A THEORY BASED EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL MARKETING BEHAVIOR CHANGE

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-- Gerard Hastings

"75% of all premature deaths are preventable by changes in individual behavior, and social and environmental conditions"

PUBLIC HEALTH BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

Three major classes of strategic tools:
Education/Communications/Messages
Environment/Social Marketing/
Problem Oriented Policing
Enforcement/Force of Law

- Commercial marketing appeals to immediate self interest
- · Public health campaigns often ask for:
 - Behavior that is opposite of self interest
 - And may be opposite of current behavior
 - And may never clearly benefit the person

- · Commercial marketing works because
 - Payback is explicit
 - Both parts of transaction occur together
- · Public health campaigns often offer:
 - Vague payback
 - In distant future

- · Commercial marketing acknowledges:
 - Consumer has free choice
 - Consumer has power
 - Competition in the marketplace
- · Public health campaigns often neglect:
 - The power residing in the consumer
 - The competition inherent in free choice

- · Commercial marketing recognizes
 - People's desire for fun, easy, popular...
 - Easy: fitting in with daily hassles
 - Need to increase benefits; decrease barriers
- · Public health campaigns often focus on:
 - Stop doing what is fun, easy, popular
 - Add a new hassle into hectic life

BENCHMARK CRITERIA OF BRITISH NATIONAL SOCIAL MARKETING CENTRE

- 1) Customer orientation 360 Degrees Marketing & Consumer Research
- 2) Behavior Focus / Behavioral Analysis, Behavioral Goals
- 3) Theory Behavioral Theory Biosocial, Psych, Social, Environmental
- 4) Insight Deep Understanding, What Moves & Motivates
- 5) Exchange Analyze Costs for Benefit
- 6) Competition What Competes for Time, Attention
- 7) Segmentation Demographic, Epidemiology + What Moves / Motivates; Tailored Interventions
- 8) Methods Mix Approach in Context: Inform, Service / Support, Design / Adjust Environment, Enforce

SEGMENTING ON WILLINGNESS TO BEHAVE

Prone to Behave as Desired Unable to Behave as Desired

Resistant to Behave as Desired

Easy to See or Convey Self Interest

Need to See and Receive Benefits Can't See and
Can't Convey Self
Interest or
Benefits

Education

Envirnmnt Marketing Enforcement

No/weak competition

Passive/active Competition

Unmanageable competition

SEGMENTING ON STAGES OF CHANGE AND WILLINGNESS TO BEHAVE

	Prone	Unable	Resistant
Awareness	Education	Education	Education
Attitude	Education	Mktg,Educ	Enforce, Educ
Trial Behavior	Education	Marketing	Enforcement
Repeat Behavior	Education	Mktg,Educ	Enforcement

DISCONNECTS TO CONSIDER

Segmenting on prone-resistant to behave Prone respond to messages Resistant may need force of law Middle group are unable/unwilling and may need environment change Key disconnect for consumer research: High awareness/attitude/motivation but low behavior Unable/unwilling to behave

"Role of government is to create opportunity; role of citizen is to seize opportunity"

-- Alexander Hamilton

"We need to create an environment where it is as easy to eat well as it is to eat poorly"

-- Margo Wootan

WHAT IS MARKETING?

(American Marketing Association, 2004)

Creating value To create opportunity To increase benefits Delivering value To decrease barriers To fit into daily life processes and hassles Communicating value

To inform and motivate

REDUCING ALCOHOL IMPAIRED DRINKING

The Goals:

To reduce alcohol related crashes by 5%

To be self sustaining after one year
To demonstrate the value
of social marketing

CONSUMER RESEARCH

7 focus groups with expert observers 11 focus groups with target Describing 21-34 single men What are they looking for? Why do they drink? Why do they drive after drinking? Why don't they drive after drinking? Decision making processes of target In sum: Benefits, barriers, change behavior

CONSUMER RESEARCH

The target (Customer) Primarily 21-34 single guys, rural Blue collar and farm worker High AW and positive ATT re issues Competition has huge market share "I can drive myself home" Often no alternative way to get home Negative: lots of worry late in evening Our product capabilities (Company) A ride service unique to each community

WHY DO THEY DRIVE AFTER DRINKING?

To get home Don't want to leave car behind Hassle to get back to car in morning Alternatives are not available Social pressure; everybody does it To be cool Unaware of impairment; become fearless Low risk of getting caught; weak enforcement

A FEW KEY FINDINGS

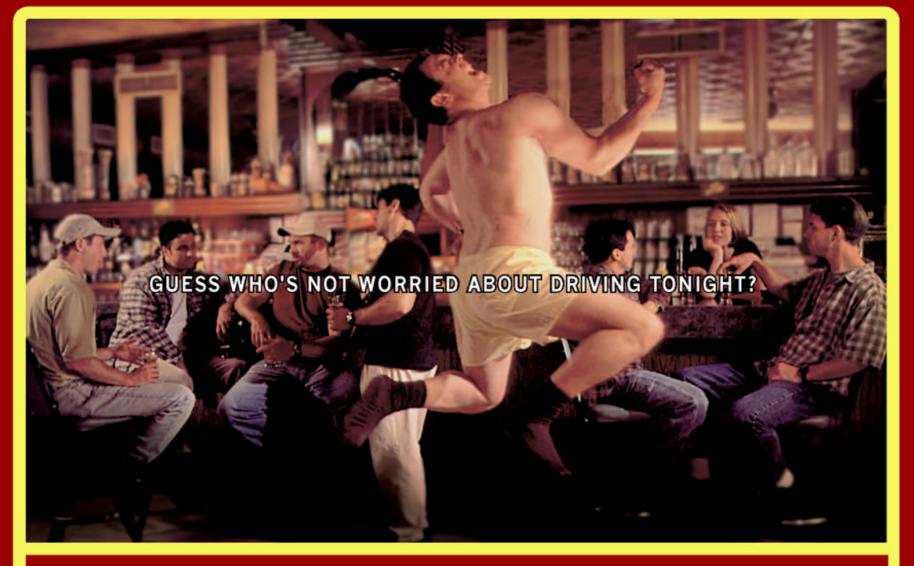
Different phases of evening
To bar, between bars, back home
Get target to bar without car
Vehicles need to be appealing, cool
Willing to pay for service

BRIEF SKETCH OF PROGRAM

Rides to, between and home from bars Desirable vehicles and allow drinking Reasonable, but self sustaining fees

Each community:

Begins with our research and strategy Develops unique program for community



Dave doesn't have to drive tonight. That makes him happy. Because when The Road Crew is driving, and Dave is not, he can relax and simply enjoy a nice time with his friends.



For more info on the totally brand-newest way to get around safely, ask your bartender about The Road Crew. And remember, safely first, so don't jump around in the bar. Thanks.

SOME RESULTS TO DATE

Over 85,000 rides taken in parts of 6 rural counties covering 2% of Wisconsin population 17% decrease in crashes in first year Avoided ~245 crashes, ~13 deaths No increase in individual consumption All towns self-sufficient after 1 year Costs less to avoid crash than to clean up

THE EXAMPLE FITS THE CONCEPTS (PART 1)

Theory: behavior results from self interest; from motivation, opportunity, ability; need to create and deliver value Customer orientation: increase benefits, decrease barriers; fit life processes Segmentation re most likely to crash: 21-34, rural, single, men, drink in bars Exchange: behavior in exchange for fun, easy, popular, cool

THE EXAMPLE FITS THE CONCEPTS (PART 2)

- Competition: impaired driving accepted; has huge market share
- Insight: want to drink, but no need to drive; little power to force behavior
- Behavior: overcome disconnect of high awareness and low behavior; of motivation without opportunity
- Methods mix: qual + quant research; education, environment, enforcement; 4Ps, not just messages

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CUSTOMER

People are rational They make their own best decisions Within their own view of world We need to understand these views And the processes leading to decisions We need to accommodate these views By listening early and often With local coalitions With a broad set of partners By managing the environment

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