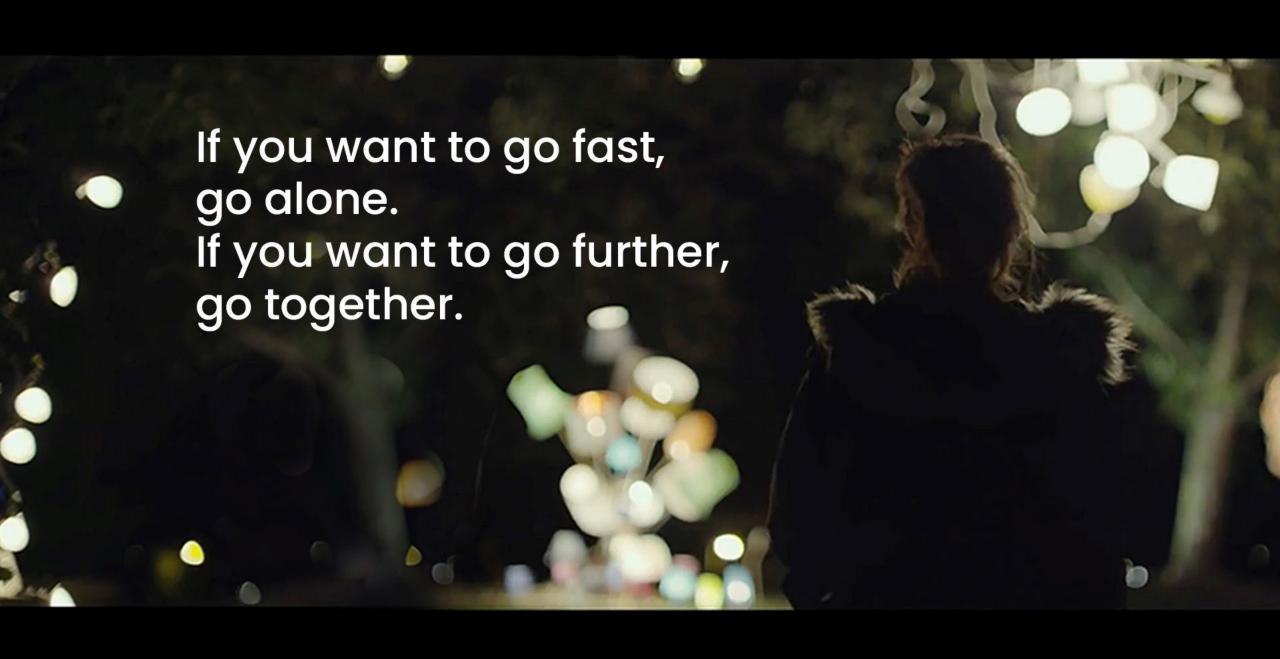


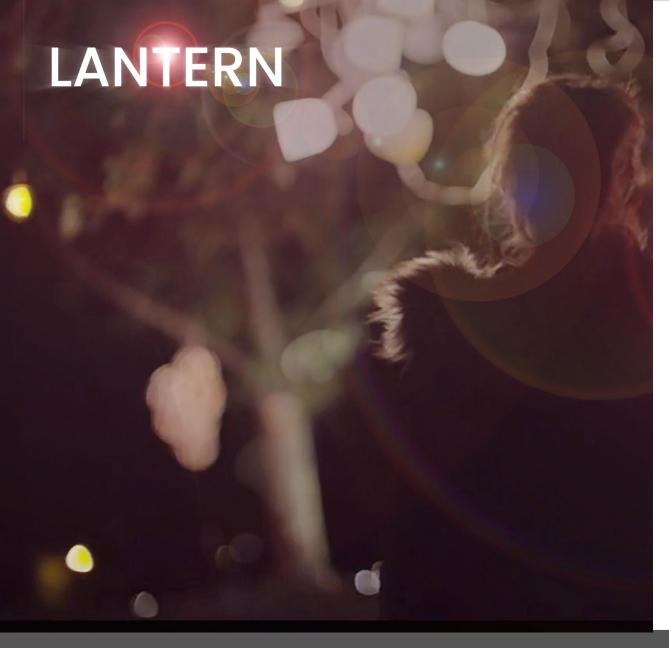
#### What the broadcaster panel will help us understand

- Measurement of TV's impact on onlinbehaviouralmetrics
  - e.g. web traffic, searches, apps, social
- Insight at category, brand, or campaign level
- Impact of different audiences, campaign shapes and sizes
- New measures of lift and changein-share









A TOTAL TV ANSWER



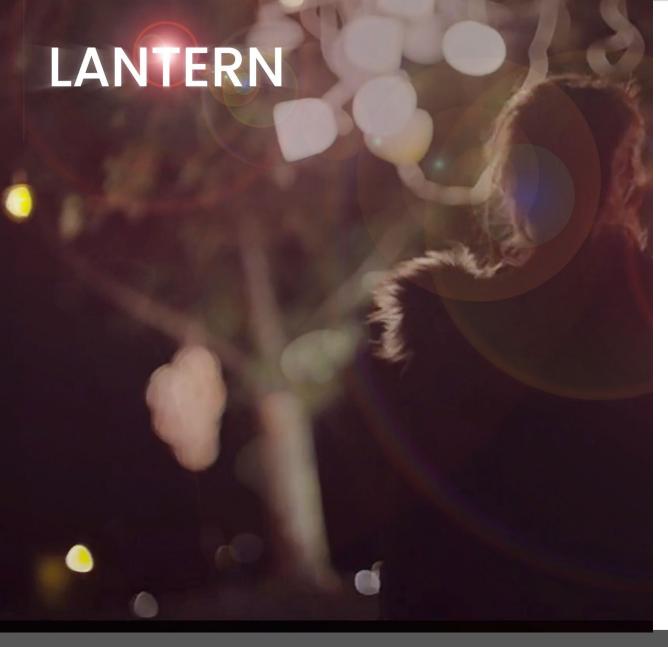




- More advertisers, more campaigns
- Access for advertisers
- Industry and category benchmarks







Building a multi-outcome measurement panel

To illuminate the range of business impacts TV has on brands





### $100,000 \times 100,000 = 357$ ?









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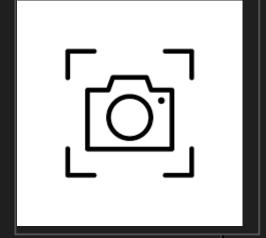
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