



IMI NEXTWAVE™ CONTENT SERIES

# Shifting Purchasing Behaviors Through Economic Realities

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## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

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The driving force behind IMI's focus on innovation, Don is constantly in search of more efficient and effective ways to garner relevant, compelling, better insight for partners... driven by the purpose of **INSIGHT.DRIVING.PROFIT.**

A dynamic, sometimes provocative, always engaging speaker, Don has appeared on stages the world over and become known for his "straight-shooter" approach. With no lack of passion, he delivers undeniable value by being laser focused on the audience, working to enlighten, expand and empower better, fact-based business decisions.

# IMI International Overview

SINCE 1971 OUR CORE PURPOSE

## INSIGHT DRIVING PROFIT

150+  
CLIENT PARTNERS

FROM 45+  
COUNTRIES



**FOCUSED  
INTEL**

- GEOGRAPY
- DEMOGRAPHIC
- PASSIONS
- CATEGORY

MONTHLY INSIGHT **X18** COUNTRIES  
OFFICES ON FOUR CONTINENTS



**RELEVANT  
CONTEXT**

**50,000+**  
CASE STUDIES



PERFORMANCE VS.  
IN-MARKET  
BENCHMARKS

**FACT-BASED GUIDANCE** FOR EVERY STEP OF THE WAY



**DISCOVER**  
UNCOVER  
GENUINE  
OPPORTUNITY



**CONFIRM**  
FACT BASED RELATIVE TO IN  
MARKET ACTION STANDARD  
/ BENCHMARKS\*



**OPTIMIZE**  
MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY  
DOLLAR WITH CONTINUOUS  
ROI OPTIMIZATION

Uncover opportunity.  
Set your strategy.  
Intercept and engage.

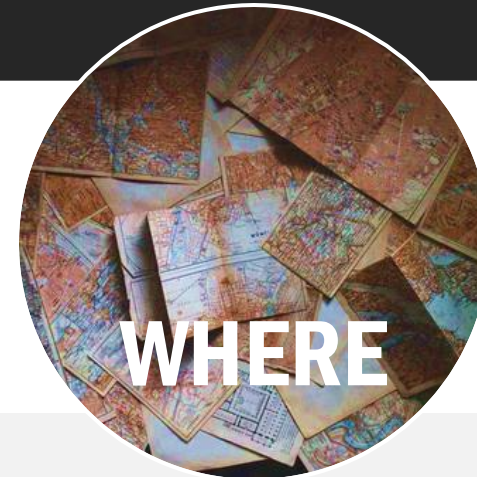
**Drive your ROI.**

Report sources include:

**IMI 24™**

**GENPULSE** 

**GLOBALPULSE**   
**CATEGORYPULSE** 



# IMI NextWave™ - Looking forward into 2023

IMI NextWave™ continuously dives into salient topics on marketers minds today. **Fact based insight to drive your profit.**

## Shifting Purchase Behaviors: TODAY

The Power of Brand: Acceleration through Inflation - March

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# IMPACTING AND WINNING WITH CUSTOMERS IN 2023 AND BEYOND

## ON THE MINDS OF CONSUMERS

Key concerns and trends across North America.



## LEADING BRANDS – Unaided

1. Best Value
2. More Interested in Now
3. Future Success
4. Fav Online Store



## WHY / HOW PEOPLE BUY – DRIVERS OF PURCHASE

1. Over the Past 13 years
2. Today
3. Looking Forward



## CASE STUDIES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

Learn from what's out there so you don't have to start from scratch

GLOBALPULSE





Update

# ON CONSUMERS MINDS

ON CONSUMERS' MINDS

# Financial Situation and Global Issues



# Unaided Words to Describe your Family's Financial Situation Today

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**OPEN ENDED RESPONSES –  
OVER 1,000 TERMS USED**



USA



CANADA

	Good/Great/Improving	<b>38%</b>	<b>36%</b>
	Stable/Decent/Okay	<b>43%</b>	<b>38%</b>
	Terrible/Struggle/Scared/Poor	<b>20%</b>	<b>26%</b>

# PEOPLE'S CONCERNS

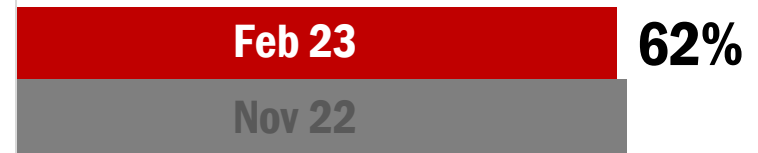




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# Severe Concern\* for Global Issues today

**Future impact of Inflation**



**Afford to Live Day to Day**



**Climate Change**



**Global Warming**



**Catching Covid-19**

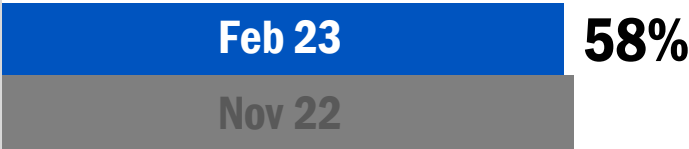


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THESE ARE  
NORTH AMERICAN  
CONCERNS.

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# Concern today among North Americans

Feb 2023 : N=800 per country



USA

	MOST CONCERNED IN MY LIFETIME	CONCERNED
Covid	<b>9%</b> (-5%)	44%
Climate Change	<b>15%</b> (+2%)	60%
Global Warming	<b>14%</b> (-3%)	59%
Financial Health	<b>24%</b> (-3%)	74%
Physical Health	<b>18%</b> (-5%)	60%
Mental Health	<b>17%</b> (-3%)	69%



CANADA

	MOST CONCERNED IN MY LIFETIME	CONCERNED
Covid	<b>7%</b> (+1%)	47%
Climate Change	<b>15%</b> (NC)	62%
Global Warming	<b>13%</b> (NC)	62%
Financial Health	<b>23%</b> (+1%)	75%
Physical Health	<b>17%</b> (+1%)	66%
Mental Health	<b>13%</b> (NC)	66%

# Concern today among North Americans

Feb 2023 : N=800 per country



USA

**MOST CONCERNED IN MY LIFETIME**      **CONCERNED**

Impact of inflation on current prices	<b>31%</b> (+2%)	81%
Future impact of inflation on prices next 12 months	<b>27%</b> (NC)	84%



CANADA

**MOST CONCERNED IN MY LIFETIME**      **CONCERNED**

Impact of inflation on current prices	<b>30%</b> (+1%)	88%
Future impact of inflation on prices next 12 months	<b>32%</b> (+4%)	90%



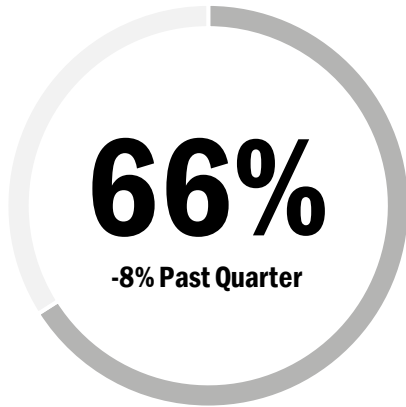
**Not as different as we may think.  
Concern levels across North  
America are very similar.**

# TODAY'S CONCERN TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO LIVE DAY TO DAY

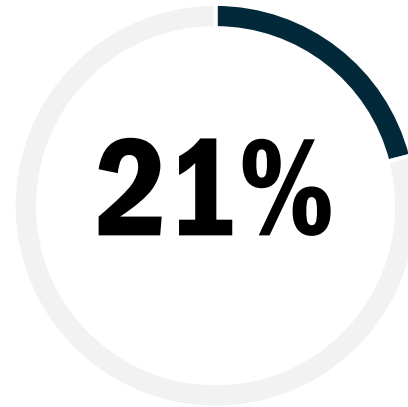
GenPulse™ Feb 2023 N=800 Canada N=800 USA: Concern



USA



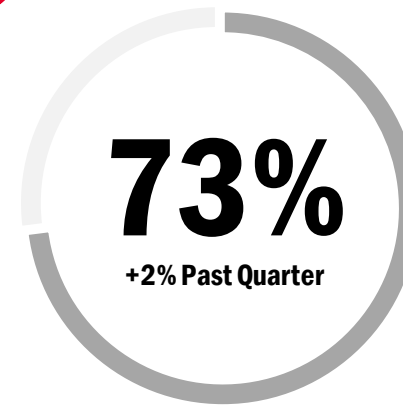
% Concerned - ANY  
Feb 2023



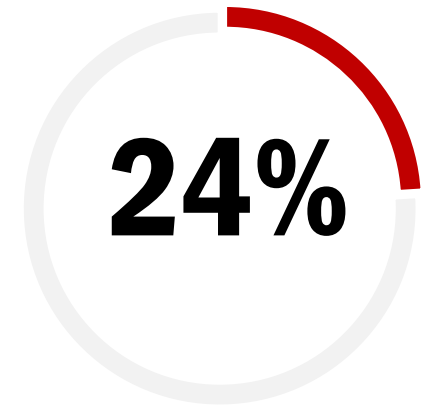
% Concerned  
MOST EVER IN LIFE



CANADA



% Concerned - ANY  
Feb 2023



% Concerned  
MOST EVER IN LIFE



**3 in 4**

are NOT CURRENTLY paralyzed  
by their financial reality



# Overall financial concern has **NOT ACCELERATED** over the past six months.

(Sept 22 to Feb 23)



# Intention to 'Carefully Budget and buy only what they need' More often in the Future

**GEN-Z**  
(13-24)



**28%**

**MILLENNIALS**  
(25-39)



**45%**

**GEN-X**  
(40-55)



**42%**

**BOOMERS**  
(55+)



**43%**

25+ are much more likely to be choiceful than the younger generation

GenPulse™ Feb 2023 N=800 : Concern

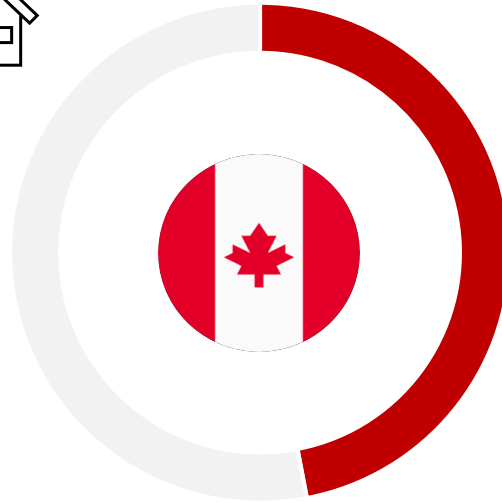
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AT HOME



**+43%**

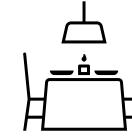
+8% Past Quarter



**+47%**

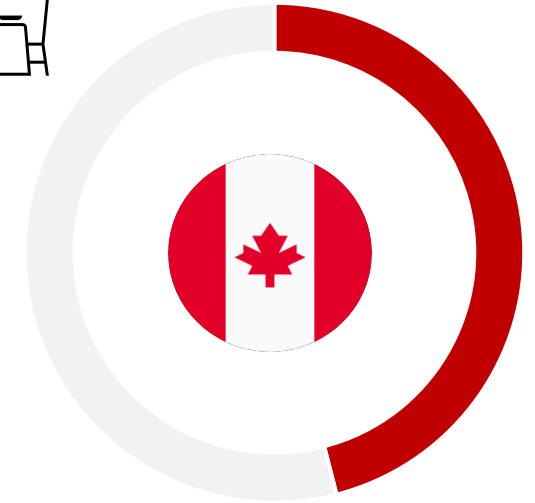
+8% Past Quarter

OUT AT A RESTAURANT



**-27%**

-5% Past Quarter



**-46%**

+/-0% Past Quarter

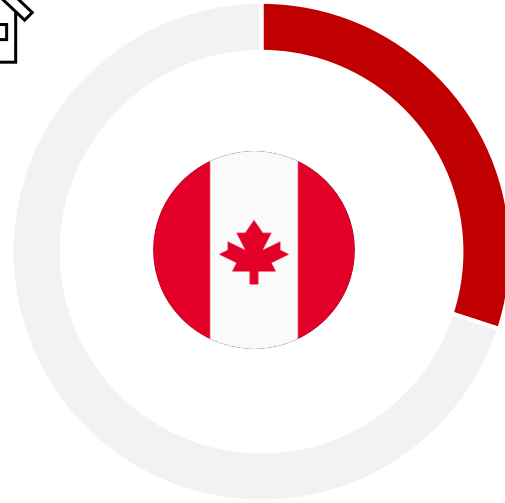
# IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, INTENTION TO DRINK MORE COFFEE...

## AT HOME



**+24%**

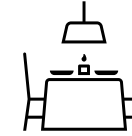
+6% Past Quarter



**+30%**

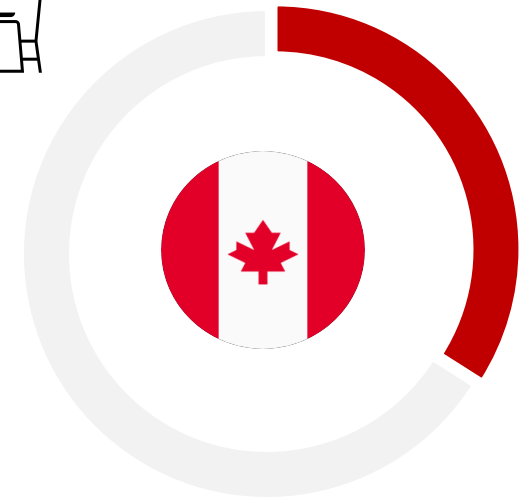
+4% Past Quarter

## OUT AT A RESTAURANT



**-13%**

-2% Past Quarter



**-34%**

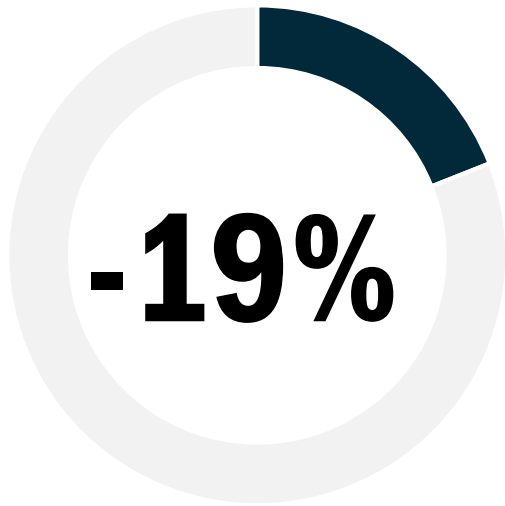
-1% Past Quarter



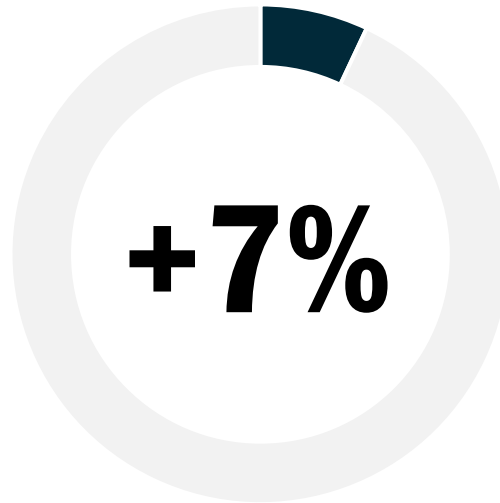
# IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, INTENTION TO DO MORE OF

## PLAN A VACATION - USA

HHI <\$50,000

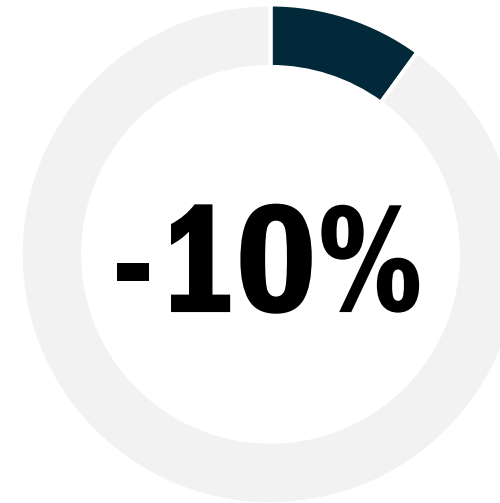


HHI >\$100,000

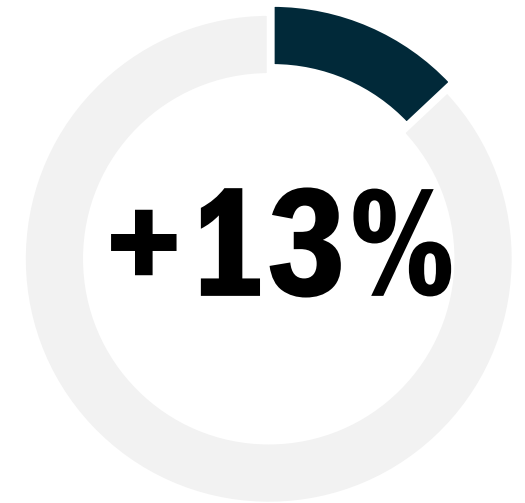


## TRAVEL OUTSIDE YOUR COUNTRY - USA

HHI <\$50,000



HHI >\$100,000



The higher income group has the ability to do more (not surprising), but they are planning on vacationing, predominantly outside of the US

**Moving forward, more people will be selective and looking for:**

**A** **The need to buy the category; and then make decisions based upon**

**B** **Your brand's strength and perceived value within that category**



# Most Concerned EVER in my life to be able to afford to live Day to Day

**GEN-Z**  
(13-24)



**21%**

**MILLENNIALS**  
(25-39)



**23%**

**GEN-X**  
(40-55)



**31%**

**BOOMERS**  
(55+)



**13%**

← **Gen X are the most concerned; Boomers are the most stable. Perhaps an untapped market with the ability to spend.** →

GenPulse™ Feb 2023 N=800 : Concern



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GenPulse™ Feb 2023 N=800 : Concern

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(13-24)



**23%**

**MILLENNIALS**  
(25-39)



**24%**

**GEN-X**  
(40-55)



**26%**

**BOOMERS**  
(55+)



**23%**

Canada tells a slightly different story where all generations are in the same boat. Good to be cognizant of the 25% that are in a tough place, we also need to understand that 75% are NOT feeling the same way.



# 1 in 4

are paralyzed by their financial reality

Remember  
3 in 4 are not...

# Most Concerned EVER in my life to be able to afford to live Day to Day



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# Most Concerned EVER in my life to be able to afford to live Day to Day

MALE



18%

FEMALE



26%

MALE



17%

FEMALE



29%

GenPulse™ Feb 2023 N=800 : Concern

Females are the most concerned – pay inequality and lost jobs or more cognizent of financial health?

## DRIVERS OF PURCHASE

# Price Only – Size Of The Prize



# Size Of The Prize

February 2023

Completed across the USA and Canada  
N=1,600 respondents

Deep dive across  
**14 categories**  
including: Beer, Cheese,  
chocolate bars, Detergent,  
Pizza, Coffee, Soft Drinks



# Reality of Lowest Price

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Purchase Lowest Price Every time



18%

(-1% since Nov 22)



17%

(-1% since Nov 22)

In Any Category

Highest % - Always Lowest Price  
Lowest % - Always Lowest Price

14%

(No change since Nov 22)

23%

Highest % - Always Lowest Price  
Lowest % - Always Lowest Price

11%

(+1% since Nov 22)

28%

# < 1 in 5

are LOWEST PRICE  
ALWAYS shoppers

LOW NOT LOWEST



# >2 in 5

Buy less than 50% of a category  
based on **LOWEST PRICE**

This has not changed in a DECADE.  
This reality is NOT ACCELERATING

On average 80% of decisions  
are made outside of LOWEST price.

The opportunity

Only 20% (1 in 5) are made  
based on LOWEST price.

(average of 14 categories)

## DRIVERS OF PURCHASE

# Price, Switching & Private Label





**INTEND TO DO MORE OF**

# BUY MORE PRIVATE LABEL PRODUCTS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

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**GEN-Z**  
(13-24)

**MILLENNIALS**  
(25-39)

**GEN-X**  
(40-55)

**BOOMERS**  
(55+)



**11%**

**25%**

**27%**

**30%**



Note that brand badge is core to this Gen Z. Remember they are also NOT going to be as careful with their finances as 25+.

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**INTEND TO DO MORE OF**

# SWITCH BRANDS THEY NORMALLY PURCHASE TO PRIVATE LABEL BRANDS

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**GEN-Z**  
(13-24)

**MILLENNIALS**  
(25-39)

**GEN-X**  
(40-55)

**BOOMERS**  
(55+)



**19%**

**22%**

**27%**

**33%**

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**INTEND TO DO MORE OF**

# TAKE EXTRA TIME TO SHOP FOR THE BEST VALUE IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

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(13-24)**

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**BOOMERS  
(55+)**



**32%**

**34%**

**35%**

**39%**

**Best value DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN PRIVATE LABEL.**



**INTEND TO DO MORE OF**

# PURCHASE THE LOWEST PRICE EVERY TIME IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

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(13-24)**

**MILLENNIALS  
(25-39)**

**GEN-X  
(40-55)**

**BOOMERS  
(55+)**



**32%**

**33%**

**31%**

**35%**

**Lowest DOESN'T ALWAYS WIN – it's perceived VALUE that counts.**



**INTEND TO DO MORE OF**

# SWITCH BRANDS THEY NORMALLY PURCHASE TO THE CHEAPEST PRICED

Asked Feb 2023 GenPulse™ Feb 2023 N=800

**GEN-Z**  
(13-24)



**23%**

**MILLENNIALS**  
(25-39)



**36%**

**GEN-X**  
(40-55)



**34%**

**BOOMERS**  
(55+)



**31%**

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# 1 in 3

The Power of your Brand and the effectiveness of your marketing – beyond price – are critically important throughout 2023 and beyond

Intend to buy the **LOW PRICE / VALUE** ‘more’ but **2 in 3 plan to continue purchasing as they have in the past.**

In the USA, Boomers are  
**LEAST CONCERNED** about finances  
today, with the greatest intention to  
focus on taking time to get the greatest  
value and are willing to ‘trade-off’  
within categories.





# BRANDS THAT LEAD TODAY



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# 1. Offer The BEST Value

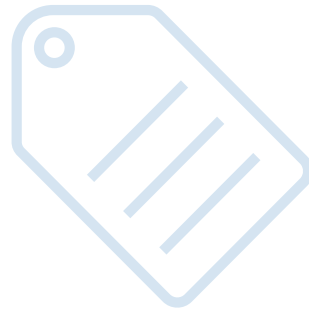


# Unaided Brands, Products, Services That Offer The Best Value

Dec 2022: IMI GenPulse™ : N=5,000 per country

## TOP 10

OPEN ENDED RESPONSES –  
OVER 1,000 BRANDS  
MENTIONED



USA

- Amazon
- Apple
- Walmart
- Nike
- Great Value
- Netflix
- Target
- Samsung
- Spotify
- Dove



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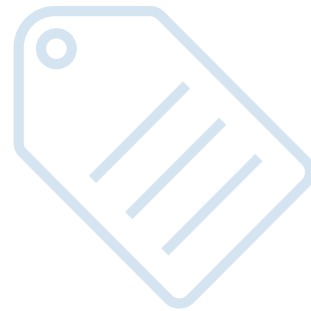
- Apple
- Amazon
- Walmart
- Costco
- Nike
- Netflix
- Samsung
- No Name
- Kirkland
- Presidents Choice

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OPEN ENDED RESPONSES –  
OVER 1,000 BRANDS  
MENTIONED



USA

Aldi	11
Costco	12
Google	13
Adidas	14
AT&T	15
Kroger	16
Hulu	17
Kirkland	18
T Mobile	19
Shein	20



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Spotify
YouTube
Adidas
Google
Sony
Canadian Tire
Great Value
Lululemon
H&M
Toyota

**BRANDS THAT LEAD TODAY**

# **2. Brands More Interested in today than 12 months ago**

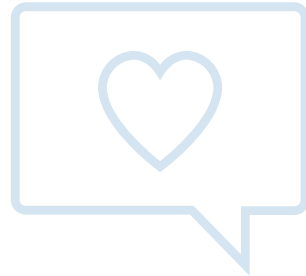


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- Sony



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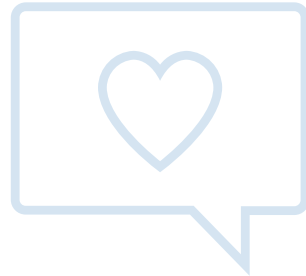
- Apple
- Amazon
- Nike
- Samsung
- Tesla
- Adidas
- Google
- Netflix
- Lululemon
- Sony

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Tesla	11
Microsoft	12
Shein	13
YouTube	14
Disney	15
Puma	16
Gucci	17
Under Armour	18
Ebay	19
Costco	20



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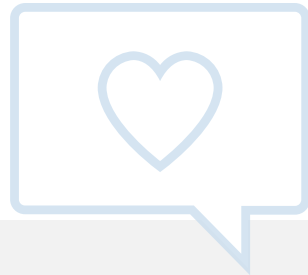
Sephora
Costco
Walmart
Toyota
Microsoft
Under Armour
Shein
Zara
LG
Kirkland

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## HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Fashion
- Auto
- Cellular
- Social
- Personal Care
- QSR
- Banking



USA

Gucci	R17
Ford	R22
Jordan	R24
Verizon	R25
TikTok	R29
Facebook	R31
Twitter	R37
Dove	R46
McD	R70
Instagram	R79
Yeezy	R111



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Gucci	R22
Disney	R23
Hyundai	R27
Tim Hortons	R31
YouTube	R34
Air Canada	R35
Aritzia	R36
CTC	R39
McD	R40
TikTok	R51
RBC	R84

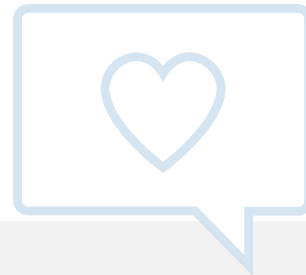


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## VALUE BRANDS

- Value
- Private Label
- Price Discount



USA

Amazon	R1
Walmart	R4
Target	R7
Shein	R13
eBay	R19
Costco	R20
Aldi	R44
Great Value	R60
Kirkland	R81

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Amazon	R2
Costco	R13
Walmart	R14
Shein	R18
Kirkland	R24
No Name	R26
Joe Fresh	R49
Great Value	R55
eBay	R59
Winners	R77

**BRANDS THAT LEAD TODAY**

# **3. Huge Success next 5 Years**



# Unaided Brands products, services that people believe will be hugely successful in the next 5 years

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MENTIONED



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Apple	2
Nike	3
Tesla	4
Meta/Facebook	5
Samsung	6
Walmart	7
Netflix	8
Spotify	9
Google	10



CANADA

Apple
Amazon
Tesla
Nike
Samsung
Google
Netflix
Twitter
Spotify
TikTok

**BRANDS THAT LEAD TODAY**

# 4. Favorite Place to Shop Online



# Unaided Favorite Place to Shop Online

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## TOP 10

OPEN ENDED RESPONSES –  
OVER 500 BRANDS  
MENTIONED



USA

- |          |    |
|----------|----|
| Amazon   | 1  |
| Walmart  | 2  |
| eBay     | 3  |
| Target   | 4  |
| Shein    | 5  |
| Etsy     | 6  |
| Nike     | 7  |
| Best Buy | 8  |
| Macy's   | 9  |
| Kohls    | 10 |



CANADA

- |             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Amazon      | 1  |
| Walmart     | 2  |
| eBay        | 3  |
| Costco      | 4  |
| Shein       | 5  |
| Best Buy    | 6  |
| Ali Express | 7  |
| Sephora     | 8  |
| Indigo      | 9  |
| Sephora     | 10 |

# Unaided Favorite Place to Shop Online

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Apple	13
Google	14
Nordstrom	15
Fashion Nova	16
Chewy	17
Ulta	18
Wayfair	19
Hot Topic	20



CANADA

Canadian Tire
Apple
Old Navy
Wish
Etsy
Nike
Kijiji
Lululemon
The Bay
Wayfair

A shopping cart with a sign that says "SALE" is positioned to the left of a large white paper shopping bag. The background is a light blue gradient.

# DRIVERS OF PURCHASE in Feb 2023

Across 110  
Marketing/Brand  
Activation Tactics

# DRIVERS OF PURCHASE

# Changes Over a Decade

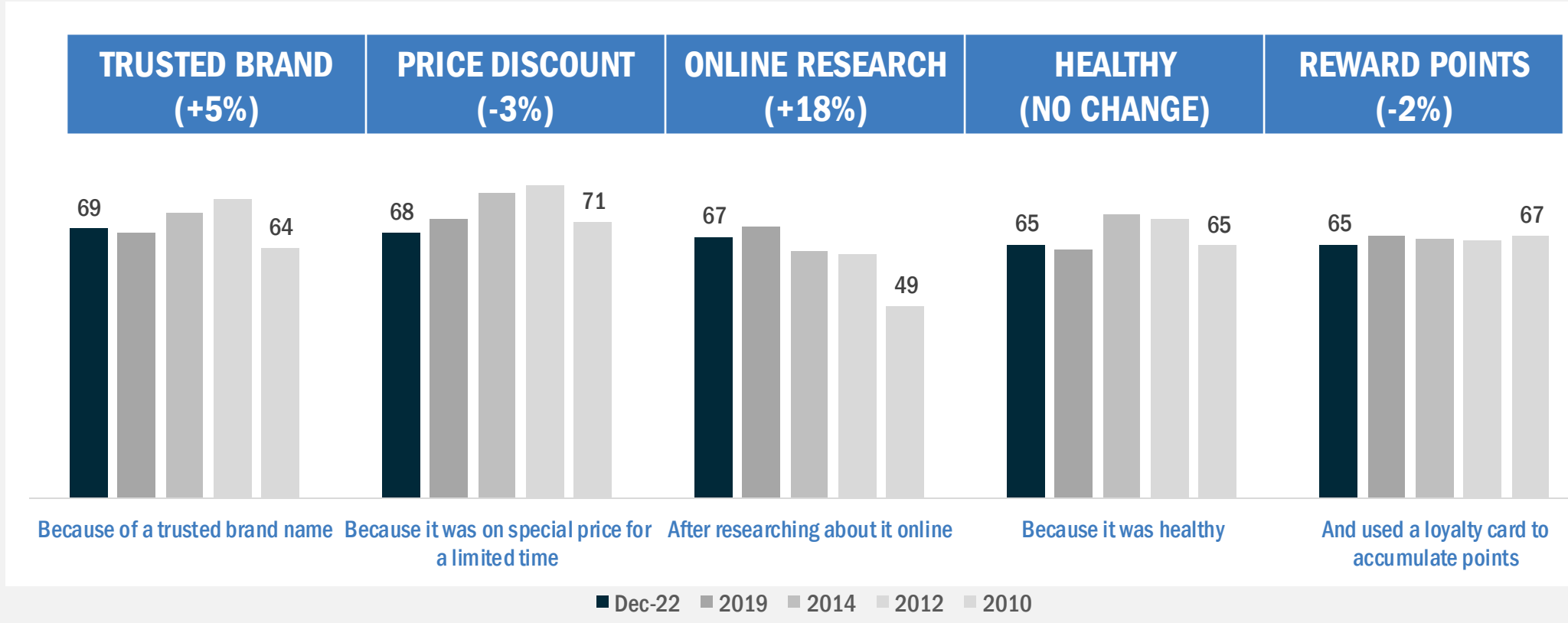




THE LAST 12 YEARS!

# Purchasing a brand, product or service. Purchase drivers 1-5.

NOT a significant amount of change from a high level in 12 years, EXCEPT for the acceleration of online (not surprising).





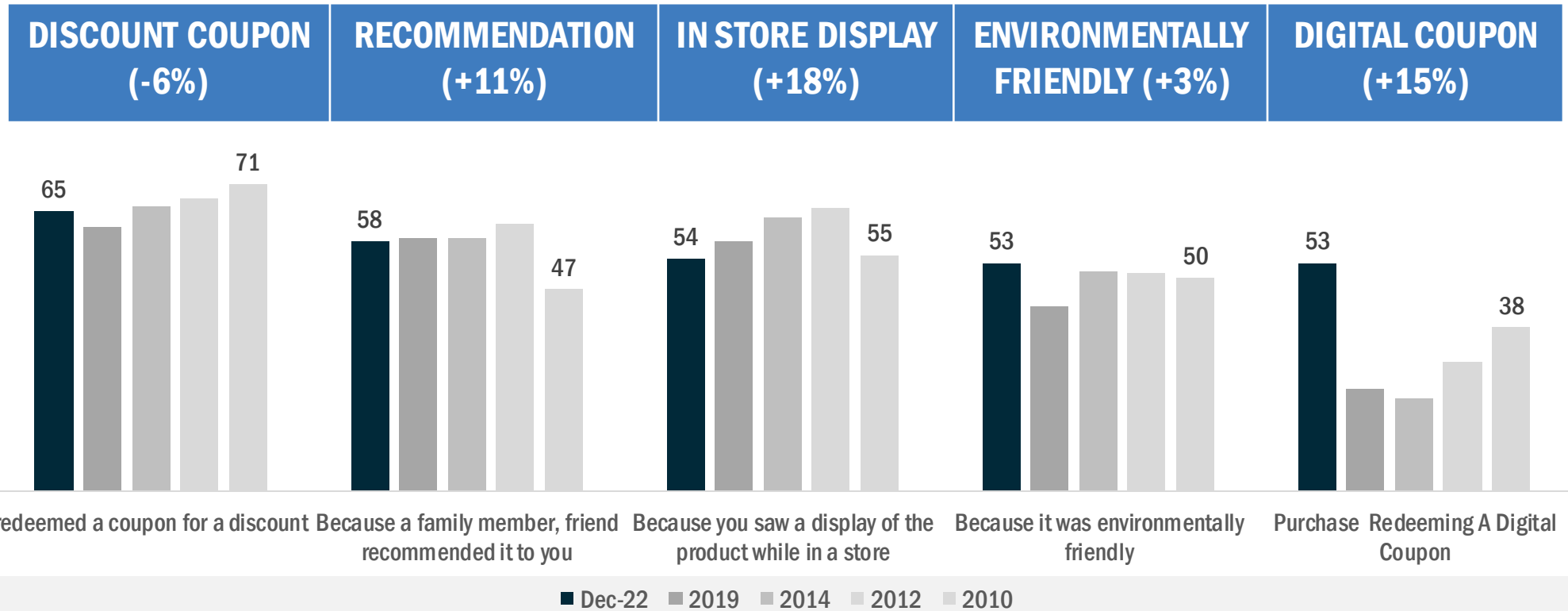
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# Purchasing a brand, product or service. Purchase drivers 6-10

Never discount the trust and power of a word of mouth and the trust that comes with it

The growth of digital continues but so does the importance of an in-store display.

**BOTH IN STORE AND ONLINE HAVE THEIR PLACE IN THE PURCHASE CYCLE**



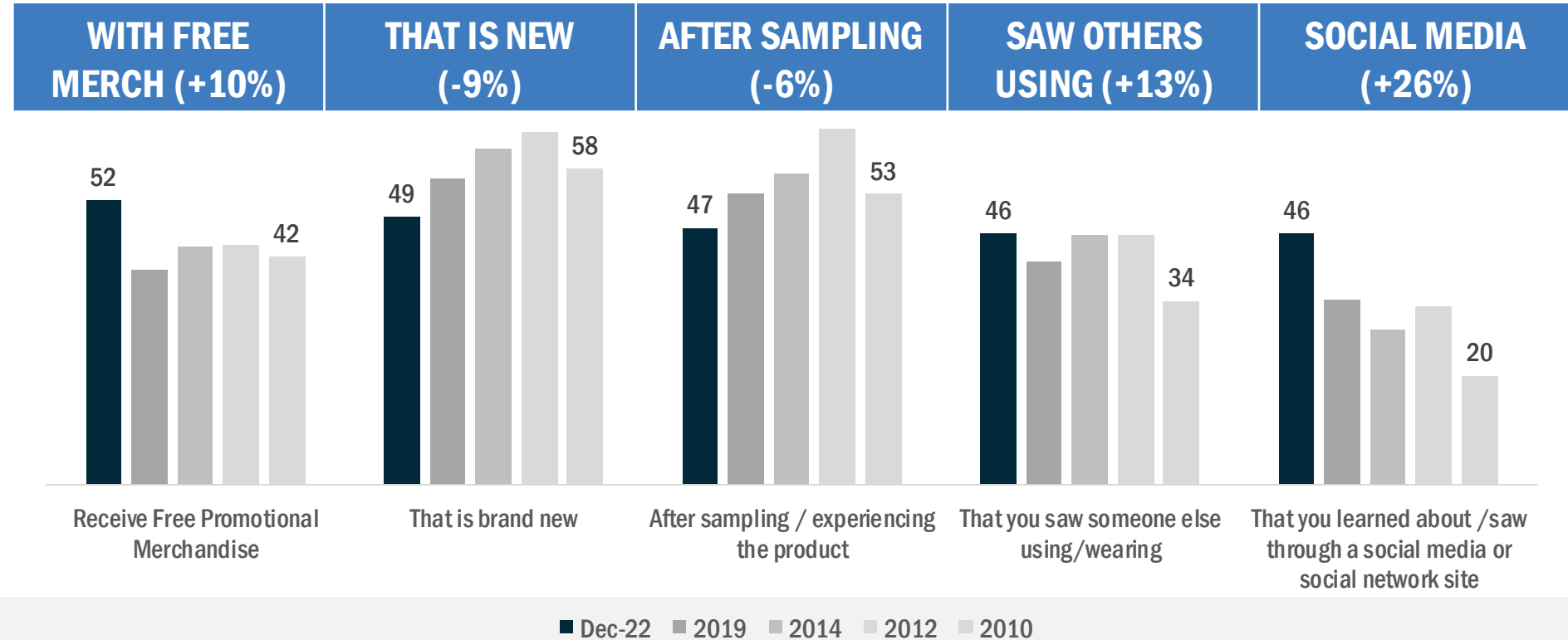


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# Purchasing a brand, product or service. Purchase drivers 11-15

There's power in the influence of others, not necessarily celebrities or "influencers".

PEOPLE STILL LOVE FREE STUFF...even more so than in 2010.



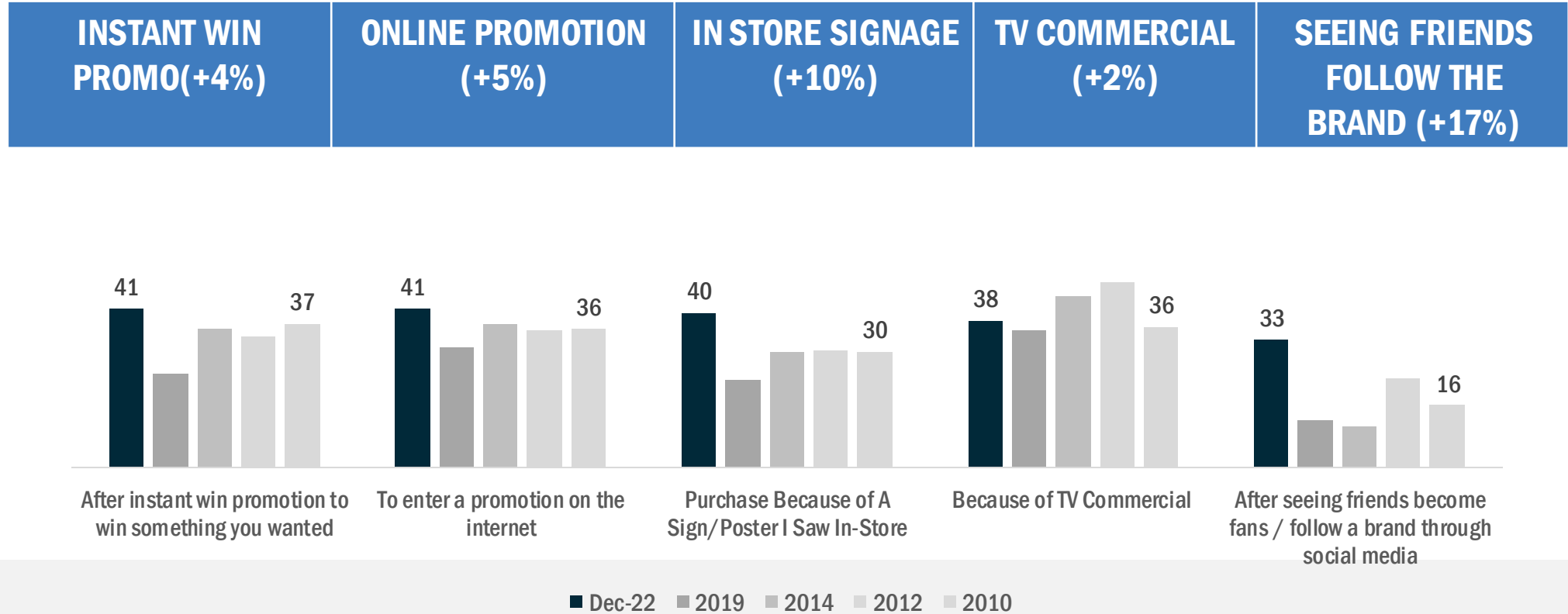


THE LAST 12 YEARS!

# Purchasing a brand, product or service. Purchase drivers 16-20

**PROMOTIONAL INFLUENCE REMAINS STRONG.**

**The theme of in store and influence of friends continues throughout the top 20 purchase drivers.**



# HOW PEOPLE SHOP

Past 12 months





# Impact of Research Online about a Product/Service – Pre-Shop

IMI GenPulse™ : N=5,000 surveys per Country : Dec 2022

**PRE-SHOP RESEARCH IS KEY, especially with Gen X.**

**Consider your ratings, the information and content that represents your brand online to capitalize on this moment.**

	USA	GEN Z	MILLENNIALS	GEN X	BOOMERS
Passion Points – 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	13 to 65 Years of Age	13-24 Years of age	25-39 Years of Age	40-55 Years of Age	55 to 65 Years of Age
	N= 4,931	941	1,471	1,560	959
	%	%	%	%	%
Purchase After Researching <u>Online</u>	<b>67 (+3)</b>	60 (+3)	64 (-5)	<b>74 (+10)</b>	67 (+3)
Purchase After Researching Through <u>Social Media</u>	<b>49 (+8)</b>	51 (+3)	<b>59 (+9)</b>	<b>52 (+13)</b>	<b>30 (+3)</b>

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# The Pandemic Accelerated the Online Experience to Stay

IMI GenPulse™ : N=5,000 surveys per Country : Dec 2022

## ONLINE IS HERE TO STAY.

If you're not online, why not?  
You're missing out on opportunity.

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N=	4,931	941	1,471	1,560	959
Purchase after browsing...	%	%	%	%	%
Online On Amazon	<b>73 (+3)</b>	<b>68 (+9)</b>	<b>71 (+1)</b>	<b>82 (+12)</b>	<b>68 (-11)</b>
Online On Walmart	<b>58 (+7)</b>	<b>52 (+1)</b>	<b>67 (+9)</b>	<b>53 (+3)</b>	<b>60 (+16)</b>
Online On Costco	<b>36 (+7)</b>	<b>40 (+14)</b>	<b>54 (+17)</b>	<b>23 (-6)</b>	<b>20 (-3)</b>

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# PRICE VS. TIME

Past 12 months





# Purchase Drivers: Price vs Time

IMI GenPulse™ : N=5,000 surveys per Country : Dec 2022

**Price and convenience are important – but people taking their time to look around TRULY DEMONSTRATES VALUE AS A KEY DRIVER**

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Passion Points – 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	13 to 65 Years of Age	13-24 Years of age	25-39 Years of Age	40-55 Years of Age	55 to 65 Years of Age
N=	4,931	941	1,471	1,560	959
	%	%	%	%	%
Take Time To Look For The Best Price	<b>83 (+4)</b>	76 (+5)	83 (+8)	86 (+6)	87 (-2)
Pay A Little Extra To Save Time Shopping	<b>56 (-1)</b>	53 (+1)	60 (+2)	56 (-3)	50 (-6)

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# WHERE THEY SHOP ONLINE

Past 12 months





# People buy when intercepted in-store with display, experiences and sampling

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Intercepting drives purchase, it drives a moment of truth.

**SAMPLING AND EXPERIENCING A PRODUCT ARE ALSO CORE DRIVERS OF TRUST.**

	USA	GEN Z	MILLENNIALS	GEN X	BOOMERS
Passion Points - 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	13 to 65 Years of Age	13-24 Years of age	25-39 Years of Age	40-55 Years of Age	55 to 65 Years of Age
	N=				
Purchase ....	%	%	%	%	%
Because of A Display I Saw In The Store Aisles	<b>59 (NC)</b>	<b>52 (+ 6)</b>	<b>65 (+ 8)</b>	<b>65 (-3)</b>	<b>52 (-11)</b>
After Experiencing A Service/Product	<b>55 (+6)</b>	<b>69 (+26)</b>	<b>51 (- 2)</b>	<b>52 (NC)</b>	<b>53 (+6)</b>
Because The Product Was New	<b>55 (+7)</b>	<b>60 (+13)</b>	<b>60 (+13)</b>	<b>51 (-1)</b>	<b>50 (+9)</b>
Because It Was A Product I Sampled	<b>57(+2)</b>	<b>62 (+15)</b>	<b>63 (+ 2)</b>	<b>53 (-2)</b>	<b>54 (-1)</b>

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CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN BE FRONT AND CENTER OR AS A RETAILER WHO SHOULD BE FRONT AND CENTER TO CONNECT WITH CONSUMERS AND DRIVE YOUR PROFIT.



# IMPACT OF PRICE DISCOUNTS

Past 12 months



# Price does and always has driven purchasing...

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And it has been and will continue to provide a negative ROI across most brands.

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Passion Points – 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	13 to 65 Years of Age	13-24 Years of age	25-39 Years of Age	40-55 Years of Age	55 to 65 Years of Age
N=	4,931	941	1,471	1,560	959
Purchase...	%	%	%	%	%
Because It Offered Buy One Get One Free	<b>72 (+3)</b>	65 (+7)	76 (+6)	72 (+1)	72 (nc)
Because It Offered A Special Price	<b>67 (+4)</b>	61 (+1)	67 (+2)	67 (+6)	71 (+3)
Because It Offered A Digital Coupon	<b>60 (+3)</b>	61 (+18)	65 (+/8)	60 (+1)	51 (-17)

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# IMPACT OF SHIPPING

Past 12 months





# Shipping does not have to be next day, but free with purchase is critical to drive short-term purchasing and loyalty

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Passion Points – 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	13 to 65 Years of Age	13-24 Years of age	25-39 Years of Age	40-55 Years of Age	55 to 65 Years of Age
	N= 4,931	941	1,471	1,560	959
<b>Purchase products online because they offer....</b>	%	%	%	%	%
Free Shipping	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>
Next Day Delivery	<b>62</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>57</b>
Delivers in 3 Days	<b>62</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>
Live Tracking For Delivery	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>58</b>

Gen Z's expect a faster delivery but everyone likes FREE



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# LOYALTY REWARDS IMPACT

Past 12 months





# Loyalty Rewards Drives Purchasing – but it must deliver Incremental ROI

IMI GenPulse™ : N=5,000 surveys per Country : Dec 2022

**INTEREST IN LOYALTY PROGRAMS HAS GROWN ACROSS THE USA, DRIVEN BY GEN Z...our next generation of purchasers.**

**Loyalty programs drive purchase BUT they have to be mutually beneficial.**

	USA	GEN Z	MILLENNIALS	GEN X	BOOMERS
	13 to 65 Years of Age	13-24 Years of age	25-39 Years of Age	40-55 Years of Age	55 to 65 Years of Age
Passion Points – 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	N= 4,931	941	1,471	1,560	959
Purchase...	%	%	%	%	%
After Redeeming Loyalty Points	<b>64 (+2)</b>	<b>57 (+7)</b>	<b>72 (+11)</b>	<b>56 (-10)</b>	<b>71 (3)</b>
Because I Receive Loyalty Points	<b>59 (+5)</b>	<b>54 (+14)</b>	<b>65 (+7)</b>	<b>64 (+6)</b>	<b>44 (-15)</b>

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# IMPACT OF COMMUNITY/CAUSE

Past 12 months

# Cause and Charity all have a place – but LOCAL drives the greatest impact



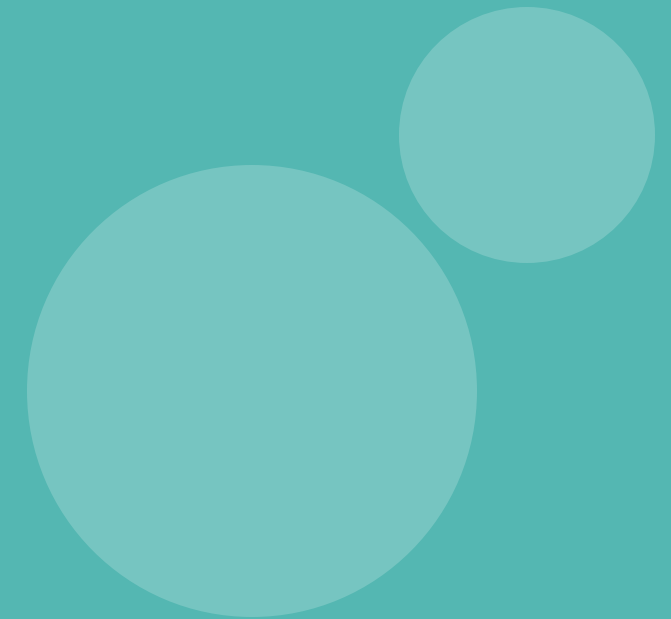
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Passion Points – 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	13 to 65 Years of Age	13-24 Years of age	25-39 Years of Age	40-55 Years of Age	55 to 65 Years of Age
	N=				
		%	%	%	%
Purchase Because The Product ...					
Is Made Locally	58 (+5)	59 (+15)	56 (+3)	52 (-5)	72 (+18)
Supports the Local Community	52 (+8)	52 (+15)	67 (+18)	47 (+1)	33 (-10)
Support Charities	49 (+5)	52 (+15)	54 (+2)	55 (+13)	28 (-15)
Support Eliminating Climate Change	32(+1)	49 (+14)	36 (nc)	32 (+2)	10 (-12)

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# IMPACT OF TRADITIONAL MASS

Past 12 months



# Traditional Media Continues to drive purchase – with strong growth for Television Commercials and Magazine across Gen Z and Millennials.



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	USA	GEN Z	MILLENNIALS	GEN X	BOOMERS
Passion Points – 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	13 to 65 Years of Age	13-24 Years of age	25-39 Years of Age	40-55 Years of Age	55 to 65 Years of Age
	N=				
Purchase Because The Product ...	%	%	%	%	%
I saw on a Television Commercial	<b>44 (+1)</b>	<b>49 (+7)</b>	<b>58 (+15)</b>	<b>49 (+5)</b>	<b>28 (-11)</b>
I saw in a Magazine	<b>41 (+9)</b>	<b>45 (+15)</b>	<b>55 (+19)</b>	<b>35 (+2)</b>	<b>25 (-6)</b>
I saw in a Newspaper	<b>32 (-1)</b>	<b>21 (-7)</b>	<b>46 (+4)</b>	<b>32 (+2)</b>	<b>21 (-10)</b>
I saw on Billboard / Transit Shelters	<b>26 (NC)</b>	<b>30 (+2)</b>	<b>27 (-10)</b>	<b>35 (+12)</b>	<b>5 (-6)</b>

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# IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Past 12 months



# Social Media does drive purchasing at an increasing rate but stay focused on ROI.



IMI GenPulse™ : N=5,000 surveys per Country : Dec 2022

	USA	GEN Z	MILLENNIALS	GEN X	BOOMERS	
	13 to 65 Years of Age	13-24 Years of age	25-39 Years of Age	40-55 Years of Age	55 to 65 Years of Age	
Passion Points – 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	N=	4,931	941	1,471	1,560	959
Purchase Because The Product ...	%	%	%	%	%	
I Saw On YouTube	<b>39 (+8)</b>	<b>44 (-6)</b>	<b>45(+7)</b>	<b>33(+6)</b>	<b>28 (+15)</b>	
I Saw On Facebook	<b>38 (+5)</b>	<b>41 (+10)</b>	<b>54 (+10)</b>	<b>27 (-6)</b>	<b>27 (+5)</b>	
I Saw On Pinterest	<b>35 (+5)</b>	<b>39 (-1)</b>	<b>53 (+15)</b>	<b>28 (+3)</b>	<b>19 (+5)</b>	
I Saw On Instagram	<b>34 (+7)</b>	<b>30 (-9)</b>	<b>53 (+15)</b>	<b>25 (+5)</b>	<b>19 (+9)</b>	
I Saw On TikTok	<b>30 (+6 )</b>	<b>55 (+18)</b>	<b>35 (-2)</b>	<b>24 (+8)</b>	<b>0 (-4)</b>	
I Saw On Snapchat	<b>25 (+4)</b>	<b>35 (nc)</b>	<b>31 (+3)</b>	<b>22 (+6)</b>	<b>5 (-2)</b>	

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While social can drive purchase, ad fraud and cost have all increased at a very high rate – ensure that your brand is receiving an ROI on purchasing.



# ACTIONS THAT DRIVE PURCHASING





# Consider the Best ROI – not the easiest, latest, coolest > take ownership of your brand and use every \$ to drive impact

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BRAND PLACEMENT	TOTAL USA	GEN-Z
	13 to 65 Years of Age	13-24 Years of age
	N= 4,931	941
Purchase Because The Product ...	%	%
I Saw In The Store Aisles on Display	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>
I Experienced for the first time	<b>55</b>	<b>69</b>
I saw on a Television Commercial	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>
I Saw On YouTube	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>
I Saw On Facebook	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>
I Saw On TikTok	<b>30</b>	<b>55</b>

DELIVERING A  
COMPELLING MESSAGE  
IS MUCH MORE  
IMPACTFUL

CONSUMER FIRST - CORE IMPORTANCE	TOTAL USA	GEN Z
	13 to 65 Years of Age	13-24 Years of age
	N= 4,931	941
Purchase Because The Product ...	%	%
Has a Trusted Brand Name	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>
Makes me feel good	<b>68</b>	<b>77</b>
Has Positive Consumer Reviews	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>
Supports the Local Community	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>



Passion points – purchased because the product (1+ times in the p 12 m)

# DRIVERS OF PURCHASE

# Making Fact Based Decisions





# Avoid making decisions based on averages

## - segment your category by INTENSITY of Purchase and/or Consumption

IMI GenPulse™ - Dec 2022 to Feb 2020

CANADA

Purchase 1+ Per Year

Purchase Daily/Weekly

CATEGORY PURCHASERS	# of Respondents	Share of Customer	Share of Customer	Share of Volume
				Daily/Weekly Purchasers
BEER PURCHASERS	28,564	75%	25%	81%
ENERGY DRINK PURCHASERS	19,519	76%	24%	80%
SOFT DRINK PURCHASERS	42,919	70%	30%	85%
COFFEE PURCHASERS	43,242	67%	33%	90%

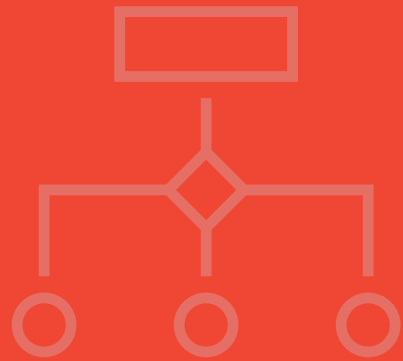
**FACT 1 :** Using category averages allow <20% of the volume to make up 75% of the decisions

**FACT 2:** Using national studies that are not category specific, allow for <10% of the volume to make decisions for your brand, product, service

GEN PULSE

# DRIVERS OF PURCHASE

# By Category & Intensity





# A dive into the Energy Drink Category...

# Know where to be to connect with the people who will drive you forward.



	CANADA		ENERGY DRINK PURCHASERS		
Passion Points - 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	13-65	DAILY/WEEKLY	1+ PER YEAR	Intend to Start	
N=	62484	14277	28967	2751	
	%	%	%	%	
Use Facebook	<b>77</b>	<b>85 (+8%)</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>72</b>	
Use Instagram	<b>57</b>	<b>76 (+19%)</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>61</b>	
Use Pinterest	<b>44</b>	<b>59 (+15%)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>44</b>	
Use Twitter	<b>40</b>	<b>59 (+19%)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>	
Use Snapchat	<b>36</b>	<b>66 (+27%)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>37</b>	
Use TikTok	<b>28</b>	<b>53 (+25%)</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>32</b>	
Buy the Newest Technology when it comes out	<b>26</b>	<b>53 (+27%)</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>35</b>	

**DAILY/WEEKLY ENERGY DRINK PURCHASERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO USE ALL KEY SOCIAL PLATFORMS VS CANADA OR EVEN OCCASSIONAL PURCHASERS.**

# There's potential in connecting through Fashion – a territory not yet capitalized on for the Energy Drink category.



**FASHION IS A KEY TOUCH POINT FOR ENERGY DRINK PURCHASERS**  
**- AN UNNATURAL ADJACENCY WITH HUGE POTENTIAL**

Passion Points – 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	CANADA	ENERGY DRINK PURCHASERS		
	13-65	DAILY/WEEKLY	1+ PER YEAR	Intend to Start
N=	62484	14277	28967	2751
	%	%	%	%
Follow Fashion Trends	<b>36</b>	<b>62 (+26%)</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>39</b>
Follow Fashion Influencers	<b>25</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>
Read Fashion Magazines	<b>28</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>33</b>
Follow Designers On Social Media	<b>24</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31</b>
Follow Fashion Bloggers	<b>22</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>27</b>
Attend a Fashion Show	<b>12</b>	<b>33 (+21%)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>

# Regular Energy Drink Purchasers look for “all the feels”



The Energy Drink category “FEEL GOOD” and “DO GOOD” drivers are accelerated.

**MAKING THEM ‘FEEL GOOD’ OR PERCEIVE THEY ARE ‘DOING GOOD’ IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT**

	CANADA ENERGY DRINK PURCHASERS			
Passion Points – 1+ Times in the P 12 Months	13-65	DAILY/WEEKLY	1+ PER YEAR	Intend to Start
N=	62484	14277	28967	2751
	%	%	%	%
Purchase Because it's a Trusted Brand Name	<b>69</b>	<b>81 (+12%)</b>	77	65
Purchase Because the Brand Makes Me Feel Good	<b>58</b>	<b>82 (+24%)</b>	71	64
Purchase Because It Supports The Local Community	<b>50</b>	<b>69 (+19%)</b>	63	54
Purchase Because a Brand Supports a Cause I Relate To	<b>43</b>	<b>71 (+28%)</b>	65	47

# They are driven by badge and association with properties they embrace



## HOW ARE YOU BUILDING A BRAND BADGE?

Integral to know if your brand category purchaser feels the same.







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		13-65	DAILY/WEEKLY	1+ PER YEAR	Intend to Start
	N=	62484	14277	28967	2751
		%	%	%	%
Purchase Because The Products Support Charities		<b>42</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>43</b>
Purchase Because I Like To Be Seen Using		<b>35</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>
Purchase Because The Brand Sponsored What I Follow		<b>32</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>35</b>

# DRIVERS OF PURCHASE

# By Brand Users/Purchasers



# Significant differences in Purchase Drivers based on the Brands People Purchase

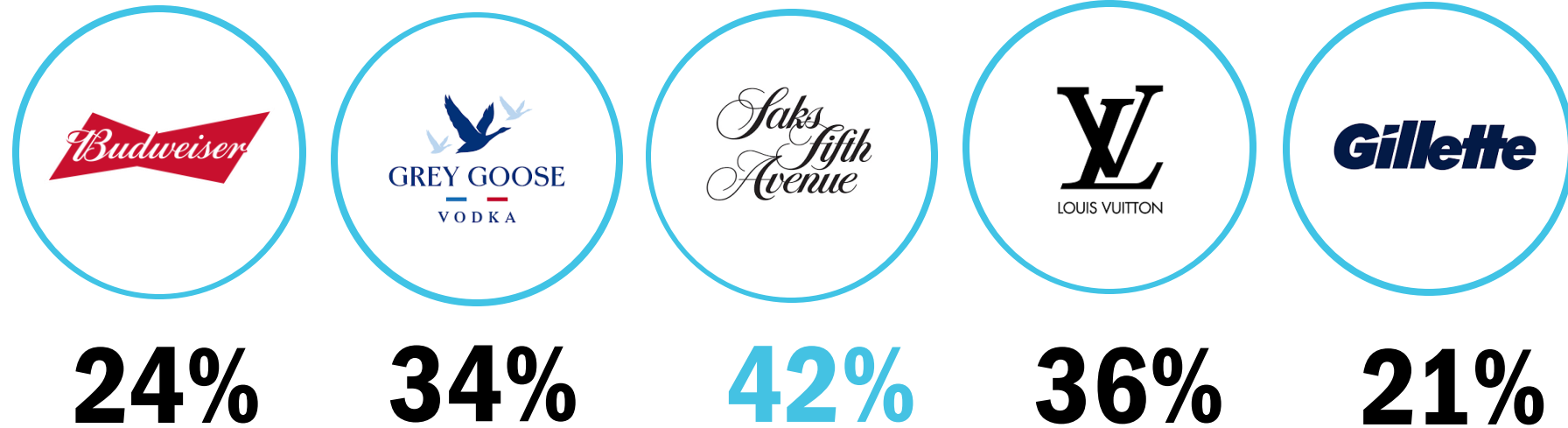
	BRAND USERS					
Purchase Because of						
It Supports Local Community	<b>48%</b>	59%	<b>67%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>60%</b>	56%
It Supports Cancer Charities	<b>38%</b>	51%	<b>57%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>57%</b>	46%
It Supports Global Causes	<b>35%</b>	40%	<b>50%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>25%</b>	36%

**IT'S ESSENTIAL TO KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE TO CONNECT WITH WHAT THEY CARE ABOUT.**

**Community is integral across all brands but you won't maximize your ROI with people who purchase Louis Vuitton if you align with Global Causes.**

DO YOU KNOW YOUR  
and YOUR COMPETITORS  
PURCHASERS?

MORE PEOPLE THAT PURCHASE FROM LOUIS VUITTON, SACKS AND GREY GOOSE VODKA HAVE CALLED A MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE THAN THOSE THAT PURCHASE BUD OR GILLETTE.



USA = 23%

**RETAIN**

**RECRUIT**

**ACCELERATE**

**Know Your Purchaser to Engage**

**Know Your Competitors Purchaser to Recruit**

**Focus on What Matters**

**Activate It to Drive Growth**



# CASE STUDIES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE



The best ideas in the world are already out there.  
UNCOVER. ELEVATE. SUCCEED.

GLOBALPULSE 

IMI Certainty™ n=300 per concept : North America : 18+ Years of age

Key insight

**Effectively communicating a Category Truth is very compelling and potentially impactful**

- Driving Favor
- Driving Action
- Driving Purchase

### Save \$130 Per Year

Wash in cold and save up to \$130 per year\*

Learn More

Let's #TurnToCold together!

Savings  
**\$3,458,239.20**

Phones exchanged  
**930,842,718.00**

CO<sub>2</sub> saved  
**7,277,081.12**

Take the Pledge

**Tide is promoting washing your clothes in cold water to not only help the environment, but to also save up to \$130 a year on your energy bill.**

I would feel more positive toward	<b>30%</b>
Stop to learn more	<b>30%</b>
Search for more information online	<b>34%</b>
Talk about this with friends and family	<b>24%</b>
I'd consider buying	<b>38%</b>

# IDEA TESTING - WHICH IDEA WILL DRIVE ACTION?

IMI Certainty™ n=300 per concept : North America : 18+ Years of age

## CONCEPT 1

## CONCEPT 2

### Key insight

**Both Initiatives drive favor among North Americans.**

**Concept 1 drives more purchasing with Women, while Concept 2 Drives more favour with Men.**

### Made for Women First



The world at your feet.

Four years of research. More than one million foot scans. Relentless wear testing. Shoes made for women first are here in wintry tones.

Lululemon's first-ever footwear collection, is 'made for women first'. With 4 years of research, over 1-million-foot scans, and relentless wear testing, consumers can enjoy the right fit from the first trial.



### 50% Women-Led by 2030



Coca-Cola wants to be 50% women-led by 2030.



27%	I would feel more positive toward	38%
25%	I'd consider buying	20%

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# The Potential Impact of an IN PERSON PRODUCT EXPERIENCE

## Cold Rooms for Testing



Canada Goose has 'Cold Rooms' in select stores that stimulate freezing conditions for customers to test out the jackets before buying.



I would feel more positive toward	30%
Stop to learn more	26%
Search for more information online	28%
Talk about this with friends and family	27%
I'd consider buying	25%

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**Sharing COMPELLING product initiatives – especially limited-edition wearables can help achieve your sales and brand objectives.**

**Giving away samples may not do this.**

**Only at Adidas**



Discover unique products, only available at Adidas online and in-store. Special collections, one-time drops, limited edition colourways and more.



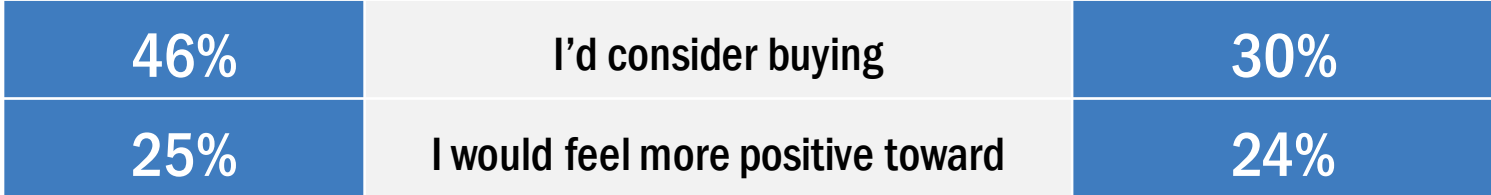
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**INTEGRATING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY DOES NOT DRIVE IMPACT IN THE NEAR TERM.**

### Using ChatGPT for Chatbots



Fanatics. Inc has plans to use a customer-service chatbot fueled in part by GPT-3 when it launches an online-sports gambling division later this year.



I would feel more positive toward	13%
Is better than other companies	12%
I'd consider buying/ using	14%

**FACT: ONLY 1 IN 8 PEOPLE ARE EARLY ADOPTERS**

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Sharing **COMPELLING** brand realities from other parts of the Globe can accelerate your brand in North America.

### Beer Brewed using 100% Green Energy



As of July 2020, all Heineken beer in the Dutch market has been brewed using 100% green energy.



### High Stakes Beer Ad



Fans can bet on various details of Molson Coors' Superbowl commercial ahead of it airing on DraftKings. The prize pool of \$500,000 is the largest pool offered in DraftKings History.



37%

I would feel more positive toward

17%

WHAT

NOW?



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- The Power of Your Brand
- Your Customers
- Your Category's Best Customers
- Profitable Segments – 5/30 : 10/50
- Campaigns that have worked
- Campaigns Lasting 6 Weeks
- 8% of Campaigns that drive share
- CFO & RFP's

- The 41% that are guaranteed to fail
- Always On / Media Companies that don't discuss Ad Fraud
- An agency that does not proactively invest in knowing YOUR CATEGORY
- News & Industry Rhetoric
- Treating all consumers equally
- Averages
- Always New
- TPR

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