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Happy 2024!

A new year means a fresh start for your business! It's important to take the time now to reflect on the past year you've had and come up with goals for how you are going to continue to grow your business in the year ahead.

Perhaps you want to dive into something new or improve on areas you struggled with in the previous year. In this month's issue, you will find articles that we hope will guide you in the right direction for this year's plans. Learn about topics such as Understanding Consumer Behavior, Social Media Marketing, the importance of a Marketing Calendar, and more!

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We welcome any comments or questions you might have, as well as the opportunity to explain how we've been able to help businesses just like yours.

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# Marketing Calendar

Plan your marketing messages around these upcoming holidays and proclamations.

## January

National Blood Donor Month

Poverty Awareness Month

Eye Care Month

Birth Defections Prevention Month

Family Fit Lifestyle Month

Financial Wellness Month

January 1st - New Year's Day

January 15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1st - Polar Bear Plunge Day

2nd - Science Fiction Day

4th - Spaghetti Day

4th - Trivia Day

6th - Bean Day

8th - Bubble Bath Day

9th - Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

11th - Milk Day

13th - Gluten Free Day

14th - Dress Up Your Pet Day

14th - World Logic Day

15th - Hat Day

15th - Bagel Day

16th - Hot & Spicy Food Day

18th - Winnie the Pooh Day

19th - Popcorn Day

20th - Cheese Lover's Day

20th - Take a Walk Outdoors Day

21st - National Hugging Day

23rd - Pie Day

24th - Compliment Day

24th - Peanut Butter Day

25th - Opposite Day

26th - Spouse's Day

27th - Chocolate Cake Day

27th - Holocaust Remembrance Day

28th - Lego Day

29th - National Puzzle Day

30th - Croissant Day

31st - Backward Day

31st - Hot Chocolate Day

## February

Black History Month

American Heart Month

Responsible Pet Owner Month

Cancer Prevention Month

Children's Dental Health Month

February 14th - Valentine's Day

February 19th - President's Day

1st - National Freedom Day

2nd - Groundhog Day

2nd - Tater Tot Day

2nd - Wear Red Day

3rd - Golden Retriever Day

4th - Facebook's Birthday

4th - World Cancer Day

5th - World Nutella Day

6th - Pay a Compliment Day

7th - Rose Day

9th - Pizza Day

10th - Chinese New Year

10th - Flannel Day

11th - Latte Day

11th - Inventor's Day

11th - Super Bowl Sunday

12th - Lincoln's Birthday

12th - Hug Day

13th - World Radio Day

13th - Mardi Gras

13th - Self Love Day

17th - Random Acts of Kindness Day

18th - Drink Wine Day

20th - Muffin Day

21st - Sticky Bun Day

22nd - Chili Day

22nd - Margarita Day

22nd - Washington's Birthday

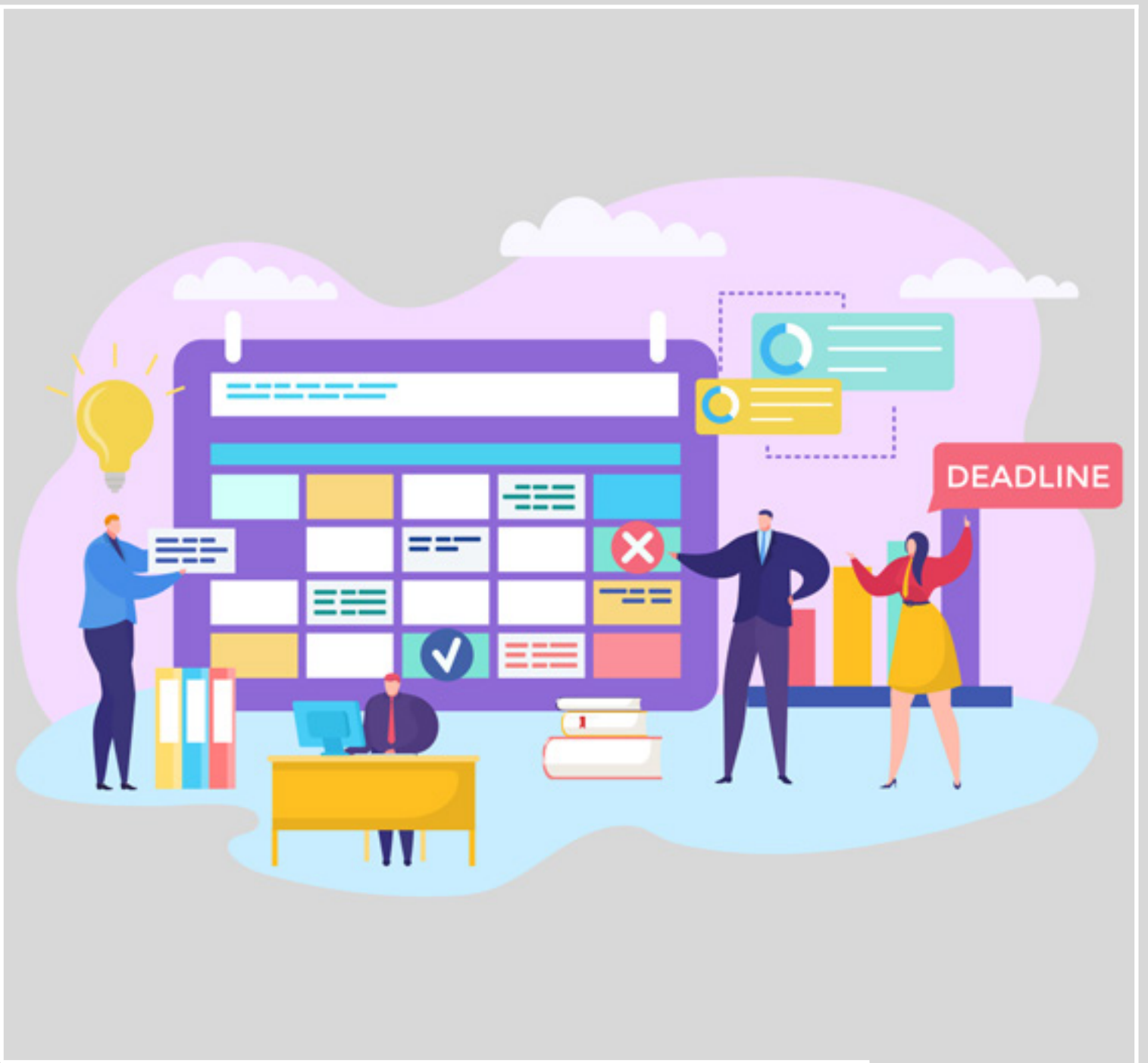
23rd - Banana Bread Day

24th - Skip the Straw Day

27th - Polar Bear Day

28th - Pancake Day

29th - Leap Day



## Why Creating a Marketing Calendar is Important for Your Business

Staying organized and ahead of the curve is not just a luxury in business; it's a necessity. This is where the magic of a marketing calendar comes into play. A well-planned marketing calendar is like a roadmap guiding your business through the bustling highways of promotional activities and campaigns. As we start 2024, let's delve into why creating a marketing calendar is crucial for your business's success.

## The Essence of Planning Ahead

Planning ahead is the cornerstone of effective marketing. A marketing calendar allows you to strategize in advance, ensuring that your marketing efforts are well thought out and timely. It's like setting the stage before the curtain rises, ensuring every actor knows their part.

## Alignment with Business Goals

A marketing calendar helps align your marketing activities with your broader business goals. Are you launching a new product, entering a new market, or looking to increase brand awareness? Your marketing calendar serves as a strategic tool to achieve these objectives.

## Consistency is Key

Consistency in marketing builds brand recognition and loyalty. A marketing calendar ensures regular engagement with your audience, keeping your brand at the forefront of their minds. It's like regularly watering a plant,



ensuring it grows and thrives.

## Resource Management

Effective resource management is vital for any business. A marketing calendar helps you allocate resources efficiently, be it time, manpower, or budget. It allows you to plan around busy periods and ensure that resources are available when needed.

## Cross-Team Collaboration

In many businesses, marketing activities involve multiple teams. A marketing calendar facilitates cross-team collaboration and communication. It's a shared tool that keeps everyone on the same

page, like a conductor leading an orchestra to a harmonious symphony.

## Tracking and Measuring Success

What gets planned gets measured. A marketing calendar allows you to track your campaigns' performance against your plans. This makes it easier to measure success and adjust strategies as needed.

## Adapting to Market Changes

The market is always changing, and flexibility is crucial. A marketing calendar helps you stay agile, allowing you to adapt and pivot your strategies in response to market trends and consumer behavior.

## **Avoiding Last-Minute Rush**

We've all been there – the last-minute rush to get a campaign out. A marketing calendar helps avoid this by providing a clear timeline for preparation and execution, reducing stress and increasing the quality of your marketing efforts.

## **Seasonal Marketing Opportunities**

Every year is full of seasonal events and holidays that are perfect for themed marketing campaigns. A marketing calendar ensures you don't miss out on these opportunities, from Christmas sales to summer promotions.

## **Creating a Balanced Mix of Content**

A marketing calendar helps in creating a balanced mix of content across different platforms – social media, blogs, email newsletters, and more. It ensures diversity in your marketing efforts, keeping your audience engaged and interested.

## **Anticipating Customer Needs**

By planning your marketing year, you can anticipate and align with your customers' evolving needs. This foresight can be crucial in staying relevant and competitive in your market.

## **Enhancing Creativity**

Contrary to the belief that strict planning stifles creativity, a marketing calendar can actually enhance it. Knowing what's ahead gives your team the space and clarity to be more creative and innovative in their approach.

## **Identifying Gaps and Overlaps**

A comprehensive marketing calendar helps you identify any gaps or overlaps in your marketing strategy. This ensures a well-rounded approach and maximizes the impact of your marketing efforts.

## **Encouraging Analytical Thinking**

The process of creating a marketing calendar encourages analytical thinking. It involves looking at

past performance, understanding market trends, and predicting future movements, which are critical skills in any business strategy.

## **Maintaining a Competitive Edge**

Finally, a marketing calendar helps you maintain a competitive edge. It ensures that you're always proactive, rather than reactive, in your marketing efforts, keeping you one step ahead of the competition.

A marketing calendar is an indispensable tool for any business looking to thrive in today's fast-paced market. It brings structure, efficiency, and clarity to your marketing efforts while ensuring alignment with your business goals. By investing time in creating a comprehensive marketing calendar, you pave the way for more effective, consistent, and successful marketing strategies. Remember, when it comes to marketing, those who fail to plan, plan to fail. Let your marketing calendar be your blueprint to success.

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## How To Tell If Your Social Media Marketing is Working

In the vast and ever-changing landscape of social media, determining the success of your marketing efforts can sometimes feel like navigating through a maze with no clear signs. As business owners and marketers, we invest significant time and resources into our social media strategies, but how do we measure the real impact? Is it just about the number of likes and shares, or is there more to the story? Let's embark on a journey to unravel the indicators that tell us whether our social media marketing is truly hitting the mark.

## Understanding Your Objectives

Before diving into analytics and engagement rates, it's crucial to ask ourselves: What are our goals? Are we aiming to increase brand awareness, drive sales, or engage with our community? The metrics we should focus on directly depend on these objectives. It's like setting out on a voyage; knowing your destination is the first step to getting there.

## Engagement: The Heartbeat of Social Media

Engagement is more than just a buzzword. It's the heartbeat of social media interactions. Are people commenting, sharing, and reacting to your posts? High engagement rates often indicate that your content resonates with your audience. Think of each like, share, or comment as a conversation starter, a stepping stone towards building a relationship with your audience.

## Analyzing the Reach and Impressions

Reach and impressions tell us how far our content is traveling. Are you reaching



a broad audience, or are your posts seen by a small, specific group? Understanding these metrics can help tailor your strategy to either expand your audience or deepen connections with your current followers.

## Website Traffic: The Digital Footprints

If your social media strategy includes driving traffic to your website, then monitoring this traffic is key. Are you seeing an uptick in visits from your social media channels? Tools like Google Analytics can provide a clear picture of how social media is contributing to your website activity.

## Follower Growth: Quantity and Quality

While growing your follower count is

important, it's the quality of these followers that truly matters. Are you attracting the right audience – the one that's genuinely interested in your brand? A smaller, engaged, and loyal following often outweighs a large, disinterested audience.

## Content Analysis: What Works and What Doesn't

Not all content is created equal. Analyzing which types of posts garner the most engagement can guide your content strategy. Are educational posts getting more traction, or does your audience prefer behind-the-scenes glimpses into your business? Tailoring your content to audience preferences can boost engagement.

## Conversion Rates: Turning Engagement into Action

If your goal is to drive sales or specific actions, tracking conversion rates is essential. How many of your followers are taking the desired action after interacting with your content? This metric can be a clear indicator of ROI from your social media efforts.

## **Brand Sentiment: Listening to the Voice of Your Audience**

What is the general sentiment around your brand on social media? Are people speaking positively about your products or services? Monitoring brand sentiment can provide valuable insights into how your brand is perceived and areas where you might need to improve.

## **Competitor Benchmarking**

How do you stack up against your competitors on social media? Understanding your position in the market can help identify areas of opportunity and aspects where you're leading the way. It's not about copying others but learning and differentiating.

## **Customer Feedback and Interaction**

Are you actively engaging with your audience through comments and direct messages? Social media is a two-way street. The quality and promptness of

your interactions can significantly impact your brand's reputation and customer loyalty.

## **Social Listening: Beyond Your Own Channels**

It's not just about what's happening on your own channels. Social listening tools can help you understand what's being said about your brand across the social media universe. This broader perspective can uncover trends, insights, and opportunities you might be missing.

## **The Adaptability of Your Strategy**

Is your social media strategy flexible? The digital landscape is constantly evolving, and so should your approach. Regularly reviewing and adjusting your strategy based on performance metrics ensures that your efforts remain effective and relevant.

## **Investment vs. Return**

Are you getting a good return on your investment? When you tally up the time, effort, and money spent on your

social media marketing, is it paying off in terms of your set objectives? This evaluation is crucial to determine the viability and success of your strategy.

## **Staying Current with Social Media Trends**

Are you keeping up with the latest social media trends and platform updates? Staying current can give you an edge, allowing you to adapt and innovate before your competitors do.

In conclusion, determining the success of your social media marketing is multifaceted. It's about understanding your objectives, closely monitoring key metrics, engaging with your audience, and being adaptable in your approach.

By keeping a pulse on these indicators and continuously refining your strategy, you can turn your social media efforts into a powerful tool for business growth and brand loyalty. Remember, in the dynamic world of social media marketing, the journey is just as important as the destination.



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# Top Ten Customer Service Mistakes to Avoid

In the realm of business, customer service is the frontline of your brand's reputation. It's where relationships are nurtured, trust is built, and loyalty is forged. However, it's also a field laden with potential pitfalls.

Let's unravel the top ten customer service mistakes that businesses should vigilantly avoid to ensure they provide exceptional service every time.

## 1. Underestimating the Power of First Impressions

First impressions are lasting impressions. Whether it's a greeting in a store or the first few seconds of a customer service call, the initial interaction sets the tone for the entire experience. We must ensure our team is trained to make these moments count.

## 2. Failing to Listen Actively

Active listening is the cornerstone of effective communication. When we fail to truly listen to our customers, we miss out on understanding their needs and concerns.

It's not just about hearing the words; it's about comprehending the message behind them.

### 3. Neglecting Empathy

Empathy is the ability to put oneself in the customer's shoes. A lack of empathy in customer service can lead to a disconnect and dissatisfaction. It's important to show customers that we understand and care about their issues.

### 4. Overlooking Personalization

In a world dominated by automated responses and generic solutions, personalization is a breath of fresh air. Tailoring our approach to each customer's unique situation and needs can significantly enhance their experience with our brand.

### 5. Ignoring Feedback

Feedback, whether positive or negative, is a goldmine of information. Ignoring customer feedback is like turning a blind eye to the roadmap of improvement. We must actively seek, acknowledge, and act on the feedback we receive.

### 6. Inadequate Training and Support for Customer Service Staff

Our customer service team

is only as strong as the training and support they receive. Failing to properly equip our staff with the necessary skills and knowledge is a critical mistake that can lead to subpar service.

### 7. Over-Promising and Under-Delivering

Setting unrealistic expectations is a fast track to disappointment. It's crucial to be honest and clear about what we can deliver and then strive to exceed those expectations, not fall short.

### 8. Not Resolving Issues Promptly

Time is of the essence in customer service. Delayed responses or prolonged resolutions can exacerbate customer frustration. We must aim to address and resolve issues as swiftly and efficiently as possible.

### 9. Failing to Follow Up

The customer service journey shouldn't end with the resolution of an issue. Following up with customers after a service interaction shows that



we value their satisfaction in the long term, not just during a crisis.

### 10. Lacking Consistency

Consistency in customer service builds trust and reliability. Inconsistent service can lead to confusion and a lack of confidence in our brand. Ensuring uniform excellence in service across all channels is key.

### The Significance of Training and Development

Investing in regular training and development programs for our customer service team is essential. It helps in updating skills, addressing shortcomings, and keeping up with the latest trends in customer service.

## Embracing Technology

Leveraging technology to enhance customer service can be a game-changer. From CRM systems to chatbots, technology can streamline processes and create a more efficient service experience.

## Creating a Customer-Centric Culture

A customer-centric culture is the bedrock of great service. It's about instilling a mindset where every action and decision is made with the customer's

best interest at heart.

## Learning from Mistakes

Mistakes are inevitable, but they are also opportunities for growth. Learning from these mistakes is what sets apart a good customer service team from a great one.

Avoiding these top ten customer service mistakes is crucial for any business aiming to provide outstanding service. It's about making great first impressions, listening actively, showing empathy, personalizing interactions,

valuing feedback, providing adequate training, managing expectations, resolving issues promptly, following up, and ensuring consistency.

By focusing on these areas, we can turn our customer service into a powerful tool for building lasting relationships and a loyal customer base.

Remember, exceptional customer service is not just about solving problems; it's about creating an experience that customers cherish and remember.



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# How to Successfully Use Social Media to Promote Your Business



In the digital age, social media has become the bustling marketplace where businesses vie for attention. It's a world teeming with potential customers, each scrolling through feeds in search of the next big thing. As a business owner or marketing manager, harnessing the power of social media can be the game-changer your brand needs. But how do you stand out in this crowded space? Let's explore some key strategies to elevate your social media presence and turn followers into customers.



## Understanding Your Audience

First things first: who are you talking to? Understanding your audience is the cornerstone of effective social media marketing. Are they young, tech-savvy trendsetters or are they more mature, looking for reliability and expertise? Tailoring your content to the interests and needs of your audience is crucial. Remember, a message that resonates is a message that sells.

## The Art of Engaging Content

Content is king, but engagement is the key to the kingdom. Your posts should not only inform but also entertain and engage. Ask yourself, does this post add value? Whether it's a behind-the-scenes look at your business, a how-to video, or a humorous take on your industry, your content should spark a conversation. Engage with your followers through comments and messages. A responsive brand is a remembered brand.

## Leveraging Visual Storytelling

In the realm of social

media, visual content reigns supreme. High-quality images, engaging videos, and eye-catching graphics can dramatically increase engagement. Use visual storytelling to convey your brand's personality and values. A picture is worth a thousand words, and in the social media world, it could be worth a thousand likes.

## Consistency is Key

Consistency in posting is crucial. It's not just about frequency; it's about creating a reliable voice and style for your brand. Whether it's the tone of your posts or the aesthetic of your visuals, consistency helps build brand recognition. Don't just post for the sake of posting – have a purpose and a plan.

## Utilizing the Right Platforms

Not all social media platforms are created equal, especially when it comes to your target audience. Where does your audience hang out? Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, TikTok? Each platform has its unique features and audience demographics. Choose the

platforms that align best with your business goals and audience.

## The Power of Hashtags

Hashtags are not just trendy; they are functional. They can increase the visibility of your posts to a broader audience. But beware of hashtag overload. Use relevant and specific hashtags to ensure your posts reach your intended audience.

## Influencer Collaborations

Collaborating with influencers can be a powerful way to expand your reach. Influencers have already established trust with their followers. Find influencers who align with your brand values and have an audience that would be interested in your products or services.

## Running Contests and Giveaways

Who doesn't love free stuff? Contests and giveaways can boost engagement and reach. They encourage sharing and interaction, increasing your brand's visibility. Just make sure the prize is relevant to your brand and appealing to your audience.

## Tracking and Analyzing Performance

What's working? What's not? Tracking the performance of your posts is essential. Utilize the analytics tools available on social media platforms to understand your engagement rates, audience growth, and more. This data is invaluable for refining your strategy.

## Personalization and Human Touch

Social media is about building relationships. Show the human side of your business. Share stories of your team, customer experiences, or community involvement. Personalization can forge a deeper connection with your audience.

## Staying Up-to-Date with Trends

Social media is ever-evolving. Staying up-to-date with the latest trends and platform updates is vital. However, always evaluate whether a trend

aligns with your brand before jumping on the bandwagon.

## Adapting to Feedback

Listen to your audience. Feedback, whether positive or negative, is a goldmine of insights. Adapt your strategy based on your audience's responses to ensure you're meeting their needs and expectations.

## Investing in Paid Advertising

While organic reach is great, sometimes a little investment can go a long way. Paid social media advertising can target specific demographics, helping you reach a broader or more targeted audience.

## Building a Community

Social media isn't just about selling; it's about building a community

around your brand.

Encourage user-generated content, create brand hashtags, and foster an environment where your followers can interact not just with you, but with each other.

## Learning from Competitors

Keep an eye on your competitors. What are they doing well? What can you do better? Learning from their successes and mistakes can provide valuable insights for your strategy.

Navigating the world of social media can be challenging, but it's undeniably rewarding. By understanding your audience, creating engaging content, staying consistent, and being adaptable, you can harness the power of social media to elevate your brand.

Remember, social media is a tool to connect, engage, and grow. Use it wisely, and watch your business thrive.



# Why Your Facebook Page Followers Don't See Your Posts



With its vast user base and diverse audience, Facebook can be a goldmine for local business owners to reach their existing customers and prospects. However, despite having a dedicated following on your Facebook page, you may have noticed a decline in the visibility of your posts.

This phenomenon has left many scratching their

heads, wondering why their carefully crafted content is not reaching their audience. In this article, we will delve into the intricacies of why your Facebook page followers don't see your posts and explore strategies to boost your content's visibility.

Facebook themselves has addressed the problem businesses are seeing, giving two main reasons for the decline in reach.

The first is that there is such a large number of people and businesses posting content, that the competition for space in the newsfeed is naturally driving down the visibility of your posts.

The second reason is that Facebook's algorithm has grown increasingly strict in what it shows to whom.

If we go back to 2012, the average page reach was

right around 16%. Today, this is closer to 6%. On pages with large numbers of followers – over half a million followers – the reach can drop to as low as 2%.



## Engagement Breeds Visibility

Engagement is the lifeblood of social media success. When your followers like, comment, and share your posts, it signals to Facebook that your

content is resonating with your audience. In turn, the algorithm will be more inclined to show your posts to a wider audience. Encourage engagement by posing questions, running polls, and fostering a sense of community among your followers.

In essence, 94% of your page followers are not given the opportunity to organically see your posts.

## The Algorithm Enigma

The heart of the issue lies within Facebook's algorithm, a complex mathematical formula that determines what content appears on a user's newsfeed. The algorithm takes into account various factors, including the user's past interactions, the type of content, and the time it was posted.

This means that not every post from your page will be shown to all your followers. So, while you may have thousands of followers, your posts may only reach a fraction of them.

## Content Quality Matters

One of the key elements that the Facebook algorithm assesses is the quality of your content.

Are you providing valuable and engaging content that resonates with your audience? High-quality posts are more likely to be shown to a larger portion of your followers. As a marketing manager, it's crucial to ensure that your content is not only visually appealing but also informative and relevant to your target audience.

## Consistency Is Key

Consistency in posting is another critical factor that affects the visibility of your content. If you sporadically post on your Facebook page, the algorithm may perceive your page as less relevant, leading to reduced visibility.

To combat this, establish a consistent posting schedule that your followers can rely on. Regular updates not only keep your audience engaged but also signal to the algorithm that your page is active and worth promoting.

## Video Content Dominance

In recent years, video content has risen to the top of the social media hierarchy. Facebook's algorithm prioritizes video content, so if you're not already incorporating videos into your strategy, it's time to start. Engaging videos that captivate your audience can significantly improve your post visibility.

## Paid Promotion for Wider Reach

While organic reach is essential, it's also essential to consider

paid promotion to boost your post's visibility. Facebook offers targeted advertising options that allow you to reach specific demographics, ensuring that your content reaches the right audience.

Invest wisely in paid promotion to maximize your ROI. For local businesses, boosting a post to your demographic audience can cost as little as \$10. This small investment can dramatically increase the reach of your posts.

### **Get Professional Help**

Local marketing agencies

can help you develop and execute a strategy that will increase the effectiveness of your Facebook marketing. From developing professional imagery for your posts, ensuring you are consistently posting, to developing your custom audience for boosting your posts, most local marketing agencies offer affordable programs for social media management. The challenge of why your Facebook page followers don't see your posts is multifaceted.

Understanding and navigating the intricacies

of the Facebook algorithm is crucial for marketing managers in the digital age. Focus on creating high-quality content, maintaining consistency in posting, fostering engagement, incorporating video content, and strategically using paid promotion to expand your reach.

By implementing these strategies, you can break through the algorithm barrier and ensure that your carefully crafted posts reach your dedicated followers, ultimately driving success for the businesses you serve.

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# FUN FACTS

January is traditionally the coldest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and the warmest month of the year in the Southern Hemisphere. Leap years exempted, January always begins on the same day as October. In leap years, January always begins on the same day as April and July.

## January Milestones:

- Jan. 1st, 1908 - The 1st New Year's ball drop in Times Square, NYC
- Jan. 3rd, 1847 - Yerba Buena renamed San Francisco
- Jan. 9th, 2007 - Apple's iPhone was unveiled
- Jan. 13th, 1986 - Johnny Cash performed his famous Folsom County Jail show
- Jan. 14th, 1990 - 'The Simpsons' premiered on Fox
- Jan. 15th, 2001 - Wikipedia debuted online.
- Jan. 18th, 1977 - Snow fell in Miami and The Bahamas. It was the only time in recorded history that it happened
- Jan. 21st, 1972 - The first convention of Star Trek fans was held in New York City's Statler-Hilton Hotel

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# UNDERSTANDING CONSUMER BEHAVIOR IN 2024



## 1. SHIFT TOWARDS VALUES-BASED PURCHASING

Consumers increasingly choose brands aligning with their personal values (sustainability, ethics, etc.).

*60% of consumers are willing to pay more for environmentally friendly products.*

## 2. THE DIGITAL EXPERIENCE DOMINANCE

Online shopping preferences continue to rise, with a focus on user experience.

*70% of consumers prioritize convenience & user-friendliness in online shopping.*



## 3. THE RISE OF SOCIAL COMMERCE

Purchasing directly through social media platforms is becoming more prevalent.

*55% of consumers have purchased via a social media app.*

## 4. PERSONALIZATION IS KEY

Customized marketing messages significantly impact purchasing decisions.

*80% of consumers are more likely to buy when offered personalized experiences.*



## 5. THE IMPACT OF REVIEWS AND INFLUENCERS

Peer reviews and influencer endorsements continue to strongly influence buying choices.

*65% of consumers trust online reviews as much as personal recommendations.*

## 6. GROWING CONCERN FOR PRIVACY

Shifting attitudes towards personal data privacy affect brand trust and loyalty.

*75% of consumers are more loyal to brands that protect their personal information.*



A man with glasses and a woman in a red shirt and apron are sitting at a wooden counter in a cafe. There are coffee mugs, a tablet, and some pastries on the counter. Shelves with various items are in the background.

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