Native Advertising - the Holy Grail or Death for publishers?

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The Miami Herald called this iconic building home in 1963 and today it is gone from the Miami skyline - how did the news industry get here?



Digital Revolution!

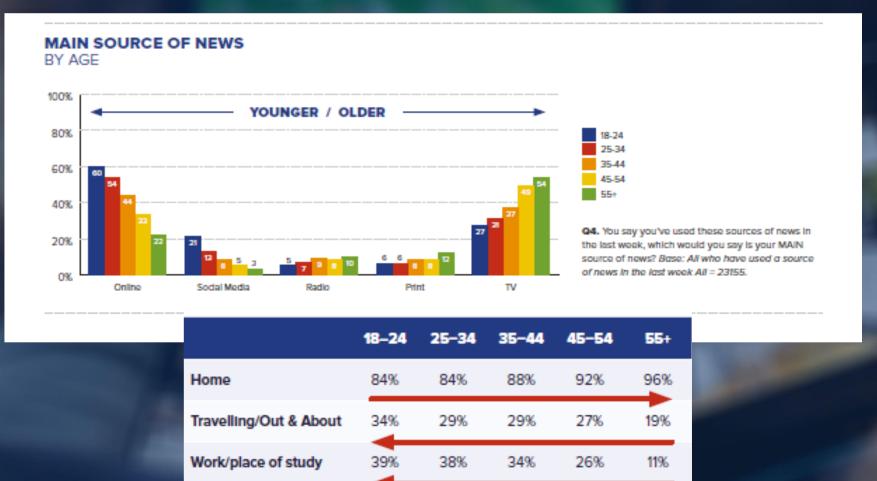
- More choices
- Speedier delivery
- More platforms

- News & Advertising
- Revenue decreases
- Distribution models





The News delivered **how**, **when**, and **where** you want it



Source: Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism Digital News Report 2015



"The basic assumption of the news business model the subsidy that advertisers have long provided to news content - is gone." Larry Kilman, Secretary General of WAN-IFRA



Newspapers Reinvent Revenue Models

Global print and digital circulation revenue totaled \$92 billion last year, while advertising revenues provided \$86 billion.

Source: World Press Trends 2015 Survey









Paywall: Rupert Murdoch's The Times and The Sunday Times for the 1st time in 13 years showed a profit of USD\$2.7M in 2014.





Content: New York Times is getting smarter at working around the edges, figuring out how to add on the smaller things that readers will pay for in this age the consumer.





Distribution: The removal of barriers around distribution is now crucial towards increasing readers and revenue.

Most newspapers are expanding access via multiple platforms in order to increase revenue and readership.





Partners – Washington Post has launched an aggressive Newspaper Partner Program that counts on over 100 regional partners in order to expand its reach and revenue.



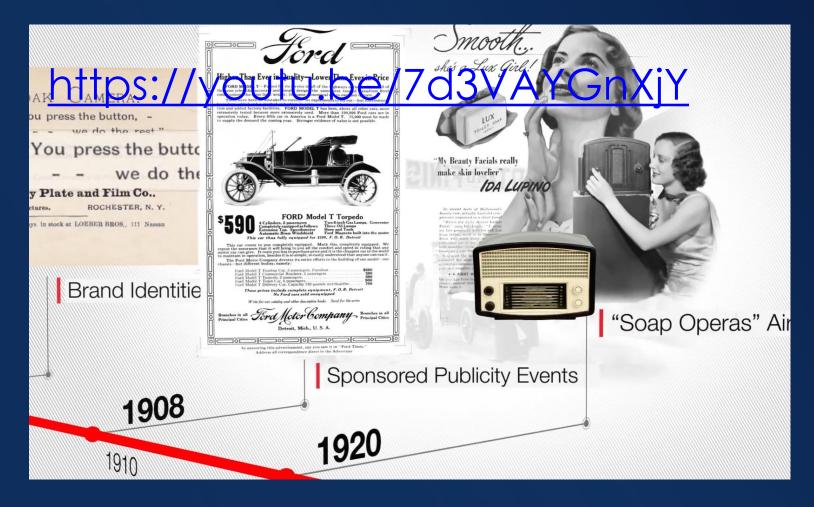


"Half the money I spend on advertising is wasted; the trouble is I don't know which half."

John Wannamaker



The History of Advertising in 60 Seconds





What Is Driving The Fundamental Shift In Ad Dollars From Traditional To Online Media?





Online Advertising fueled the growth of the Internet, but deteriorated the audience experience.

Increase in ad volume and page clutter.
Increase in experience interruption.
Increase in data snooping.



Advertising blocking by users.

Source: Jason Kint Vincent Peyrègne



10 Shocking (But True) Stats About Display and Banner Ads

- 1. Viewability rates did not budge.
- 2. Avg. click-through rate is 0.06%.
- 3. Ad blocking grew by 41% globally.
- 4. 198 million active ad block users world wide.
- 5. 28% hide their activities from advertisers.



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- 6. 2.8% thought website ads were relevant.
- 7. 18- to 34-year-olds more likely to ignore online ads than traditional ads.
- 50% of clicks on mobile ads are accidental.
- 9. 54% of users don't trust banner ads.
- 10. 33% of internet users find display ads completely intolerable.

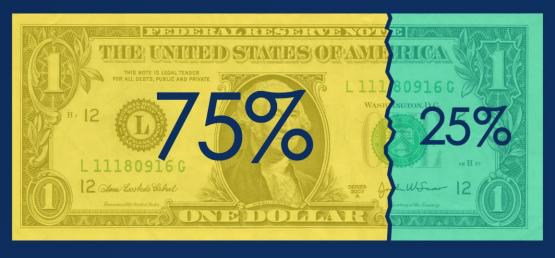
Source: Hub Spot





Then

TV, Radio,
Print & Outdoor



Now

- TV, Radio,
 Print & Outdoor
- Online

Source: Zenith Optimedia



Online Advertising



\$0.85

Source: Morgan Stanley



Unreachable Don't sell me "Find Me" Reflect me and my interests

The Age of the Consumer

Marketing priority is making the consumer's experience:

- Personalized and Relevant (25%)
- Valuable (25%)
- Easy to Understand (17%)
- Safe and Reliable (11%)

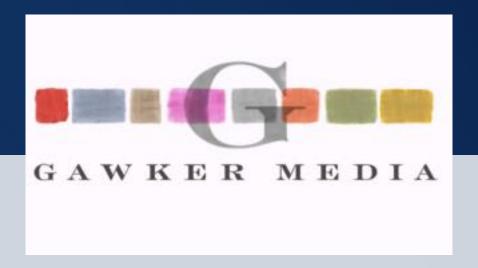


"The future of digital advertising is being built on content; that's what's going to fund this medium in the future."

Clare O'Brien

Sr. Industry Program Manager U.K. Internet Advertising Bureau





Gawker Media pulls in a third of its revenue from native ads.



More than 70% of consumers say they prefer to learn about a product or service through content rather than traditional advertising.





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You decide...

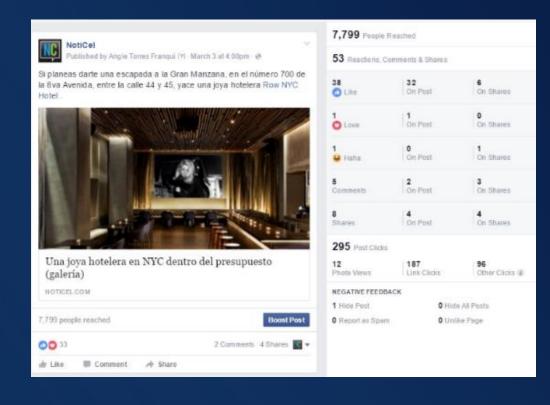


WalMart



Jet Blue Airlines

"We have always been a company about storytelling. We thrive on word of mouth, the sharing of stories."





Netflix



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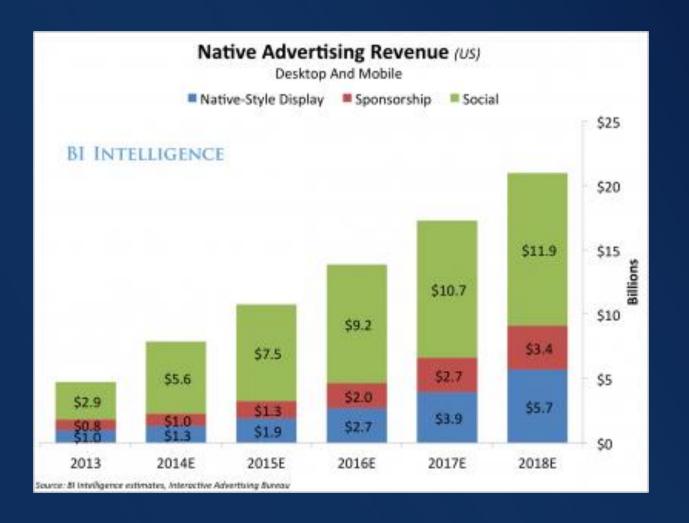
- Native advertising has become a vital revenue stream for digital media companies that isn't tied to Facebook traffic.
- 2. Publishers control the content on the site with native advertising, not the advertiser.
- 3. Native advertising represents marketing's solution of getting seen by the target audience.
- 4. 74% of readers trust educational content from brands as long as it doesn't push a sale.
- 5. Marketers are believing in native with success of approximately 77% of B2C and 76% of B2B.

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Without advertising, brands fail. Without money, news outlets fail.



Where are we now?





Media's Success Story!?

BuzzFeed





















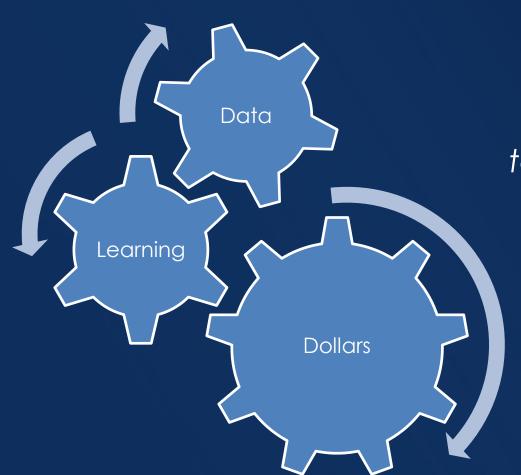
BuzzFeed's Business Model

Writers try to "blow away the curiosity gap," to create a headline that describes promising content and delivers on that promise





How it works?



"Their ability to conceive, create, test, define, and then either abandon or rinse and repeat is phenomenal."

Rob Norman,

GroupM



Buzzfeed + Significant Company = Com



Is it Scalable?



Is it a viable model?













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