Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic is changing how we live, work, and make decisions. For the advertising industry, that means reassessing our relationship with consumers.

Using our UP//LIFT survey technology built to assess the brand funnel impact of advertising campaigns, we’re continually monitoring consumer sentiment and outlook in the wake of COVID-19 and what roles audiences want brands to play.
Over half of respondents say they’re very or extremely concerned about the health of their communities and about half express doubt that things will go back to normal soon.
Consumers are shifting their habits with over 40% reducing spending and focusing on saving during these uncertain times and over a third relying more on delivery than in-store shopping.

**Compared to six months ago, how are you spending vs. saving?**
- 43% More saving, less spending
- 37% Regular amount of spending and saving
- 19% More spending, less saving

**Compared to six months ago, how are you shopping today?**
- 36% More delivery, less in-store
- 43% Regular amount of in-store and delivery
- 20% More in-store, less delivery

Source: trueX network audience, utilizing an in-placement survey methodology across desktop devices, March 20, 2020, n=791
What Should Brand Advertisers Do?

Perhaps surprisingly, consumers aren’t looking to brands to drop their prices amid the COVID-19 crisis. What they want is for brands to step up as community leaders and a force for good.

What should the primary focus of advertisers be right now? (respondents select just one)

- Providing community services, wellness assistance, etc. (35%)
- Sponsoring wellness information and useful tips (22%)
- Employee safety and wellness (20%)
- Offering special discounts and sales (14%)
- Communicating great brands, products, and services (10%)

Source: true[X] network audience, utilizing an in-placement survey methodology across desktop devices, March 20, 2020, n=791
Methodology

Sample Demographics

- **46%** male
- **54%** female
- **0.1%** non-binary

Age

- **23%** 18-24
- **24%** 25-34
- **36%** 35-54
- **9%** 55-64
- **7%** 65+

Survey Experience

The survey aims to measure the impact of COVID-19 on the true[X] audience by randomly sampling user responses to key consumer sentiment questions week over week across the network.

Responses are gathered via true[X]'s proprietary UP//LIFT survey technology, which offers users in the network a choice to answer a quick survey in exchange for skipping streaming TV commercial breaks, access to premium lifestyle content or gaming site credit.

Sample responses are balanced to be demographically representative of the true[X] network as measured by ComScore Media Metrix.

Network Audience Placements

- Streaming Entertainment Channels
- Lifestyle Sites
- Gaming Sites

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true[x] is a technology company building the next generation of advertising products and experiences for premium video.

Our mission is to provide the best advertising experience for consumers, the best monetization for premium publishers, and the best return for brand advertisers.

Across connected TV, mobile, and desktop we empower premium publishers to create experiences that allow them to serve the widest possible audience by optimizing consumers’ time and attention, and delivering impactful results for advertisers. For brands and advertisers true[X] delivers on our true[ATTENTION] guarantee of effective, zero-waste, high-engagement ad experiences that drive measurable brand funnel impact.

Since our founding in 2007, we have been committed to advancing three core principles in our own products and in the broader advertising industry: quality, accountability, and transparency, driven by our core belief that all are necessary for ensuring a better consumer experience. Every decision we make is guided by a deep understanding of human attention.

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