

E-COMMERCE AND THE BUYER'S JOURNEY

THE BUYER'S JOURNEY is the oldest trick in the book. Well, more like the oldest floppy disk in an ancient Dell desktop computer—but it'd be a mistake to deem the buyer's journey irrelevant.

This old-fashioned concept still makes a significant impact on modern industries like e-commerce. By using organic and paid digital marketing strategies to address different parts of the buyer's journey, your e-commerce businesses can bring in more leads and convert more customers.

67% OF THE BUYER'S JOURNEY is now completed digitally

72% OF BUYERS will turn to Google during the research stage

Marketers who align content to specific stages of the buyer's journey yield

73% HIGHER CONVERSION RATES

1. AWARENESS

The buyer recognizes that they have a problem. They turn to the internet—blogs, articles, e-commerce sites—to find a solution.

For example, the buyer asks their child what they want for their birthday—and their kid wants Dippin' Dots. The buyer starts Googling if Dippin' Dots are even a thing anymore. (They are.)



81% OF SHOPPERS conduct online research before buying



BUSINESSES SHOULD UTILIZE

BLOG POSTS

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Educates readers about their problem & shows your business as reliable and knowledgeable

BY: The Best Writer Ever

Are you planning a last minute party and need to get a delivery quick? Here are some tips on how to plan ahead and what you can

SOCIAL MEDIA

Grabs the attention of the buyer & makes them aware of your brand and the potential solutions you offer

24-HOUR DELIVERY!



HALF OF SHOPPERS SPEND AT LEAST 75% of their total shopping time conducting online research



2. CONSIDERATION

The buyer is exploring solutions and discovering what's out there. You need to differentiate your brand from competitors.

Say you're a skincare e-commerce site. If someone is trying to figure out the best way to get rid of acne, they might have stopped by your site. Did you make an impact?



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REMARKETING LISTS FOR SEARCH ADS (RLSA)

Retarget visitors through search ads

Cost effective since you're targeting those familiar with your brand

DOWNLOADABLE CONTENT

Go for more technical and solution-based content, since this shows that you're an expert in the industry



TARGETED EMAIL CAMPAIGNS

Inbox x Sep 25 ☆

Unsubscribe

Reminds and educates the buyer about your brand, which can help trigger action



"Help, I need a new face wash!"

"I'm happy to help."

83% OF CONSUMERS require some degree of customer support while making an online purchase



Google



70% OF BUYERS RETURN TO GOOGLE at least 2-3 times during their research

3. DECISION

The buyer is near the end of the funnel. They're doing their research, weighing their options, and getting ready to convert.

Imagine you own an alpaca rental business. Buyers in the decision phase want to know why your business is the right choice—and you have to convince them.



BLOG POST

TWITTER POST

FACEBOOK POST

Scheduled: Tomorrow @ 12:00 PM



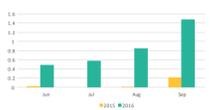
A connected marketing and sales funnel enabled by marketing automation drives a

14.5% INCREASE IN SALES PRODUCTIVITY

BUSINESSES SHOULD UTILIZE

CASE STUDIES

Shows exactly how your business makes an impact; make sure to use powerful metrics and create a strong narrative



TESTIMONIALS & REVIEWS

★★★★☆

Establishes authenticity with words from real customers and clients

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REMARKETING SOCIAL MEDIA ADS

YourBrand ✓ 13 hours ago

Makes sure your brand is recognized and at the top of your prospect's mind when they're ready to decide

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