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**People Are Strange** 

**Back To The Future**  Don't Be **Basic** 

You Had Me At Hello

**Houston, We Have a Problem**  **Elementary, My Dear Watson** 

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**FINAL JEOPARDY** 











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### This is the one show that is NOT currently running on The Learning Channel or TLC

- a) Amish MAFIA
- b) My GIANT life
- c) Naked & Afraid
- d) Dr. Pimple Popper
- e) Seeking sister wife

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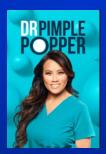






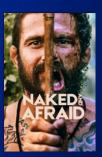
#### What is "Amish MAFIA"

























## This is the most common reason clients give for considering leaving their existing firm.

- a) Poor customer service
- b) Want a more innovative firm
- c) Frustrated by outdated technology
- d) Looking to lower cost

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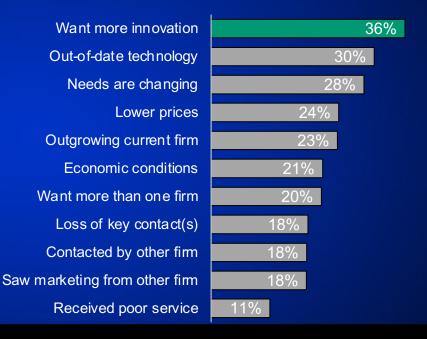






## What is "Want a more innovative firm"

#### Top reasons clients look to changing accounting firms

















# According to accounting firm clients, this is their top source of information on business topics they follow.

- a) Blogs
- b) Social Media
- c) Webinars
- d) Industry Articles

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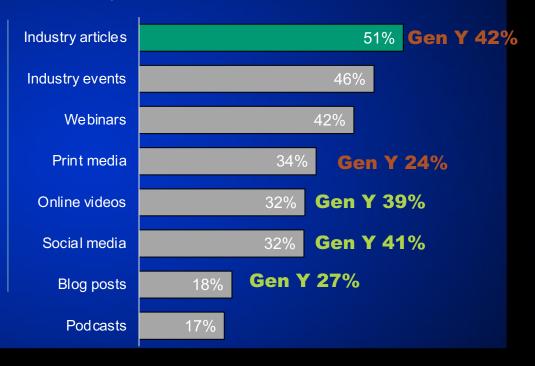






#### Top sources of business information

What is "Industry Articles"















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## The majority of accounting clients prefer webinars this many minutes in length.

- a) 15 minutes
- b) 30 minutes
- c) 45 minutes
- d) 60 minutes

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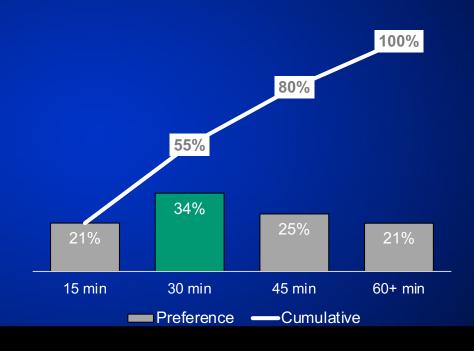






#### Top sources of business information

What is "30 Minutes"

















# When viewing content, this is the top item that makes it engaging to clients & prospects.

- a) High quality, supporting evidence
- b) Doesn't focus on selling the firm's products/services
- c) Excellent delivery of information
- d) Introduces new insights

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#### What makes a webinar engaging?

What is

"High Quality,
Supporting
Evidence"

Provides supporting evidence	51%
Shows expertise on the topic	49%
Based on high quality data	49%
Excellent delivery of information	46%
Introduces new insight	46%
Many details provided	43%
Makes strong arguments	41%
Content is simple	39%
Lack of bias evident	26%
Delivered in an entertaining way	24%
Content is advanced enough	24%
Doesn't focus on selling	23%

















### This individual holds the Guinness world record for the most 'make a wish's granted

- a) Taylor Swift
- b) John Cena
- c) Elton John
- d) Tom Cruise
- e) Barack Obama

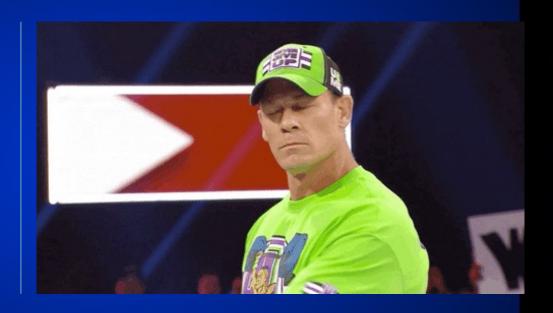
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Who is "John Cena"



















## This is listed as the TOP benefit of artificial intelligence for marketers (by ChatGPT)

- a) Chatbots
- b) Predictive Analytics
- c) Personalization
- d) Image and video recognition
- e) Ability to plan and execute a takeover of the world

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#### What is "Personalization of Content"

- 1.Personalization: Al can analyze vast amounts of customer data to provide personalized marketing content, such as product recommendations, email marketing, and social media ads tailored to each individual's preferences and behavior.
- 2. Predictive Analytics: All can analyze customer data to identify patterns and make predictions about future behavior, such as customer churn, purchase behavior, and response to marketing campaigns.
- 3. Chatbots: Al-powered chatbots can provide immediate customer support, 24/7. Chatbots can answer customer queries and resolve issues in real-time, freeing up customer support staff to focus on more complex queries.
- 4.Image and Video Recognition: Al-powered image and video recognition can automatically tag and categorize visual content, allowing marketers to analyze and optimize visual content for better engagement.
- 5. Sentiment Analysis: Al can analyze customer feedback on social media, email, and other channels to gauge customer sentiment.















## This is NOT one of the top 4 items prospects find valuable as part of your website

- a) 3rd party awards your firm has won
- b) Information about your services
- c) Client satisfaction scores
- d) Testimonials from clients

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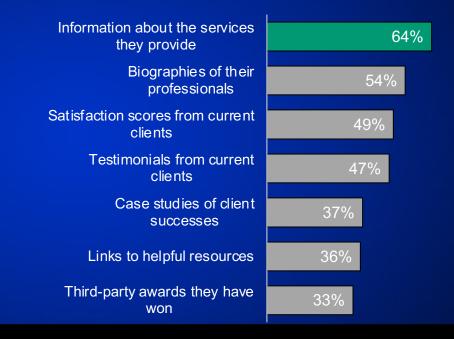






#### What is "3rd Party Awards"

#### Most useful aspects of an accounting firm's website



















## 1 in 4 clients says they have done this recently.

- a) Answered a survey from their accounting firm
- b) Had the primary contact at their firm leave
- c) Complained about their accounting firm to a friend or colleague
- d) Changed primary accounting firms

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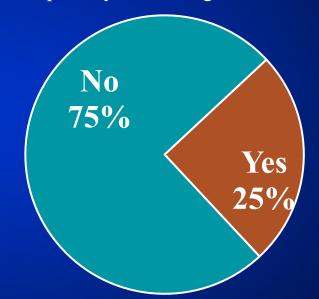






"Complained About Their Primary Accounting Firm"

Have you had a conversation recently where you complained about your primary accounting firm?















# The average prospect is at least this far along in their process before reaching out to professionals at an accounting firm.

- a) 22%
- b) 30%
- c) 40%
- d) 53%

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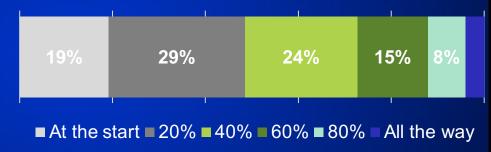






What is "40% of the way through the process"

How far into the process of deciding on a firm, before the prospect reaches out

















## A lot of things are known about Millennials. However, this one fact is NOT true.

- a) They have double the student debt Gen X did
- b) They represent the largest generation in the workforce
- c) They spend 85% of their days on their mobile devices
- d) Their favorite sport to watch is baseball

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"Their favorite sport to watch is baseball"











#### By 2029, what percentage of the U.S. workforce will be Gen Y or Gen Z

- a) 41%
- b) 49%
- c) 51%
- d) 64%

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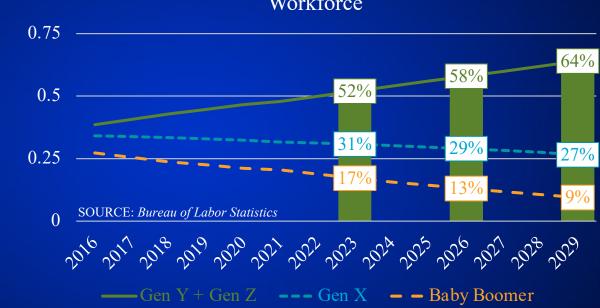






The Growth of Gen Y and Younger in the Workforce

What is **"64%"** 

















#### Most millennial clients and prospects prefer business video content that is this long.

- a) <2 minutes
- b) 2-5 minutes
- c) 6-10 minutes
- d) More than 10 minutes

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What is "Between 2-5 minutes"

When engaging with video content, what length of video do you prefer?





















### Millennials trust this resource MORE than a personal referral.

- a) Online ratings/reviews
- b) A firm's marketing
- c) A firm's professionals
- d) A firm's testimonials

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#### **ONLINE REVIEWS** 42% 18% 4% What is Gen Y & Gen X Baby "Online Ratings Younger Boomer & Reviews" REFERRALS 46% 39% Gen Y & Gen X Baby Younger Boomer

















## Half of Gen Y clients believe that calls and emails should be responded to by their firm within this timeframe

- a) Within 2 hours
- b) Within 4 hours
- c) Within 8 hours
- d) Within 24 hours
- e) Within 48 hours

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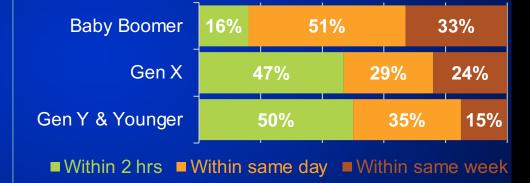






What is "Within 2 hours"

How quickly clients expect accounting firms to respond to their calls or emails















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### This is the lowest grossing Tom Cruise movie of the last 20 years.

- a) Les Grossman Tropic Thunder
- b) Lions for Lambs
- c) American Made
- d) Edge of Tomorrow

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What is "Lions for Lambs (2007)"

















# Research has shown this ONE thing convinces nearly 3 in 5 accounting firm prospects to spend more than they budgeted

- a) Sharing social proof (reviews, testimonials, satisfaction scores)
- b) Offering to refund money if they aren't fully satisfied
- c) Throwing in free company swag
- d) Offering to pay their way to industry events

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What is "Sharing Social Proof"

42%

FIRM A:

Costs what you budgeted

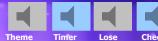
58%

FIRM B:

- Costs 10% over budget
- Shares high client satisfaction scores
- 4.6 rating from clients
- Dozens of testimonials







## 1 out of 10 accounting firm prospects say that this has NO IMPACT on their decision to work with a firm.

- a) The firm's social media presence
- b) The firm's website
- c) The responsiveness to calls/emails
- d) The ratings and reviews they find online

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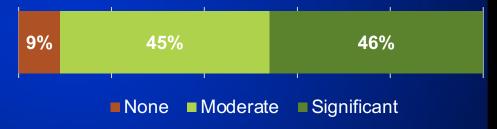




What is

"The Ratings & Reviews Found Online"

When considering a potential accounting firm, what impact do ratings and reviews found online have on your decision?

















### This, according to clients, is the most persuasive aspect of a testimonial.

- a) Comes from an existing client
- b) Mentions details about the service
- c) Comes from someone in my industry
- d) Includes the name of the person

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#### Items that make a testimonial persuasive

What is "It mentions details about the service"

Mentions details about services received

Comes from a current client of the provider

Comes from someone within my industry

> Includes the name and company of the person

Is one of many similar testimonials for the company

Comes from someone with a senior job title



45%

45%

36%

31%

29%



















## This percentage represents the prospects who find testimonials on your website somewhat or very persuasive.

- a) 46%
- b) 61%
- c) 69%
- d) 75%

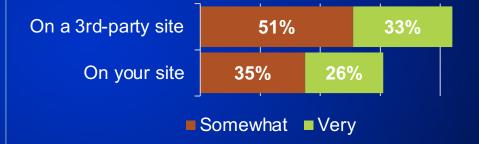
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What is **"61%"**  The persuasiveness of a testimonial, posted on different websites

















### This is widely considered the most costly PR disaster in the past 10 years

- a) Comcast refusing to cancel a customer's service (2014)
- b) United Airlines physically removing a passenger from their flight to make room for a crew member (2017)
- c) Wells Fargo opening millions of unauthorized accounts for customers (2016)
- d) Papa John's delivery driver leaving a racist voicemail for a customer (2013)

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What is "The Wells Fargo Fiasco of 2016"

















#### This is the percentage of accounting firm clients who have had a recent service issue

- a) 8%
- b) 18%
- c) 28%
- d) 38%
- e) None of them. They just THINK something went wrong

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ANSWER (question

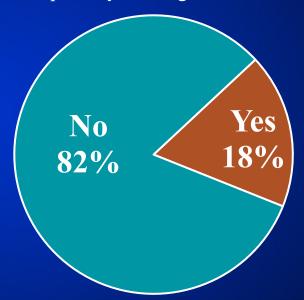






What is "18%"

In the past 12 months, have you experienced a service issue with your primary staffing firm?

















## This is the top wish (other than cost) that accounting firm clients have about their primary firm.

- a) Better customer service
- b) Faster turnaround times
- c) Improve technology
- d) Better understand our organizational needs

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#### What is "Improve technology"

#### Top wishes clients have about their primary accounting firm

Improve technology	44%
Better customer service	37%
Understand my organization	37%
Improved flexibility in timing	36%
Faster turnaround times	36%
Be more proactive	32%
Expanding service offerings	31%
Keep the same key contact(s)	25%
Improve billing processes	24%
More self-service options	24%
More frequent communication	22%

















#### This is the biggest complaint post-pandemic that clients have about the "new normal"

- a) Turnover of staff at firm
- b) Delays
- c) Reduced face-to-face interactions
- d) Poor communication

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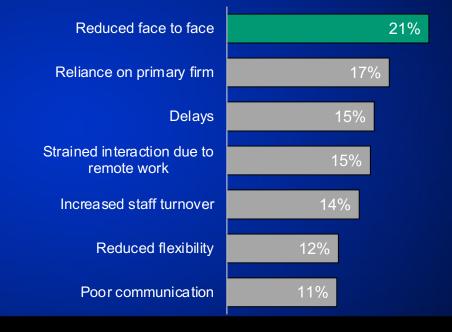






What is "Reduced Face to Face **Interactions**"

#### Biggest service-related complaint clients have post-pandemic



















### As the size of a decision-making group increases, this also increases.

- a) Time to decide
- b) Cost sensitivity
- c) Risk aversion
- d) Excitement at making a decision

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What is "Risk Aversion"

Total Stakeholders Involved In Decision















### This is one thing that we HAVEN'T changed conventional wisdom on in the past 20 years

- a) The benefits of stretching before working out
- b) Whether Pluto is a planet
- c) The benefits of low-fat diets
- d) That dogs are definitively better pets than cats

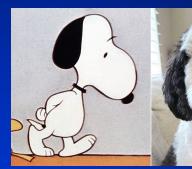
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What is
"That Dogs Are
Definitively
Better Pets
Than Cats"























### This is the most recent Net Promoter Score® for the accounting industry.

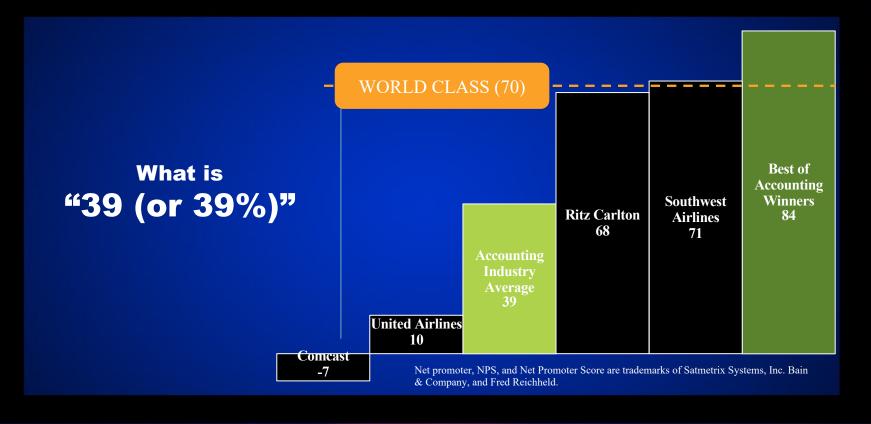
- a) 27
- b) 39
- c) 45
- d) 54

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## When a prospect is determining which firms to consider, which of the following is NOT one of the first steps they take

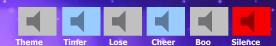
- a) Search online
- b) Look in the yellow pages
- c) Ask a colleague/peer
- d) Ask a friend/family member

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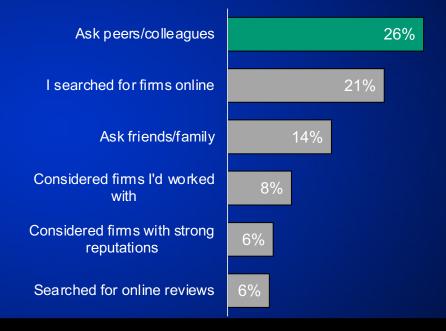






#### What is "Look in the **Yellow Pages**"

#### First step prospects took when trying to determine which firms to consider



















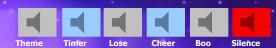
### According to more than 75% of buyers of accounting services, this is important

- a) The firm is the lowest cost option
- b) The firm display's gender and racial diversity
- c) The firm has a good blog
- d) The firm has a cutting edge website

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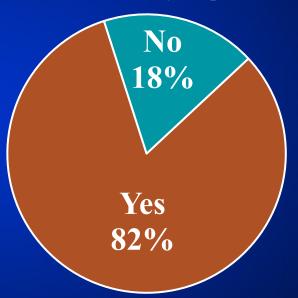






What is
"The Firm
Displays Gender
and Racial
Diversity"

Percentage of buyers who indicate that DEI & gender and racial diversity are 'somewhat' or 'very' important

















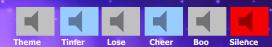
### Clients say this was the most stressful aspect of picking a new accounting firm

- a) Finding firms to consider
- b) Determining which firms meet our needs
- c) Negotiating terms with the new firms
- d) Researching the firms online

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# What is "Determining Which Firms Meet Our Needs"

#### Most stressful part about trying to find a new accounting firm to work with

Determining which firms meet 56% our needs Determining which firms deliver 54% high quality service Trying not to overpay for 52% services Knowing whether to trust a 50% potential firm Determining whether a new firm 37% will be a good fit for my team Knowing what information to 36% trust online Trying to find firms to consider 32% Concerns about making a bad 28% decision Taking too much time with the 25% decision





























#### This is the number of months it took ChatGPT to reach 100 million active users

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# WHAT IS "2 MONTHS"











