



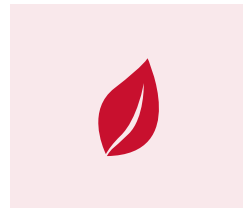
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**Creative Content: Combine Planning & Spontaneity
for a Comprehensive Marketing Plan**

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Hi! I'm JGR!

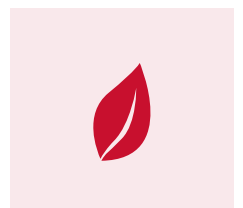
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Our Talk Today

By the end of this session, you
will...

Understand

Plan

Post

Analyze

Refine

For balanced content

Social Media is Critical.

It's not just a marketing tool.



If we learned anything from the pandemic it is that Social Media is something that can connect us despite all else. Your audience is there, and this is how you can connect with them. After all, people buy from people they like.

A person with dark hair, seen from behind, wearing a grey and black striped sweater. They are looking at a wall covered in various sticky notes, diagrams, and papers, suggesting a brainstorming or planning session. A red rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the word "Understand".

Understand

Where to start?

You do not need to be on every platform or be involved at all times. Start with figuring out what you can realistically manage, where your audience is and who will be responsible for content.

A background image showing a body of water with significant plastic pollution, including white and yellow plastic bags and other debris floating on the surface. The water is dark blue and green, with ripples and waves.

Is your
BRAND
ready?

BRAND VOICE

Deciding on the tone of your brand will make a large part of the difference for consistency.

PERSONAS

Creating personas based on your target market can be really helpful in deciding where and what to post.

GOALS AND KPIS

Social Media Marketing is a long game and requires work to see results. But, having specific goals and ways to measure can make the difference between success and changes



Understand

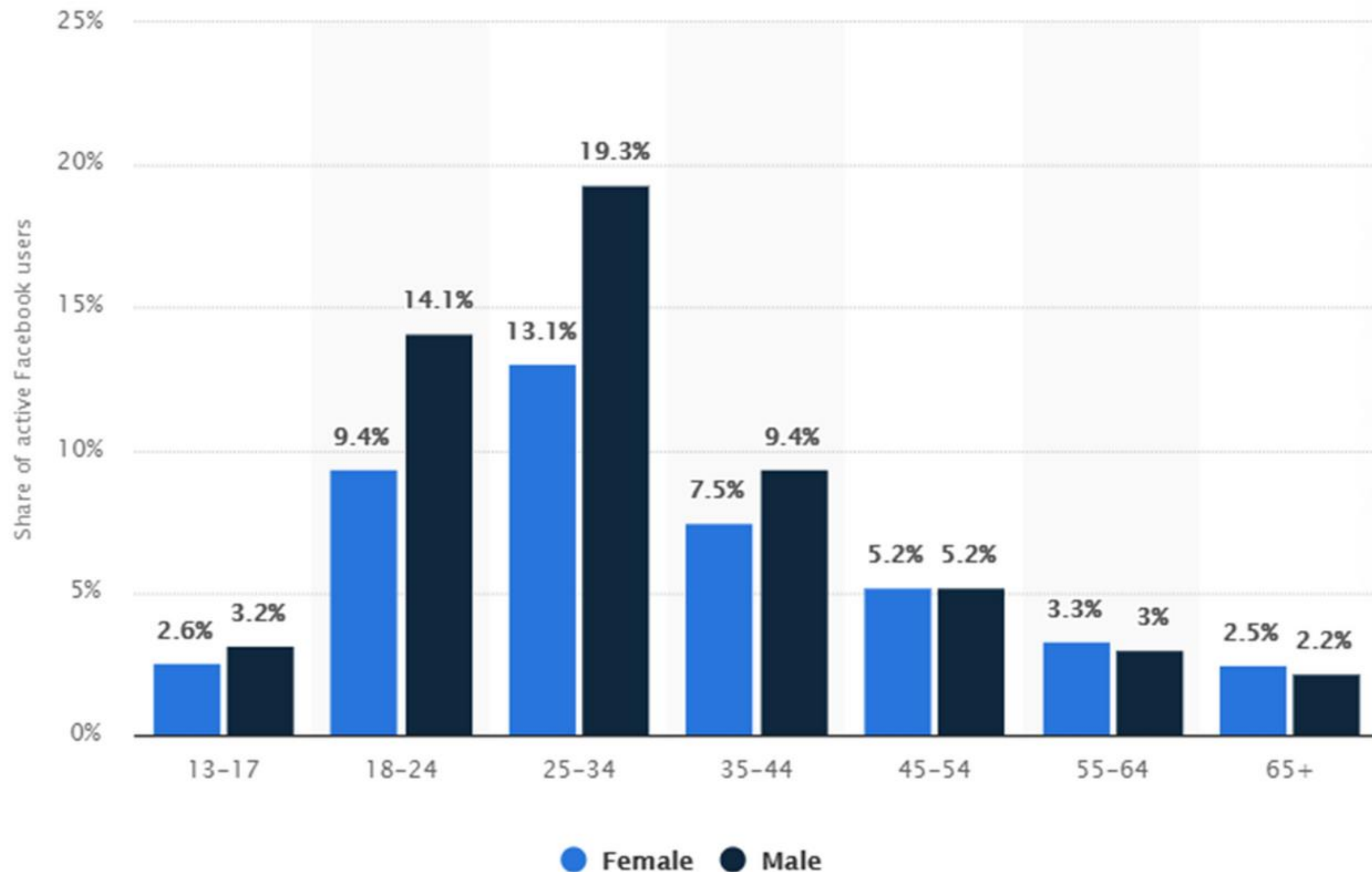
Where do you
want to focus?

Who is on Facebook?



Typically considered "home base" for many social media users. It has had a shift in demographics and are continuously changing the algorithms. This makes it harder to create unpaid ad success.

- # of monthly active users: 2.7 billion
- Largest age group: 25-34 (36.3%)
- Gender: 44% female. 56% male
- Time spent per day: 38 minutes



Who is on Instagram?

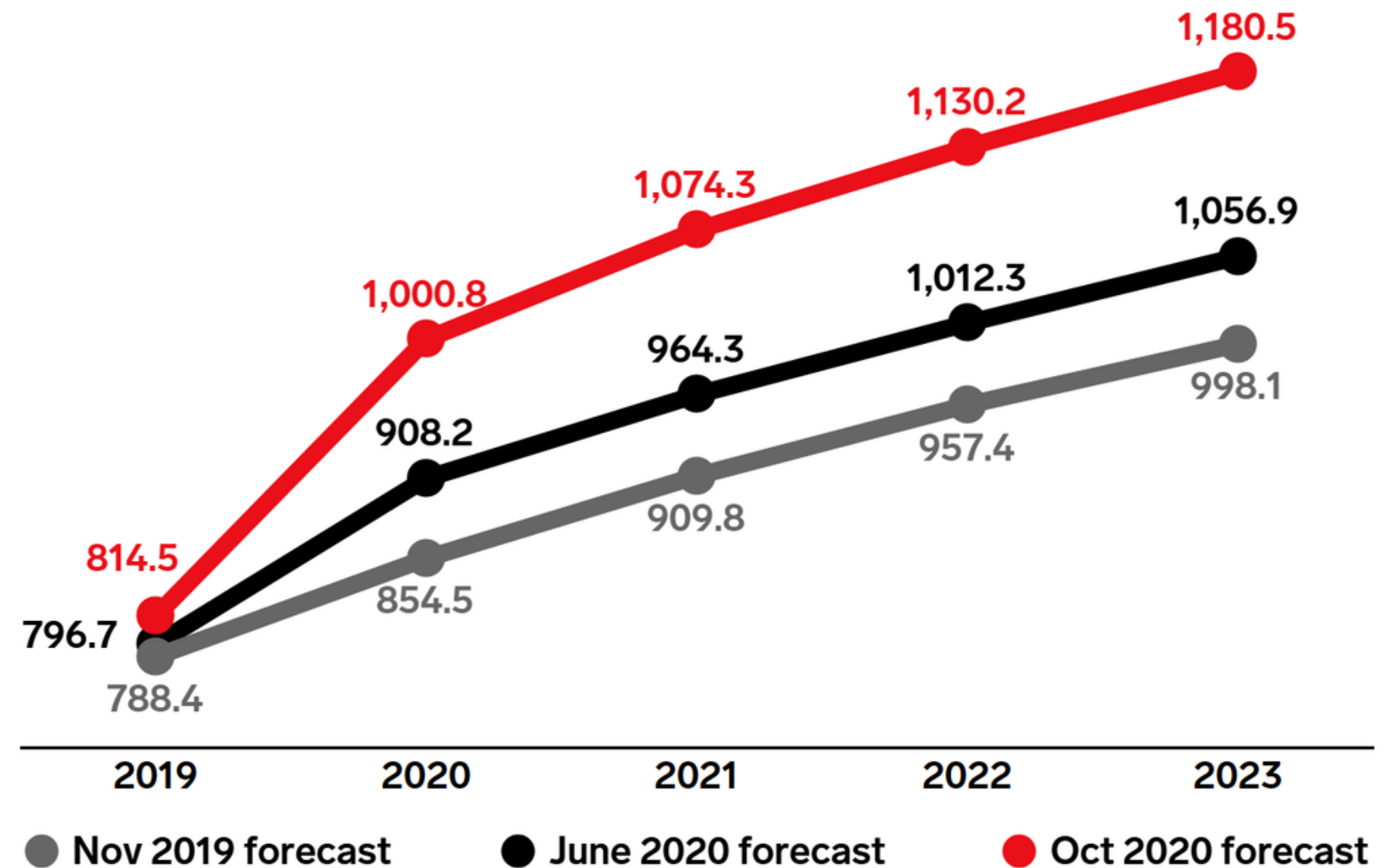


Instagram has a steady growth of users. Facebook and Instagram are connected making cross-promotion very easy. Recently shows the increase of influencers and Instagram content motivating consumers

- # of monthly active users: 1 billion
- Largest age group: 25-34 (33.1%)
- Gender: 57% female. 43% male
- Time spent per day: 29 minutes

How Our Forecast for Worldwide Instagram Users Has Changed, 2019-2023

millions



Note: internet users of any age who access their Instagram account via any device at least once per month

Source: eMarketer, October 2020

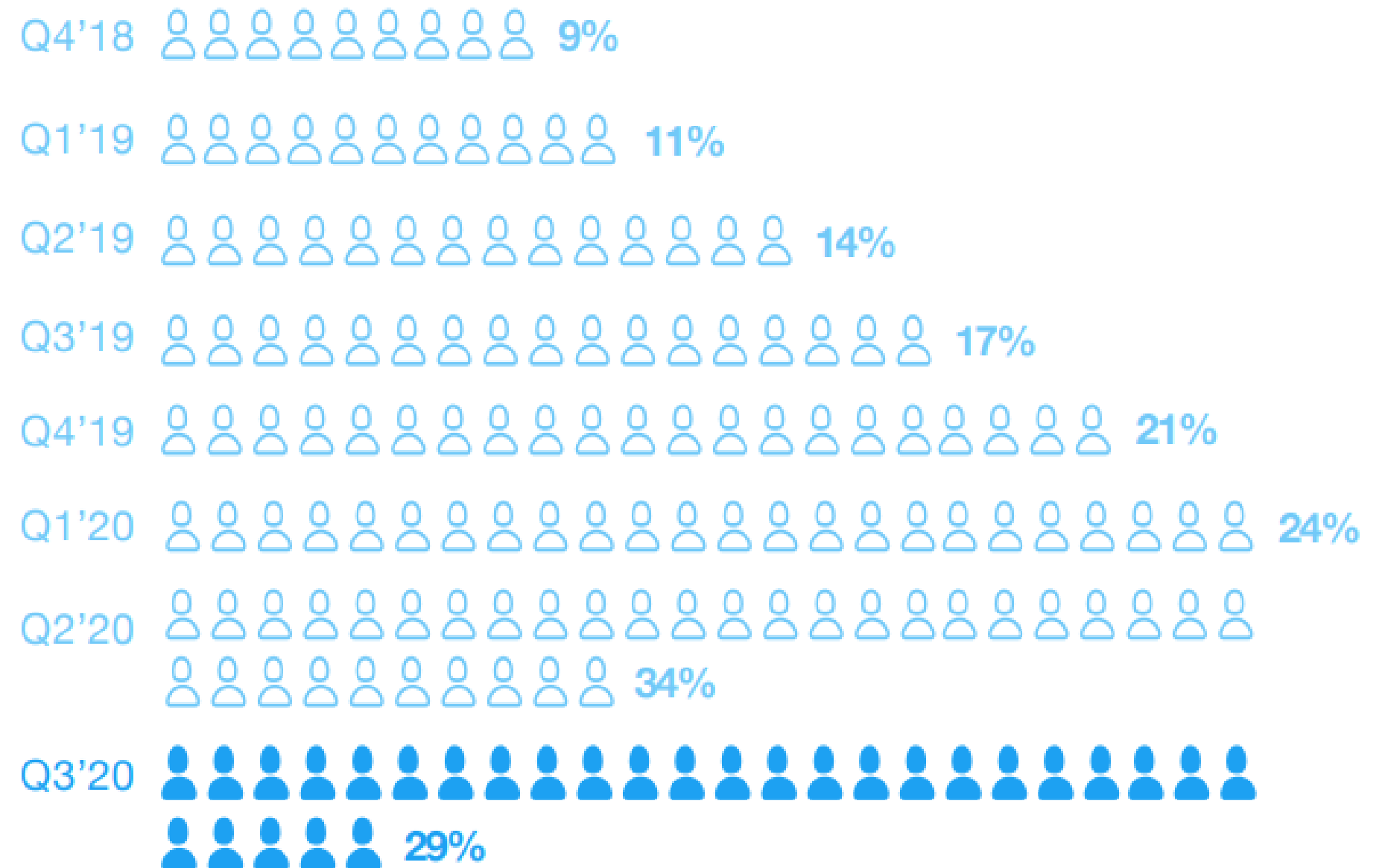
Who is on Twitter?



80% of tweets come from 10% of the platforms most active accounts. More used for quick news updates rather than finding content.

- # of monthly active users: 187 million
- Largest age group: 30-49 (44%)
- Gender: 32% female. 68% male
- Time spent per day: 3.53 minutes per session

Monetizable Daily Active Usage (mDAU) Year-Over-Year Growth



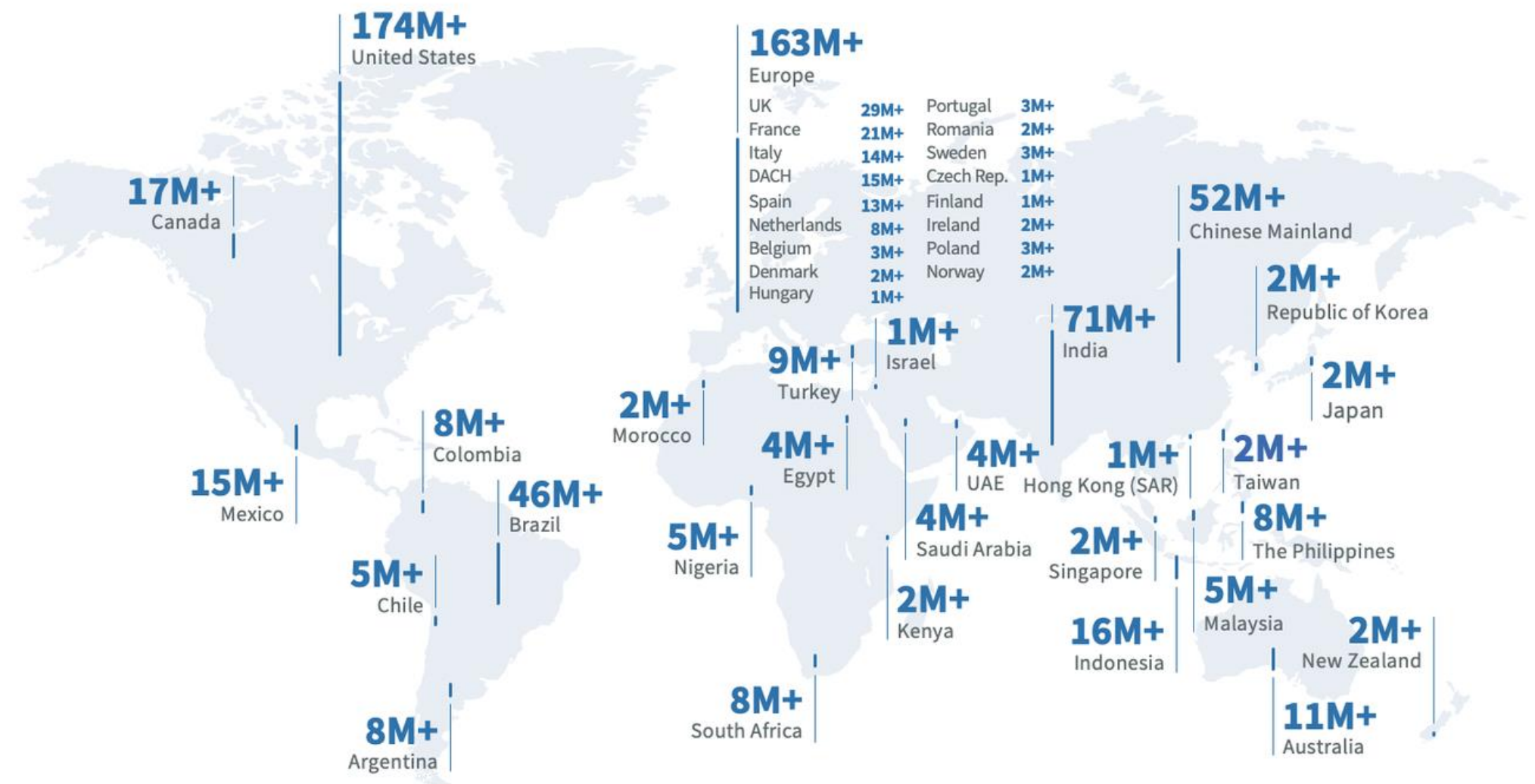
Who is on LinkedIn?



Typically a higher educated, higher-earning B2B demographic. 70% of users are based outside the US.

- # of monthly active users: 738 million
- Largest age group: 46-55
- Gender: 51% female. 49% male
- 63% access monthly, 22% weekly

722 million members in 200 countries and regions worldwide



Who is on TikTok?

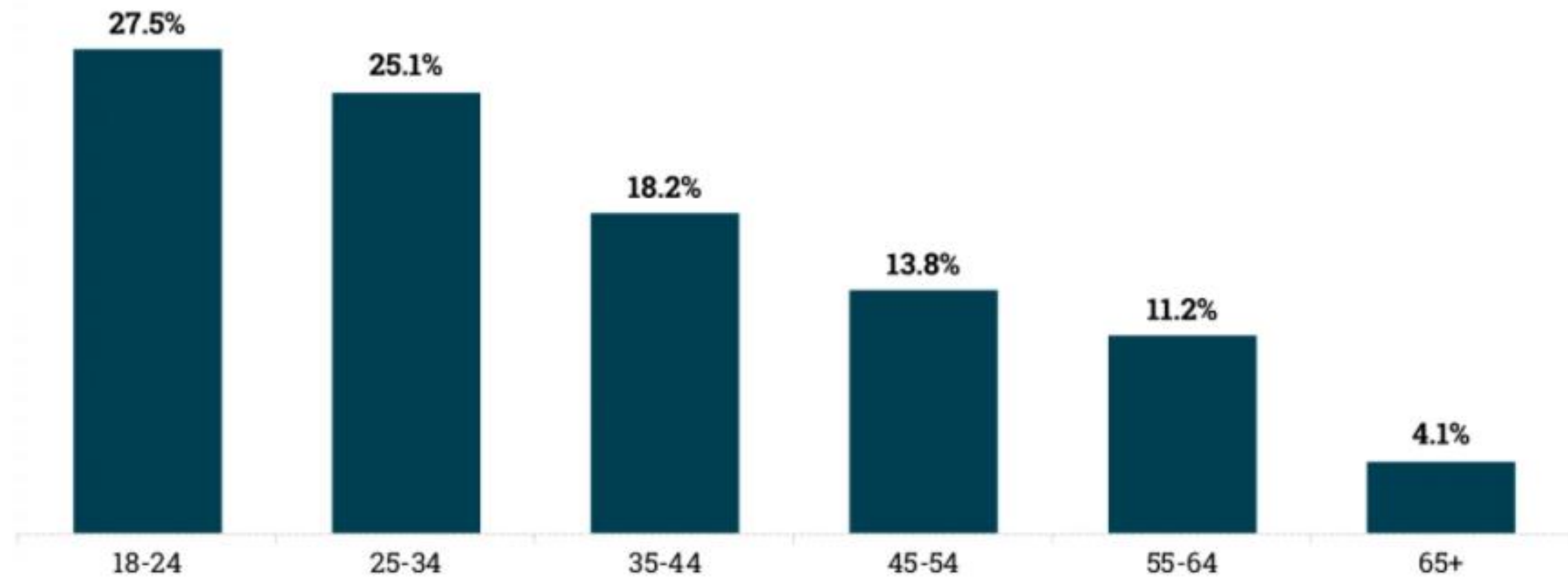


User-base is very dedicated and spends much more time on the app. Growing among adults and directly related to the trend in influencer marketing.

- # of monthly active users: 100 million
- Largest age group: 18-24
- Gender: 59% female. 41% male
- 45+ minutes per day on average

TikTok's US Adult Audience Distribution, by Age

in June 2020



Published on MarketingCharts.com in January 2021 | Data Source: Comscore

Read as: 27.5% of adult visitors to TikTok in June 2020 were ages 18-24.



Plan

How do I figure out how to execute?

It can be really hard to start the process. Creating an organized plan and workflow can keep you on track and on brand.

Assemble Your Resources

STEP 1: WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

There is something that you know that no one else does.

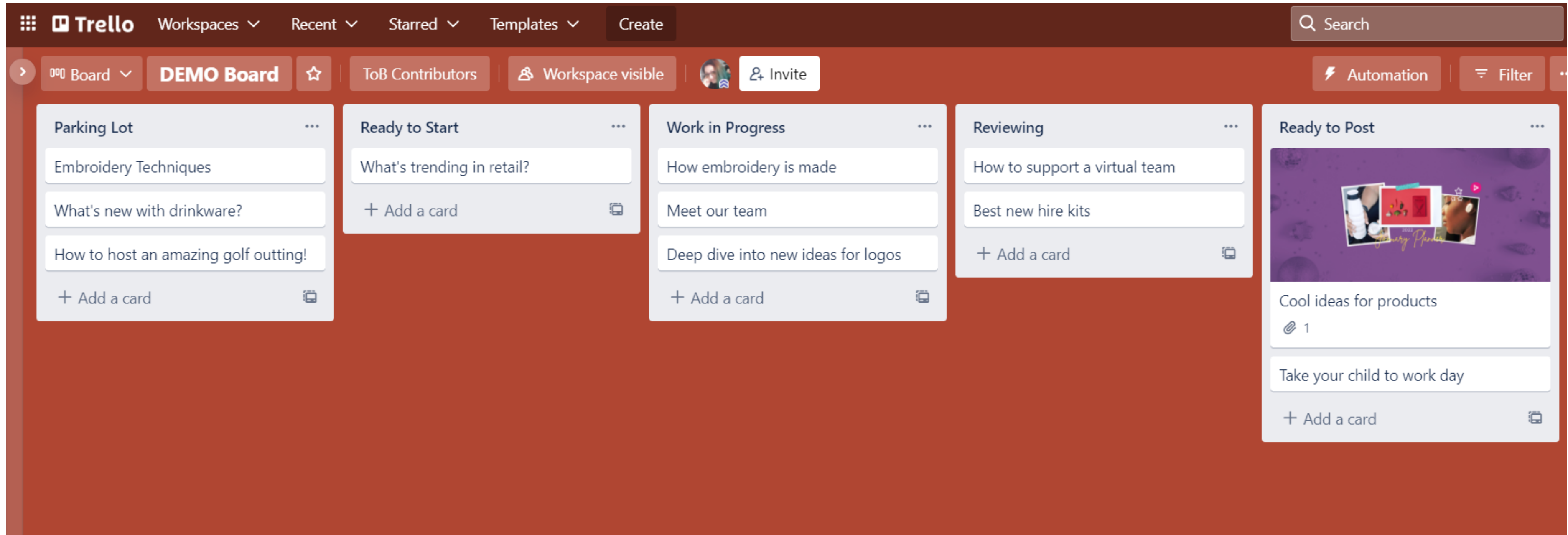
STEP 2: WHAT DOES YOUR TEAM KNOW?

Your team has interesting perspectives and ideas. Let them contribute!

STEP 3: WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

Make a list of sources of content you have. Production? Samples? What can you use?

Plan: Create a Work Flow



This is an example of a workflow through Trello. Other workflows are out there and can be as complex or simple as you feel comfortable with.

Plan: Your Parking Lot

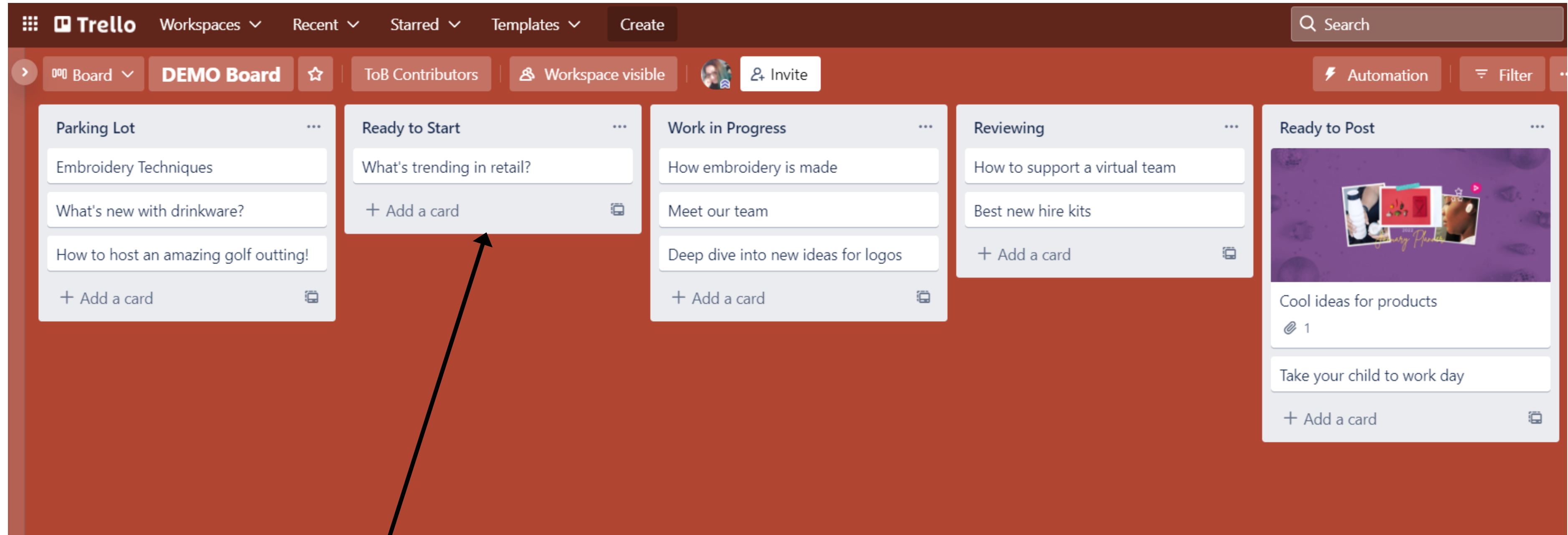
The screenshot shows a Trello workspace with a board named "DEMO Board". The board is organized into five columns representing different stages of a project or content creation process:

- Parking Lot:** This column contains three cards: "Embroidery Techniques", "What's new with drinkware?", and "How to host an amazing golf outing!". Below these cards is a "+ Add a card" button.
- Ready to Start:** This column contains one card: "What's trending in retail?". Below it is a "+ Add a card" button.
- Work in Progress:** This column contains three cards: "How embroidery is made", "Meet our team", and "Deep dive into new ideas for logos". Below them is a "+ Add a card" button.
- Reviewing:** This column contains two cards: "How to support a virtual team" and "Best new hire kits". Below them is a "+ Add a card" button.
- Ready to Post:** This column contains three cards: "Cool ideas for products" (with a thumbnail image), "Take your child to work day", and a "+ Add a card" button.

The interface includes a top navigation bar with "Workspaces", "Recent", "Starred", "Templates", and "Create" options. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The board title "DEMO Board" is prominently displayed at the top left of the board area.

Listing all the things you can have as a subject in a "Parking lot" can help organize what topics you are able to pull from

Plan: Ready to Start



When something is ready to start you can move it through the workflow.

Using a workflow you can create task lists and assignments to keep organized and information flowing



CALENDAR

Topics or graphics related to things happening like holidays, seasons or common sales times



CULTURE

Posts that show who you are, who your team is and what you believe in.



COMMUNICATE

Specifically designed to spark a conversation.

THREE TYPES
OF CONTENT

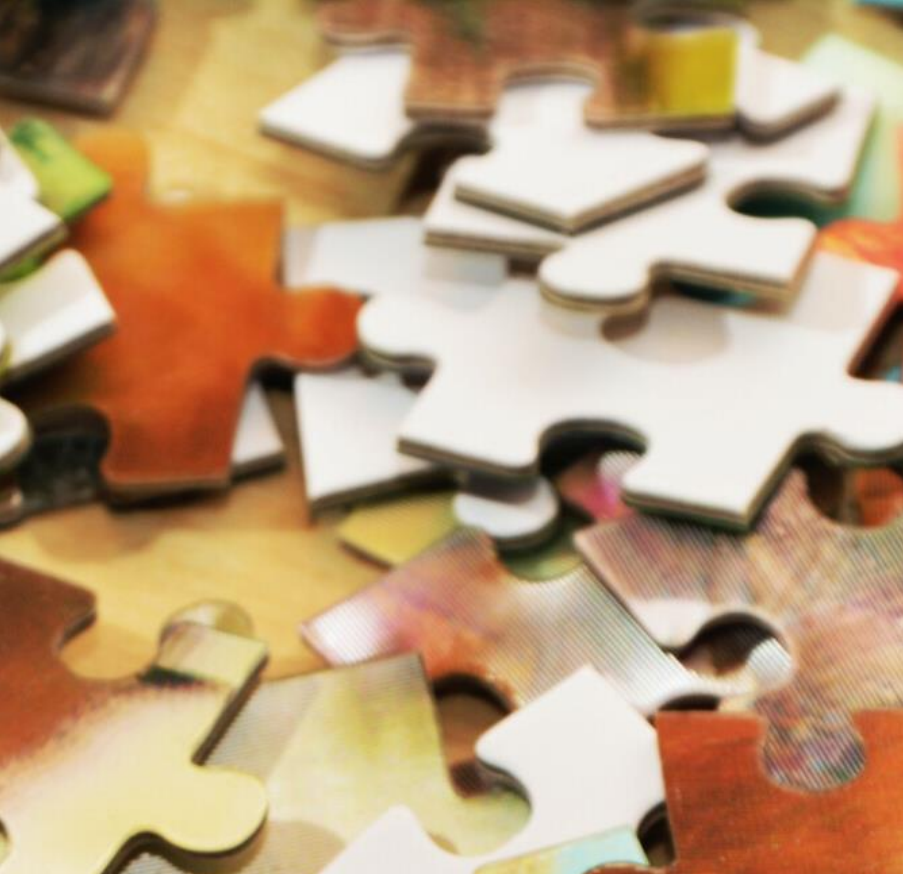


Calendar

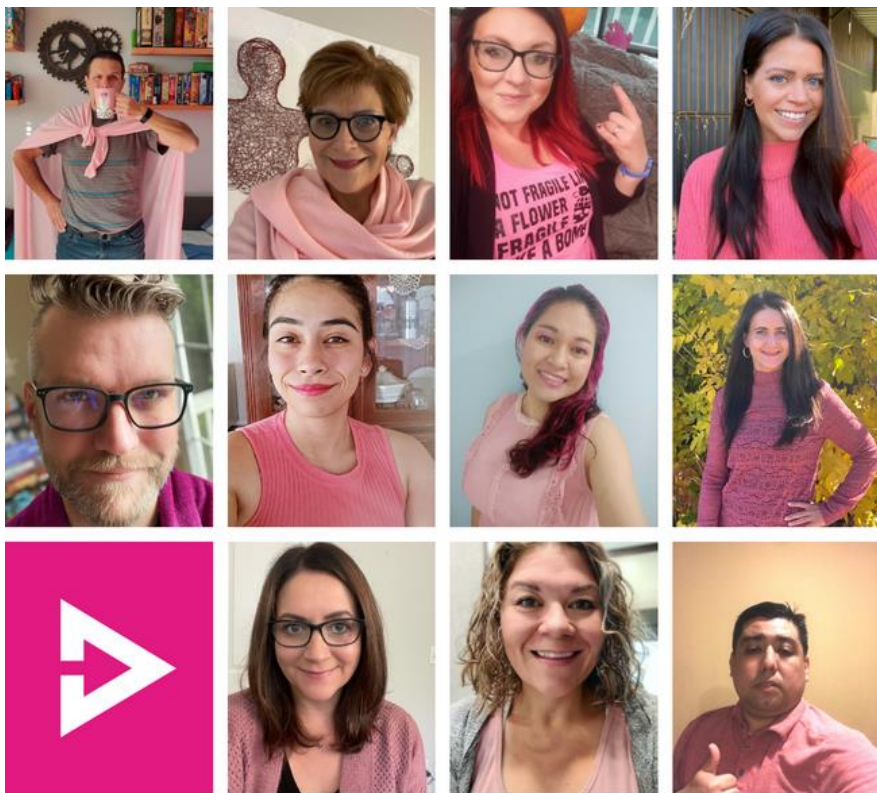
Earth Day is April 22, 2021

IT'S GONNA TAKE MORE
THAN A REUSABLE CUP TO
PROTECT OUR PLANET
BUT IT IS SOMEWHERE TO START.

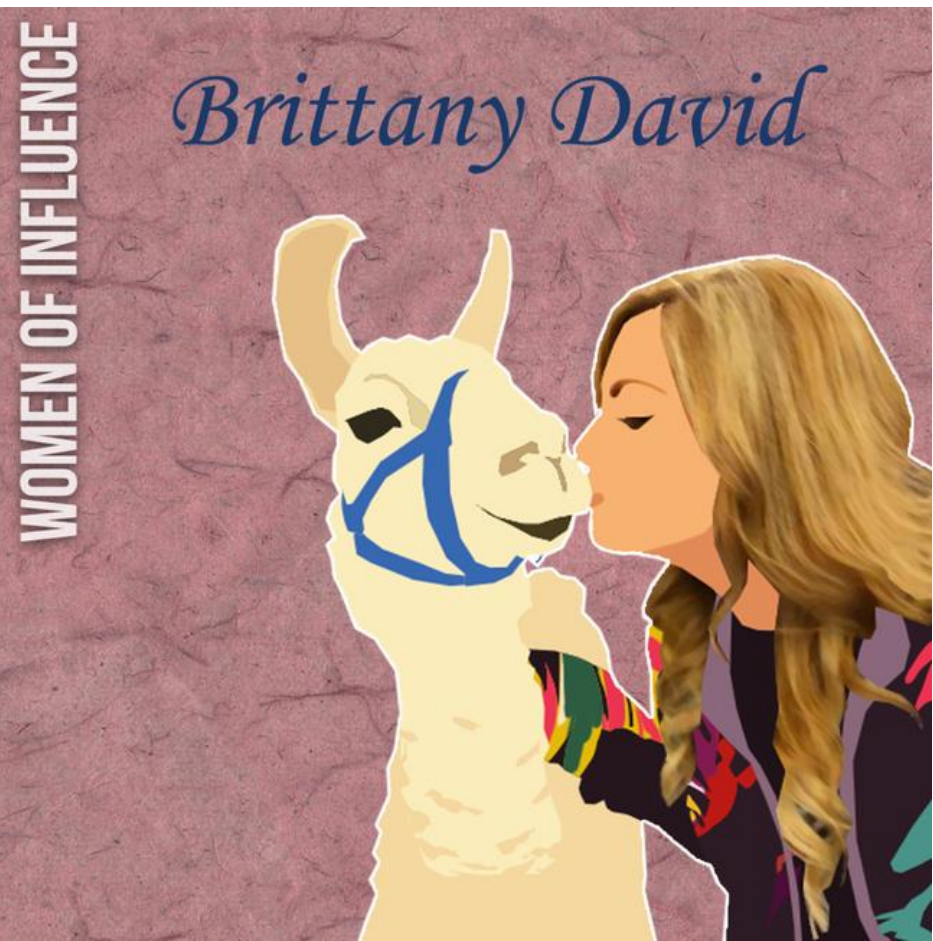




Culture



#WearPinkWithPeerless



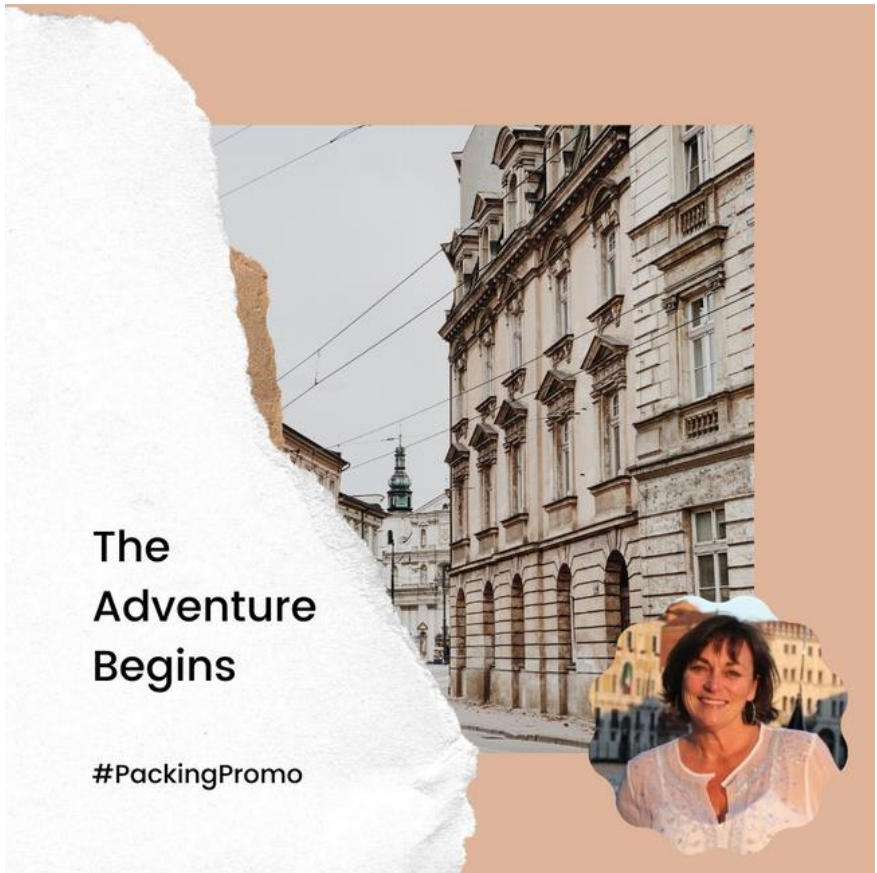
Plan Ahead

Q1 and Q2 are behind us. Think Holiday Gifting. It is never too early to plan the perfect gift program for employees and clients!





Conversation



What should the mix look like?

Scheduled Content

Scheduled content is themed content that you have planned and scheduled using either scheduling software or planned posts directly in the platform. These are typically posted not stories.

- Scheduling ahead of time can reduce pressure of in the moment creativity
- Sometimes schedule needs to be adjusted based on the state of the market
- Typically 60%-80% of content mix

Spontaneous Content

It's a great day and you are wearing your favorite hoodie and everyone should! These are posts that just feel good in the moment. They are timely events and can be shared as stories or posts.

- This humanizes the brand in a way scheduled posts can't
- Often overlooked
- 40%-20% of content mix



What's next for Scheduled posts?

SHARE AND COMMENT

Share your posts into groups and personal pages. When someone comments, comment back.

CHECK ANALYTICS

How are things performing? Check analytics through scheduling software or your social channel.

ADJUST AS NEEDED

Social media is a long game but adjustments may be needed.

Spontaneous Posts

Posts that aren't planned but show case the human side of the brand.

- Great for stories or videos
- They do NOT have to be perfect, in fact better with some imperfection



The background image shows a complex financial trading software interface. It features several overlapping windows. One window displays a line chart for EUR/USD with a title 'EUR/USD - 1,35379 - 00:00:00 14 giu (EEST)'. Another window shows a candlestick chart with a title '276,820 - 23:00:00 13 giu (CEST)'. There are also data tables and a 'Quote List' window at the bottom right. A red rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the word 'Analyze' in white text.

Analyze

How do I know if I am successful?

ROMI can be hard to measure. Use what tools you have to see your best exposure and make adjustments as needed.

What do we measure?

Meaningful Metrics



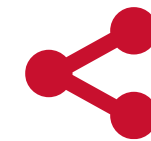
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Photo	215
Carousel album	44

f Traffic by Page

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Reactions	94
Comments	15
Shares	8

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Analytic Examples

Posts Table			LIKES	COMMENTS
DATE	MESSAGE			
 trendependent Aug 11, 03:11	 Here is a simple ask... FIRST ... You take 2 to 4 minutes to vote for me on the SXSW site. NEXT ... I win a spot to speak at the SXSW Conference! I'm doing this as a Futurist, and as a trend advisor to the promotional products industry. 1) Go to https://lnkd.in/gnxFA5mw 2) Hit the Search Button and type in the search term "Everything New". My topic will be at the top ...		40	3
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 trendependent Jun 15, 17:05	 Yet another fabulous woman to influence in our Women of Influence series. Brittany David brings not only a positive sunshine attitude but an amazing unconventional approach to business. Read more on our website about Brittany and the PPAI Llamas, her team and who she admires. Thank you to our Sponsor: Bad Ass Women of Promo Podcast #BAWOP...		28	5
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 trendependent	 Coming Friday will be another installment of B Terry's series I Have Something to Say. In collaboration with the		19	3



REFINE

Build your Audience

"Build it and they will come" is not as effective as continuously building your audience through interaction and segmentation



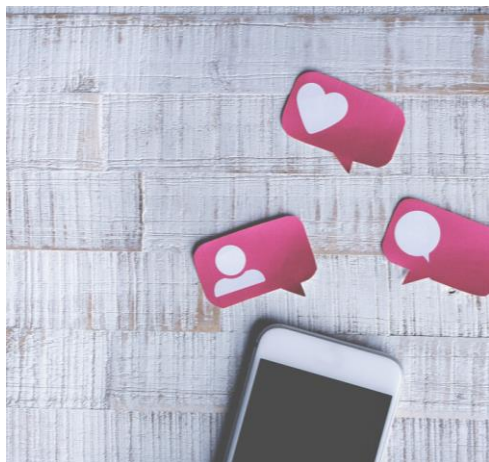
ASK

Ask your top clients, suppliers and friends to follow you.



TAG

When you post if you tag other people in your audience you have a better chance of views



COMMENT

Not only on your own posts but on other people's. Not only on your content but on theirs.





Review

UNDERSTAND

Is your brand ready? What are you going to focus on?

PLAN

Who is contributing? What is the work flow?

POST

What types of content and what mix

ANALYZE

What is working? What isn't? What needs to be adjusted

REFINE

Build your audience and grow your reach

Q&A



The image features a light blue background with several 3D-style blue thumbs-up icons scattered across it. A prominent red rectangular box is centered horizontally, containing the text "LET'S GET SOCIAL" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font.

LET'S GET SOCIAL