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COVID-19 Barometer India Research

Understanding Consumer Sentiments and Implications for Brands

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"Before the 21 days"

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We will be in a position of having a blank page for a new beginning because lots of companies and money will be wiped out in the process of slowing down.

Redirecting and restarting will require a lot of insight and audacity to build an economy with other values and ways of handling production, transport, distribution and retail.

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How we have built your story









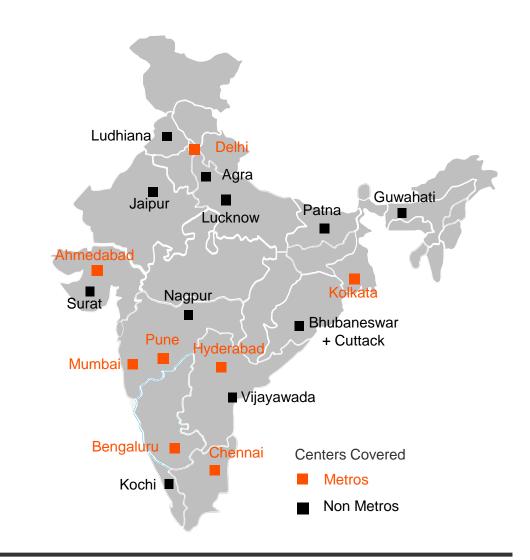
Our Global COVID-19 Barometer and India COVID-19 sentiment survey looking at consumer's attitudes, behaviours and expectations Using Social Intelligence tools and Google Insights to understand consumers sentiments and reaction towards the situation Using Kantar's
WorldPanel data to
understand change in
consumer buying
behaviour post the
outbreak of COVID-19

** Survey among panellists

Thought-leadership, analysis, and intelligence on learnings from around the globe Using the world's largest brand equity database to bring you learnings on the importance of strong brands

COVID19 - India sentiment survey details

- -Males and females
- -NCCS AB
- -18+ years
- Online Mobile Survey conducted between 21-22 March 2020 covering a sample of 1100 covering 19 cities and 15 states across India



Worldpanel's survey details on panelists

Only Hygiene categories





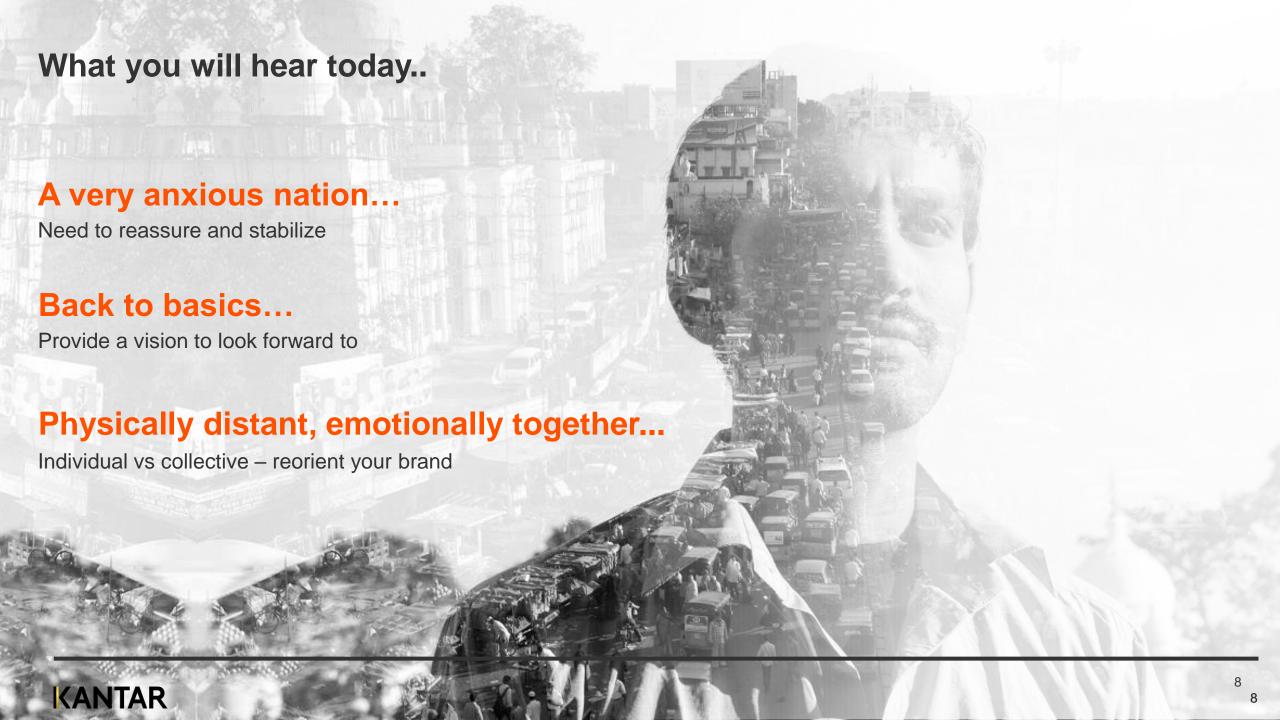


Study done between 20th and 23rd March, before the Lockdown was in place

Interviews done telephonically

Coverage across the country, but reporting at the Country or Zonal level

Close to 2,300 housewives across all SECs interviewed

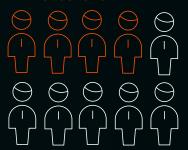


We were not very happy even before COVID-19



Indian Consumer Confidence Index has been declining through the later half of 2019 signalling weaker sentiments

Net better off



41%

Believe that they are better off financially compared to last 12 months

Net better of



21%

Believe that they will be better off financially in the next 12 months



The mood was one of "Wait & Watch"

47%

Of Indians say that they feel stressed these days. The percentage has increased from 39%

82%

Concerned about exposure to pollutants and contaminated air

79%

Worry about corruption in government/law enforcement systems

64%

15-19 aged consumer worries about crime and violence around them

87%

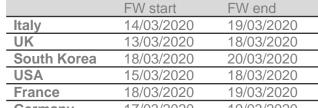
Lack physical and mental health counseling

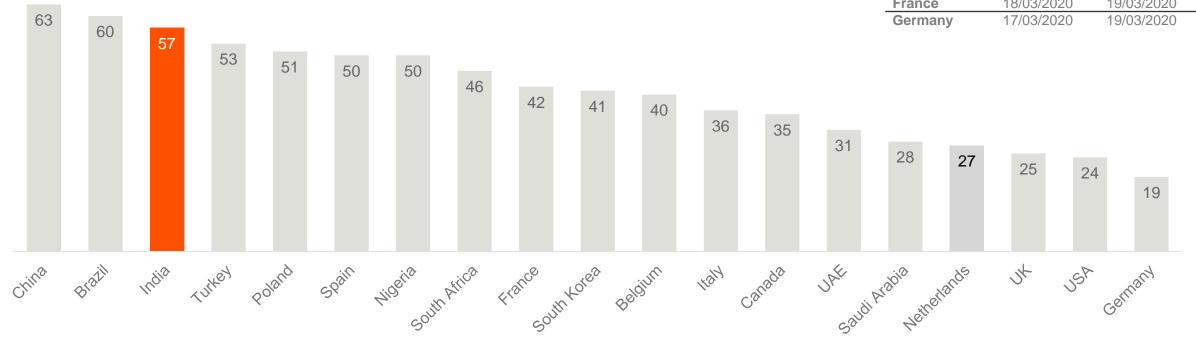


IMPACT WE SEE IN OUR SENTIMENT

Now, edgy and anxious, India is much closer to China than US

"COVID-19 -The situation concerns me hugely"



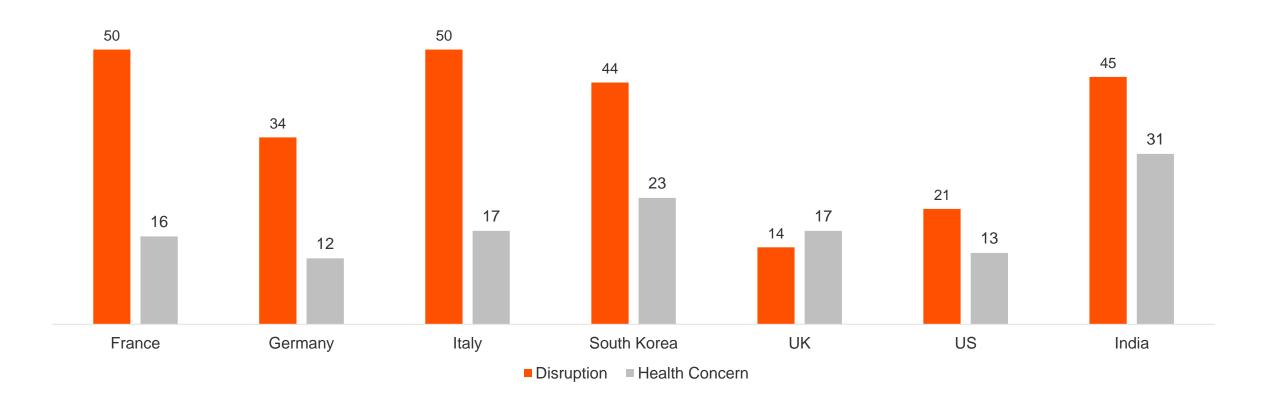


Disruption bothers us more than health concerns





This is true across the world





We are worried about everyday disruption, not yet a recession

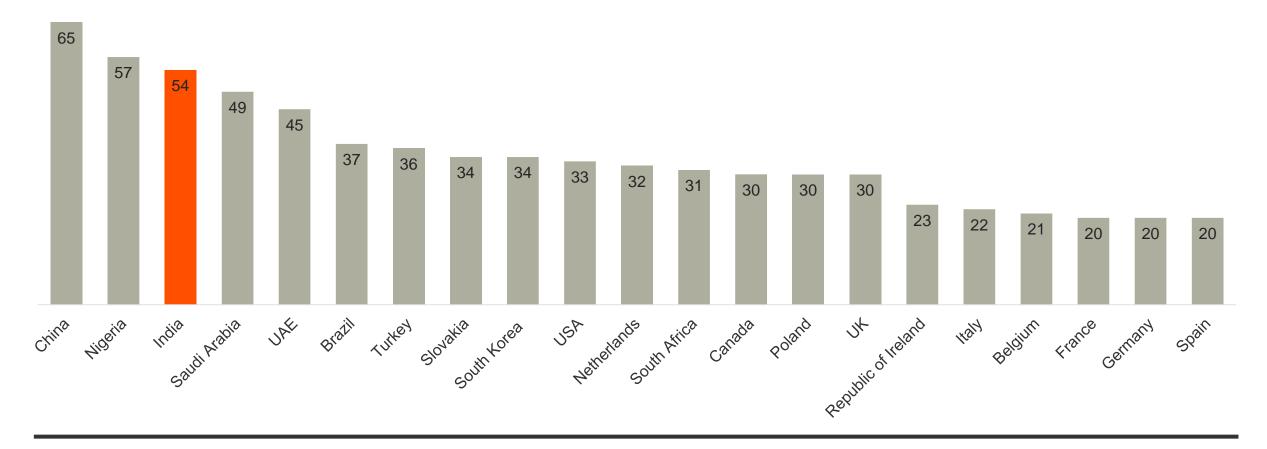
%High Concern/ Agree	FRANCE	GERMANY	ITALY	SOUTH KOREA	UK	US	INDIA
Disruption	50%	34%	50%	44%	14%	21%	45%
Be Financially prepared	25%	16%	34%	36%	17%	21%	47%
Economic Recession	31%	24%	30%	18%	18%	15%	18%
Health	16%	12%	17%	23%	17%	13%	31%



Like other Asian and LATAM markets we are expecting a quick recovery

as we monitor the lockdown, these trends will change

I believe economy will recover quickly once this has died down



Readiness is all for the Europe/ US. India closer to South Korea. France stands out as an exception.

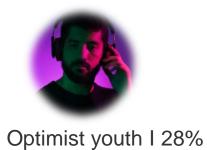
% Prioritizing	FRANCE	GERMANY	ITALY	UK	US	SOUTH KOREA	INDIA
Being prepared and informed	29%	35%	40%	40%	46%	29%	28%
Ready to work harder/take this head on	25%	28%	25%	16%	16%	11%	23%
Stick together	20%	14%	11%	6%	5%	27%	21%



Emerging segments

Individual

Life stage



We may drown Sentiment



Anxious family I 24%



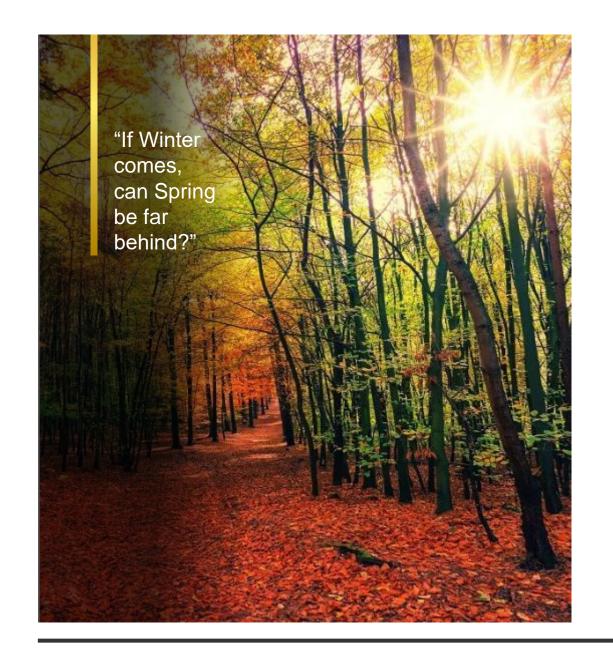
This will pass

Calculated & confident couples I 23%



Supportive women I 25%

Collective (family)



An anxious nation waits it out, pre Lockdown

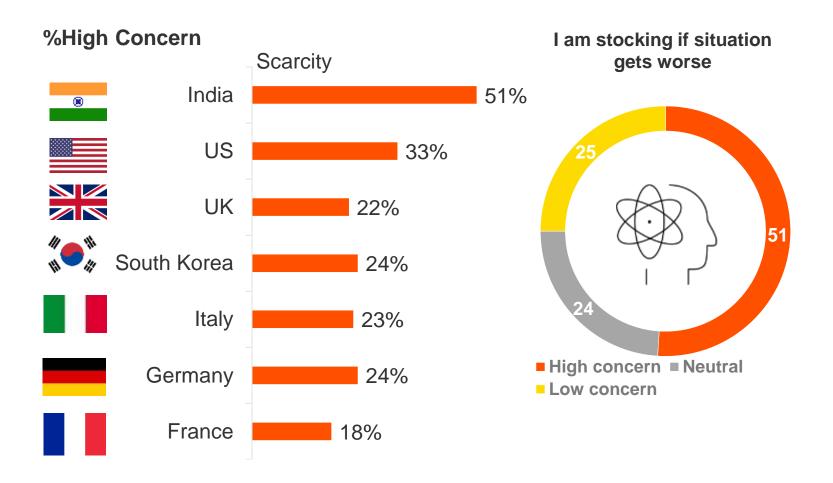
We have been waiting & watching the world fall victim with heightened anxiety. When it did happen our approach is pragmatism.

Our insecurities are not very different from rest of the world, only stronger. For this class of people surveyed, it is a disruption and not a disease.

But what separates us from British and Americans is optimism and a sense of community. We expect a quick recovery and are willing to work hard to fight it out.

THE IMPACT WE SEE IN BEHAVIOURS

We are optimistic attitudinally, but behaviours are contrary





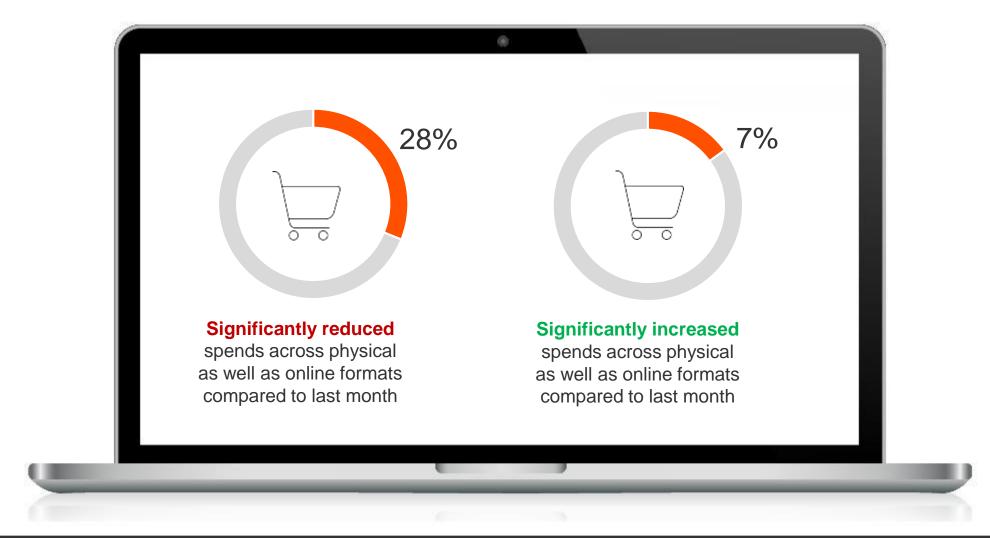


Shared mobility will take a hit

		Stop completely	Use less	Unchanged	Use more
	Public Transport	55%	32%	5%	4%
	Taxis/ride hailing apps	35%	41%	11%	8%
	Private vehicles	17%	27%	20%	32%
	Airlines-domestic travel	58%	19%	8%	6%
00	Railways-domestic travel	57%	26%	9%	4%



Will we learn to live with less?



We differ from China in some significant ways



India

41%

of digital penetration

16%

Net commerce users

\$40Bn

Online retail transaction value

3%

share of Online retail to the Total Retail Value



China

59%

of digital penetration

42%

Mobile payment users

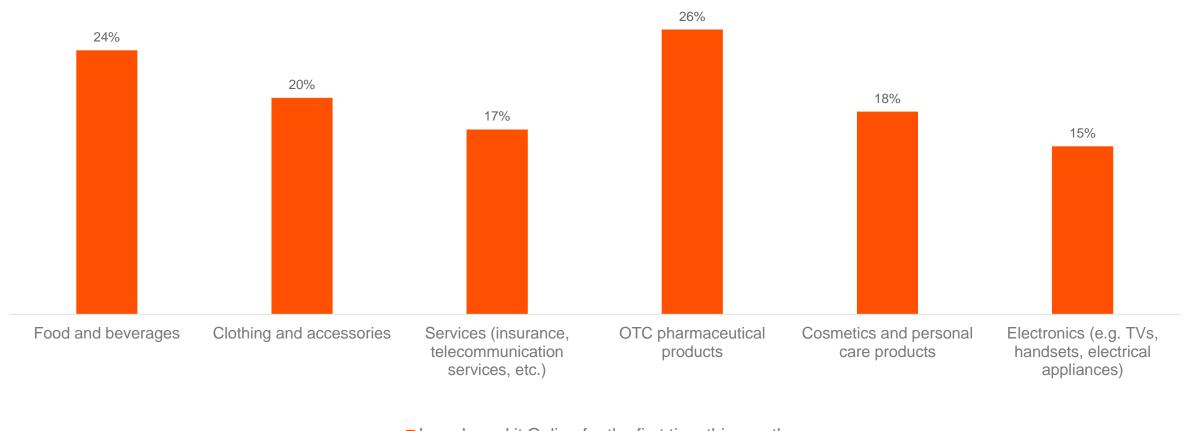
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Online retail transaction value

25%

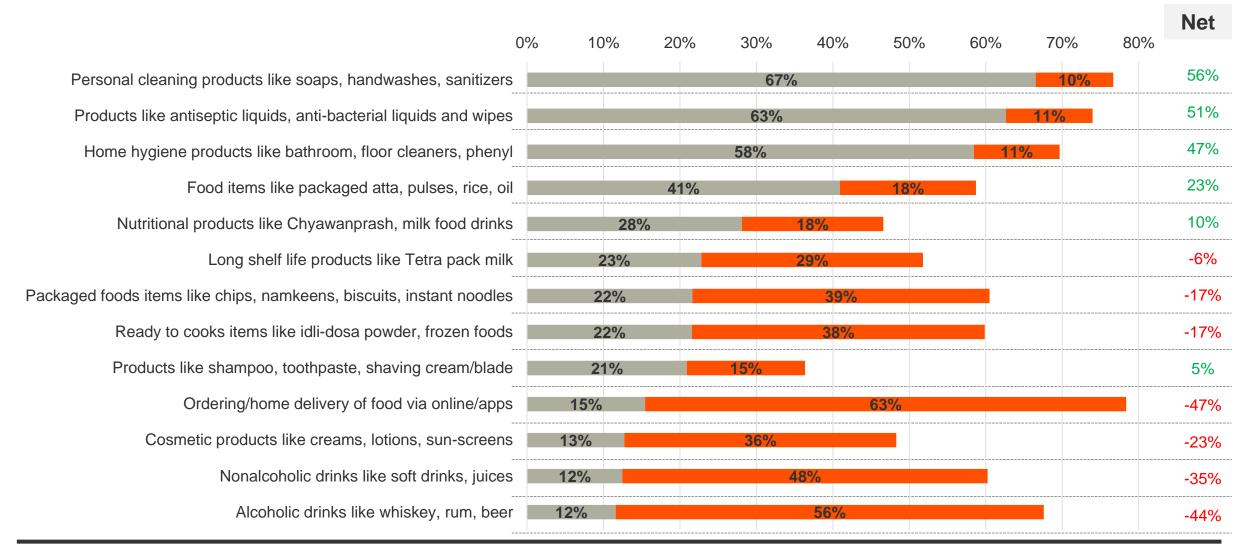
Share of Online retail to the Total Retail Value

However, first purchases online is being made across categories



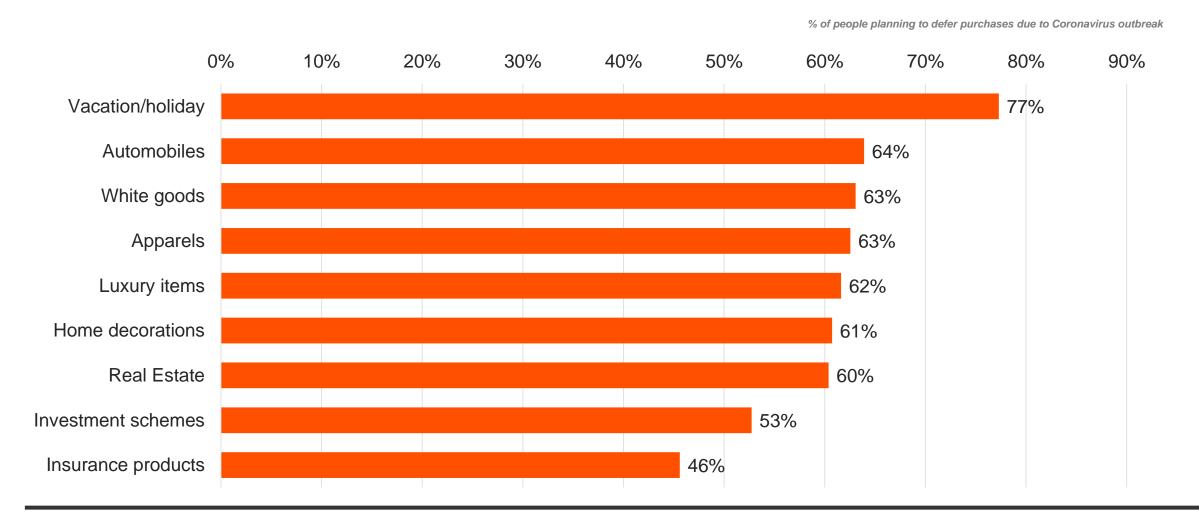
■ I purchased it Online for the first time this month

Back to basics, across the board decline in packaged F&B, cosmetics purchase



Planned purchases being deferred, especially vacations and high ticket items

... Investments and Insurance will be less impacted





Hygeine is here to stay

Increased focus on health and hygiene



91%

Indian households washing hands more often now



47%

Indian households claim increased toilet cleaning, more so in rural (49%) vs urban (43%)

Top 3 categories claimed to have been bought after a long gap



Portfolio of hygiene categories has extended



41%
Bought a new hygiene category

17%

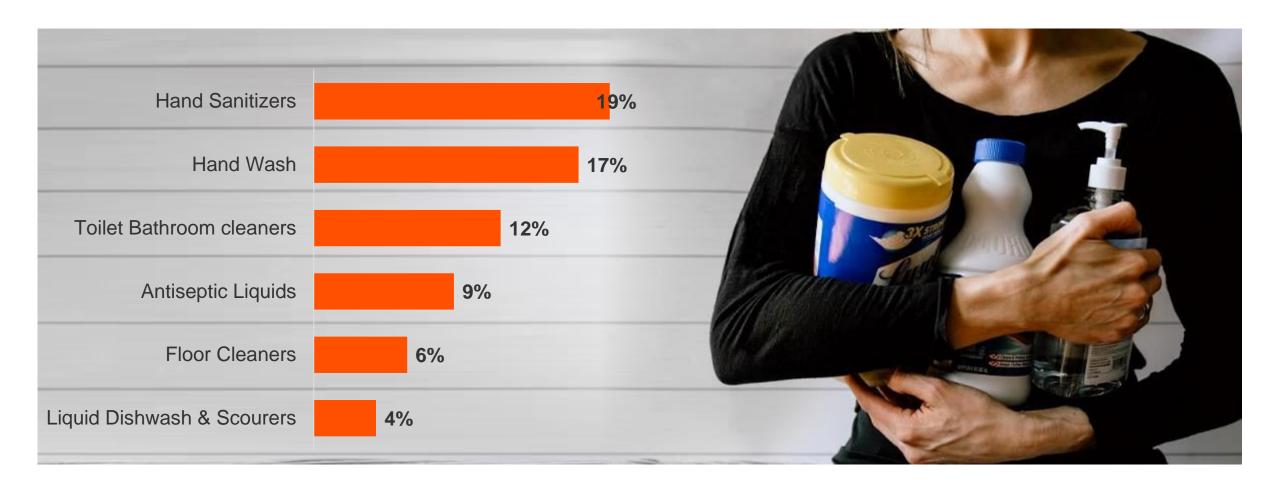
Couldn't purchase a hygiene category that they were looking for because of emptying shelves 13%

households claim to have bought at least one category in more quantity (stocked up) than usual

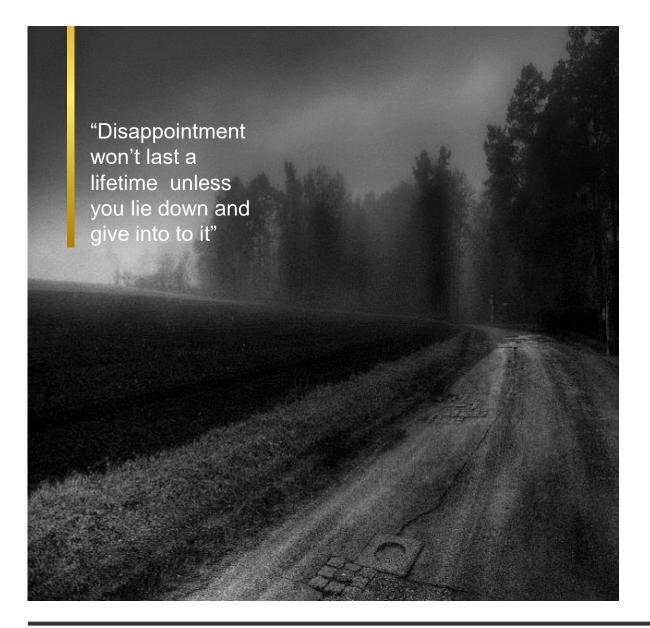


Toilet cleaners and Sanitizers are entering basket

Bought for the first time







A rocky road ahead

There is optimism of quick recovery, but stocking up as well, mainly essentials – preparing for the worst.

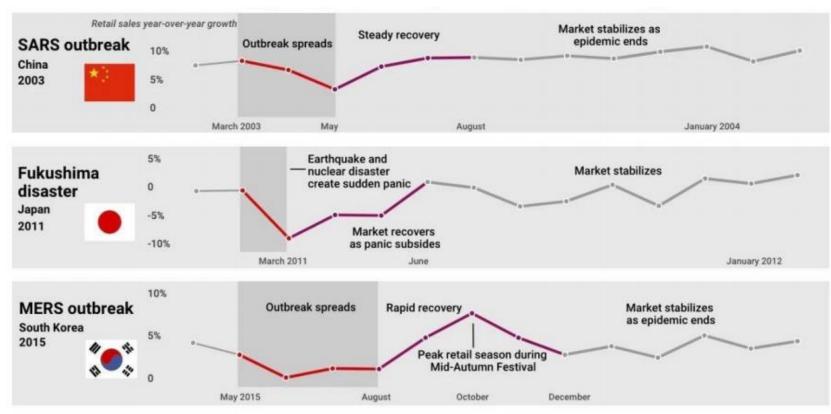
Whether we will learn to live with less has to be watched.

We had over the years shed the frugality of our parents & lived it up—is the pandemic just a pause, or will it make us more cautious about future?

Brands that stay away may run the danger of falling by the way!

ROLE OF BRANDS

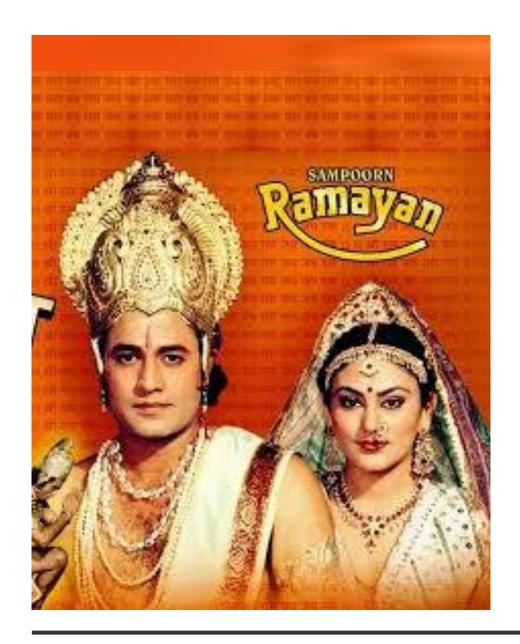
Precedent – Previous events showed elastic economic behavior



Previous
epidemic/disasters
have shown short
term impact, but
generally recovery
is seen over a
period.

Sources: China National Bureau of Statistics; Japan Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; South Korea government statistics



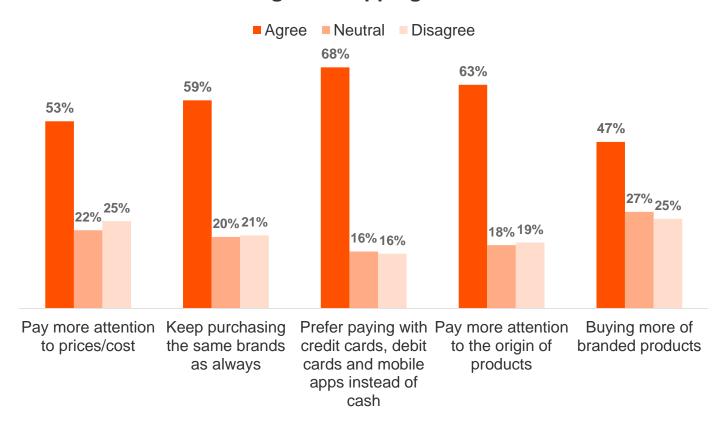


This pandemic differs in its global reach and the impact on consumer psyche.

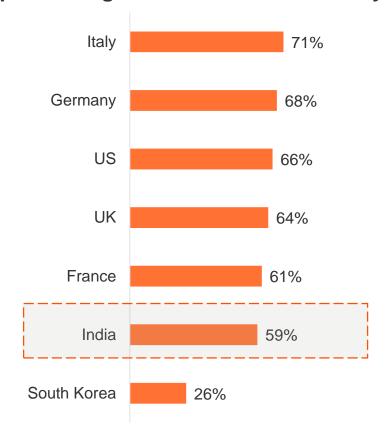
- Will it be back to future or past?
- Will we celebrate freedom or learn to enjoy solitude?
- Will we come out & consume, or learn to live with less?
- If we cant trust strangers, how will we learn to trust brands again?

We may already have started down-trading, attitudinal loyalty lower

Change in shopping behavior - India

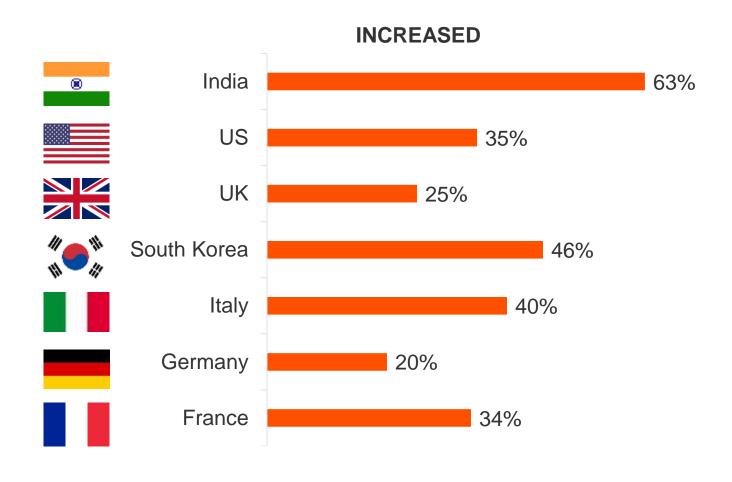


Keep purchasing the same brands as always

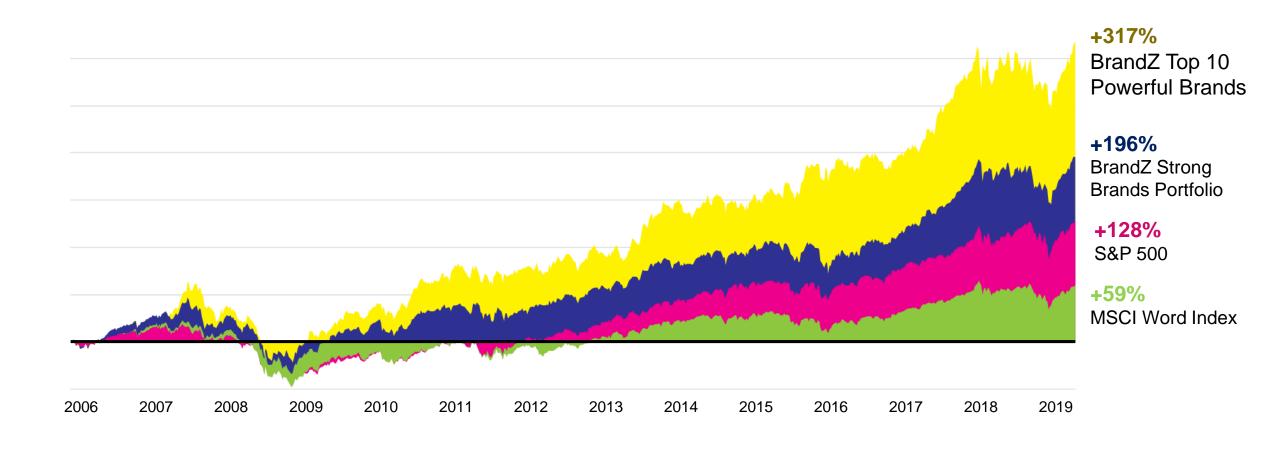




What is likely to stay is an increased attention to the origin of products now ...much more than Europe and US



We've seen before that strong brands recovered NINE TIMES faster following the financial crisis of 2008



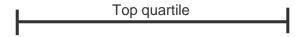
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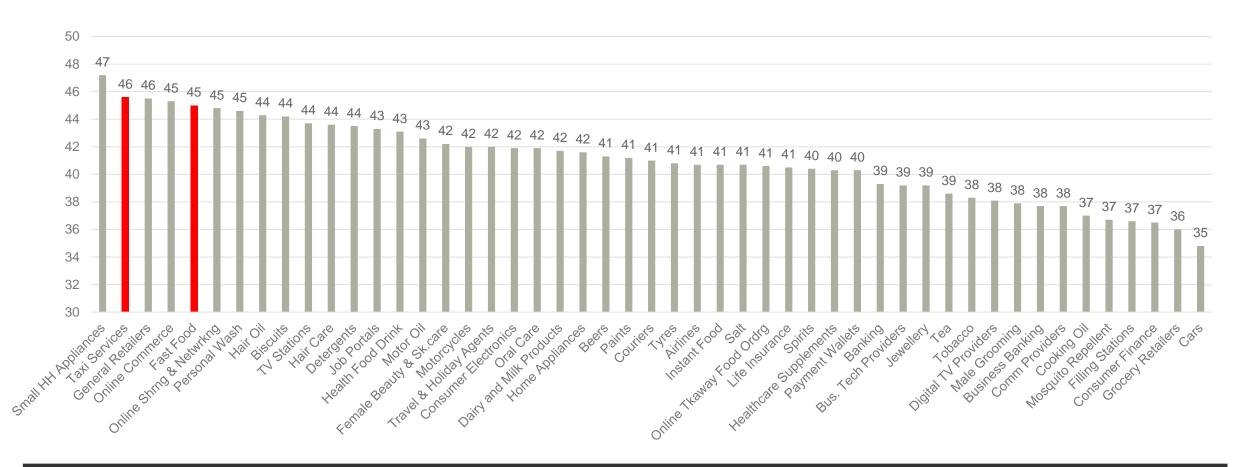


Salience plays a crucial role in brand equity and consumer decision making

% contribution of Salience to Power in India categories 2018/19

India 2019 = **Salience 41%**, Difference 26%, Meaningful 33%





We don't want advertising to be seen as exploitative

Consumers expect advertising to help them navigate the new normal with a positive perspective

Brands should:



28%

Be a trusted source of accurate information



27%

Attack the crisis and demonstrate that it can be fought



15%

Be practical and help consumers in their everyday life

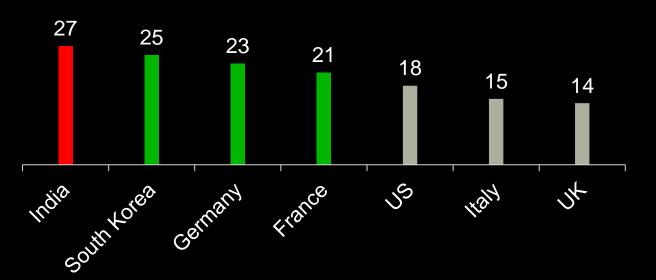
Advertising should:

- Show how they can be **helpful** in the new everyday life **79%**
- Inform about their efforts to face the situation 77%
- Should offer a positive perspective **74%**
- NOT exploit coronavirus to promote a brand 71%



We want brands to take the fight home

Attack the crisis and demonstrate that it can be fought





This needs re-imagining what we do and how we do it

Donations

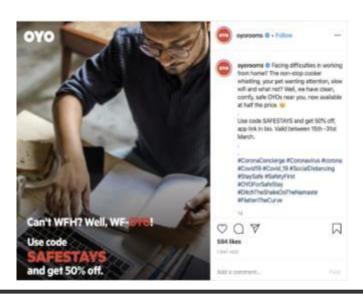
During the crisis many brands donating money or resources to the cause. This type of baseline CSR is important to show brands are supporting their audiences

Mukesh Ambani donates hospital, isolation facility for COVID-19 positive patients



Altered business models

Faced with impact on their business, some brands have altered their business models to enable consumption of their products during the epidemic



Category leadership

Certain brands have taken a leadership role during the crisis. Even in the face of their businesses being disrupted they are re-defining their categories to unlock long term growth

Diageo India to make 3 lakh litres of hand sanitisers and donate masks

The liquor firm's 15 manufacturing units are being repurposed to manufacture hand sanitisers and donebon of extre neutral sicohol (ENA), according to a stock exchange filing by the company.



UPDATES >

BENGALURU: Diageo India, the liquor firm that sells McDowell's whisky and Smirnoff vodka, announced that it will produce 3 lakh litres of hand sanitizers to help overcome shortage of the product in the country due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

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Saying what you always say may not help

	FRANCE	GERMANY	ITALY	SOUTH KOREA	UK	US	INDIA
% agree – Advertisements should							8
Offer a positive perspective							
Inform about their efforts to face the situation							
Use a reassuring tone							
Talk about how they could be helpful in the new everyday life							
Talk about their own brand in a carefree and light way							
Talk about brands like they have always done							
Communicate the brand values							



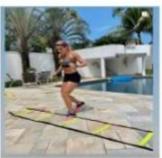


Remember, communication is not the only marketing lever

Nike and PopSugar Fitness: Offered their premium features training club app for free





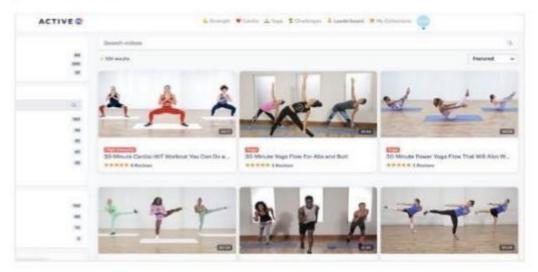


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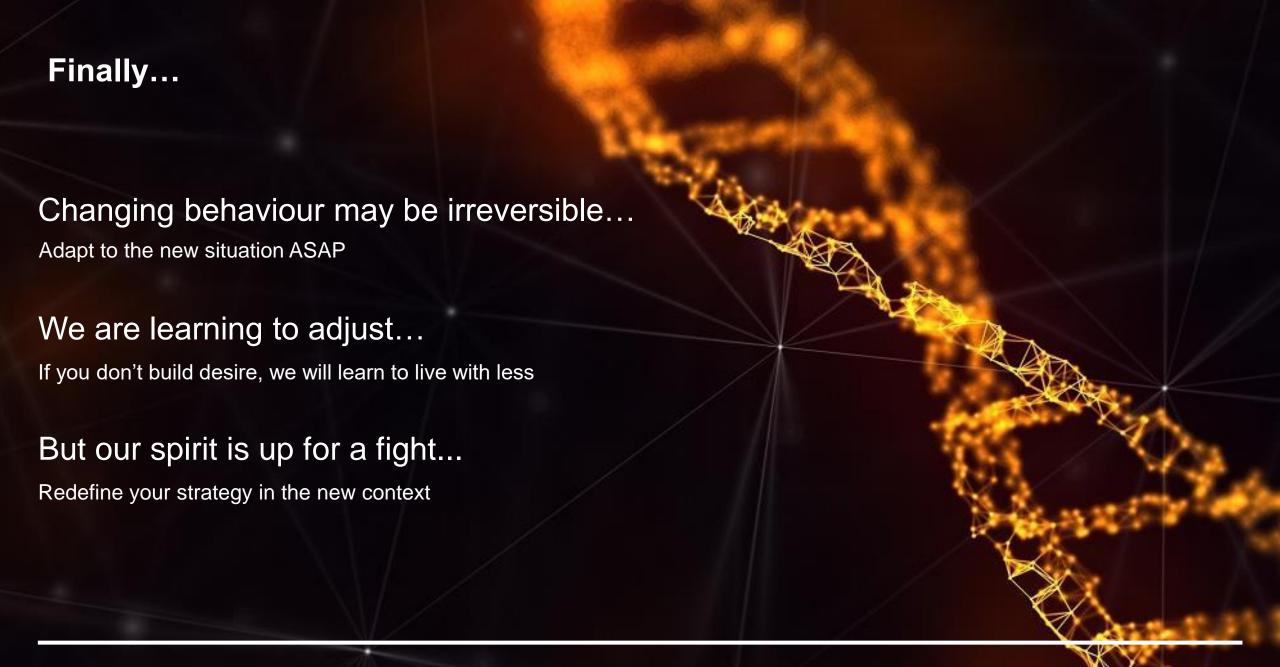


PopSugar Released Its New Fitness App for Free to Keep Us Moving Under Quarantine

The lifestyle website fast-tracked Active

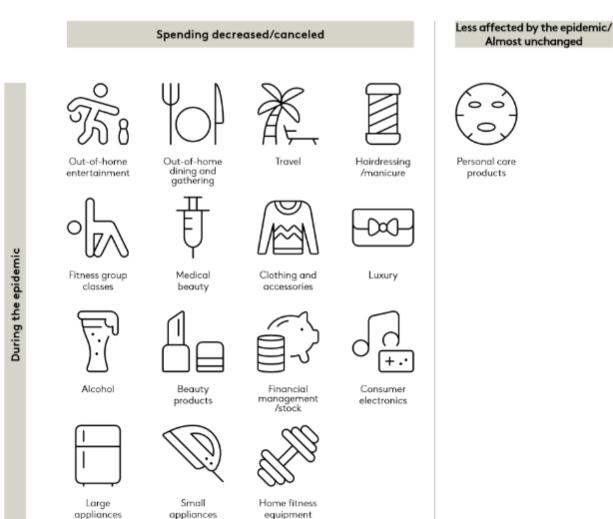


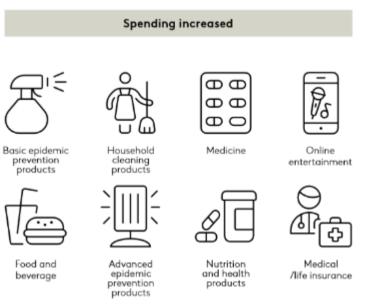
Source: Popsugar





The impact on certain sectors was profound during the pandemic



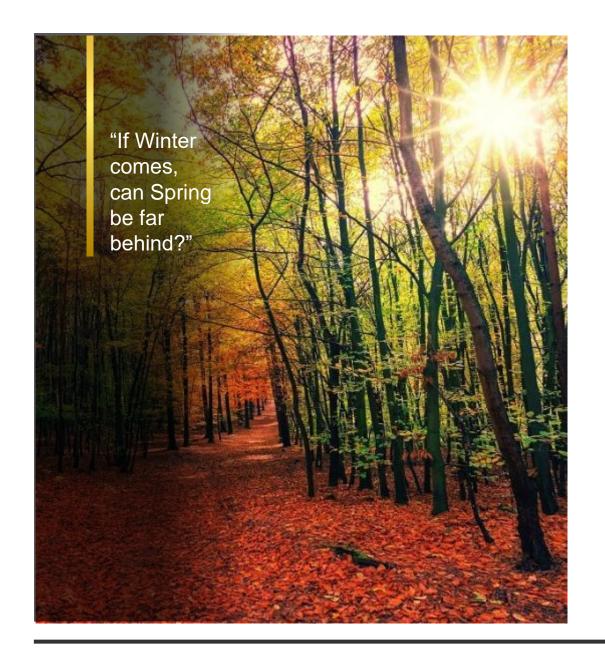


But after the pandemic, there is huge potential for rebound

Less affected by the epidemic/ Spending decreased/canceled Spending increased Almost unchanged Online Small Out-of-home Travel Out-of-home Basic epidemic Luxury dining and prevention entertainment entertainment appliances appliances gathering products (Expected) After the epidemic Consumer Alcohol Food and Medical Clothing and Advanced epidemic electronics beverage /life insurance accessories prevention products ΘФ ΘΘ 0 Medical Household Personal care Home fitness Nutrition Medicine and health cleaning products equipment beauty products products Fitness group Financial Hairdressing Beauty management classes /manicure products /stock

Many consumers tried new things





Emerging Lessons

PAY ATTENTION to the changes of consumer mindsets, consumption behaviour and lifestyles

DON'T ASSUME A NORMAL OR A NEW NORMAL Some habits may stick, while not doing others can create intense longing. None of the trends in China are new, disruption has just accelerated it. India may take that route or not.

BE FLEXIBLE in the annual business plan, marketing & channel strategy, and the investment plan.

BE THE ENGINE interact, enhance consumers stickiness, aim for first mover advantage on the new consumption battlefield.

We are here to help...

- -Launching COVID-19 Barometer in India to track shifting mindsets over next 4 weeks
- Access our COVID-19 global Barometer
- -WorldPanel to track as baskets evolve
- -TGI and other syndicated assets ongoing cultural insight
- -Agile, online solutions so you don't lose touch with your customers
- Webinars & Custom Virtual Workshops

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The State of the Nation

What are people talking about COVID-19 online?
And how should brands respond

Poonam Kumar

3rd April 2020



Our Survival brain is on high alert. Dealing with uncertainty is like a kick in the pants



What's safe and what isn't?



Uncertainty creating untested stories – most equal danger



Assuming worst, overpersonalization, frightening conclusions intensified by both real and fake news

Overwhelming reaction is **PANIC**, but there are significant mentions of HOPE as well

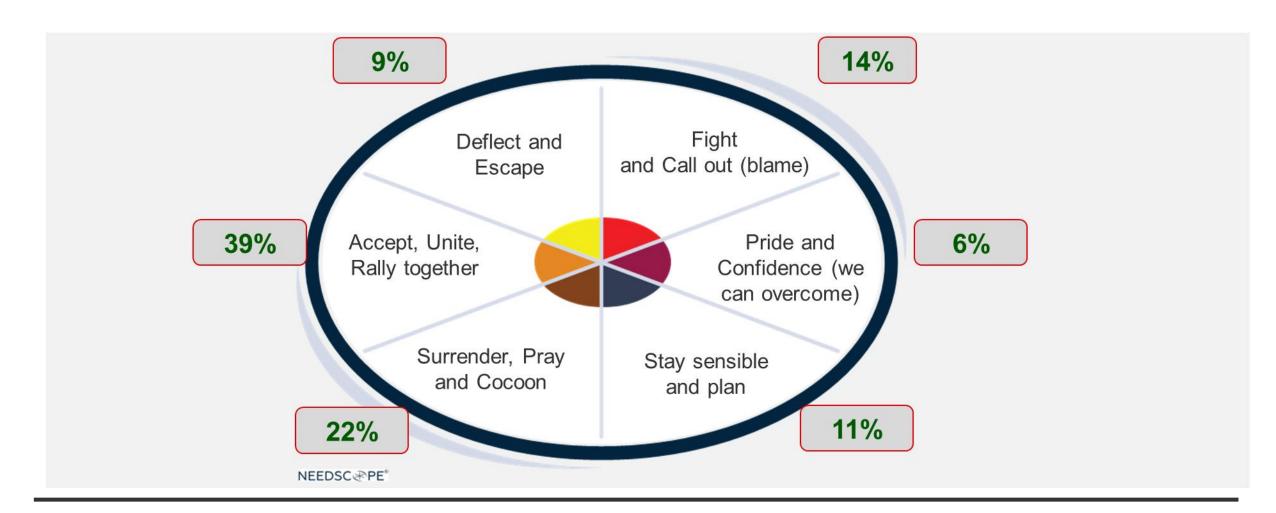
Word Cloud - Emotional Reaction P1W Original



People respond differently to uncertainty and fear



People respond differently to Uncertainty and Fear



Unite, Rally & Support



1.

Rally behind the leadership Show solidarity 2.

Gratitude to those keeping us safe and comfortable

3.

Setting past differences aside

4

Proactively spreading positivity and calm

5.

Indian Pride – showing the world. #Civil Obedience is what will free India this time

6.

Inspired by the collective spirit



Crisis behavior – Unite to fight a common enemy, support leaders and those fighting from the front. High stress, high optimism.

The new normal – A nation at war against an oppressive virus where each of us should do our bit to make India free. I am because we are. A new sense of unity

Self-protection – Important to maintain a positive self. Unity, solidarity

Fight & Call out



1.

Fight and call out "COVIDIOTS"

2

Fight and call out detractors

3.

Fight and call out the leadership

4

Fight and call out the culpable upper-class

5.

Fight and call out celebrity culture

6.

Fight and call out police brutality



Crisis behavior – Finding places to park the blame. High stress, high anger.

The new normal – An apocalyptic world where the nation is fragmented, violence reigns and every day is confined to the insides of their homes. Idiots are destroying my world

Self-protection – Fight till their voice is heard. **Be Heard**

Surrender, Pray & Accept



1.

Worried about the vulnerable

2

Putting health & safety above all else

3.

Accepting and finding upsides

4

Healing through faith and prayer 5.

Sacrifice is worth it

6.

Must try not to burden others or put anyone at risk



Crisis behavior – Staying home and taking care of loved ones, not endangering the rest of the world. Acceptance, Desire to help

The new normal – A world to regroup, acknowledge forces that are bigger than us.

Cocooning, Worrying, Caring

Self-protection – Faith, Prayer, Care, Acceptance



So what should Brands do?

BRANDS – SHOULD NOT HIDE



This is not a time to focus on short term equity and quarterly sales



Time for brands to show up and support - 92% say they wish to hear from brands



Keep the light on – show people what you are made of



Time to speak to people and not consumers. Make it less about you and more about them.





It is the time to build trust by setting your agenda aside and helping people heal and feel better.



Be human, real, vulnerable.



Signal your values in a way that is needed.

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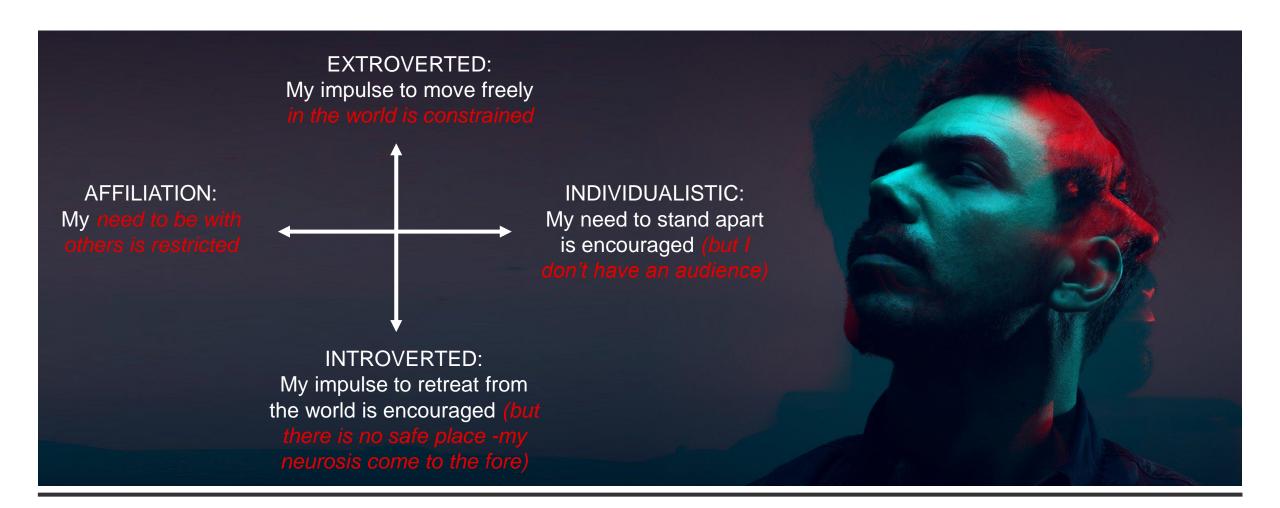
Empathize (I see you, I feel what you feel).

Help people trust themselves and believe that they will come through this

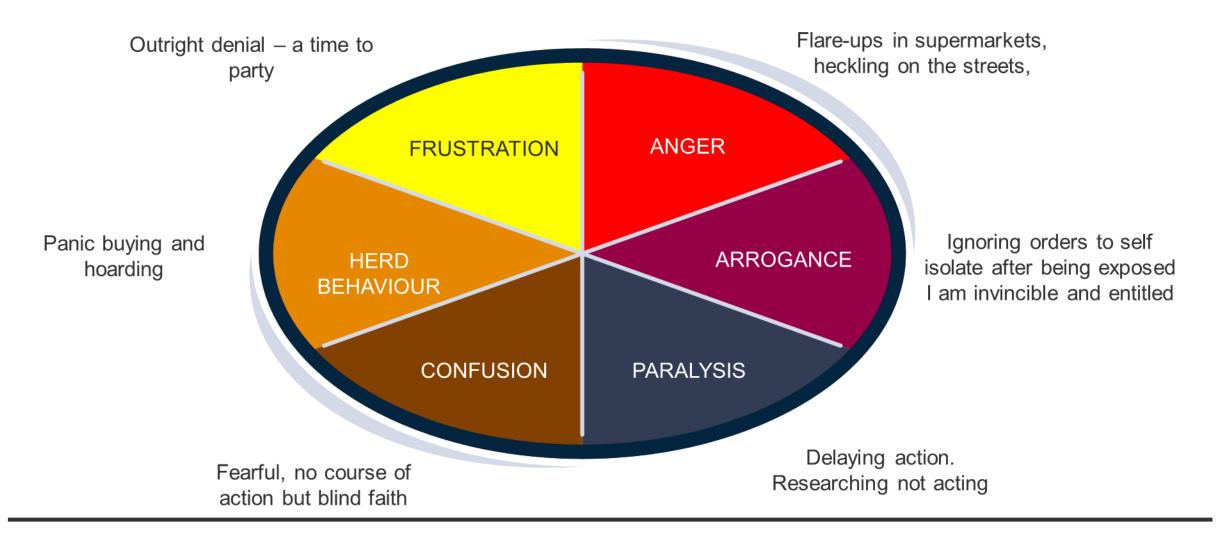
Don't add to the cacophony of conflict and confrontation

It is the time to build greater meaning.

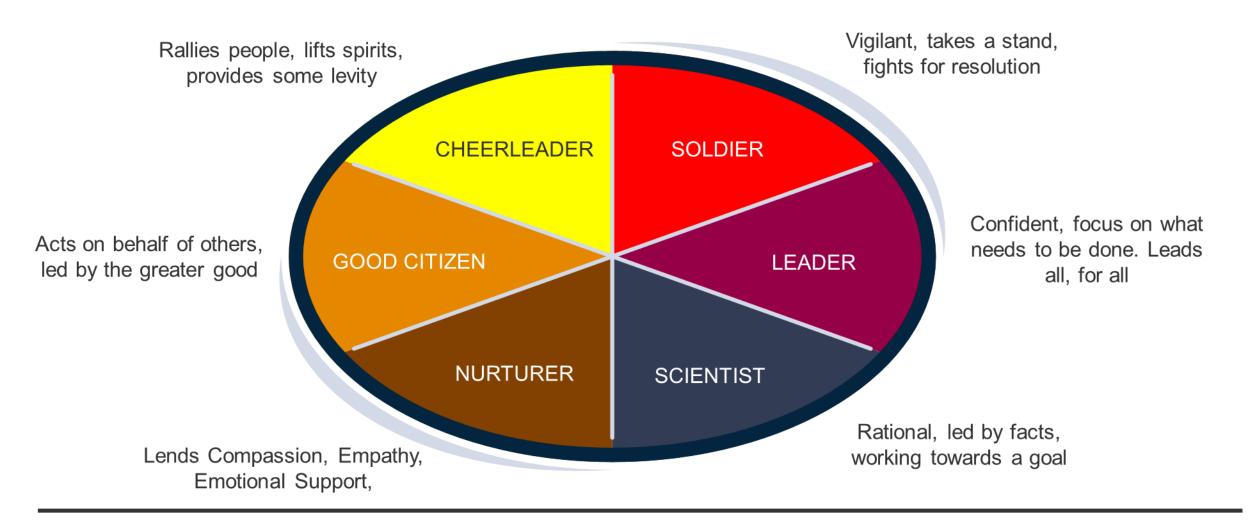
We saw the Indian response to COVID-19. How are we coping with the lockdown? The psychology of lockdown and the tensions created



Six ways that people respond to lock down: the bad



Six ways people respond to lock down – the good



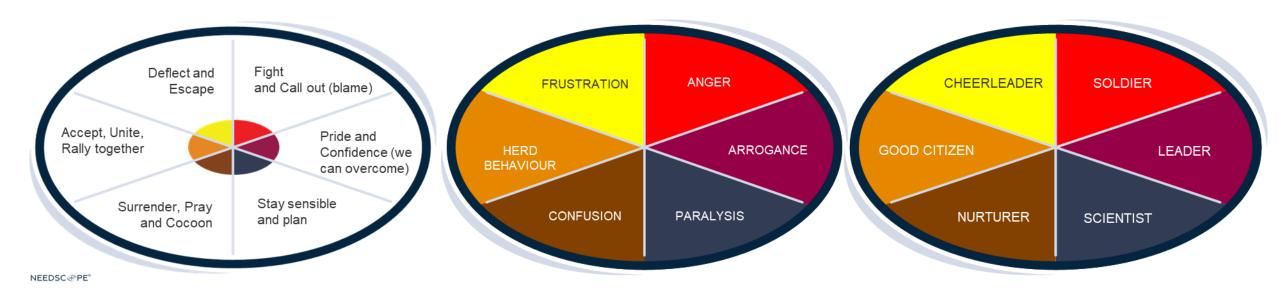
How can a brand be a good lockdown partner?

1. Reflecting the reality

2. Finding the good

3. Sharing the burden

4. New beginnings



Understand the response

Counter the bad behaviour

Reinforce, Role model the Good

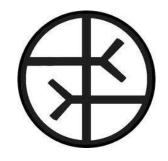
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Regardless of how we respond, we all need Healing, Reassurance, to Know that we are being Seen and Heard









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Reflecting the Reality Let's see how brands are doing it

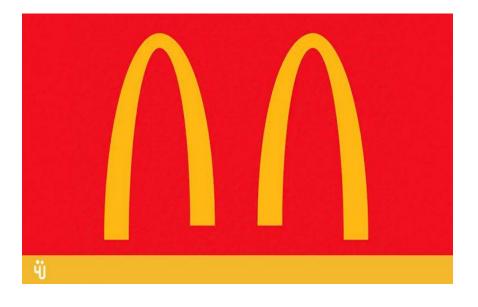


This is not an ad for Lifebuoy.
This is a public service message.

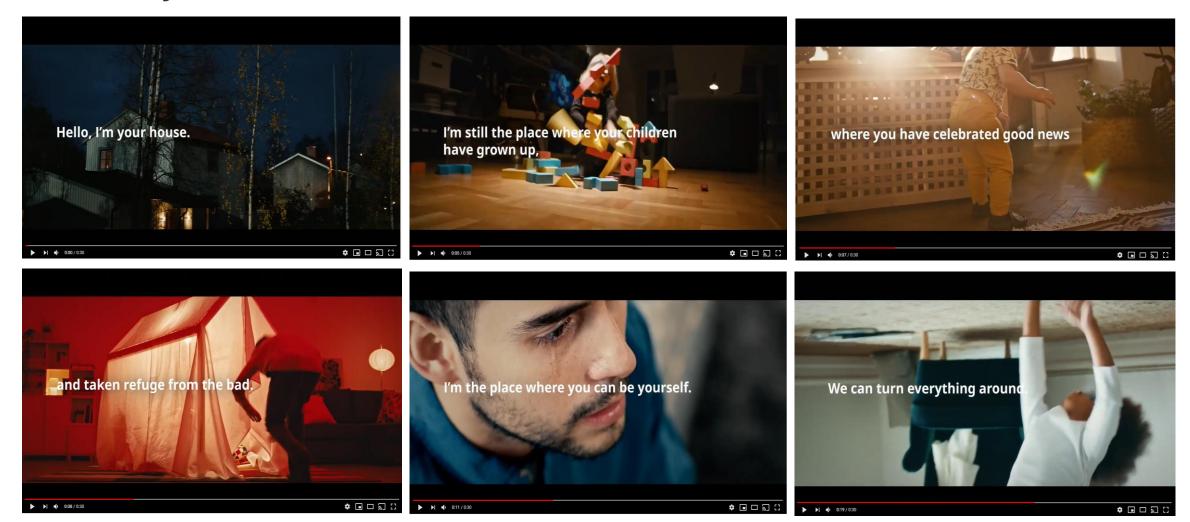


Those that got it Wrong!





Finding the Good Ikea – I Stay Home



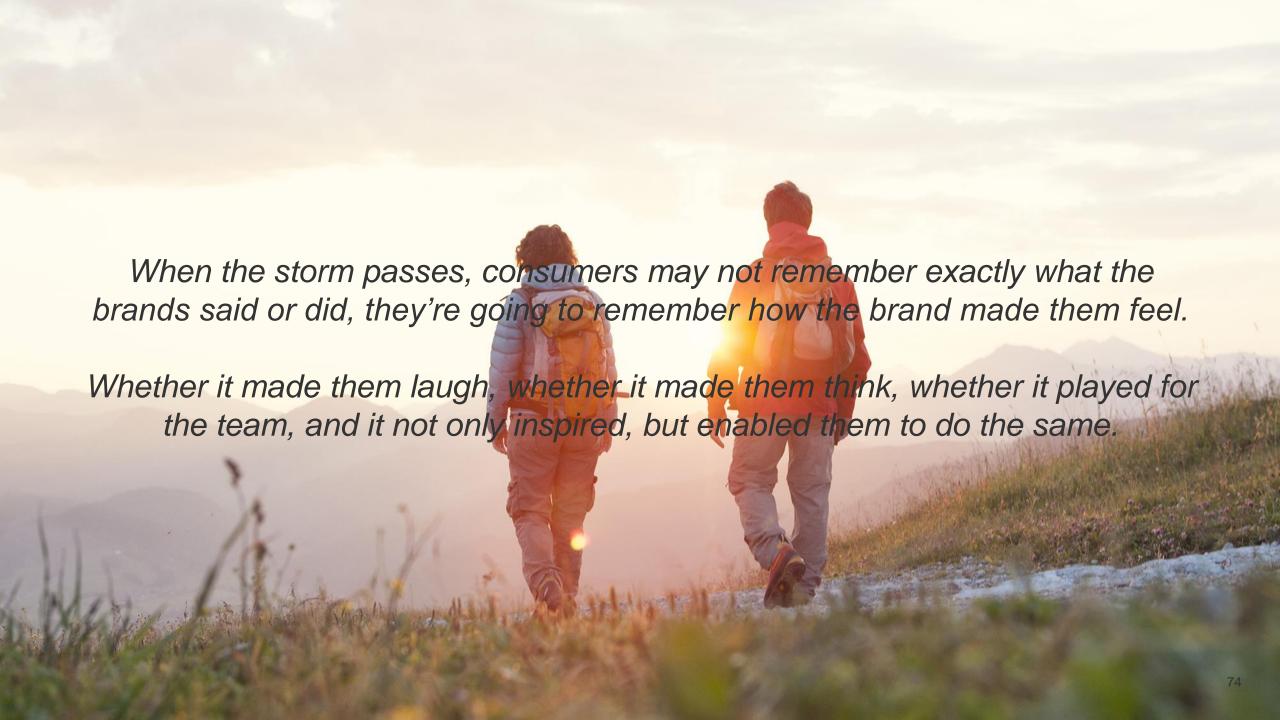
Sharing the burden What you DO matters as much as what you SAY



These are difficult times, but also unique opportunity to do much more, be much more – some strategies for brands

- 1. Wartime spirit Pride, Courage, Romantic ideals to elevate the spirit
- Recalibration and Repurposing Giving perspectives on what's really important.
- 3. Going up to the Front So many owe so much to so few. Generating collective feelings of responsibility
- 4. Doctrines of mindfulness Refreshing real meaning, living fully in the moment, a collective moment of truth
- 5. Saying Thank you and everything else that matters
- 6. A silent hug Stirring people back to what makes us human, relatable human moments
- 7. Humor a way to cope. Gallows humour or just plain silly fun
- 8. Pitching in heartily Knights on scooters
- 9. Needing our neighbors more than ever





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Media in the time of Covid-19

Pablo Gomez

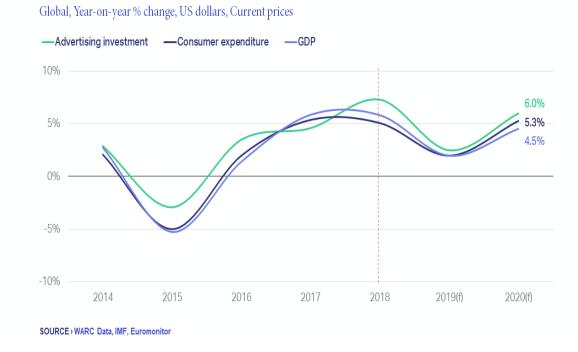
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What can we expect of the media investment in 2020?

Before the outbreak, GDP growth was expected to be close to a 3% and Group M anticipated a growth in media of +3.9%.

Because of an expected slowdown on consumer expenditure, potential problems on products supply and an impact on GDPs, we expect a significant negative impact in media investment.



Forecast data from WARC was before Coronavirus outbreak



Shall I continue or stop my media investment?

Just 8% of consumers think that brands should stop advertising

—Using analytics and time-series data to simulate three different spend scenarios (stay the same; decrease by 50%; go dark) for a real beer brand, we can see that if it were to go totally dark it could lose about 13% of existing volume sales – market share that would be very hard to recover in the future.

The solution?

- Minimize the time you go dark, not more than 6 months
- —Or just decrease investment, not lower than 50% to minimize impact.



Which touchpoints should I focus on?

Go for Digital... but don't forget TV

52% of consumers in 6 Asian countries declare to be cutting down on leisure outdoor activities and are spending more time at home.

This has a clear impact on media consumed:

- -Less OOH, experiential events, or transport.
- -More Digital and TV

What consumers are doing more:



Short video APP 44%



Video website APP 42%



News platforms 37%



Social media 34%



TV advertisement 33%



Online music 26%

Which touchpoints should I focus on?

The come back of TV

Data from Kantar Media Spain -a country currently in lockdown- shows how TV consumption has increased exponentially this last weeks.

News have been the main driver, as people have the need to be continually informed of the evolution of the situation.

But Kantar Media Spain also think that people will suffer of "news saturation" and will start moving to other types of entertainment beyond: like **Netflix**, **Amazon Prime or HBO**.



Which touchpoints should I focus on?

Don't miss e-Commerce

SARs has been considered the "genesis" of the ecommerce in china, when Chinese people Unwilling to go out for anything but the essentials, began shopping online.

This time we see the same pattern across the rest of the Asian countries. Where **32% of respondents** declared that they have increased their online shopping activities.

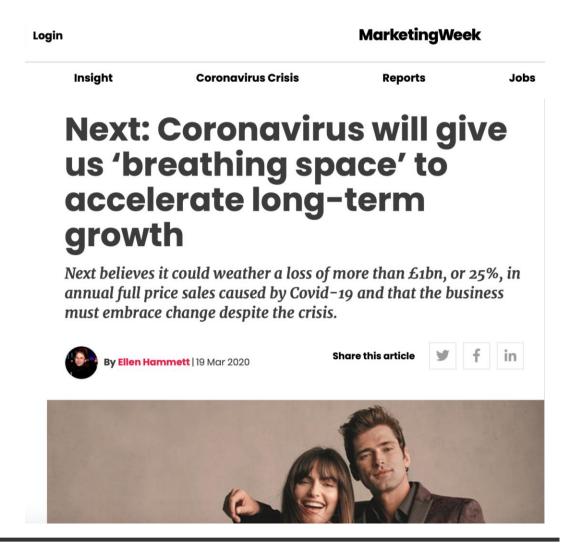


Inspiration – How Next is embracing digital transformation

Next will not slow down its investment in marketing and online systems during the coronavirus pandemic, instead seeing an opportunity amid the global crisis to accelerate its long-term business plan.

"Anything we can do during this period, where actually volumes and all the systems problems associated with high volumes online will disappear, gives us a bit of breathing space to accelerate some of the developments we were planning on doing."

Simon Wolfson – Next CFO



How I can get most of my media investment?

Focus and Optimization

How to get the most of my media investment?

- —TV and Digital create the highest level of synergies. A campaign combining the right channels will generate additional ROI.
- —Customize the creatives to the digital platforms will increase the ROI a 67%. Don't use the same TVC in the digital platforms.

Ways to Optimize Media Investment:

Right Channel Combination:

Gives an additional 24% of impact

Customizing content to digital:

Gives an additional 67% of impact



How can I get most of the media investment?

Use Online to be "Always On" with your consumers

Digital is more effective and efficient when is always on.

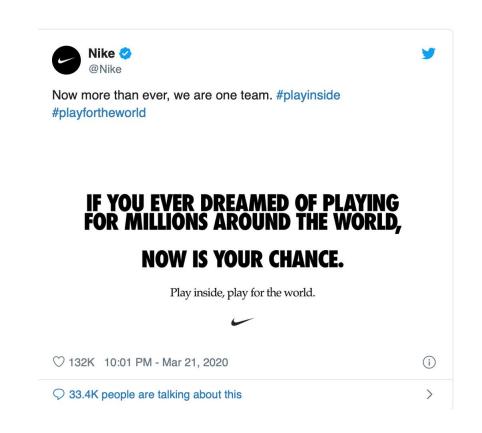
Make sure there is sufficient frequency per week to make an impact. A weekly frequency of 1+ will be more effective.

Campaign length	Create AWARENESS	Build ASSOCIATIONS	Drive MOTIVATION
7 weeks or less (base n=20 campaigns)	7%	8%	5%
8 weeks or more (base n=14 campaigns)	11%	11%	14%
Additional impact with higher campaign length	+4%	+3%	+9%
Weekly exposure	Create AWARENESS	Build ASSOCIATIONS	Drive MOTIVATION
Less than ~1 per week (base n=23 campaigns)	8%	10%	6%
More than ~1 per week (base n=11 campaigns)	10%	13%	10%
Additional impact with higher weekly exposure	+2%	+3%	+4%



Inspiration, How Nike continues to be in touch with consumers

"We know in times like these that strong brands get even stronger. And I truly believe that no one is better equipped than Nike to navigate the current climate." John Donahoe - Nike CEO



In summary



BE READY FOR BUDGET CUTS

We expect a decrease on advertising and media investment. This is the best time to look for efficiencies.



UP-SCALE YOUR ECOMMERCE CAPABILITIES

Ecommerce boomed in china during SARS, this will probably happen in other countries now.



AVOID OR MINIMIZE BLACKOUT

Don't be off for more than 6 months or continue with at least 50% of investment.



OPTIMIZE YOUR INVESTMENT

finding the right combination of channels and customizing the content



FOCUS ON DIGITAL and TV

Also explore new platforms like News or Music Streaming services.



BE ALWAYS ON

In the digital channels, ensuring a sufficient investment per week, is an effective way of be in touch with your consumers.



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