

MOVING SOCIAL COMMITMENTS FORWARD RICH MAIDRE—ROCKET SOCIAL IMPACT

THE CSR LANDSCAPE IS CROWDED

An average of 48 corporate CSR efforts announcements each day *

More than 80% of Fortune 500 companies have a branded CSR program *

Employees received an average 120 internal emails a day *





IT'S CYNICAL

- Greater scrutiny of companies and nonprofit organizations
- Consumers & employees have greater ability and channels to share their voice











IT'S CHANGING

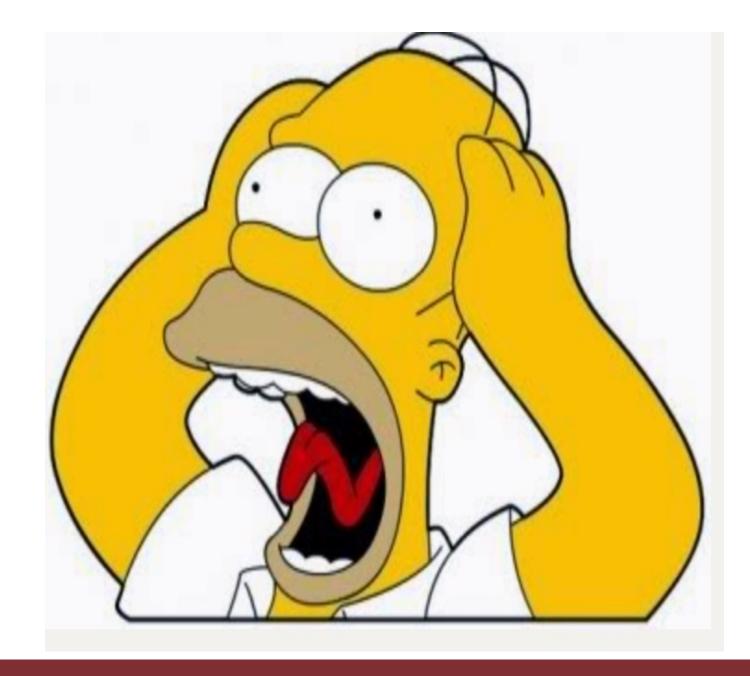
- Decentralized sources of information
- Peer to Peer
- More Influencers; Fewer Reporters

DON'T DESPAIR

You can increase awareness and action among your key stakeholders

It doesn't require having the biggest brand or budget

It does require adapting to this new reality



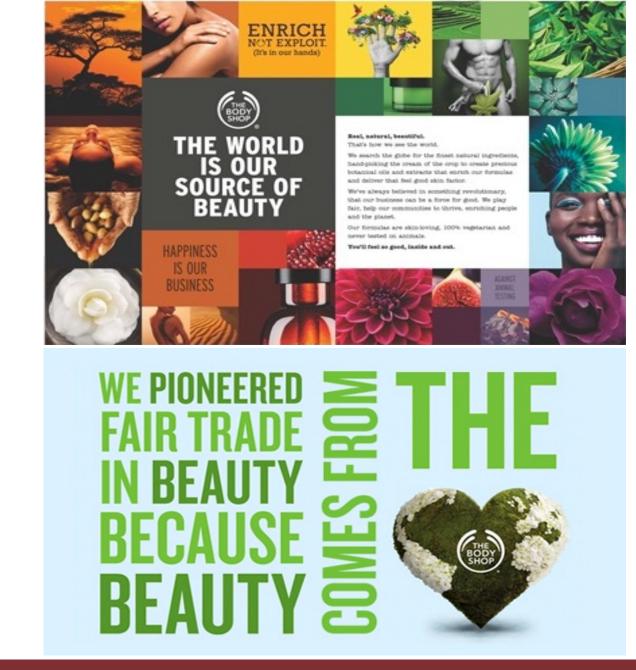
STEP ONE: BE BOLDER TO BREAKTHROUGH

Most organizations communicate in primary colors – plain and expected

Lack a strong point of view

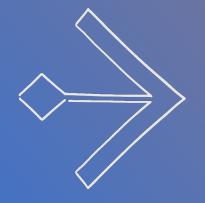
You need vibrancy, purpose and strength

And you have roughly **12 seconds** to do it....





71%



of consumers are confused or unmoved by the message companies use to talk about their CSR efforts and impacts



DETERMINE WHAT'S YOUR ROLE

"The Verizon Foundation aims to be an incubator for new solutions that transform the way Verizon does business and the world in which it operates."

Verizon

Multiplier

Incubator

Convener

Catalyst

Innovator

Accelerator



Dell... serves as both a **catalyst** and a vehicle for making a difference in the lives of people and the planet."



STEP TWO: ADD EMOTION

To move someone to action you must move them emotionally

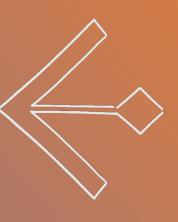
Can be tears, laughter, anger, excitement, inspiration, security or a sense of belonging

CSR is ripe with emotion....



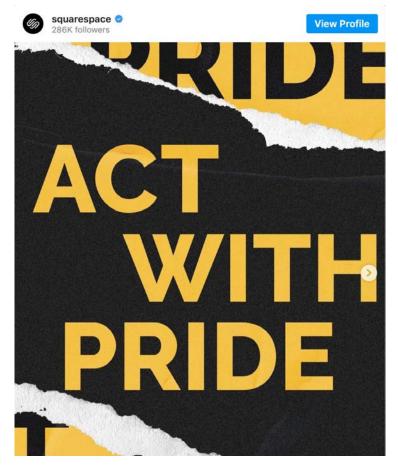


Emotionally connected audience is **50**% likely to engage with a brand



STORYTELLING





Squarespace's storytelling of LGBTQ employees



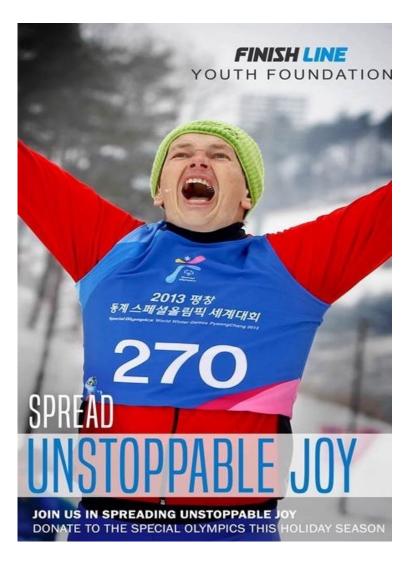
Meet Floridalma, a farmer who lives in Huehuetenango, Guatemala



WITH EMOTION



P&G Like A Girl



Finish Line & Special Olympics



Gillette & Men's Toxic Masculinity



Yoplait & Breast Cancer



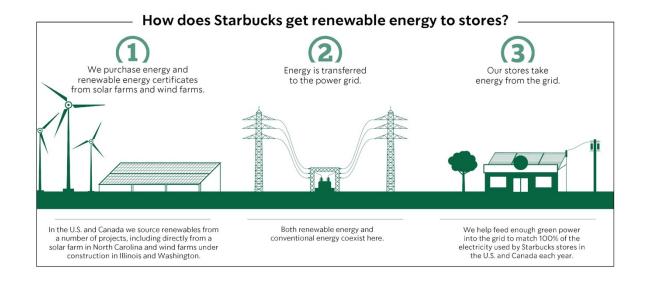
STEP THREE: TALK ABOUT IMPACT

Demonstrate social impact and business value

Deliver on CSR commitments to multiple stakeholders

Ensure credibility

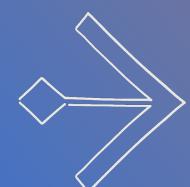
Defend and grow budget







Americans say they are more likely to buy from a company that:



31% talks about its CSR purpose





WAYS TO SHOW IT

Bold Goals



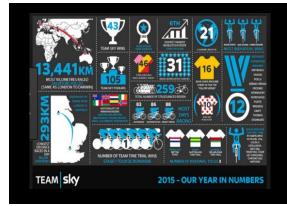
Scorecards



Impact Calculators



Infographics



Donation Equivalencies



Interactive Maps





STEP 4: BE HOLISTIC

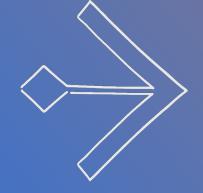
Communication is evolving beyond traditional media relations

Requires an approach using multiple tools to increase awareness, engagement and word of mouth





79%



say they are more likely to believe a brand's CSR commitments if they share efforts across multiple channels and over time







THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Standing up to stand out

Nearly two-thirds of Millennials and Gen Z express a preference for brands that have a point of view and stand for something

Can take many forms:

- Active on Social Media
- Op-eds
- Webcasts & Podcasts
- Convening Summits
- Research



THE RISE OF INFLUENCERS

- Social Media
- Bloggers
- Employee Ambassadors
- Employee Resource Groups
- Credible & effective if alignment is authentic





This advertisement feature, 24hours in Austria was made in partnership with HEINEKEN to explore and learn about Gösser beer & their 100% carbon free brewery!

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EMPLOYEE + CONSUMER ACTIVATIONS

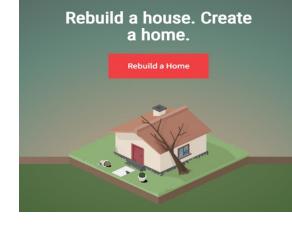
- Bar set higher
- Range of creative engagements
- Immediate "Impact"
- Shareability



John Hancock Photo Mosaic



One Less Straw Pledge



Rebuilding Together Virtual Home



Seventh Generation Baby Crawl

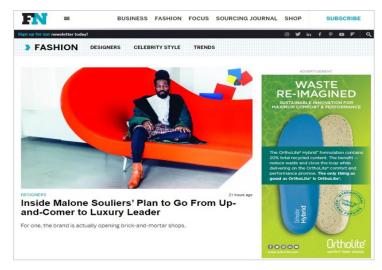


PAID PARTNERSHIPS

- Align with relevant outlets
- Ability to control message and directly reach target audience
- Can help secure future earned media



Executive Profile



Special Sections



As teachers, you have the power to unlock the next generation of change-makers. Hands-on, experiential learning is essential for students to succeed in today's modern workforce, and bringing STEM learning into the classroom can inspire your students to explore new paths and become young inventors.

Advertorials



Control Is A Fine Line Between Success and Failure

Control what you can and let others control what they can. Sounds simple enough to think it's obvious? It's true. It's a very simple piece of advice that's so obvious on a granular level that it can be easy to forget. In fact, it cost me more than a million dollars to learn this lesson. The best advice isn't always the flashiest, newest tip; it's the most practical. Without it I wouldn't be here today as CEO and Chairman of OrthoLite, the insole technology found in billions of fashion, casual and athletic shoes.

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