## How to Build a Profitable Food Business Brand in 11 Easy Steps

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## Reason #1

# Companies don't clearly explain their product or service offer.



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## Reason #2

Companies don't explain how a customer's life can be made better if a customer buys their product or service.



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## Reason #3

# Customers don't know the steps to do business with a company.



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## **Brand Message Grunt Test**

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- ✓ Marketing and Branding Defined
- ✓ Why Is Building a Brand Easy Today
- ✓ An 11-Step Plan
- ✓ Final Points about Brand Building
- ✓ A FREE Brand Message Tool
- ✓ Your questions



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## Marketing and Branding Defined



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# **Marketing Defined**

Marketing is the *activity*, set of institutions, and processes for creating, communicating, delivering, and exchanging offerings that have value for customers, clients, partners, and society at large.

Source: The MASB Common Language Project. http:// www.themasb.org/common-language-project/ http://en.wikipedia.org/ wiki/Marketing





## **Brand and Branding Defined**

"A brand is a customer experience represented by a collection of images and ideas; often, it refers to a symbol such as a name, logo, slogan, and design scheme."

Source: SEMPO and Wikipedia

"The marketing practice of creating a name, symbol or design that identifies and differentiates a product from others." *Source: Entrepreneur Magazine* 2018







## How Branding and Marketing Differ

- Marketing is what YOU do online and elsewhere to tell customers about your products and services
- Branding is what customers say about you based on their experiences with your products or services





## **Example: Bottled Water**





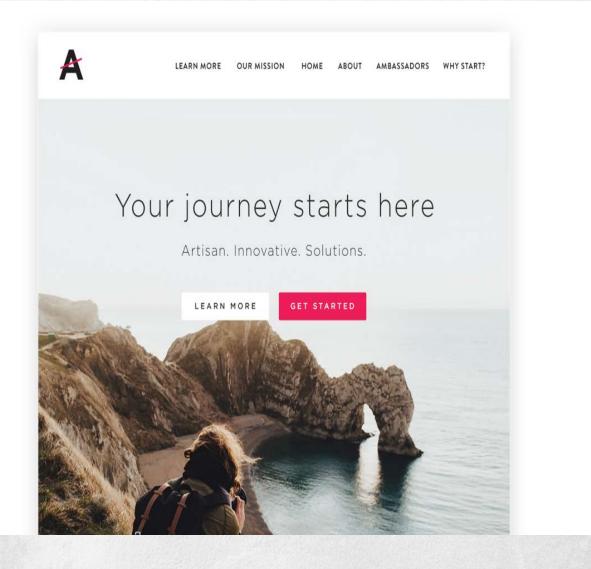


## Brand Message Guidance

- If you confuse, you'll lose. Customers crave clarity. Give them clear messages.
- When you agitate a customer's desire, they enter into the story of YOUR brand and what YOUR selling.
- If you stop talking about your customer's problems, they stop paying attention to your brand. Keep talking.
- Your customer is always the hero in the story, not your brand.
- Give your customers an easy, step-by-step plan to do business with you

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# Examples of Clear Brand Messages



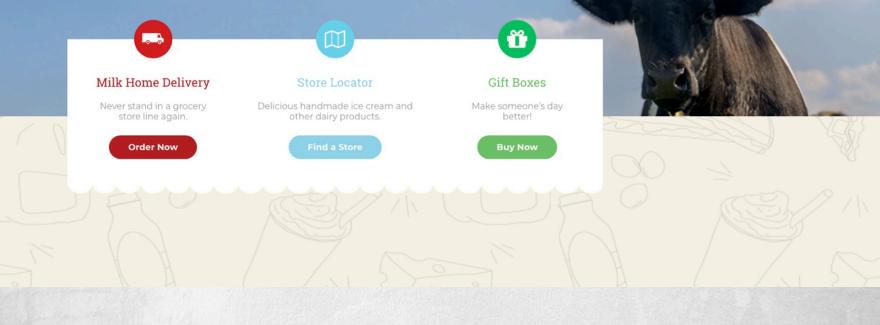
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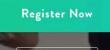


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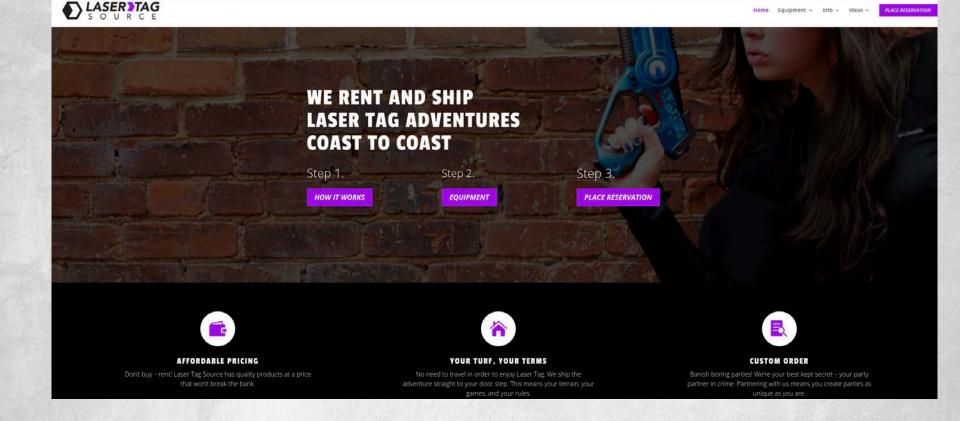






## **A Clear Marketing Example**

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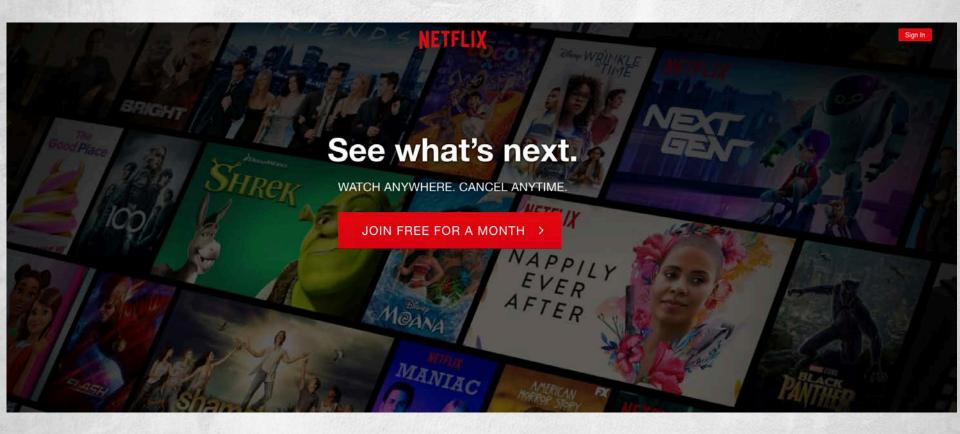




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## **A Clear Marketing Example**





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# Why Is Building a Brand Easy Today?



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## The answer:

### The rise of social media.

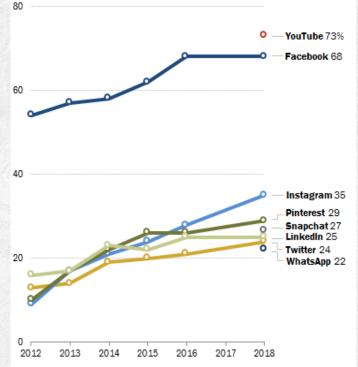






#### Majority of Americans now use Facebook, YouTube

% of U.S. adults who say they use the following social media sites online or on their cellphone



Note: Pre-2018 telephone poll data is not available for YouTube, Snapchat or WhatsApp. Source: Survey conducted Jan. 3-10, 2018. Trend data from previous Pew Research Center surveys. "Social Media Use in 2018"

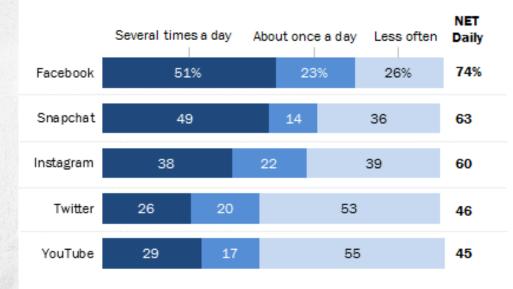
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### A majority of Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram users visit these platforms on a daily basis

Among U.S. adults who say they use \_\_\_\_, the % who use each site ...



Note: Respondents who did not give answer are not shown. "Less often" category includes users who visit these sites a few times a week, every few weeks or less often. Source: Survey conducted Jan. 3-10, 2018. "Social Media Use in 2018"

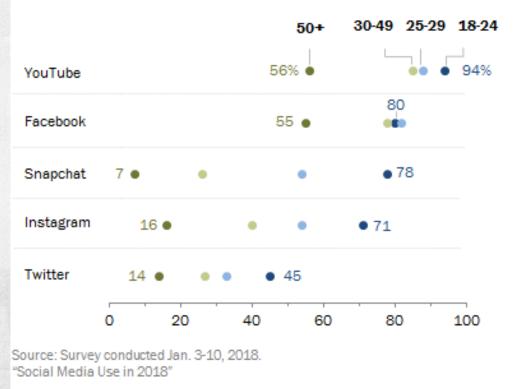
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### Social platforms like Snapchat and Instagram are especially popular among those ages 18 to 24

% of U.S. adults in each age group who say they use ...



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### Substantial 'reciprocity' across major social media platforms

% of \_\_\_\_ users who also ...

	Use Twitter	Use Instagram	Use Facebook	Use Snapchat	Use YouTube	Use WhatsApp	Use Pinterest	Use LinkedIn
Twitter	-	73%	90%	54%	95%	35%	49%	50%
Instagram	50	-	91	60	95	35	47	41
Facebook	32	47	-	35	87	27	37	33
Snapchat	48	77	89	-	95	33	44	37
YouTube	31	45	81	35	-	28	36	32
WhatsApp	38	55	85	40	92	-	33	40
Pinterest	41	56	89	41	92	25	-	42
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Source: Survey co "Social Media Us		3-10, 2018.	90% of LinkedIn users also use Facebook					
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## The 11-Step Plan





### **STEP ONE:**

Determine the problem that will be solved.

What is the problem that you are trying to solve by establishing a personal brand?

How will you differentiate yourself among the competition?







### **STEP TWO:**

Determine your target market: Age, income, demographics, location.

### **STEP THREE:**

Determine the social media platform where your target market audience engages.



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### **STEP FOUR:**

Develop a clear marketing message so customers will listen.

### **STEP FIVE:**

Build your business plan.



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## **STEP SIX:**

Find business mentors who can help you with your business plan. Let them review your plan and listen to them.

## **STEP SEVEN:**

Build your website using your clear marketing message. Show empathy and authority to connect with customers



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### **STEP EIGHT:**

Develop a social media marketing strategy and organize content for at least 90 days.

### **STEP NINE:**

Build your sales funnel. Use social media ads to drive people from your social media platform to your website.





## THE 11-STEP PLAN STEP TEN:

Develop your primary strategy for gaining emails from your website by offering FREE PDFs or FREE videos (how-to)

### **STEP ELEVEN:**

Use email marketing to nurture social media fans into a relationship with you so you can help transform their lives



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## **Final Points**





## **TWO KEY POINTS**

- Building a brand is about showing empathy to your customers in that you understand their problem and you can offer them a solution – your product/service
- Building a brand means building a relationship with customers



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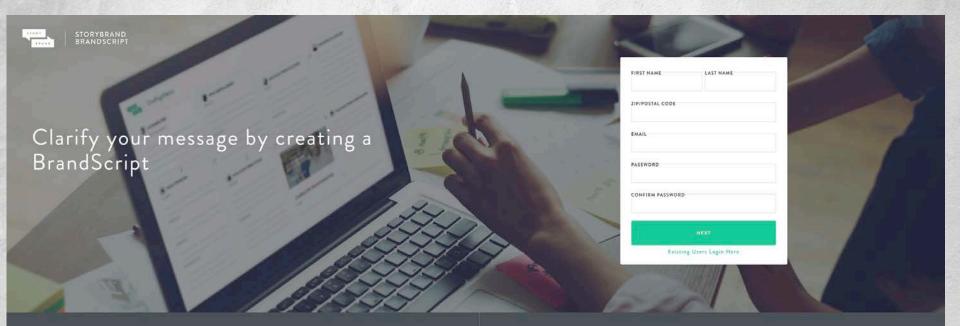


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