



IZEA INSIGHTS SPECIAL REPORT

## Coronavirus Impacts on Influencer Marketing

MARCH 18, 2020



#### BACKGROUND

#### GOALS

- great change and confusion.

- make our industry work.

We surveyed a total of 949 U.S. Internet Users to help predict what consumer behaviors might be in the event of a COVID-19 lockdown. We took that data and applied it to the Influencer Marketing industry.

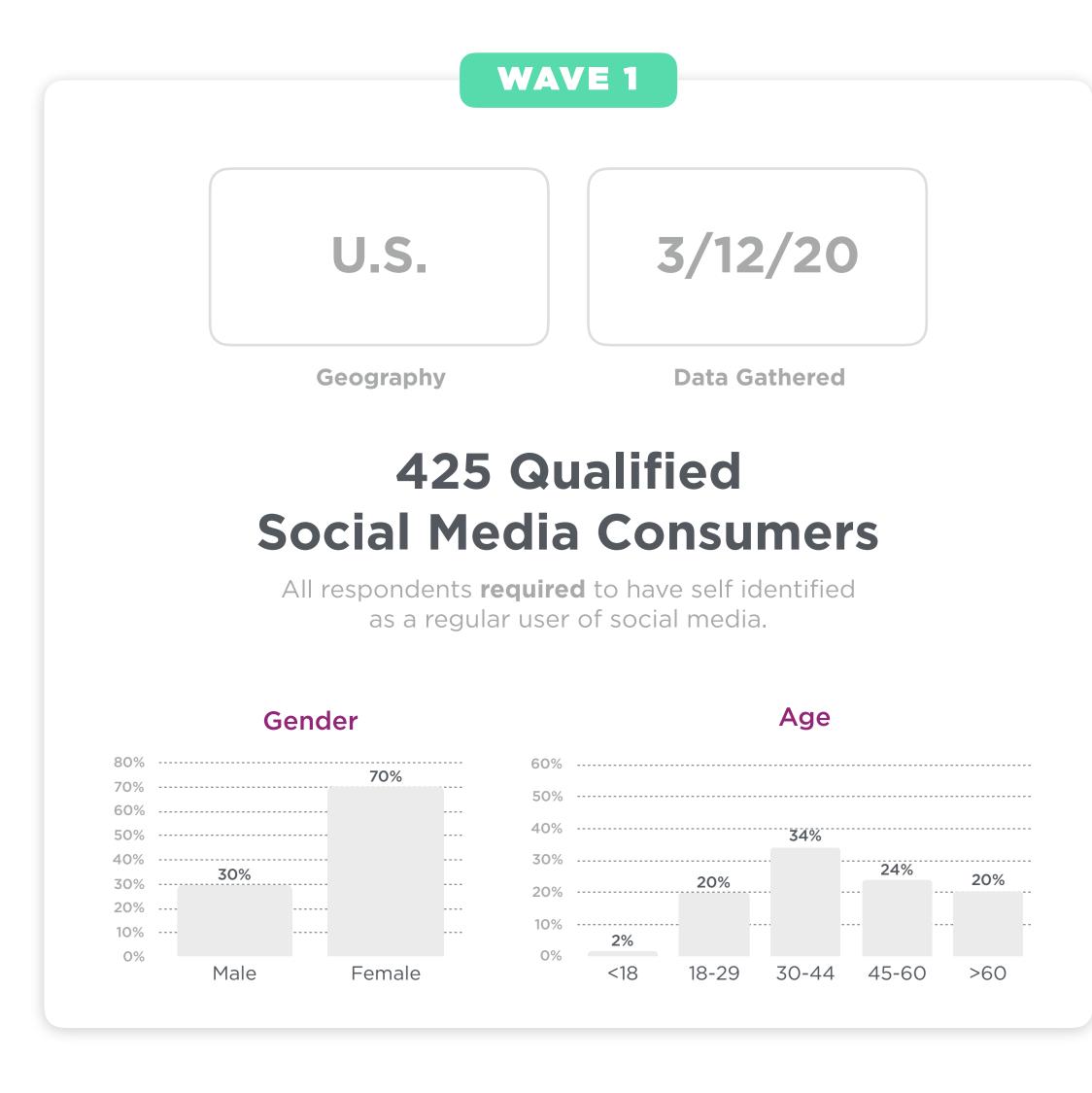
Provide high level guidance for Marketers and Influencers in a time of

 Inform, educate, and assist decision makers that must adapt to a high stress environment and **continue to operate** their businesses.

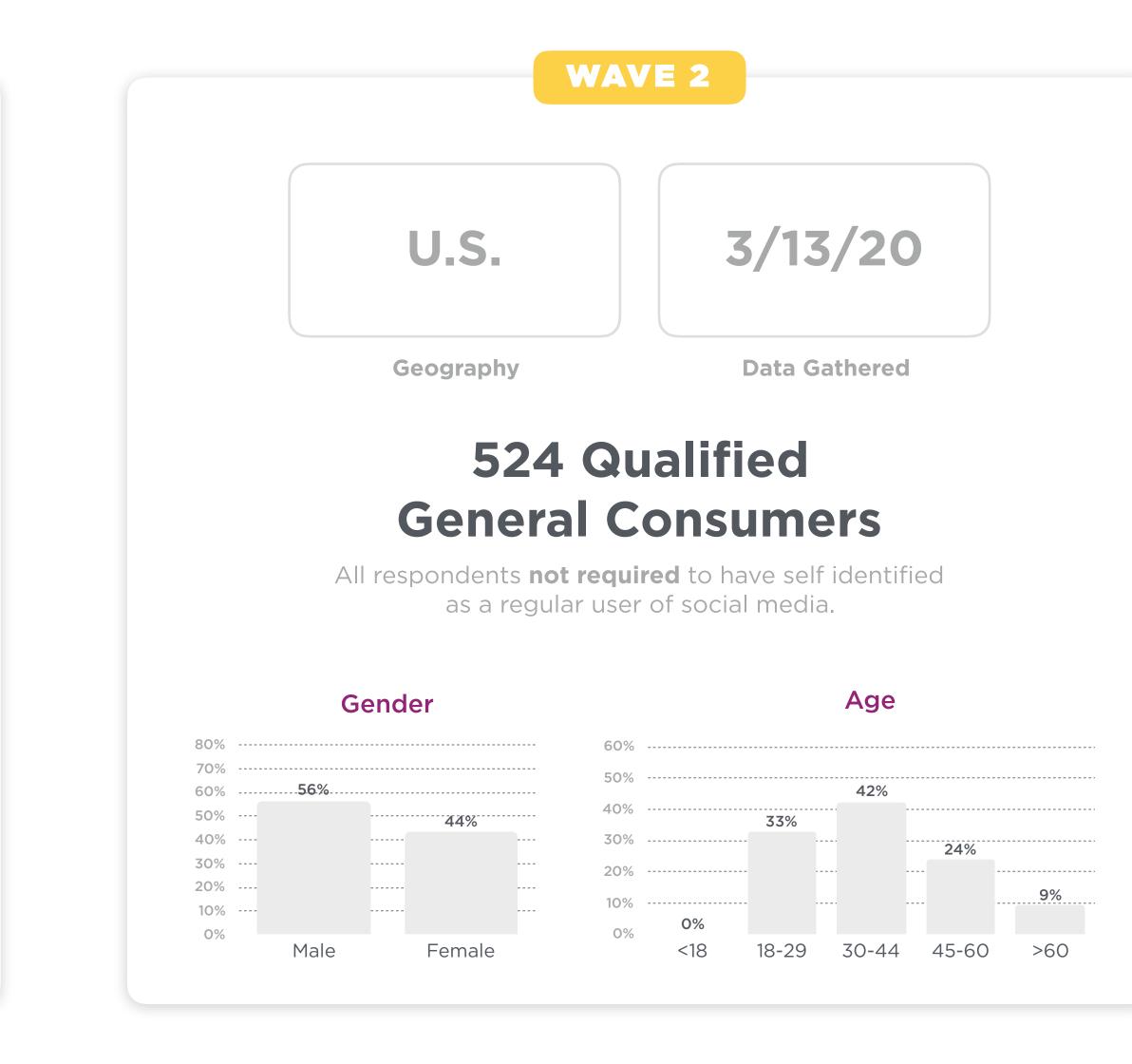
 Help all parties understand sensitive topics and how they may be able to interact with consumers during a unprecedented national crisis.

**Protect** the brands, influencers, and end social media consumers that

## Survey Sample Population









## OF SOCIAL MEDIA USERS

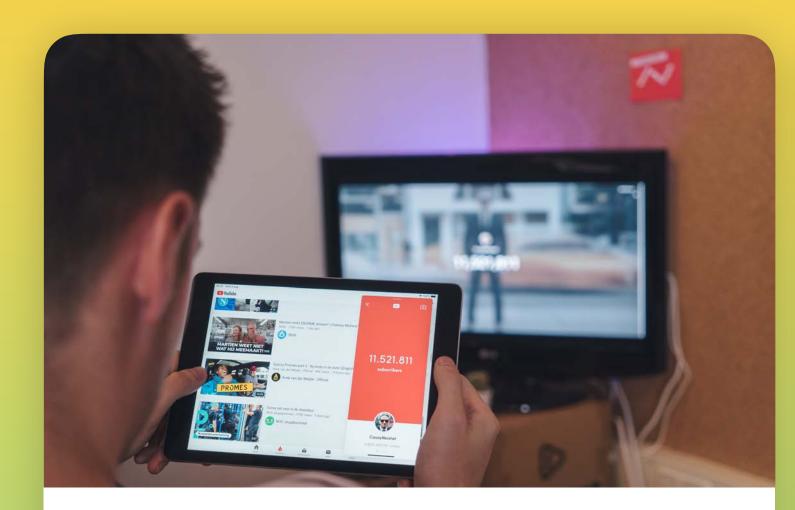


Believe their social media usage habit would **increase slightly to significantly** in the event they are confined to their home due to the Coronavirus.

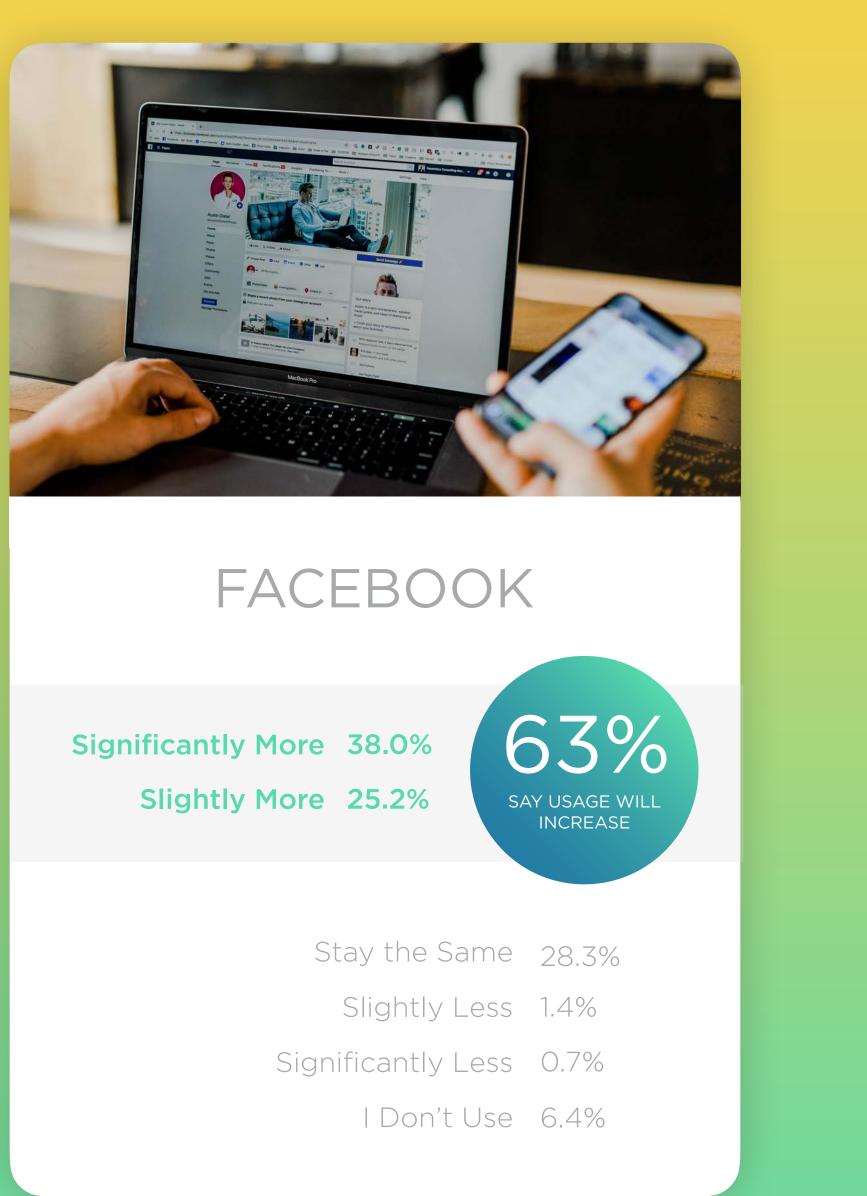
Only 3% believe their consumption would decrease.

#### WAVE 1

Q: If confined to your home due to the Coronavirus, which social media platforms do you believe you will use more or less during that period?



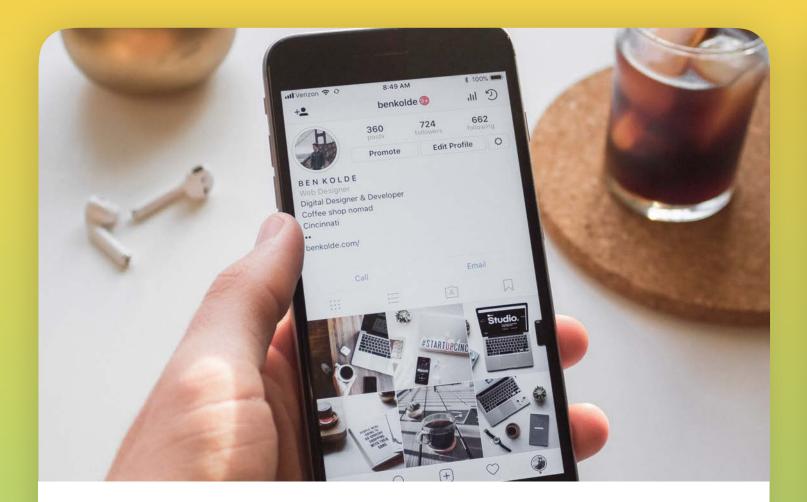
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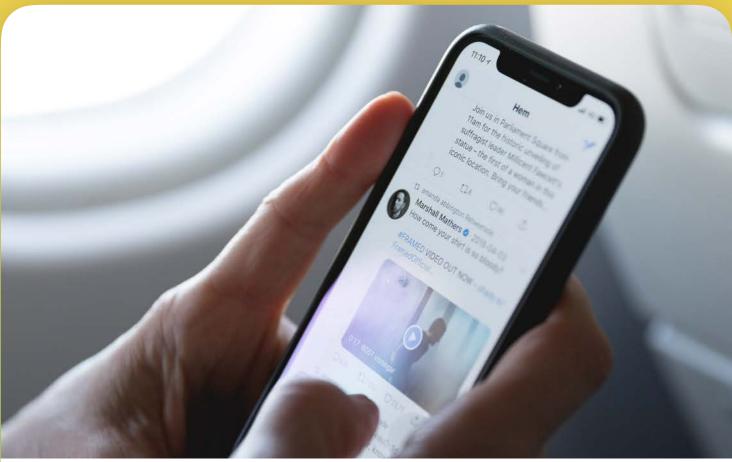


#### YOUTUBE

64% SAY USAGE WILL INCREASE

Stay the Same 22.6% Slightly Less 1.2% Significantly Less 0.7% I Don't Use 11.8%





## INSTAGRAM

Significantly More 22.9% Slightly More 20.2%



Stay the Same	19.8%
Slightly Less	2.4%
Significantly Less	0.9%
l Don't Use	33.8%

Significantly More 16.4% Slightly More 18.0%



#### TWITTER

34% SAY USAGE WILL INCREASE

Stay the Same 16.4% Slightly Less 3.1% Significantly Less 0.7% I Don't Use 45.5%

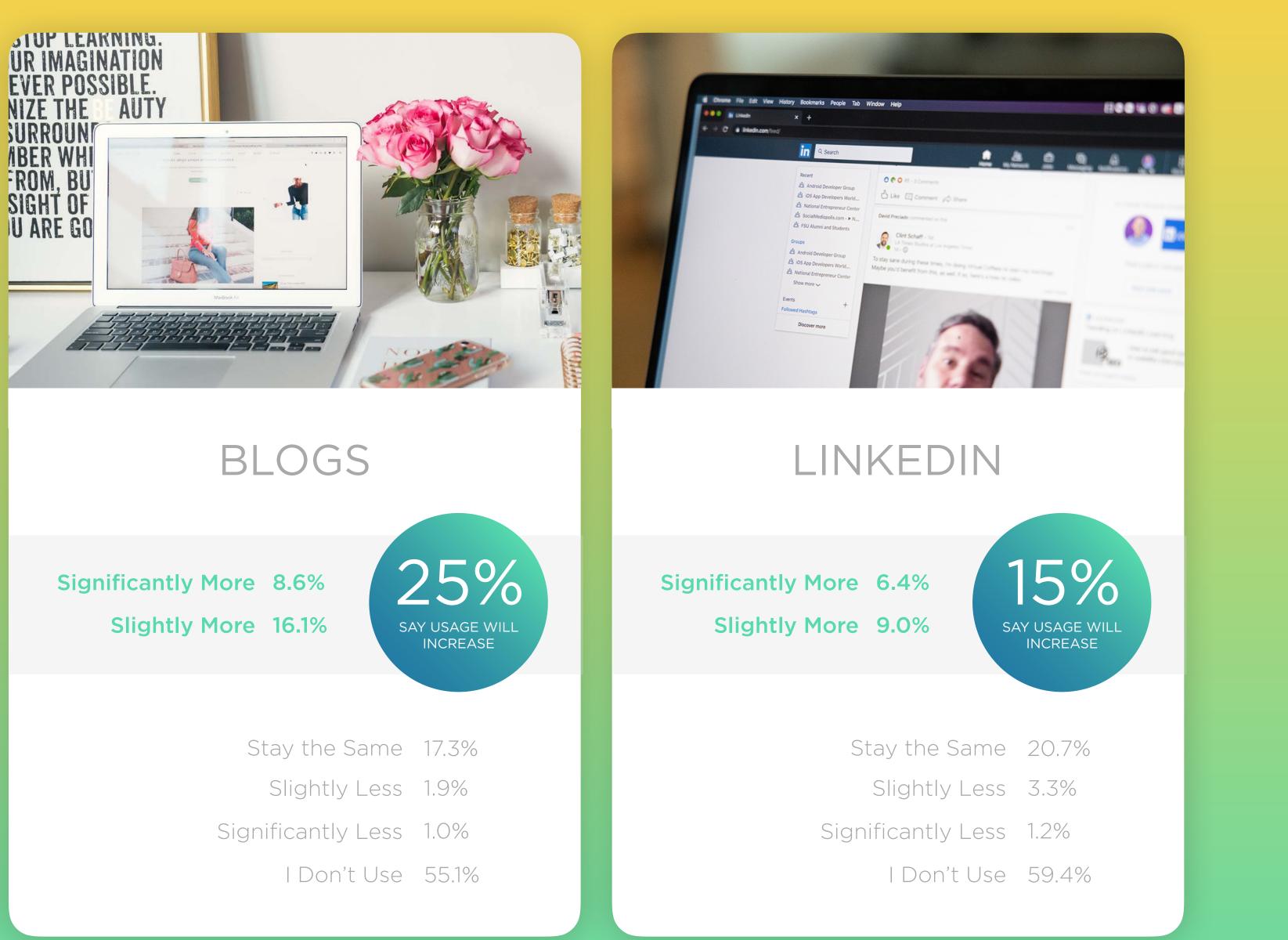
## PINTEREST

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- Stay the Same 22.8% Slightly Less 1.7%
- Significantly Less 1.2%
  - I Don't Use 41.8%







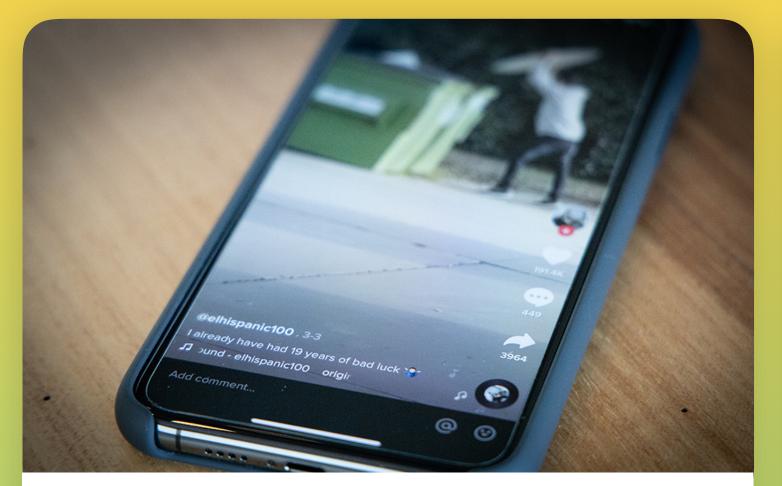
## SNAPCHAT

Significantly More 11.9% Slightly More 13.3%



Stay the Same 13.8% Slightly Less 2.4% Significantly Less 0.5% I Don't Use 58.2%

Stay the Same	20.7%
Slightly Less	3.3%
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#### TIKTOK

Significantly More 6.2% Slightly More 6.2%



Stay the Same 11.9% Slightly Less 1.2% Significantly Less 1.2% I Don't Use 73.4% Significantly More 5.7% Slightly More 4.0%

#### WAVE 1

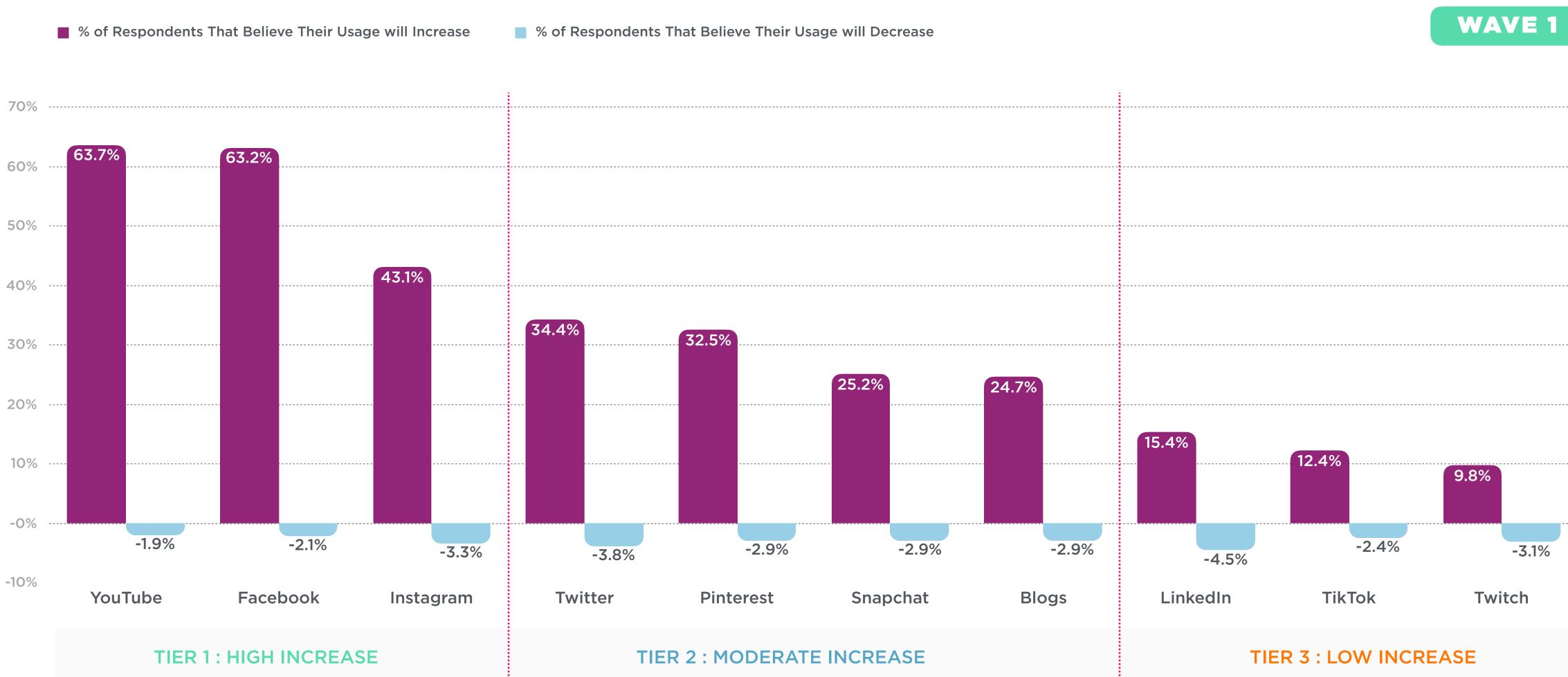
## by Age Among Social Media Users

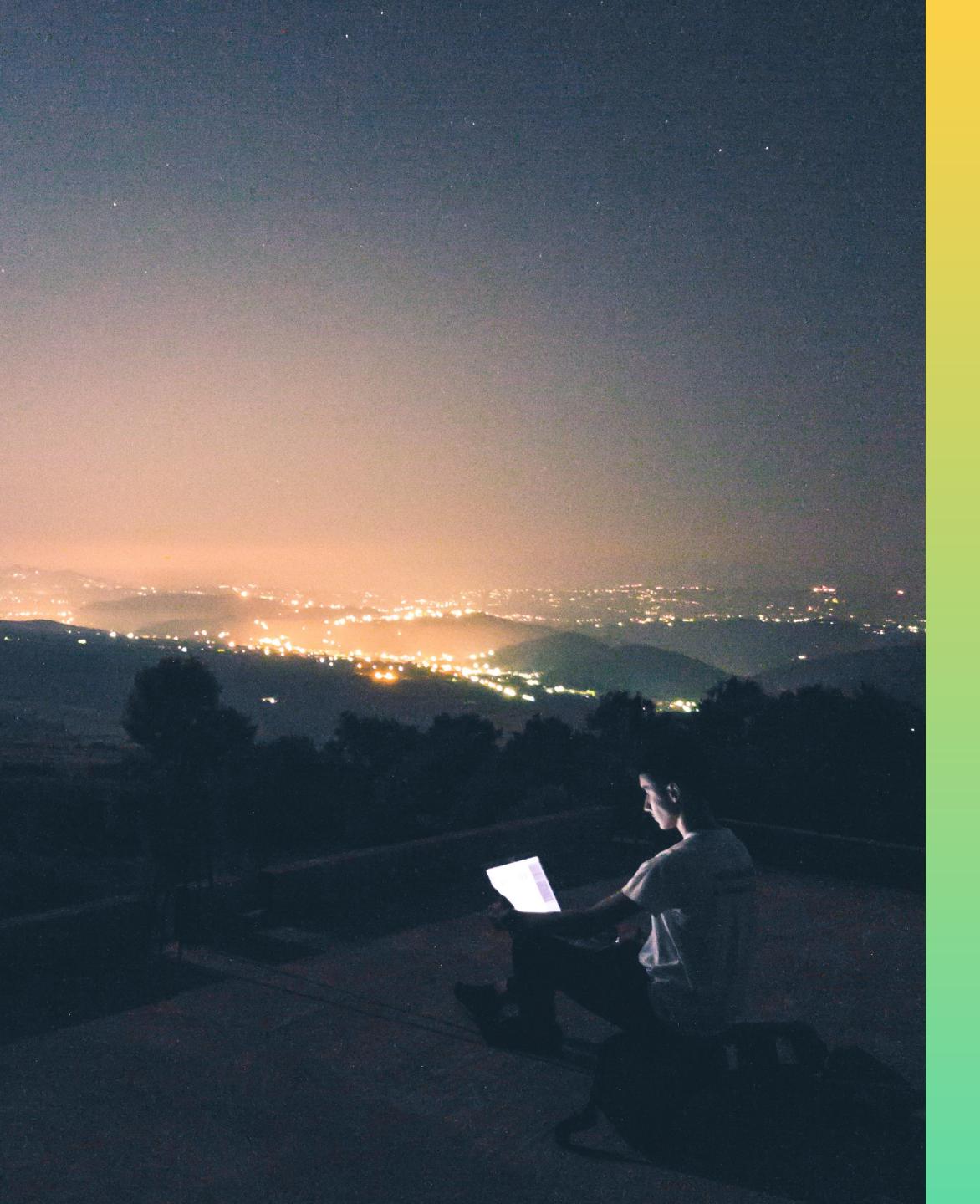
	All Ages	18-44
Facebook	94.3%	92.0%
YouTube	88.2%	94.2%
Instagram	66.2%	78.0%
Pinterest	58.2%	64.4%
Twitter	54.5%	59.1%
Blogs	44.9%	55.6%
Snapchat	41.8%	59.3%
LinkedIn	40.6%	48.0%
TikTok	26.6%	33.6%
Twitch	23.3%	31.3%

## TWITCH 10% SAY USAGE WILL INCREASE Stay the Same 10.5% Slightly Less 2.1% Significantly Less 1.0%

I Don't Use 76.7%

## Predicted activity in the event people are confined to their homes due to Coronavirus.





#### **IZEA INSIGHT**

Overall social media consumption will **increase meaningfully** while people are confined to their homes.

Marketers have the opportunity to **connect with a captive audience** seeking content, services and entertainment.

#### **IZEA INSIGHT**

In a time of stress, consumers favor advertising messages **from those they follow and trust**.



**Q:** Do you normally use social media to **discover and research** products and services?

All Ages 45-60 60 18-29 30-44 56.5% 73.2% 82.9% 80.1% 67.7% Yes 26.8% 17.0% 19.0% 32.3% 43.5% No

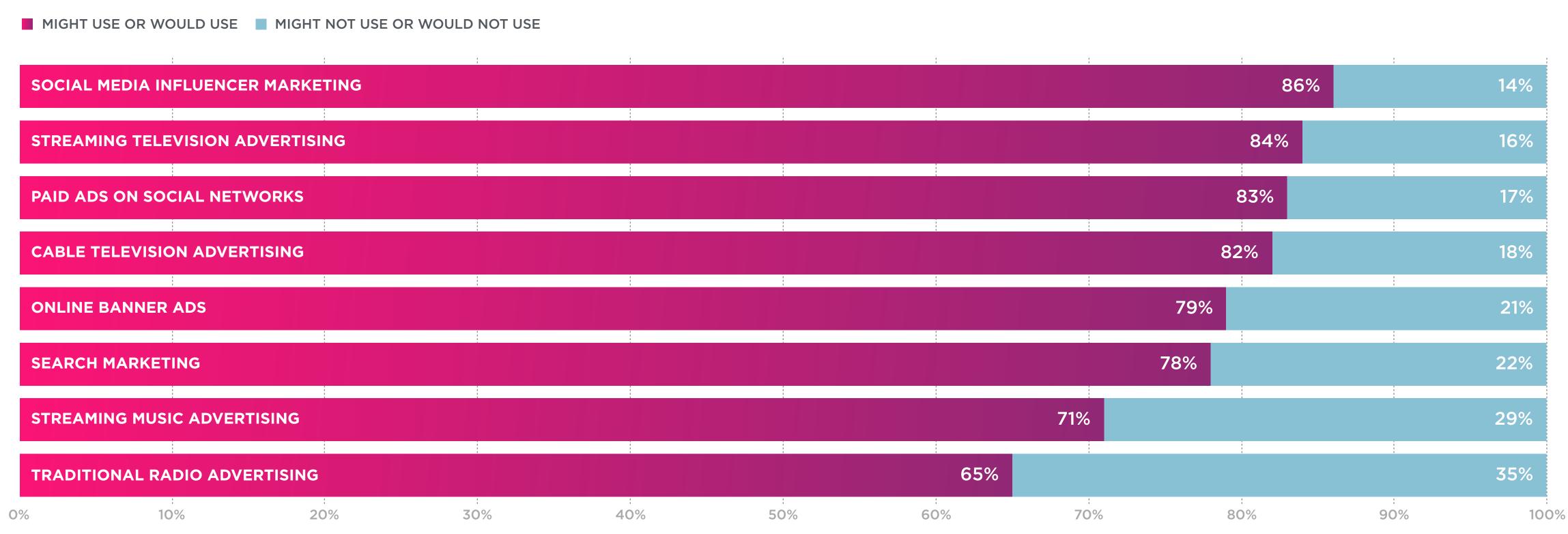
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## OF SOCIAL MEDIA USERS SAY "YES"

WAVE 1



Q: If you were a marketer in charge of allocating ad spend for a consumer product during the Coronavirus outbreak, which form of marketing would you use to get your product in front of consumers while they are confined to their homes?



WAVE 1



#### **IZEA INSIGHT**

Marketers and Influencers must be sensitive to their content in a time of great stress.

Messaging should be authentic, sensitive, and **helpful to consumers**.

## **OF SOCIAL MEDIA USERS**

WAVE 1



Believe there is a chance they will purchase something online if they are confined to their home during a Coronavirus outbreak.

Only .2% believe they will not purchase anything.



#### WAVE 2

Q: What type of products do you think you might purchase online if you are confined to your home during a Coronavirus outbreak?



Likely Purchase 74.0% May Purchase 17.8%

#### **T** FILTER APPLIED

Those that say they have a great deal of say on purchasing decisions.

Unlikely to Purchase 5.3% Will Not Purchase 1.2%

#### GROCERY STORE ITEMS

92% LIKELY OR MAY PURCHASE

#### PRESCRIPTIONS AND OVER THE COUNTER MEDICINES

Likely Purchase 29.2%

May Purchase 32.1%

85% LIKELY OR MAY PURCHASE

Unlikely to Purchase 21.0% Will Not Purchase 17.7%



#### GROCERY STORE ITEMS

Likely Purchase 74.0% May Purchase 17.8%



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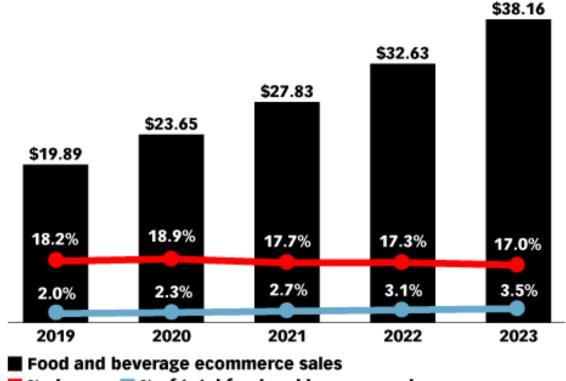
#### Digital Grocery Sales in Select Countries, 2018 & 2023 billions, % of total digital sales and CAGR

	2018		2023		
	Sales	% of digital sales	Sales	% of digital sales	CAGR
China	\$50.9	3.8%	\$196.3	11.2%	31.0%
US	\$23.9	1.6%	\$59.5	3.5%	20.0%
Japan	\$31.9	7.1%	\$46.5	9.9%	7.8%
UK	\$14.6	6.0%	\$22.1	7.9%	8.7%
South Korea	\$9.9	8.3%	\$21.3	14.2%	16.5%
France	\$11.6	4.5%	\$17.2	6.0%	8.2%
Australia	\$2.1	2.1%	\$4.2	3.7%	15.3%
Germany	\$1.3	0.5%	\$3.8	1.2%	23.2%
Canada	\$0.8	0.8%	\$2.1	1.8%	0.8%
Spain	\$0.9	0.7%	\$2.0	1.4%	0.7%
Total	\$147.9	-	\$374.9	-	20.4%
Source: IGD a	is cited in	press release. Oc	t 29, 2018		
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COVID-19 is going to cause a massive shift in consumer behavior that will change the retail landscape forever.



#### US Food and Beverage Ecommerce Sales, 2019-2023 billions, % change and % of total food and beverage sales



% change % of total food and beverage sales

Note: includes products or services ordered using the internet via any device, regardless of the method of payment or fulfillment; includes packaged foods, fresh foods and beverages; eMarketer benchmarks its retail and retail ecommerce sales figures against US Department of Commerce data, for which the last full year measured was 2017 Source: eMarketer, March 2019

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#### TECH

## Amazon to hire 100,000 more workers and give raises to current staff to deal with coronavirus demands

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#### KEY POINTS

- Amazon said Monday it plans to hire an additional 100,000 warehouse and delivery workers amid a surge in online orders due to the coronavirus outbreak.
- The company is also raising pay for warehouse and delivery workers by \$2 per hour in the U.S through the end of April.
- On Saturday, Amazon said some brands in the "household staples" category were out of stock and warned that some of its "delivery promises are longer than usual."



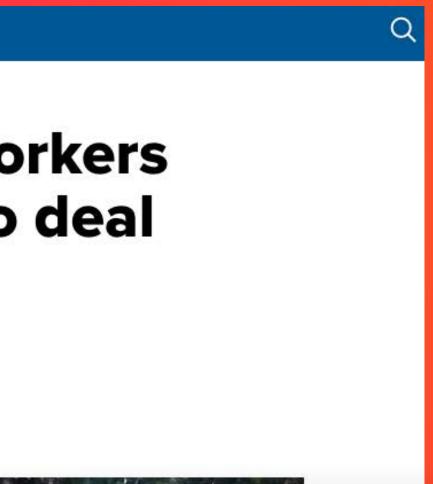












The positive impacts (and related issues) are already being seen with the nations largest retailers.

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#### TRENDING NOW



WHO considers 'airborne precautions' after study shows coronavirus can urvive in air

Stocks set to bounce as Street attempts ebound from the Dow's ird-worst day eve

Now brace for a 15% drop for S&P 500 as coronavirus crisis deepens, chart suggests

GM offering 0% financing for 7 years, deferred

Consumer ordering will increase on sites like Amazon.com and Walmart.com as well as the major national grocers.







#### RESTAURANT FOOD DELIVERY

Likely Purchase 41.7% May Purchase 29.5%



Unlikely to Purchase 15.8% Will Not Purchase 13.0%

#### MEDIA, GAMES, AND ENTERTAINMENT ITEMS

Likely Purchase 29.2% May Purchase 32.1%

> Unlikely to Purchase 21.0% Will Not Purchase 17.7%

61% LIKELY OR MAY PURCHASE

#### CLOTHING, BEAUTY AND FASHION ITEMS

Likely Purchase 24.7%

May Purchase 33.0%

57% LIKELY OR MAY PURCHASE

Unlikely to Purchase 28.7% Will Not Purchase 17.7%





#### HOME ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS, AND TECHNOLOGY ITEMS

Likely Purchase 19.8% May Purchase 28.0%



Unlikely to Purchase 32.7% Will Not Purchase 19.4%

Likely Purchase 20.9% May Purchase 26.2%

> Unlikely to Purchase 32.0% Will Not Purchase 20.9%

#### HOME IMPROVEMENT AND DIY SUPPLIES

47% LIKELY OR MAY PURCHASE

#### HOME FITNESS GEAR AND ACCESSORIES

Likely Purchase 15.1%

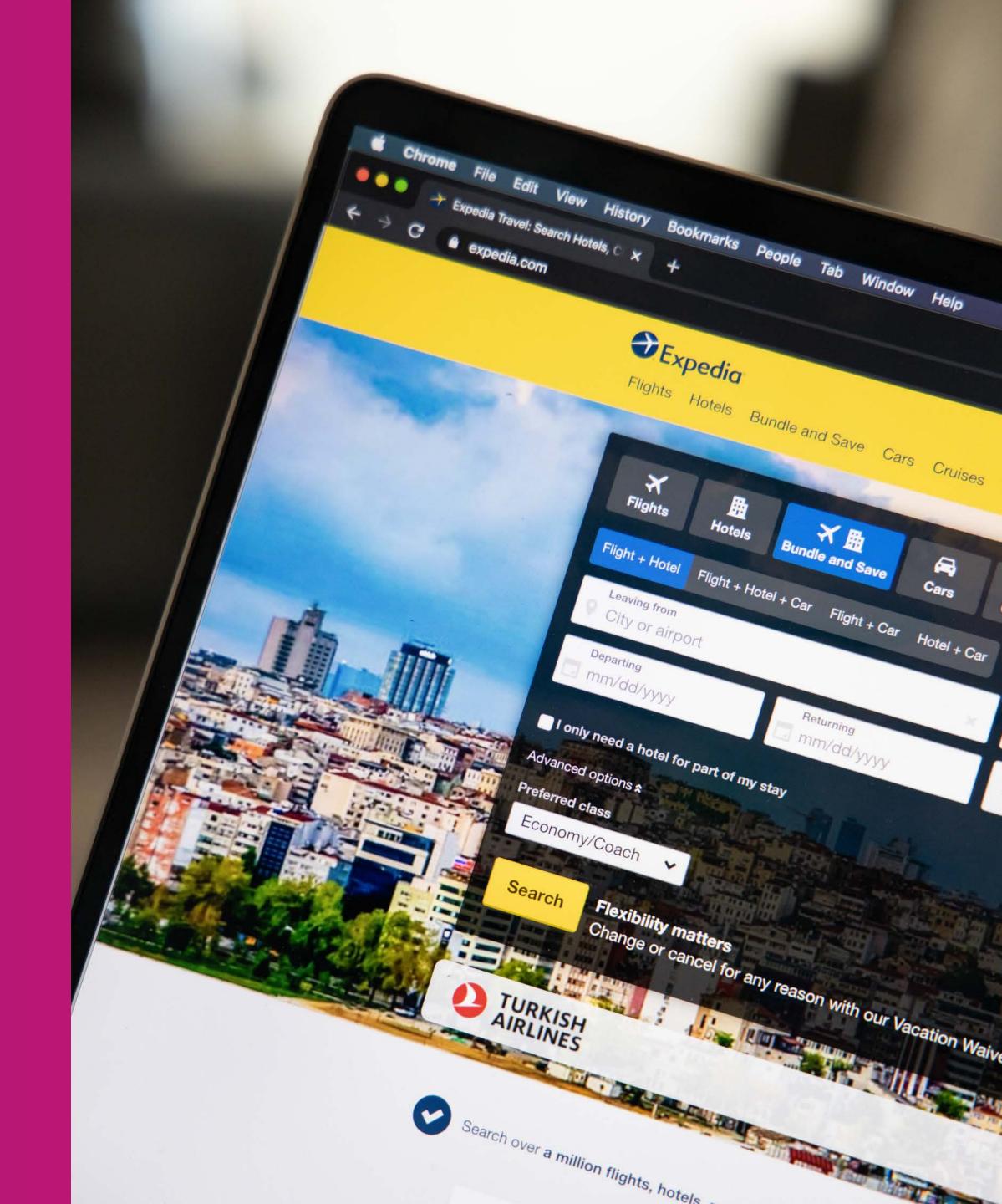
May Purchase 25.2%

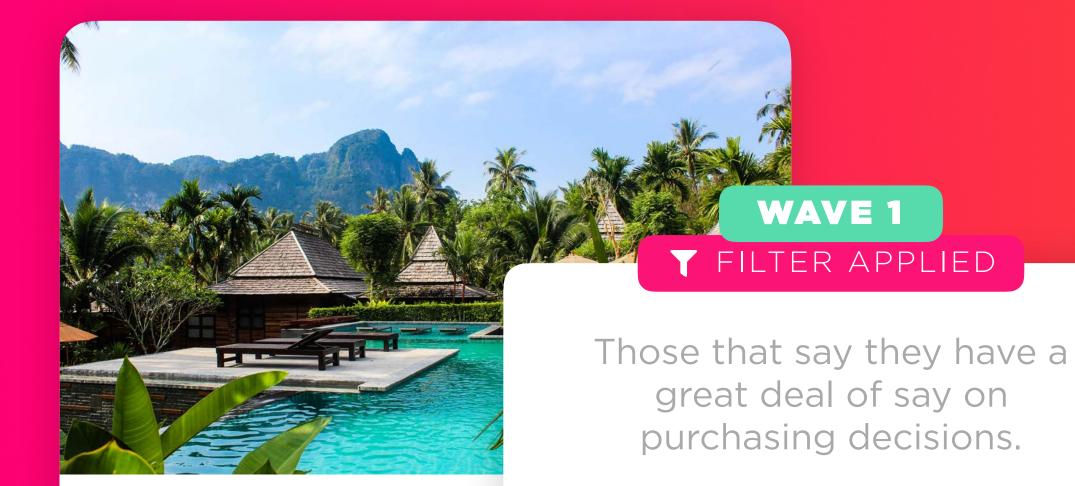
40% LIKELY OR MAY PURCHASE

Unlikely to Purchase 24.5% Will Not Purchase 35.2%

#### **IZEA INSIGHT**

Travel & Tourism Marketers: Your most loyal and profitable core customers will be planning their next trips and vacations over the next few months.





#### FUTURE TRAVEL & VACATIONS

Likely Purchase 13.3% May Purchase 18.2%



Unlikely to Purchase 27.6% Will Not Purchase 40.9%

Frequent vacation travelers are **77% more** likely to book future travel and vacations while confined to their home due to Coronovirus.

VS.

#### FILTER APPLIED

WAVE 2

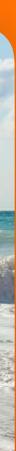
Those that say they travel for vacations 5+ times per year.

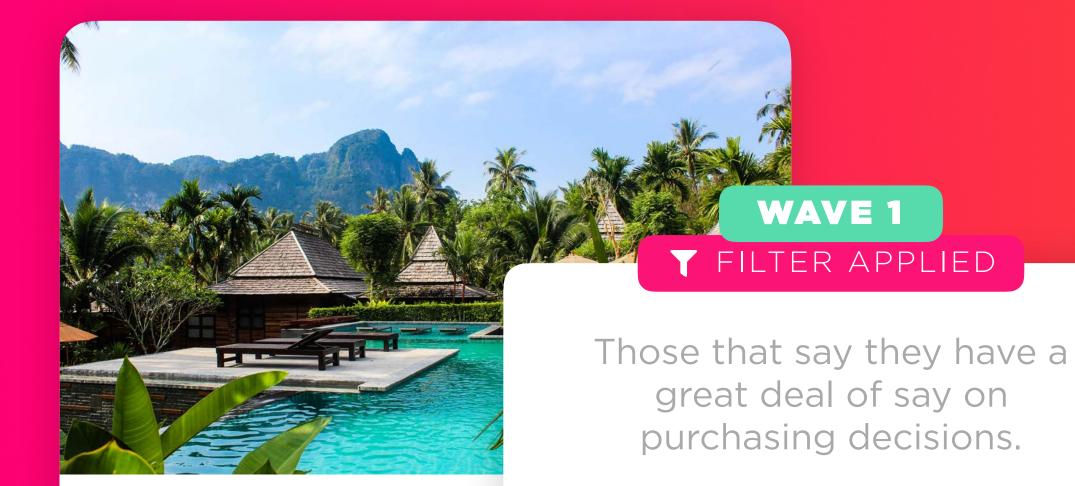
#### FUTURE TRAVEL & VACATIONS

Likely Purchase 20.5% May Purchase 25.0%

55% LIKELY OR MAY PURCHASE

Unlikely to Purchase 15.9% Will Not Purchase 38.6%





#### FUTURE TRAVEL & VACATIONS

Likely Purchase 13.3% May Purchase 18.2%



Unlikely to Purchase 27.6% Will Not Purchase 40.9%

Frequent **business** travelers almost 2x more likely to book future travel and vacations while confined to their home due to Coronovirus.

#### WAVE 2 FILTER APPLIED

Those that say they travel at least a couple of times per month for business.

#### FUTURE TRAVEL & VACATIONS

Likely Purchase 42.1% May Purchase 19.2%

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61% LIKELY OR MAY PURCHASE

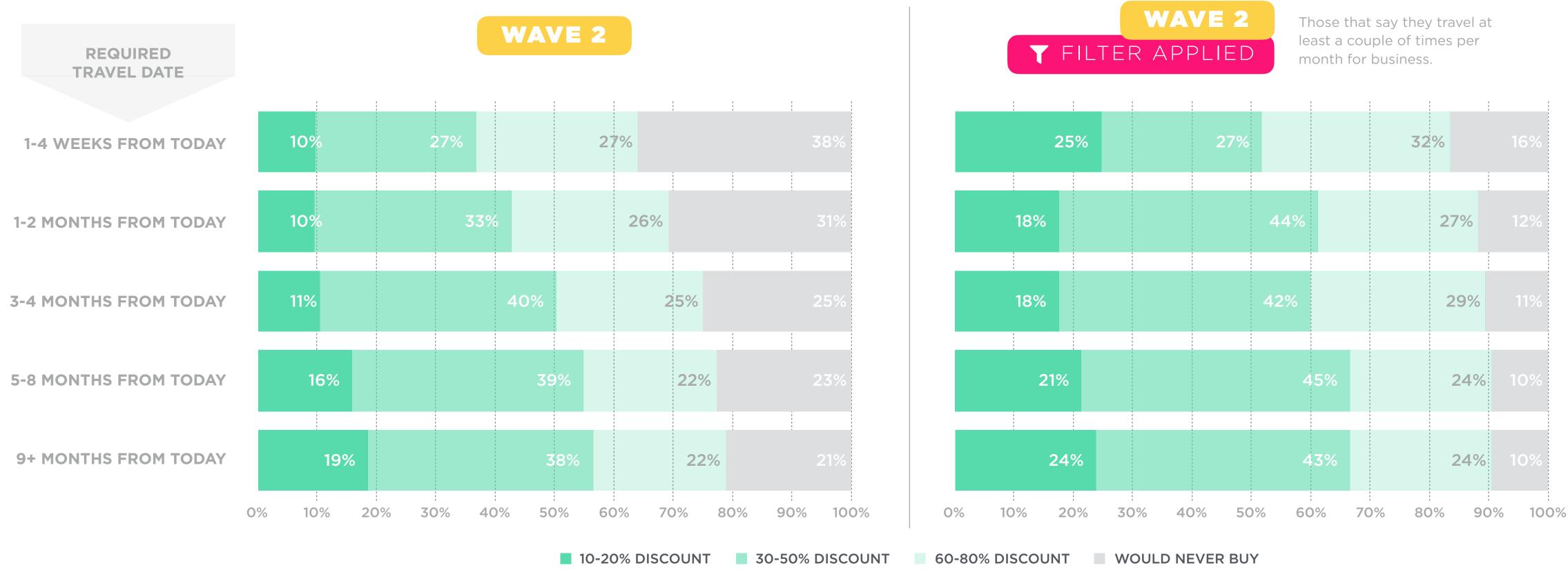
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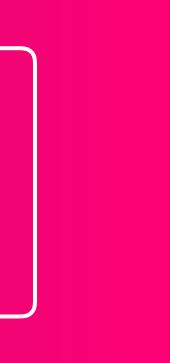
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SEAT

**Q:** How big of a discount would be needed for you to book a **non-refundable** hotel or plane reservation for a place you really wanted to visit?



## A: Most consumers are looking for a **30-50% discount**





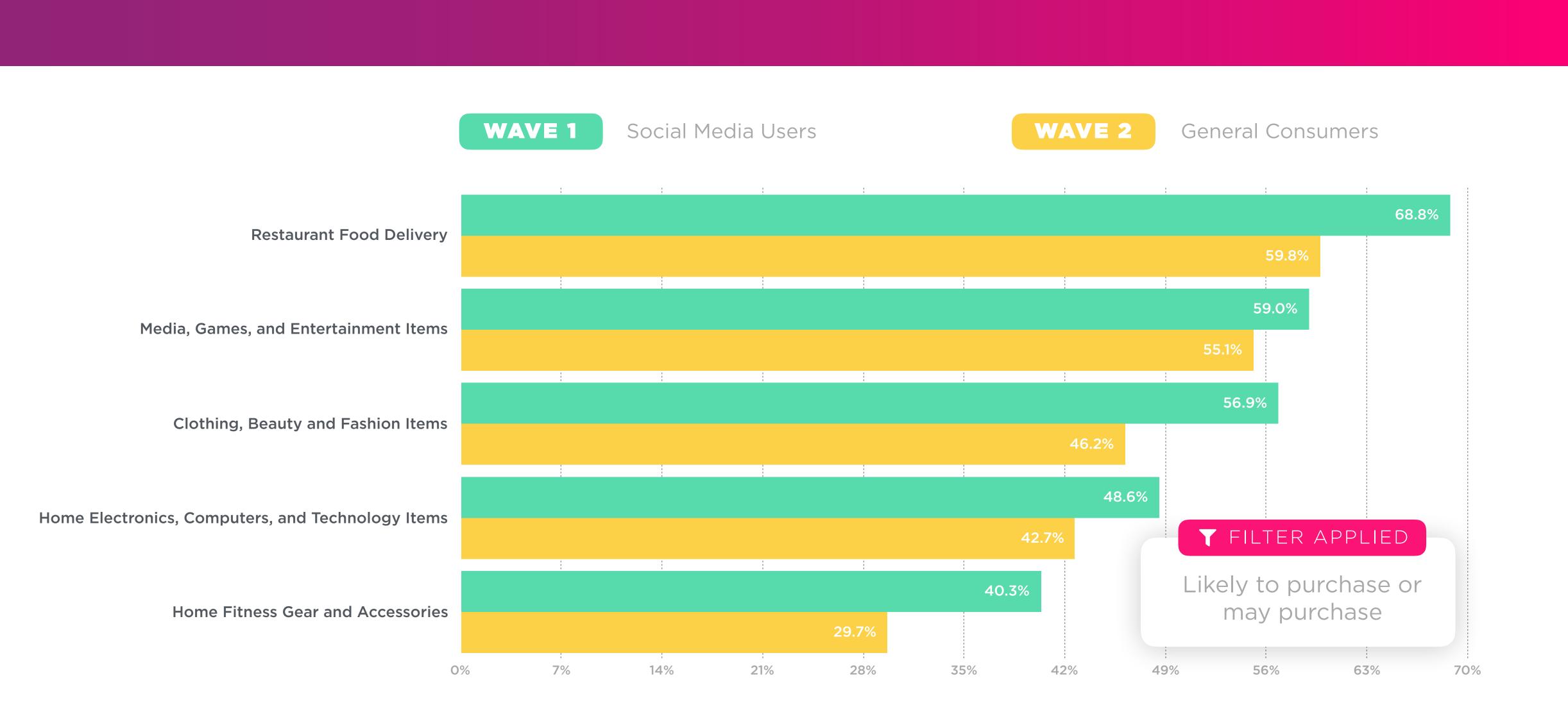
If you are in the travel industry, your focus should be business travelers at this time. They are more likely to buy and require less of a discount.



Consider highlighting insurance options or flexibility in changing dates



## Social Media users are more likely than general consumers to purchase discretionary items online during Coronavirus confinement.



#### WAVE 1

Q: In the event you are confined to your home due to Coronavirus, which type of delivery service do you think you are likely to use?



TRADITIONAL SHIPPING FEDEX, USPS, UPS, DHL, ETC.

Likely to Use

Unlikely to Use



**1ST PARTY DELIVERY DIRECT RETAILER OR RESTAURANT** 

Likely to Use

Unlikely to Use

#### **T** FILTER APPLIED

Those that say they have a great deal of say on purchasing decisions.



64.5%	May Use	26.5%
5.4%	Will Not Use	3.6%



#### **3RD PARTY DELIVERY**

SHIPT, INSTACART, UBER EATS, POSTMATES, ETC.

Likely to Use	31.3%	May Use	35.9%
Unlikely to Use	18.9%	Will Not Use	13.8%

39.1%	May Use	37.0%
13.5%	Will Not Use	10.3%



#### CURBSIDE

#### **DIRECT RETAILER OR RESTAURANT**

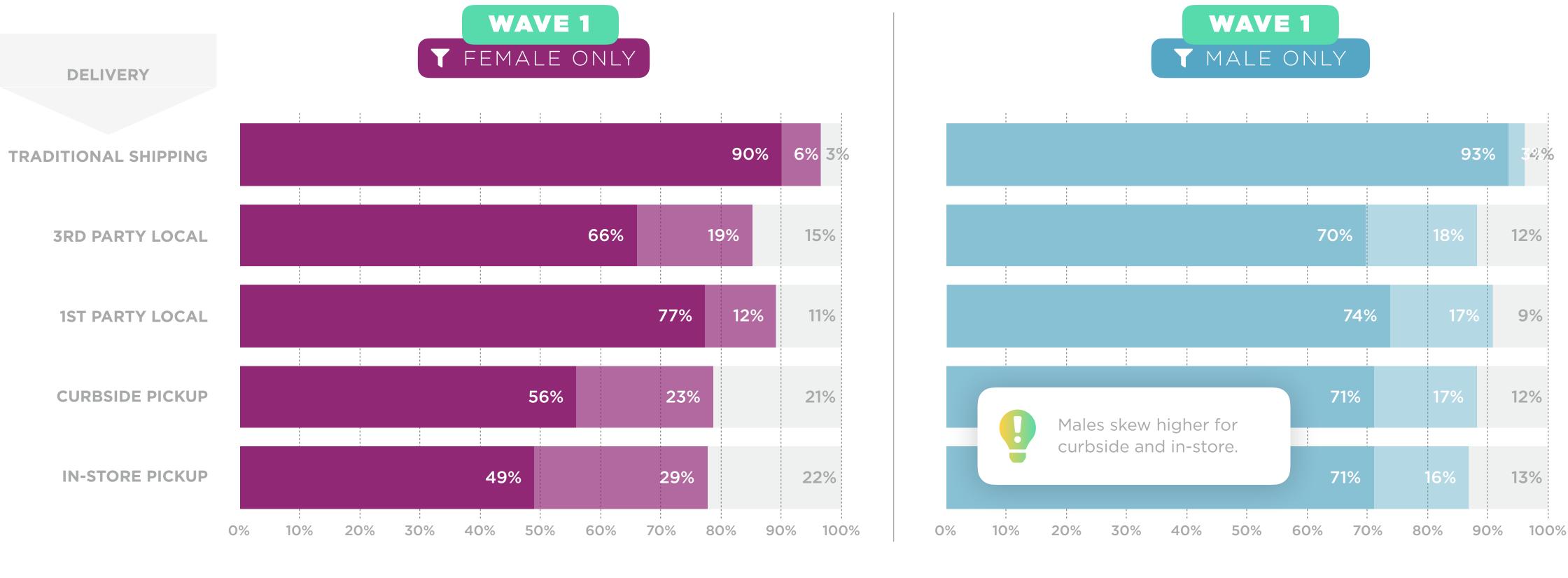
Likely to Use	23.9%	May Use	36.0%
Unlikely to Use	21.4%	Will Not Use	18.6%







## **Q:** In the event you are confined to your home due to Coronavirus, which type of delivery service do you think you are likely to use?



LIKELY OR MAY USE UNLIKELY TO USE WILL NOT USE LIKELY OR MAY USE

UNLIKELY TO USE

WILL NOT USE



#### RESTAURANT FOOD DELIVERY

Likely Purchase 36.9% May Purchase 32.4%

69% LIKELY OR MAY PURCHASE

Unlikely to Purchase 17.1% Will Not Purchase 13.5%

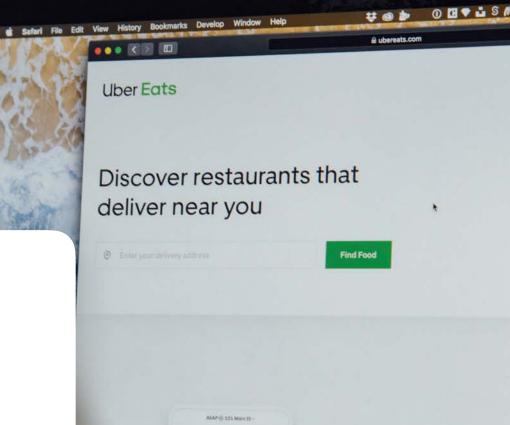
iOS users are 15% more likely to order restaurant food delivery online if they are confined to their home during Coronavirus.

WAVE 2 FILTER APPLIED

VS.

## Android

Phone and Tablet Users



#### RESTAURANT FOOD DELIVERY

Likely Purchase 28.8% May Purchase 31.1%

0% LIKELY OR MAY PURCHASE

Unlikely to Purchase 21.2% Will Not Purchase 18.7%



#### **IZEA INSIGHT**

Consumers will not want (or be able) to leave their homes.

Consider highlighting free shipping or pickup options in your messaging immediately.

#### **IZEA INSIGHT**

Older consumers may have never ordered groceries online or used third party delivery services.

This is an opportunity to educate and convert new customers who may be confused or concerned about safety.





**Bored children** are going to be a major concern for parents.

This represents an opportunity for the **home improvement** and **arts & crafts** industry as well as the **entertainment industry**.





#### MEDIA, GAMES, AND ENTERTAINMENT ITEMS

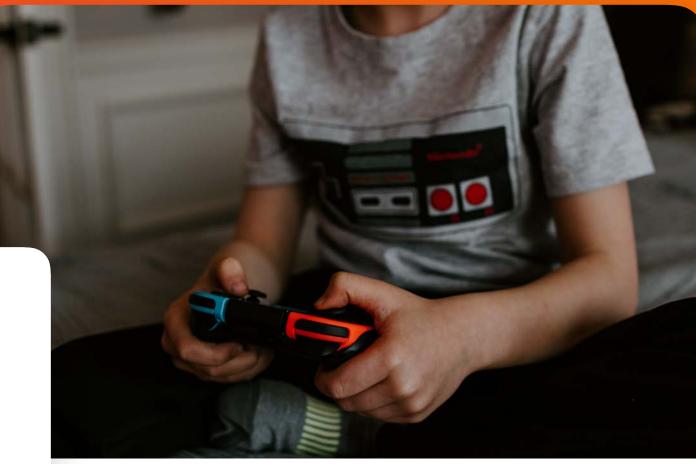
Likely Purchase 26.7% May Purchase 28.5%



Unlikely to Purchase 22.2% Will Not Purchase 22.7% Those with **children in** the home are **31%** more likely to purchase media and games during confinement.



Those that say they have children in the house between 3-17 years of age.



#### MEDIA, GAMES, AND ENTERTAINMENT ITEMS

Likely Purchase 36.1% May Purchase 36.1% 72% LIKELY OR MAY PURCHASE

Unlikely to Purchase 18.7% Will Not Purchase 9.0%



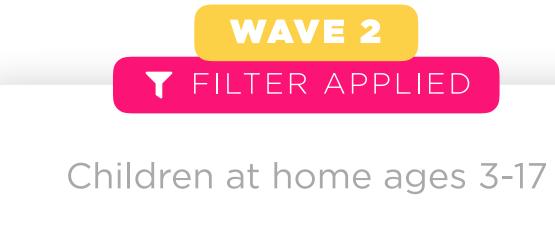
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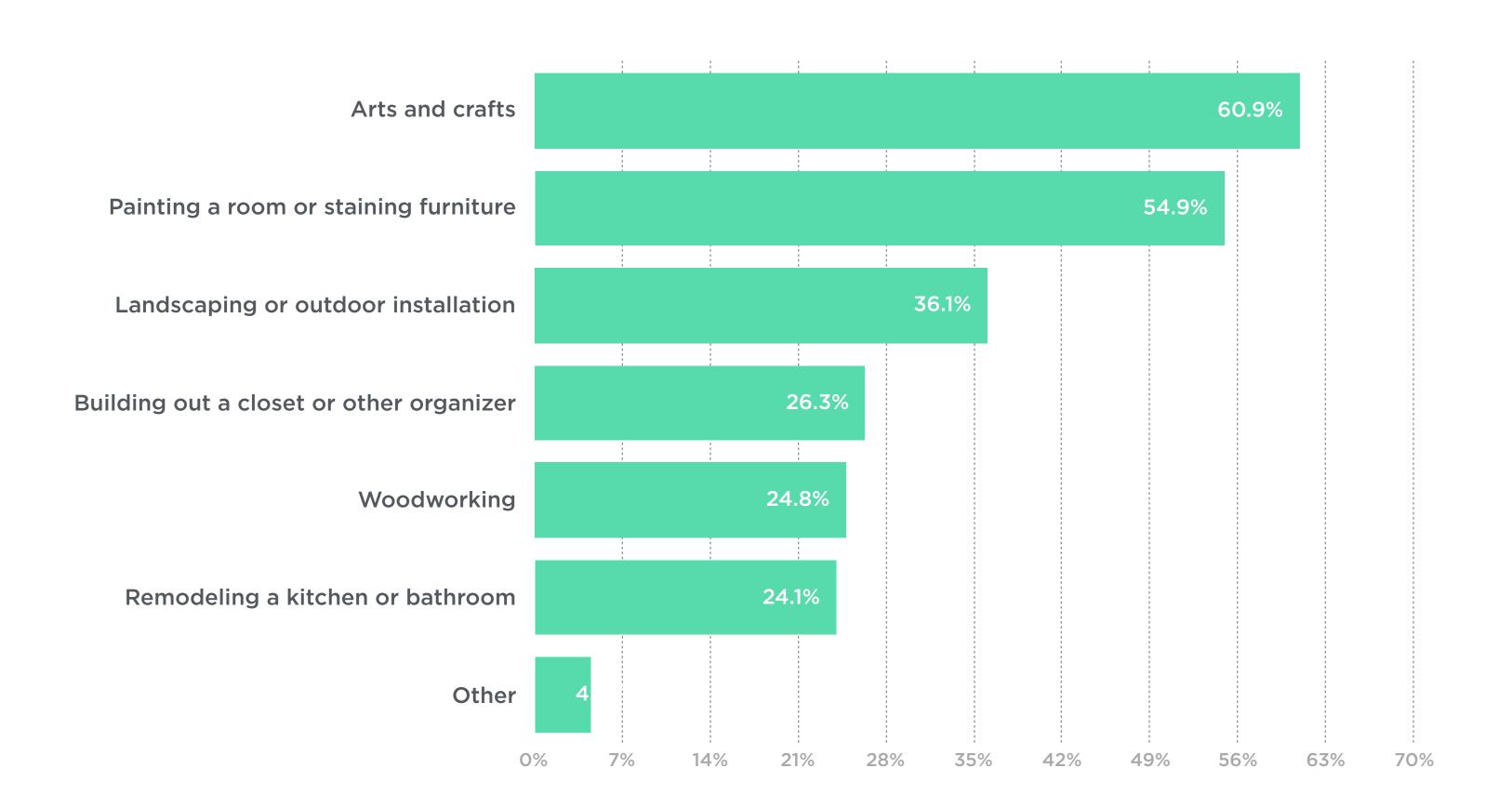
#### OF CONSUMERS WITH CHILDREN AGES 3-17



Say they may or will purchase **Home Improvement** and **DIY Supplies** if confined to their home for Coronavirus.

## **Q:** What types of **DIY** projects are you considering in the next 6 months?





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OF THESE CONSUMERS WITH DIY **PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION** 

Say they would accelerate their project if confined to their home.





If you are a **home improvement** or **craft** store you have a unique window to capture consumer spend.

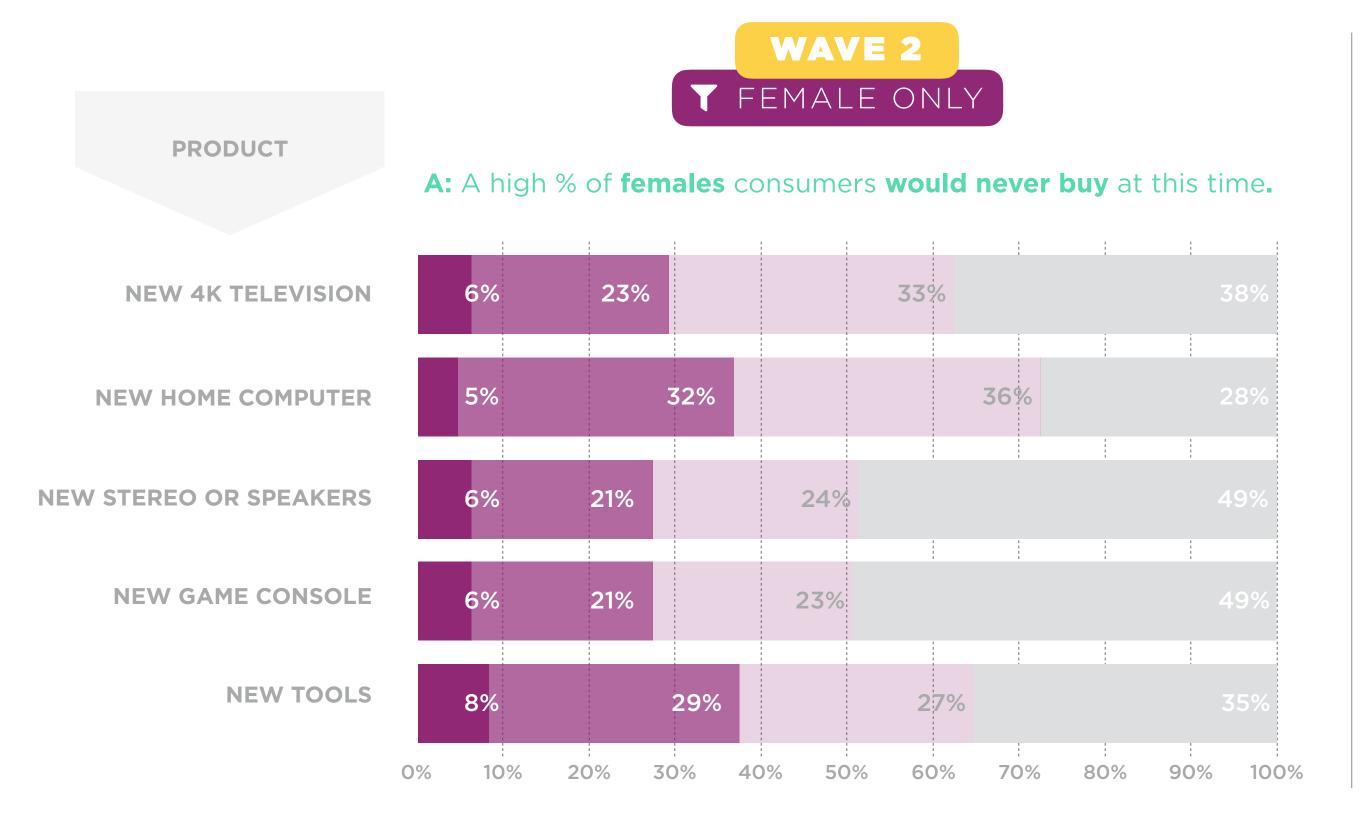
Now is also the time to tout home delivery or instore pickup if available.

Parents are going to be in search of fresh and interesting educational content in a time of confinement.

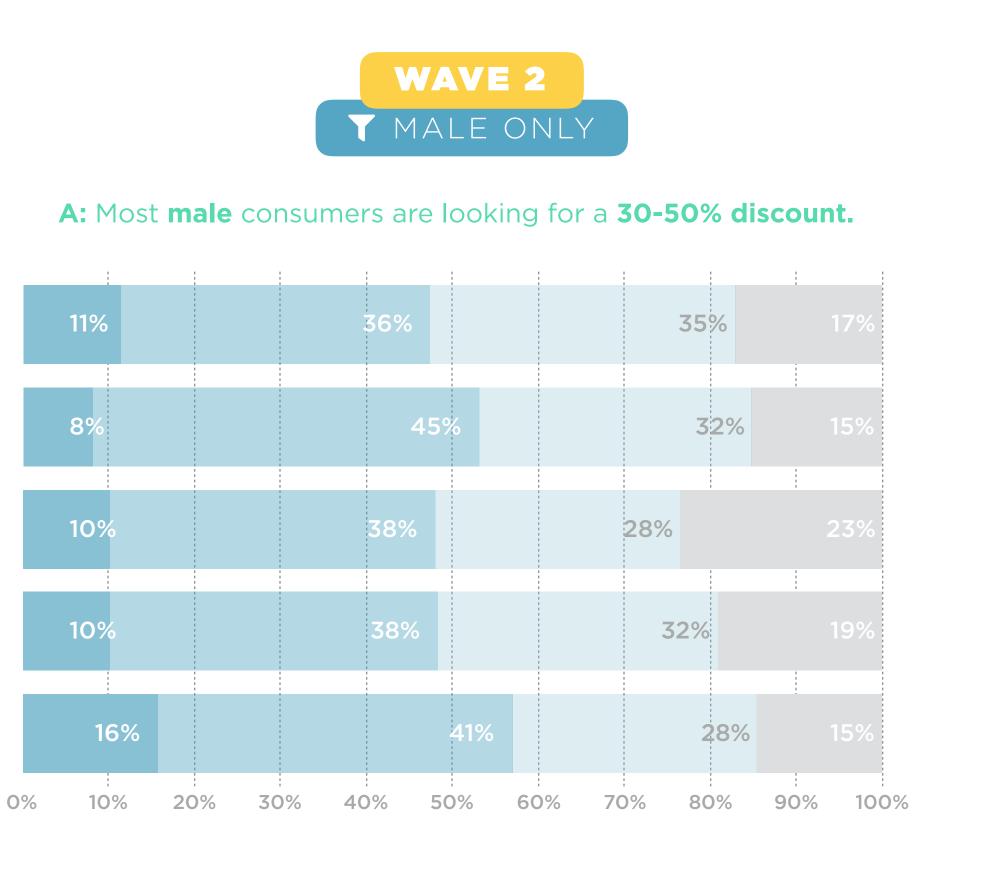
Brands and influencers have an opportunity to connect in a new way.



# **Q:** How big of a discount would be needed to immediately purchase the following items today?



**10-20% DISCOUNT** 60-80% DISCOUNT



**30-50% DISCOUNT** WOULD NEVER BUY

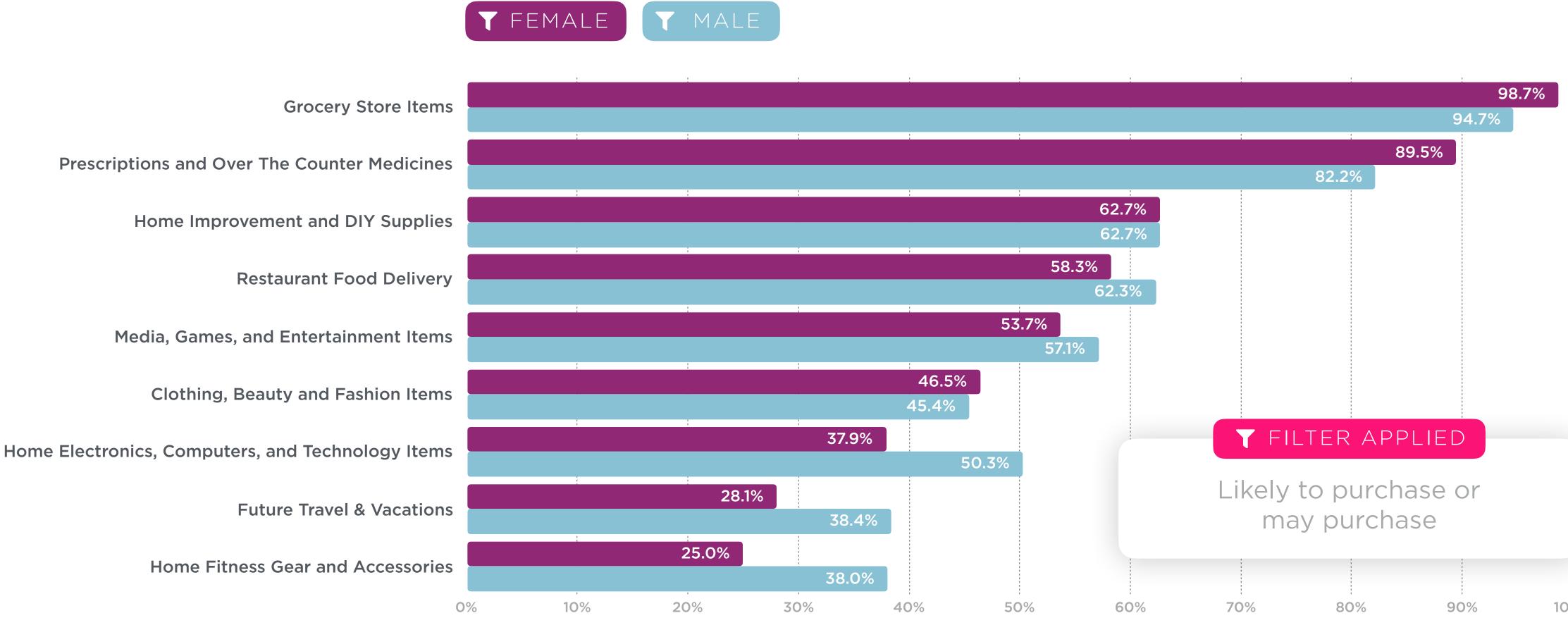
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On average, men are approximately 2x more ikely to respond to a 10-20% discount on electronics during this time and are more responsive to discounting overall.

# Males are more likely to purchase electronics, travel, fitness gear online if they are confined to their home for Coronavirus.





# Increase in New Influencers (A job people can do from home)

DIGITAL MEDIA CREATION

Increase in Social Media Usage Increase in Arts, Crafts And DIY Potential spike in purchases of electronics and software for **digital media creation** vs. electronics for digital media consumption.

# **OPPORTUNITIES FOR**

- Digital Cameras
- Digital Video Cameras
- Green Screens
- Light Kits
- Microphones
- Hard Drives
- Digital Content Software

# **Influencer Strategies**





# GROCERY STORE ITEMS



PRESCRIPTIONS AND OVER THE COUNTER MEDICINES

# **POSSIBLE INFLUENCER STRATEGY**

Consumers will continue to buy necessities, but will **shift grocery and pharmacy spend to online ordering** in a meaningful way.

• Consider promotion of bulk purchases or value sizes as consumers stock up for the unknown.

 Use influencers to tell stories that focus on bringing families "back to the dinner" table together.

 Position cooking as something that can relieve boredom and teach children new skills at the same time.



# RESTAURANT FOOD DELIVERY

## **POSSIBLE INFLUENCER STRATEGY**

**Consumers will look to restaurant food delivery** in an effort break up their day and provide a special treat for the family.

 Food safety will be a concern. National brands can leverage the process and protocols that larger companies bring to food safety. Promote the steps you have taken to reduce COVID-19 impacts.

 Use influencers to tell stories that focus on easing the stress they are currently experiencing. Not having to cook is one less thing to worry about.

 Choosing a menu item can be a family adventure. Turn ordering into a shared experience where family members are trying something new.





# MEDIA, GAMES, AND ENTERTAINMENT ITEMS



# **POSSIBLE INFLUENCER STRATEGY**

Boredom will be at an all-time high for parents and children alike. Entertainment companies have an opportunity to proverbially "save the day".

 Consumers will turn to social media to fill time, but interesting content will be harder to come by as content creators are trapped at home.

• Use influencers to tell stories about the new content and services they have discovered while confined to their home.

 Entertainment can bring families together or give parents some needed adult-only time. Position entertainment products and services as "escapes from the current reality."

# POSSIBLE CONTENT TOPICS

**Self Care** - this has been a hot topic for the past year, and will become even hotter at a time where anxiety is high. With the increase in remote work and those staying home by choice, filling up free time with self care routines has double benefits.

**Work From Home Tips** - the flexibility that comes with working from home, also comes with a need for self-discipline. Tips can be shared on how to build a routine, tips for motivation, combating loneliness and more. This could be an opportunity for brands to create virtual communities or hangouts for people to connect.

**PSAs** - working with top medical influencers to share accurate information on cleaning at home and offices, washing hands, using sanitizers correctly, etc.



By Executive Order of the Mayor of Los Angeles, the following establishments within the City of L.A. are

# **Closed to the public**



**Bars and Nightclubs\*** \*Bars may sell food for takeout only



# **Dine-in Restaurants\***

\*Restaurants may sell food for takeout only



## **Entertainment Venues**

Including, but not limited to, movie theaters, live-performance venues, bowling alleys, and arcades



**Gyms and Fitness Studios** 

### Effective 12:00 AM, March 16, 2020



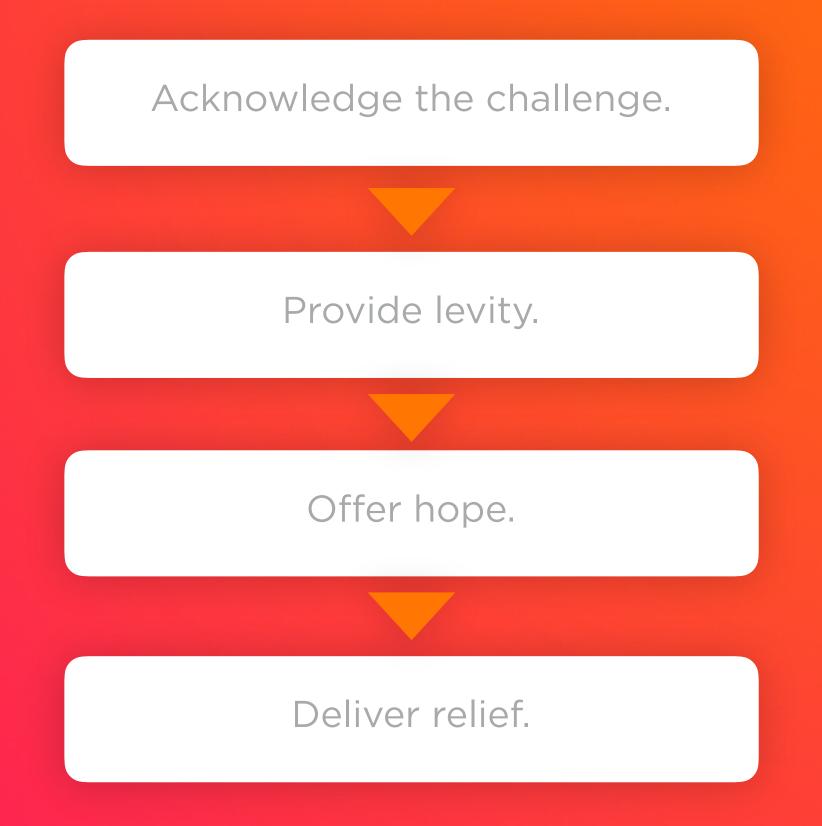
But what about me? My company operates a national chain of entertainment facilities where people gather, eat, drink, and play games.

We are shut down.



# ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY

Parents are going to be going stir-crazy at home caring for children who are even more stir-crazy. They will all want to get out of the house and blow off steam on the other side of confinement.







@Jennafenna Things are getting hairy! We have moved to full mustache. I don't know about you... but this mom is in need of some adult-only play time as soon as it is safe. @AcmeArcade just launched a "Parental Sanity" program to help parents get out and celebrate on the other side of #coronavirus lockdown. Register now to get a 20% discount on everything once they re-open their doors. Visit izea.it/12ab12

# **Don't wait.** Use influencer marketing <u>now</u> to create the immediate outcomes <u>you want later</u>.

# **Digital coupon** with email capture and visitor tracking

**Post crisis** email blast and re-marketing to site visitors.

Enlist Jenna as an **Ambassador** for ongoing programs as things recover. Follow-up post from Jenna once **facilities are open** and Jenna can visit.

# Marketplace Impacts

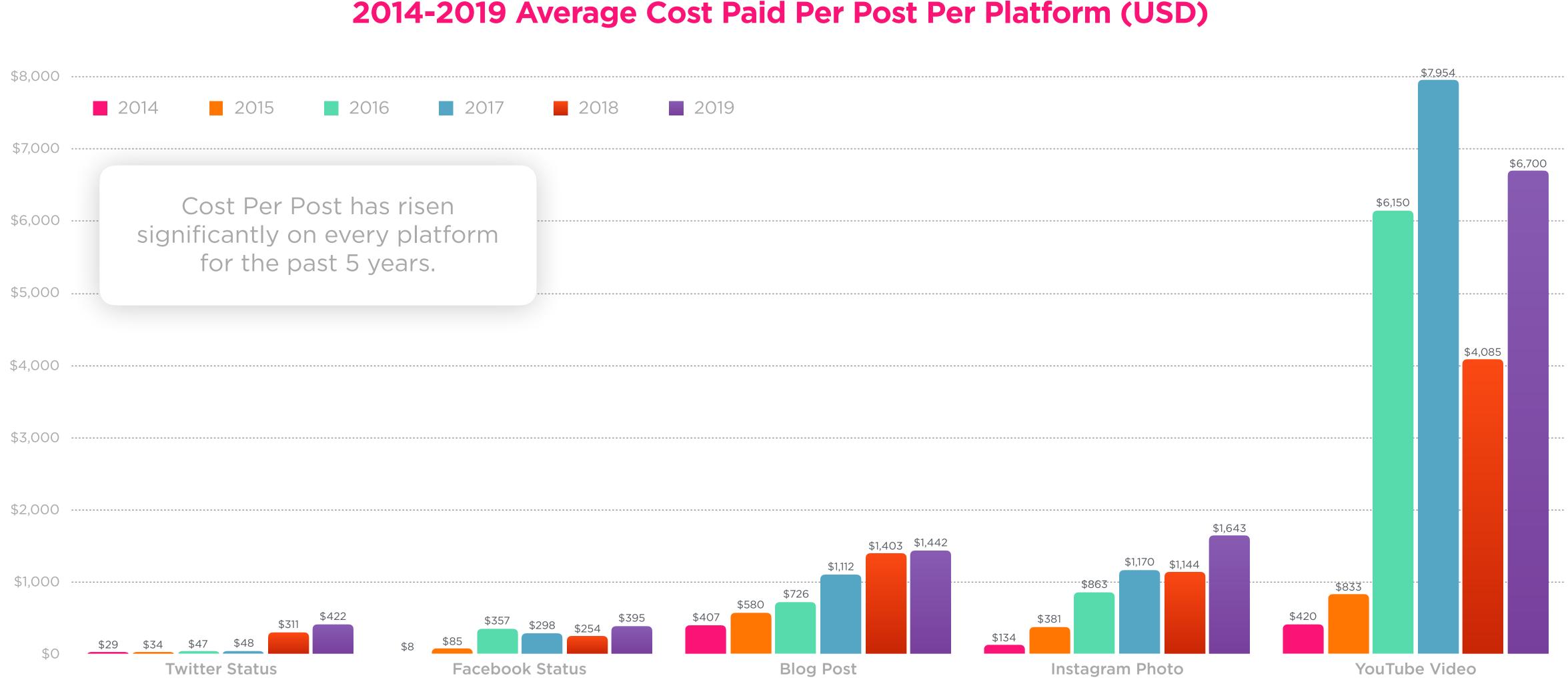


# OF SOCIAL MEDIA USERS

WAVE 1

Would consider becoming a social media influencer to earn money for their household during an economic recession.

# Influencer Marketing Costs







Source : IZEA Insights - Influencer Pricing Data - November 2019



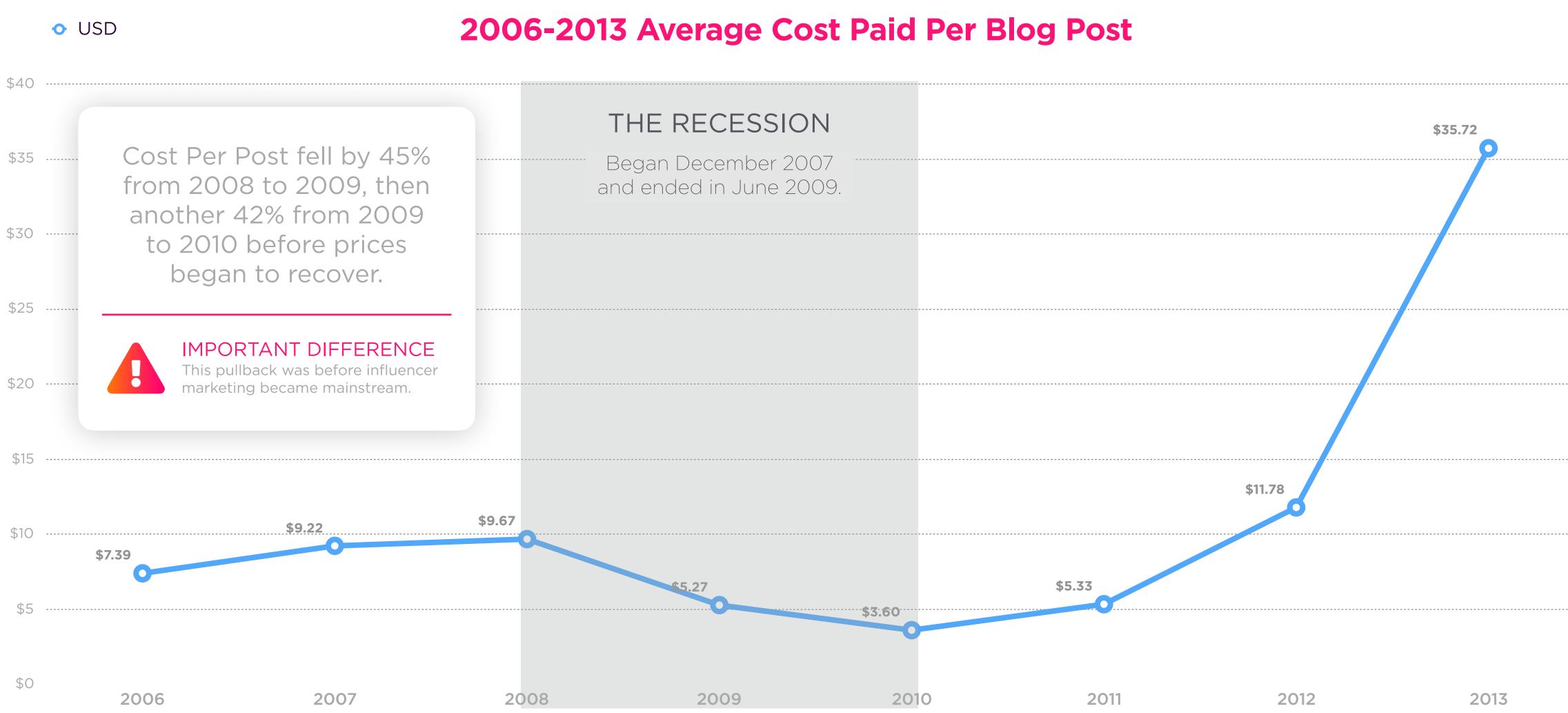
# **INCREASE FOR BLOG POSTS**

The average cost of a sponsored blog post has risen from **\$7.39 in 2006** to **\$1,442.27 in 2019**, an increase of 195x.

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# Pricing Impacts in a Time of Slowdown









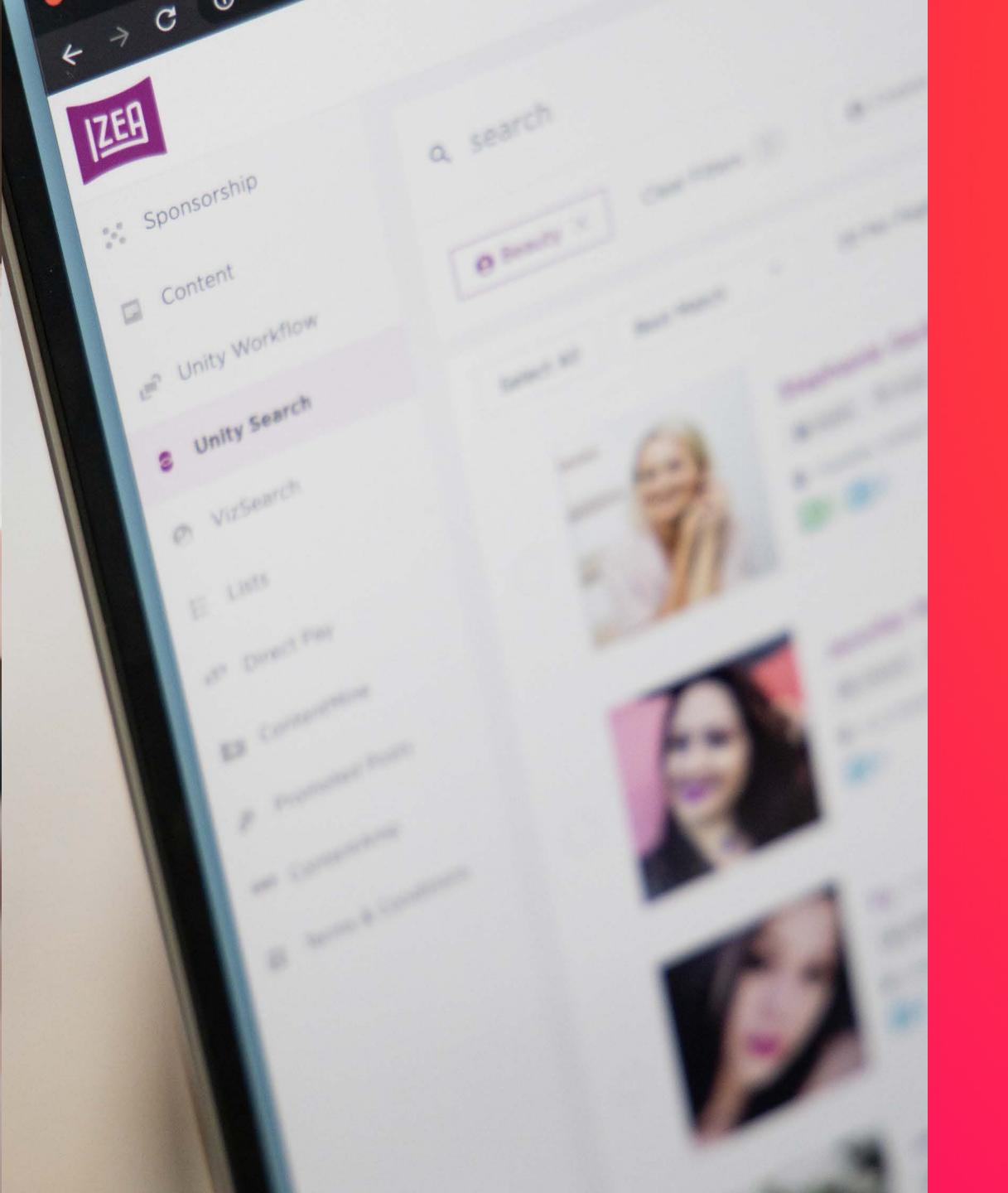
Despite increased social media usage, expect the **price per post** on all social platforms **to fall dramatically** in the short term, and that may continue depending on the length of Coronavirus impact.

> A near term **15-25% Decrease** in Cost Per Post is likely.

Brand marketing departments will shrink, as will entire ad agencies.

Marketers will lean on influencer marketing technology platforms and partners to **handle more** work with less people.





Marketplaces will be leveraged to drive influencer pricing efficiencies.

More emphasis will be placed on measurement, benchmarking, quality content, and brand value creation.

Divas and those with reputations to be difficult partners will quickly see opportunities dry up as competition increases.

Marketers will seek to reduce transaction friction and related stress.







There will be a significant thinning of the herd among technology providers in the influencer marketing space.

# Opportunities Ahead

### × Q Search Sallie's Content



Sallie Swanson If Food W Fashion X Diy +2 P New York City, US PNew York City, NY, US FOLLOWERS SPONOSRED ENG RATE 5.37% 1.93%

FAKE FOLLOWERS < 5% GOOD Confidence: Low

\$650 - \$2050

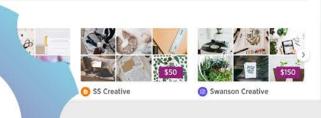
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Sallie Swanson loves all things creative, colorful, and DIY. She mastered her DIY decorating skills when she worked as a retail display designer.

### Read more about the creator









This is an opportunity to make your dollars go further than they have in recent years.

You should drive **more content** for the same influencer spend.



Consider mixed influencer compensation models and revised structures to manage costs and **improve overall ROI**.

- Cash plus free product
- Affiliate links for joint upside
- Longer commitments in exchange for lower cost per post





Unlike media buys, influencer marketing involves **real people** that rely on this income. Influencers will be under extreme stress as pricing and demand is impacted.

**Be thoughtful and respectful to your fellow humans** and work together to create a winning outcome. Improper treatment can result in significant social media backlash.

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There will be increased competition and you will need to outshine others in the space.

This is an opportunity to be a better partner and **increase your overall** value to brands.



**Be proactive** and aggressive in pricing, be flexible and open on terms and incremental benefits.

- Proactively lower marketplace rates
- Reach out to contacts and let them know about pricing / model changes
- Be open to a variety of mixed compensation models
- Deliver value-added services







Brands and agencies are going to experience **immediate financial impacts**. Tolerance for missed deadlines, failure to follow briefs, and difficult personalities / terms will be significantly less.

**Partner with brands and be as professional** as possible in order to minimize your personal financial impacts.



Influencer Marketing Outlook The next few months will be a time of change and some turmoil, but the overall space will continue to grow and become more efficient.

- Focus on what you can control.
- Work hard and adapt quickly.
- Stay positive.

• Treat others as you would like to be treated.



