#### **ADVERTISING OVERVIEW**

**Issues, Challenges and Opportunities** 

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#### **Agenda**

- 1. The Role of Advertising
- 2. The Evolution of Advertising Channels
- 3. Evolving Monetization for Publishers
- 4. Measurement and Attribution
- 5. Competition Issues

#### The Economic and Societal Benefits of Advertising

#### **For Advertisers**

- Introduce new products
- Help retailers merchandize products and draw consumers to stores



#### For Consumers of End-Products

- Information facilitates competition
- Low prices enabled when firms achieve scale economies through increased demand

#### **For Content Producers**

- Revenue from advertisers
- Content is more widely available in ad-supported models, versus subscription or other pay models



#### **For Consumers of Content**

- Free music radio; free TV programming and movie subsidies
- Subsidized news
- Internet Content:
  - Google, Facebook, Yahoo!
  - Free video; Free educational content; Free news and financial information
  - Free product search (cars, financials)
  - Free apps

#### **Advertising Platforms: Traditional View of Two-Sided Market Matching Viewers and Advertisers**

Viewers

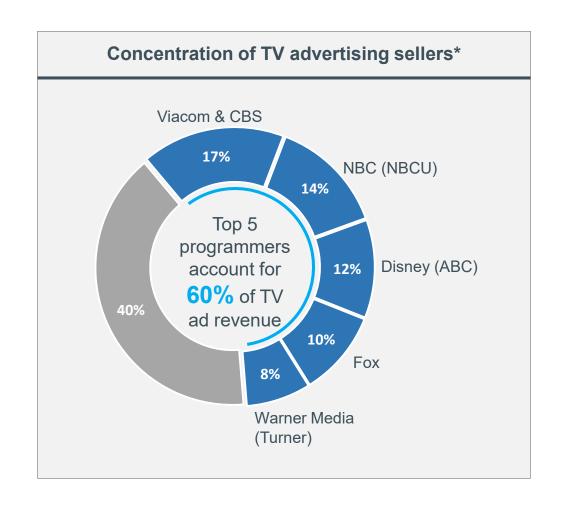
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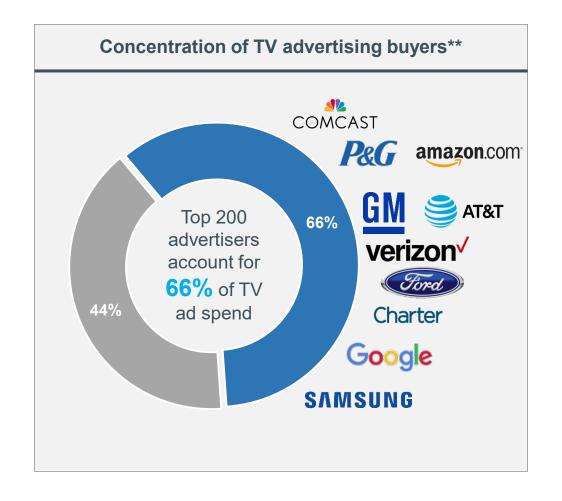
Choose content based on quality, ad load

- Content producers serve as two-sided platform
- Compete for consumers, sell access to advertisers
- Concerns about market power, e.g. of local newspapers

- Understand audience of content producers
- Aggregate across content to maximize reach and minimize duplication

#### Buyers and sellers of TV advertising are relatively concentrated





Sources: Statista, AdAge "200 Leading National Advertisers 2018 Fact Pack"

<sup>\* 2015</sup> data.

<sup>\*\* 2018</sup> data.

#### **Advertising Platforms: Impact of Digital**

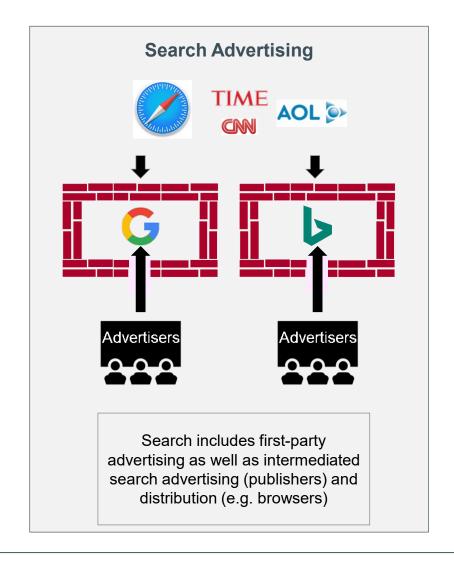
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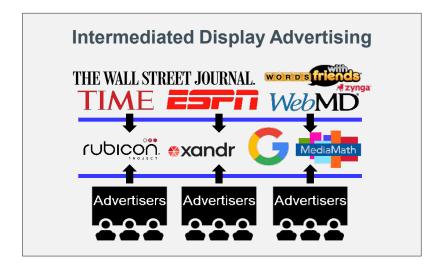
- Upper bound on time
  - Mobile increases addressable time
- Internet increased switching
- Digital video, cord cutting

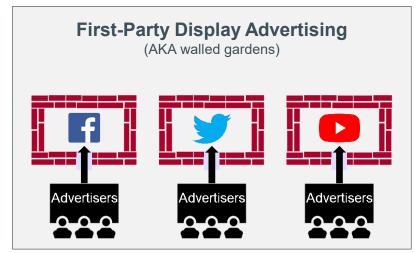
- **Web:** search and display ad platforms; fragmented publishers
- Mobile: expand existing platforms, new location-based or ads-in-app platforms
- Digital video: expand existing platforms, new platforms, adfree services

- Measuring ROI
  - Effectiveness
  - Duplication
  - Attribution
  - Fraud
  - Safety
- Tracking consumers across platforms and media
- Reaching all consumers

#### Digital Advertising: Intermediation Important due to Fragmentation



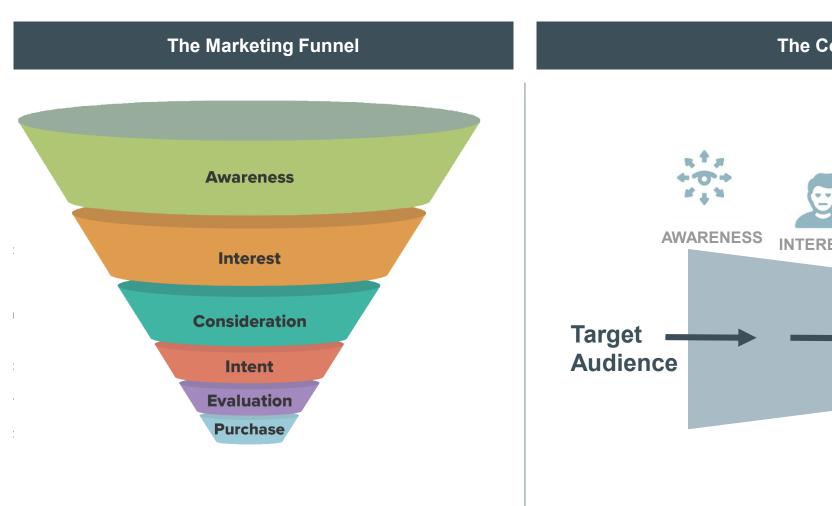


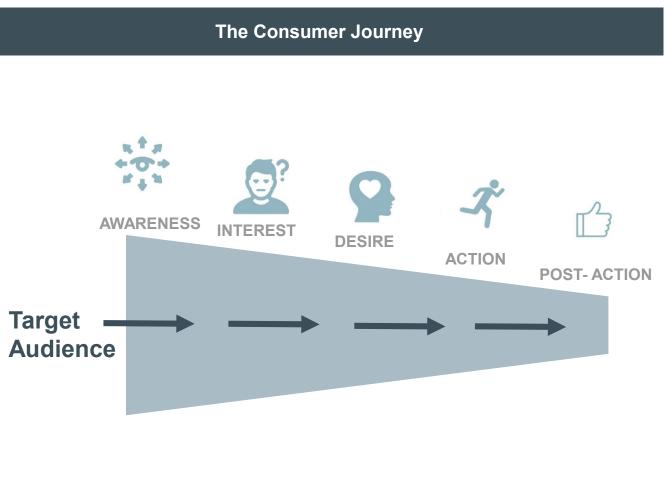


#### **Complexity within Display Advertising**

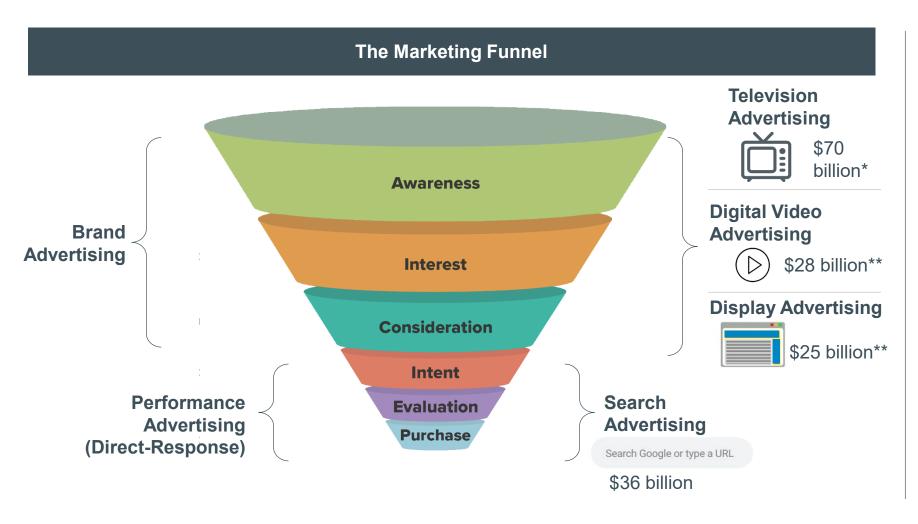
#### **Large Variety of Different Purchase Paths** 田 **AD EXCHANGE SSP DSP/ATD** Supply-Side Platform **AD NETWORK Demand-Side** Media **Publisher Platform Buyer**

#### Why do companies advertise?





#### **The Funnel and Advertising Channels**



- In the traditional view, display (and TV) advertising is typically top-funnel brand advertising used to generate awareness
  - For catching attention of a very large number of consumers, TV is still king
- Search advertising is typically direct-response advertising which falls towards the end of the funnel
- Some challenges and changes in the view
  - Nonlinear journey
  - Tracking consumers throughout

Source: eMarketer, 2016. Advertising spend is U.S. only.

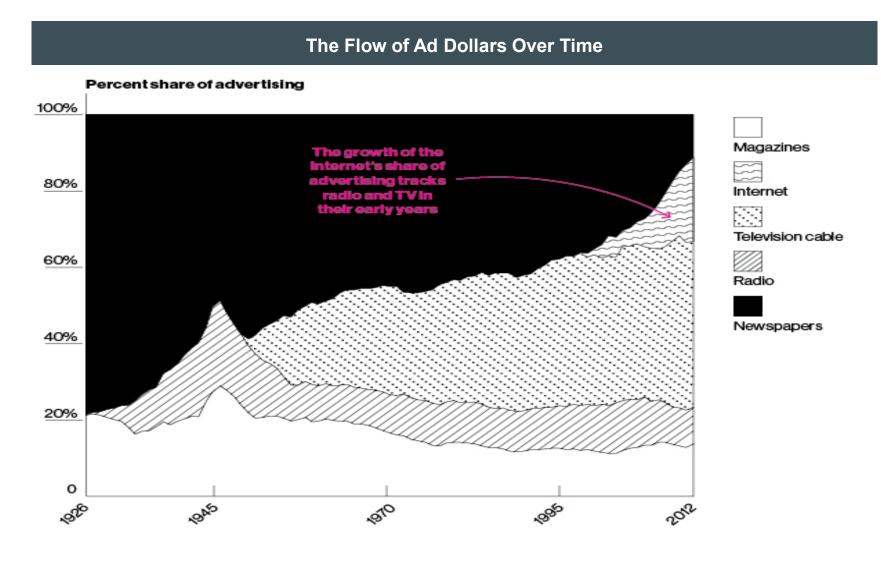
<sup>\*</sup> Includes Broadcast (national, syndication, and spot) and cable TV.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Digital video includes advertising that appears on desktop and laptop computers as well as mobile phones, tablets and other internet-connected devices;

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#### A History of Entry by New Media



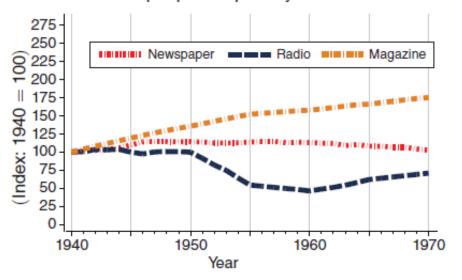
- Print and magazines have reigned supreme up until the eighties
- TV is the biggest piece of revenue in the ad market through 2012
- Radio has been surprisingly stable for a long time
- Despite its fast growth, the Internet trailed TV in its early growth
- New media captures consumer attention; but advertising within the various media channels are not necessarily substitutes

#### **Entry of TV v. Internet**

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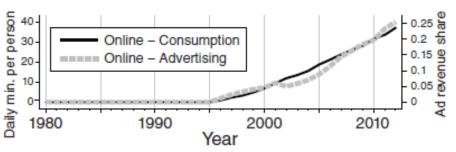
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Panel B. Minutes per person per day

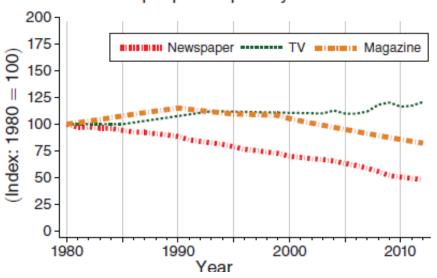


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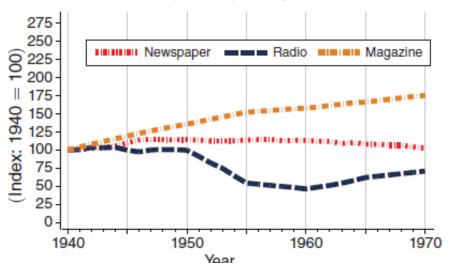


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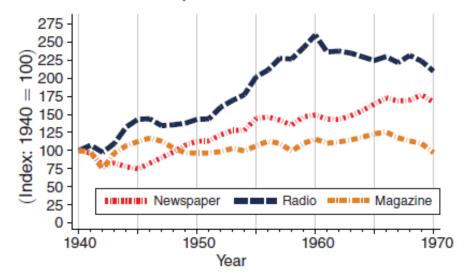
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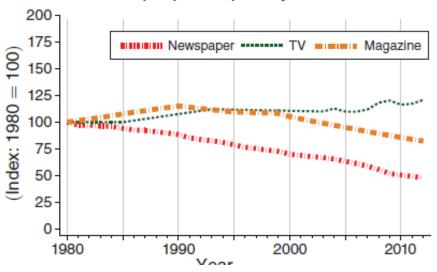


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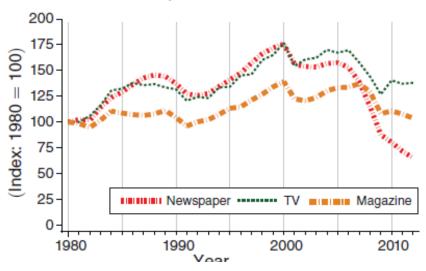


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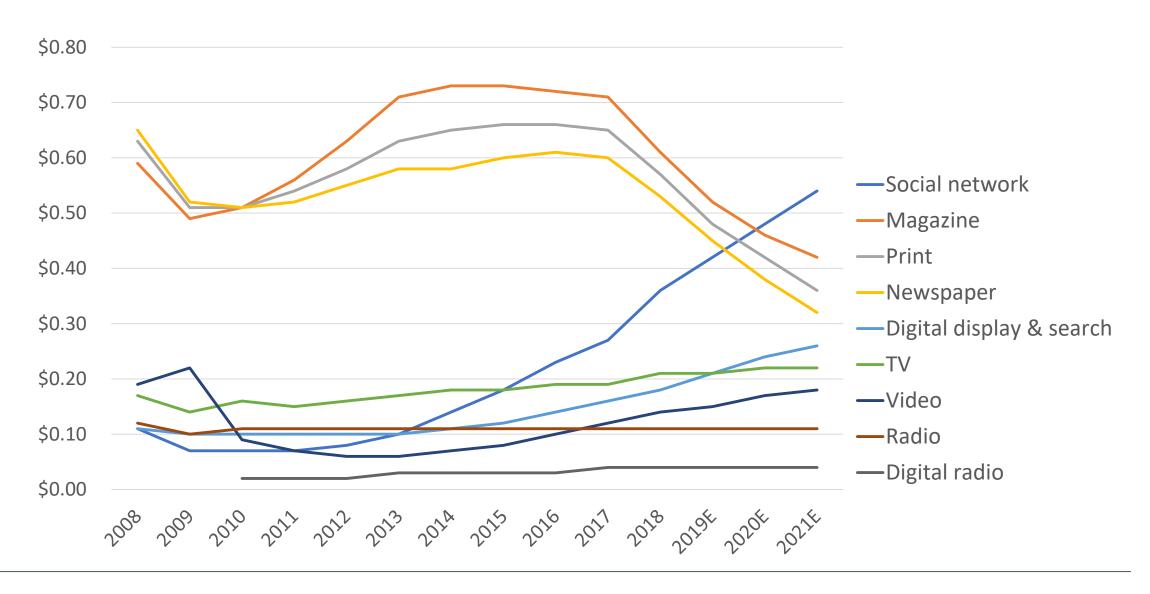
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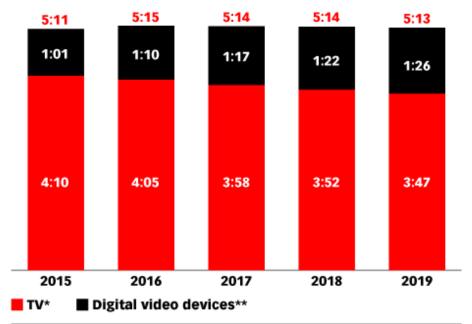


#### Advertising Revenue per Hour by Media in Recent Years



#### Video and TV consumption is shifting devices and changing venues

#### Avg. Time Spent per Day with Video by US Adults, By Device



Note: ages 18+; time spent with each medium includes all time spent with that medium, regardless of multitasking; for example, 1 hour of multitasking with digital video while watching TV is counted as 1 hour for TV and 1 hour for digital video; numbers may not add up to total due to rounding; \*excludes digital; \*\*includes time spent watching digital video via game console, connected TV or over-the-top (OTT) device, as well as via desktop/laptop or mobile device; excludes time spent with video via social networks

#### **US Adult Pay TV and Non-Pay TV Views, by Type**

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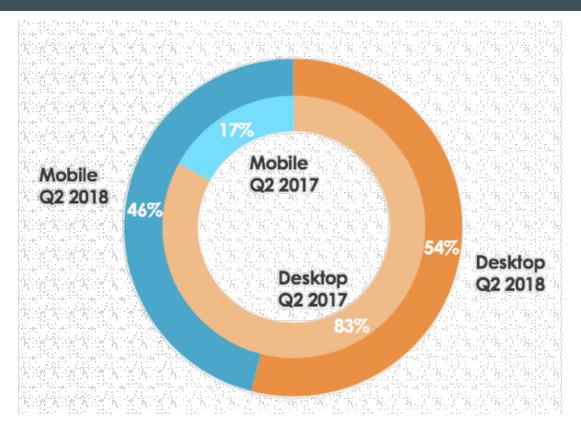
millions and % change

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pay TV viewers	201.1	196.3	192.0	188.3	184.7	181.7
Pay TV viewer growth	-1.6%	-2.4%	<b>-2.1</b> %	-2.0%	<b>-1.9</b> %	-1.6%
Non-pay TV viewers	49.2	56.6	63.4	69.7	75.7	81.0
—Cord-nevers	32.5	34.4	36.3	38.0	39.6	41.0
—Cord-cutters	16.7	22.2	27.1	31.7	36.1	40.1
Non-pay TV viewer growth	13.7%	15.1%	12.1%	9.9%	8.5%	7.1%
—Cord-nevers	6.7%	5.8%	5.6%	4.7%	4.2%	3.6%
—Cord-cutters	30.2%	33.2%	22.0%	17.0%	13.7%	11.0%

Note: ages 18+; pay TV viewers are individuals who have access to traditional pay TV services; excludes IPTV and pure-play online video services (e.g., Hulu, Netflix, YouTube, Sling TV, etc.); non-pay TV viewers are individuals who no longer have access to traditional pay TV services or have never had access to traditional pay TV services

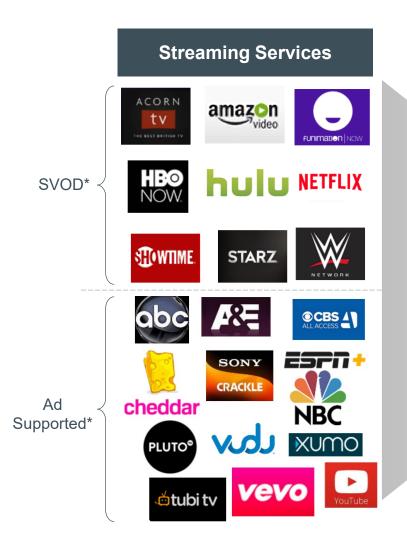
#### **Digital Video Shifting to Mobile**

#### **Digital Video Ad Spend, By Platform**



- The desktop-to-mobile shift has occurred rapidly
- Different characteristics of mobile video vs. desktop; shorter attention span, sound and captioning, etc.

#### Streaming services are proliferating, creating demand for SVOD bundles



As streaming services and content fragment, demand for **bundles** arises, for example, Prime Video Channels:

#### Get more with Prime Video Channels

Prime members can subscribe to 100+ premium channels like HBO, SHOWTIME, STARZ, CBS All Access, and Cinemax. Only pay for the channels you want and cancel anytime—no cable required.

#### BARRON'S

Market for Streaming Starts to Look a Little Like Cable

By Jack Hough Dec. 28, 2018 7:32 p.m. ET

#### **THE VERGE**

Netflix, Amazon Video, and Xfinity are accidentally re-creating cable TV

As Xfinity's distribution deals expand, disruptors are taking up the same models as past cable companies

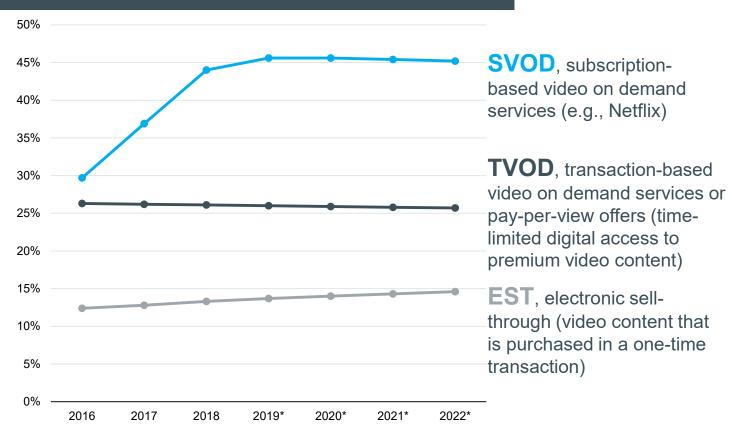
By Graeme Mcmillan | Aug 13, 2018, 11:14am EDT

Source: IAB Video Landscape Report (2018), Barron's, The Verge.

<sup>\*</sup> Some services, e.g., Hulu and CBS All Access, are hybrid.

#### SVOD has undergone rapid penetration growth, but appears to be plateauing

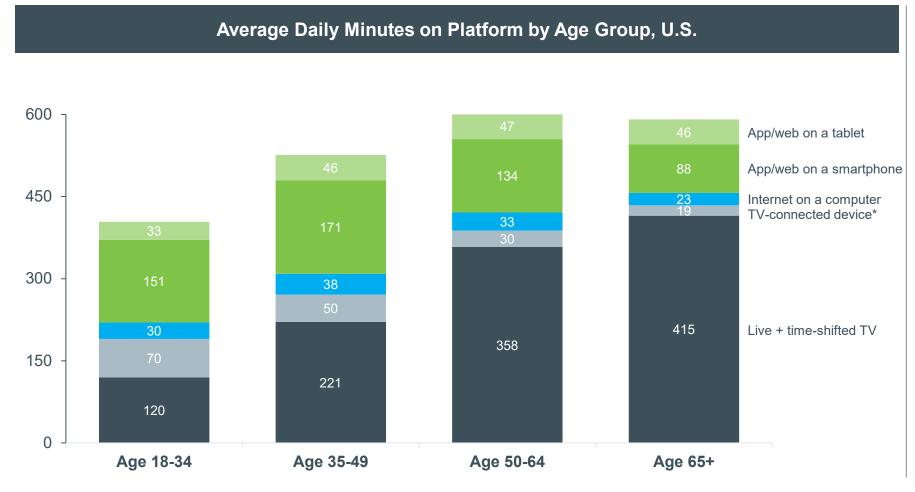




- SVOD appears to be reaching saturation, predicted to plateau
- TVOD and EST penetration hold steady
- Ad-free content reduces supply of user attention for advertising

Source: Statista, 2018.

#### Millennials and Gen Xers shifting away from TV; Digital is reaching valuable younger users

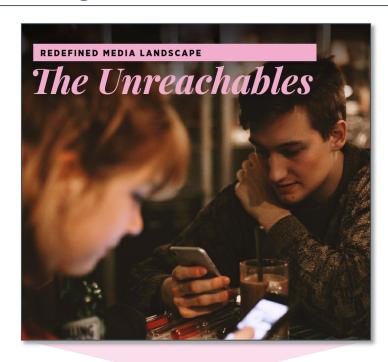


- Millennials spend more time consuming digital media than live TV
  - Their digital media consumption is predominantly mobile
- It should be noted, however, that younger viewers are watching more TV via TVconnected services and time-shifted via DVR and video-on demand (see next slide for details)

Source: Nielsen, Q2 2018

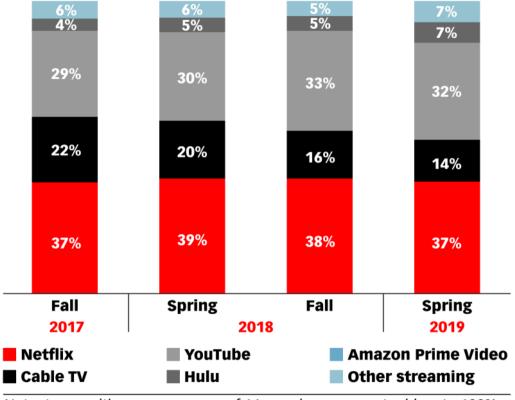
<sup>\*</sup>TV-connected device includes: DVD / Blu-ray, Game Consoles, Internet connected device

#### A new challenge for video advertisers: the Unreachables



- 47% of Millennials and Gen-Xers
- Mobile-first or Mobile-only
- 43% watch streaming only (cord-cutters and cord-nevers)
- \$1.3T annual buying power in US
- Most streaming video (e.g., Netflix) has no advertising

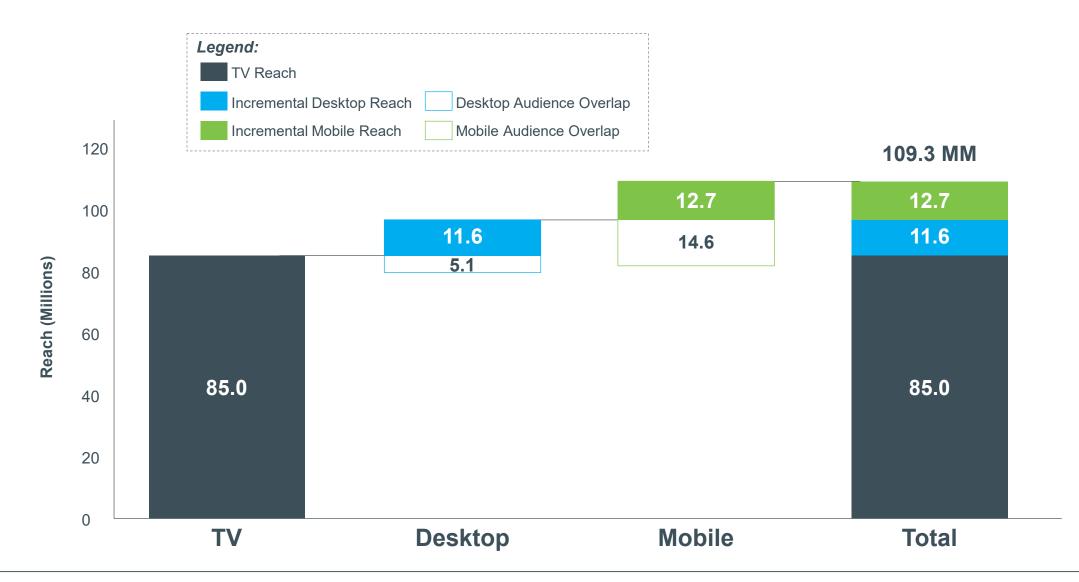
## Share of Daily Time Spent Viewing Video Content Among US Teens, by Platform, Fall 2017-Spring 2019 % of respondents



Note: teens with an average age of 16; numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

Source: Piper Jaffray, "Taking Stock with Teens: Spring 2019," April 8, 2019

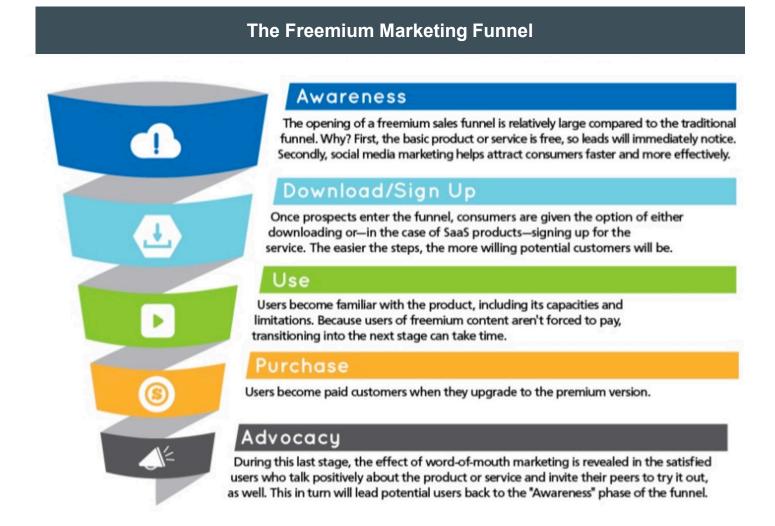
#### **Overlapping and Incremental Audiences**



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#### Freemium Monetization: Ad-Supported to Subscription



#### Thriving freemium businesses

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... and thousands of medium and small size apps with in-app purchases

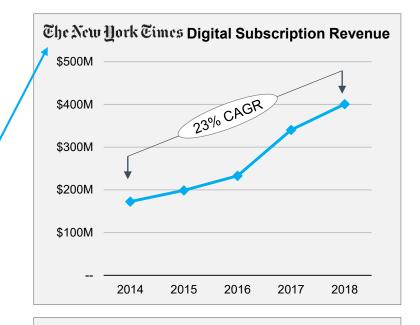
#### The Freemium model: free vs paid subscribers

#### **Freemium Model Norms**

Subscription Type	User Share	Revenue Share	Monetization Mode
Free	95%-98%	20% - 50%	Advertising, Source of paid leads
Paid	2% - 5%	50% - 80%	Subscription

#### Subscription services are growing rapidly across many verticals

Online Subscription Se Representative Compa		Subscribers 2017	Growth Y/Y
Netflix	Video	118MM	+25%
Amazon	Commerce / Media	100MM	
Spotify	Music / Audio	71MM	+48%
Sony PlayStation Plus	Gaming	34MM	+30%
Dropbox	File Storage	11MM	+25%
The New York Times	News / Media	3MM	+43%
Stitch Fix	Fashion / Clothing	3MM	+31%
LegalZoom	Legal Services	550K	+16%
Peloton	Fitness	172K	+173%



"We expect news provides to focus increasingly on generating revenue from subscriptions [...]

Whereas certain titles had a 10:90 ratio of subscription to ad revenue in 2012, we predict it may be 50:50 by 2020."

Deloitte.

Source: Mary Meeker Internet Trends Report 2018, New York Times public financials, Deloitte Technology, Media and Telecommunications Predictions 2018 Report.

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#### Overview of challenges to measurement and attribution

#### Advertising effectiveness measurement is really, really hard

- Signal-to-noise ratio implies huge experiments needed to learn (e.g. Lewis and Rao)
- Non-random assignment of advertisements; observational studies biased even using best-practice methods
- Randomized tests increasingly prevalent but face challenges in implementation
- Measurement of outcomes, tracking of users
- In digital work, simpler methods typically overstate ad effectiveness

#### Perverse incentives

- Third party firms and in-house buyers have shared incentive to show high ROI to top management
- Unsophisticated and poorly incentivized in-house buyers do not pressure 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, publishers to improve things

#### Marketing mix models (MMM): Evaluate the impact of marketing mix on sales

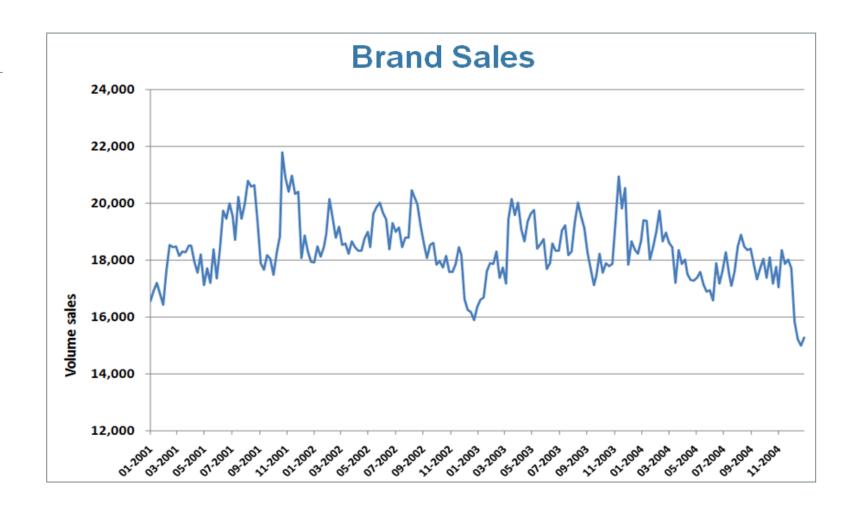
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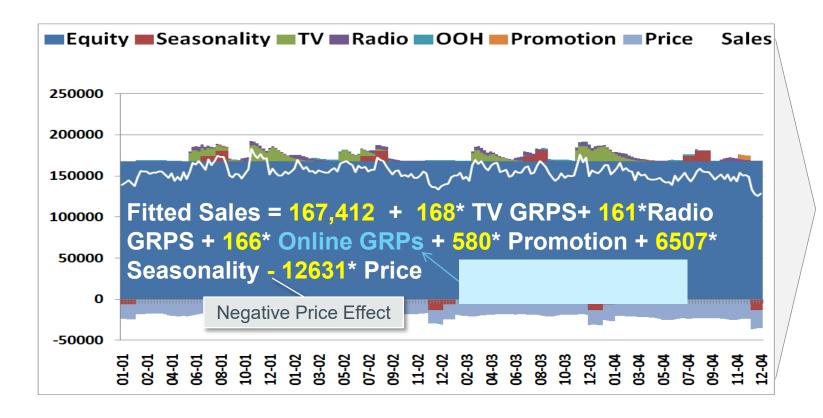
- TV
- Radio
- Online
- Sales Promotion
- Price

#### External

- Seasonality
- Competition



#### MMM: Estimating contribution to sales and results



### Investments in media generated **\$61.9 MM** in revenue

- \$16 Million driven by TV
- \$5.2 MM due to radio
- \$39 MM generated by promotions
- \$1.7MM generated by online initiatives

#### **Changes in Digital Era: Ad Randomization**

#### 1. Ad Delivery Can Be Randomized











#### **Changes in Digital Era: Linkage to Outcome**

#### 2. Ad Delivery and Purchase Data Can Be Linked at the Individual Level



#### **Changes in Digital Era: Linkage to Outcome -- Challenges**

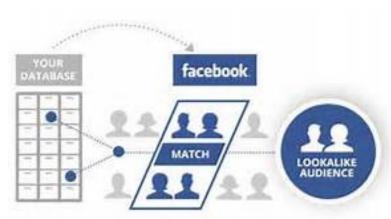
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#### **Changes in Digital Era: Fragility of Delivery and Measurement**

#### 3. Ad delivery and measurement process are based on imperfect and asymmetric information







#### **Display Advertising is Saddled with Serious Problems**

Poor Targeting Delivery



Viewability Problems



**Fraud** 



**Excessive Frequency Delivery** 

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#### There is a Growing Crisis of Confidence in Digital Ad Industry Practices

#### AdAge P&G TELLS DIGITAL TO

P&G TELLS DIGITAL TO CLEAN UP, LAYS DOWN NEW RULES FOR AGENCIES AND AD TECH TO GET PAID



# Going Clear! The Digital Ad Industry's Supply Chain Revolution Just Happened

04.03.17

By Randall Rothenberg., CEO IAB

Do you know how many seriously harmful advertising impressions float through cyberspace each year? Between 3% and 37% of impressions are fraudulently generated by bots, according to the most recent study by the ad tech firm White Ops and the Association of National Advertisers. Add to those the valid ad impressions that appear on porn sites, or adjacent to pirated copyrighted entertainment, or near falsified content and other forms of "fake news,". And therein lies the digital media, advertising, and marketing industries' challenge, and our goal. We must create a fully trustworthy supply chain.

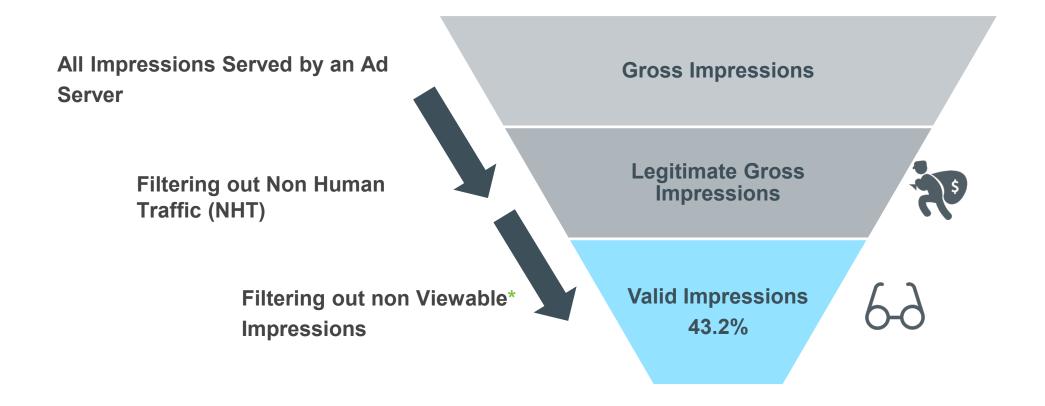
The big news of last week is that marketers, after a long decade of ostrich-like ignorance, are finally taking charge of their own digital destiny.

#### **DIGIDAY**

Viewability or fraud: Marketers are split on which is the bigger issue

MARCH 9, 2017 by Ross Benes

#### The Yield After Fraud and Viewability is Low



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#### **Market Power and Competition in Ad Tech and Platforms**

- Economies of scale
  - Network effects across sides of market, algorithms/R&D, data, etc.
  - Platforms need to overcome chicken and egg problem
  - Scale economies acute especially at low scale
- Market power
  - Is ubiquitous but not inevitable in ad tech
  - Outcome with two similarly sized competitors dramatically more efficient than monopoly
    - Competition induces ad exchanges to pass advertising revenue on to publishers
- Consequences
  - Low quality, low transparency, high prices/take rates
  - Product markets that rely on advertising function less well, less competitive
- Since entry is important and very challenging, competition policy important
  - Guard against exclusionary conduct by incumbents that thwarts entrants who need to gain scale to remain viable competitors

#### **Conclusions**

- Advertising plays an outsized role in market economies relative to its revenue size
- Competition and efficiency in advertising crucial for consumer welfare
- Media traditionally served as two-sided platform matching advertisers and users, digital and mobile have led to new platforms serving third-party publishers (e.g. programmatic exchanges), new challenges
- Programmatic exchanges have captured the lion share of ad sales in digital publishing, with mixed results for smaller publishers
- Monetization by digital publishers and services shifts toward hybrid subscription models
- Video is now a digital battle ground for consumer attention. Millennials shift their time, force traditional advertisers to expand beyond TV
- Advertisers use cross media for balanced audience reach, but the tools are still maturing
- Digital display and video advertising have been plagued with quality, market power problems that are gaining more attention in the last few years