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# NBCUNIVERSAL'S GLOBAL EVOLUTIONS IN B2B



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Despite rapid changes to the business sector, marketing tactics and approaches have not evolved at the same pace of change







































## **NBCUniversal** GLOBAL

## #1 IN GLOBAL CONTENT SPEND

# NBCU Has a Legacy in Creating Culture Through Our Content



**Red Carpet** 



Films



Comedy



Parks & Resorts



Drama



Late Night



# And Shifting Executive Mindsets Through Our International Coverage



**Trusted News** 



**Premiere Sports** 



**CNBC International** 



**Events Coverage** 



**Content Production** 



Digital & Streaming



## **C-Suites Reached Globally**

Every month; #1 across all business & financial news platforms

Which Gives NBCU Global a Deep Understanding in How Enterprises Are Evolving

Being on the front lines of breaking news and shifting markets, NBCU has a first look at the ways in which B2B tactics are shifting and evolving

Many of these signals are informing our own company practices



# Across The Media Landscape, B2B Perceptions Are Changing Three Key Areas Of Evolution



**Environments For B2B Connection** 

Rethinking Content



Effective B2B Messaging Tactics

Rethinking Messaging



The B2B Decision-Making Journey

Rethinking Engagement



# Environments For B2B Connection

The B2B marketplace is rife with competition, often targeting the same consumer in the same environments.

NBCU believes in reaching your audience where they already are.

# Today's Business Leaders Are Younger and More Diverse Creating an Opportunity To Redefine the Typical B2B Approach

**Avid Sports Fan** 

48% of Business Leaders watch Sports on TV

### Female

41% of Business Leaders are Female

### Millennial

71% of Business Leaders are under the age of 44

52% of Business Leaders watch Reality TV

Reality TV Fan

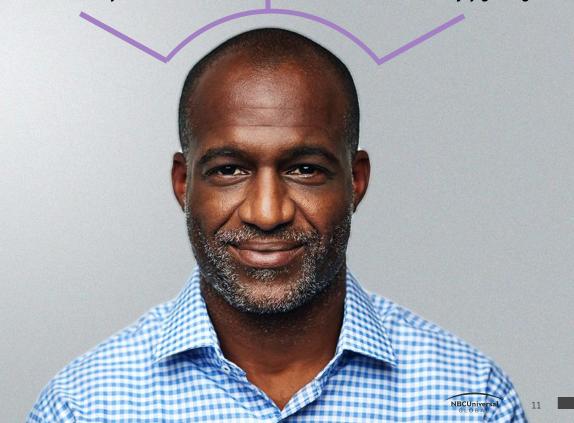
#### Diverse

+50% increase in multicultural business owners (over last 10 years)

#### Gamer

36% of Business Leaders enjoy gaming





# What Content We Think Today's Business Leaders Are Consuming Most











## The Content Business Leaders Are Actually Watching



Drama 71%



**Live Sports** 69%



Reality 60%



Talent 60%



Comedy 68%



**Award Shows** 55%

# NBCU Is Leading the Charge in Rethinking How To Engage With Global Business Leaders



Sports News Scripted Movies Unscripted Documentary

90%

of business leaders say a good B2B ad captures their attention if they're relevant; it does not matter if they run in business content

# And Changing Our Our Approach to Business Leaders Across Our Organization

Prioritizing Diverse Perspectives Across Our Leadership



- Rashida Jones, President MSNBC
- Cesar Conde, Chairman NBC News Group

**Developing New Content** 



 Short-form episodic series featuring curated group of business leaders Engaging Key Audiences in New Ways



Engage C-Suite and executives in intimate events



## **Effective B2B Messaging Tactics**

B2B messaging puts a priority on one-dimensional functionality, devoid of emotion and sentiment

In reality...

56%

of the business decision-maker choice comes down to emotional factors

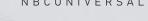
Connecting with Business Audiences in New Environments
Requires Evolved
Messaging

of business leaders are more likely to be interested in & notice advertising from B2B brands that speak to their passions and personal interests\*



Rational Fandom





## A Variety of Audience Need States Influence **Content Decisions**



### **Personal Utility**

**Cultural Utility** 

Indulge	Distract	Unwind	In Touch	Comfort	Escape	Experience
The need to pursue personal interests, hobbies	The need for instant gratification to fill time/divert	The need to relax and de-stress from the pressures of the day	The need to feel aware of what is happening in the world	The need for shared bonding time	The need to lose yourself in another world through engaging content	The need to feel part of a shared viewing experience

# Brands Are Starting To Lean Into Cultural Conversations

Deloitte offered up a unique recruiting ad during the longawaited Walking Dead series finale





variety.com

'Walking Dead' Revives Zombie Favorites to Serve Up New Commerci...
The 'Walking Dead' series finale included commercials that revived old characters to talk about Deloitte, DoorDash and others

Deloitte. William

# However, Imbuing Your Brand With Emotion Is All About Balance and Storytelling







TALENT ROOM at NBCU





Pan European





# The Complex B2B Decision-Making Journey

The business decision-making journey of today is far more complex that ever before and brands must begin applying this complexity to communication strategies



# Making Business Decisions Has Become a Complicated Process

### **Numerous Interactions**

On average **17** interactions required to complete a purchase

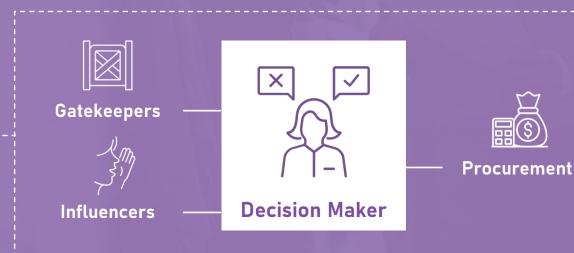
## **Longer Evaluation Periods**

Average vendor selection process is **2.5 months** 

## Across More Stakeholders

5.8 internal employees

have influence over the final decision



## Marketers Should Rethink the **Advertising Experience** for the Individual and the Environment

Investing and introducing



new commercial innovations

### Numerous Interactions



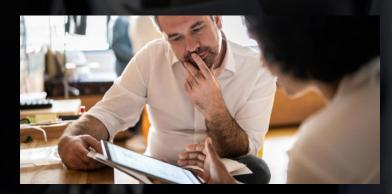
Take advantage of all the channels and platforms your audience is consuming

## Longer Evaluation Periods



Maximize brand presence in innovative formats that collapse the funnel

### More Stakeholders



Invest in tailored/personalized approaches for different key audiences

## Marketers Should Rethink the **Advertising Experience** for the Individual and the Environment

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## Numerous Interactions



79% less likely to change the channel

## Longer Evaluation Periods



93% greater audience appreciation

### More Stakeholders



better brand memorability

# The Connecting Thread Underpinning Each New B2B Evolution

Environments for B2B Connection

Effective B2B
Messaging Tactics

The Complex B2B Decision Making Journey

## The Critical Role of Storytelling in B2B

Storytelling is the most successful element in B2B marketing because it alleviates the typical challenges

Your Consultative Partner to Tell Your Story

Use our tenants of storytelling to connect with the world's most powerful audience in any environment

## Thank You

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