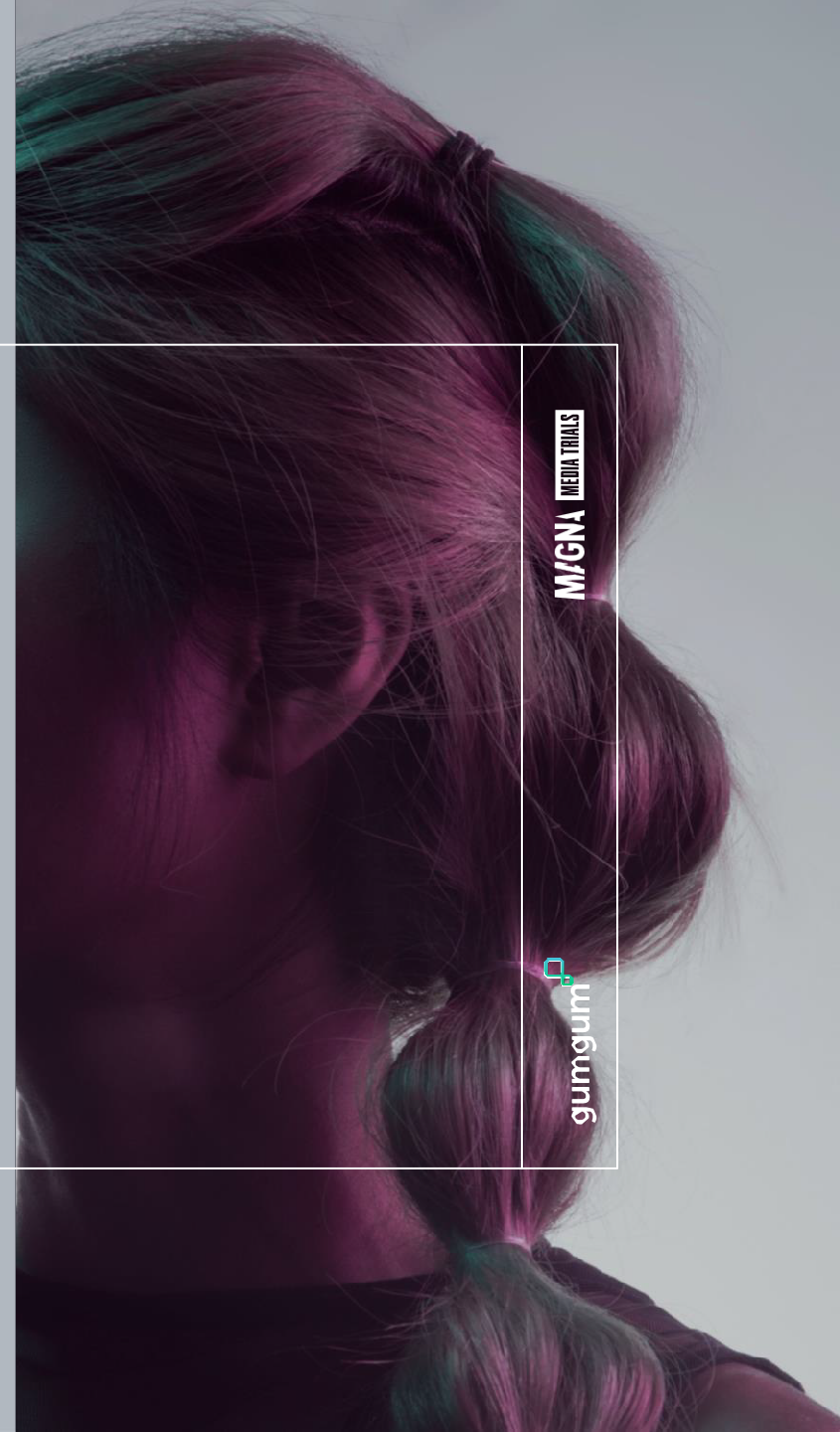


Mindset Matters

Deconstructing contextual video



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To create people-centric experiences, brands must move beyond basic demographics...

Tapping into mindset 

Our Questions

Q1

What can contextual video targeting do that standard cookies can't?

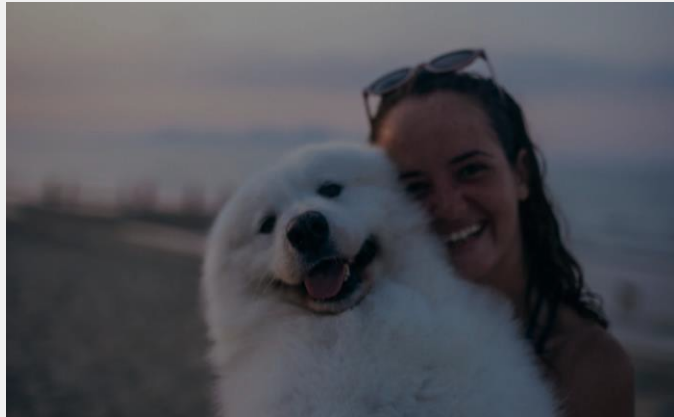
Q2

Are all methods for contextual video targeting created equally?

Contextual, Under the Hood

Contextual via Metadata

Videos sourced contextually with **metadata only** (e.g. video title, video description, tags, etc.)



SPEED TRAVEL ADDS NEW OPTIONS TO BRING PETS ON TRAINS

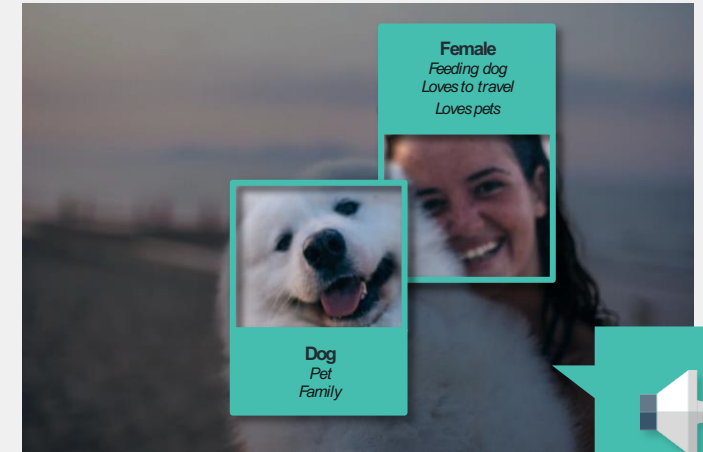
Speed Travel is expanding its pet program, allowing animal lovers to bring their little furry friends on trains where it had not previously been allowed.

Keywords: pet travel, dog hotels, animals on trains

VS

Contextual via Intelligence Engine

Videos sourced with a **contextual intelligence engine**, which uses a combination of machine learning techniques (computer vision & natural language processing) to analyze video frames, audio, and text. These techniques work together to understand the full nature of video content and classify full-page content like a human would for the analysis of: video metadata, audio transcription, on-screen imagery, and optical character recognition



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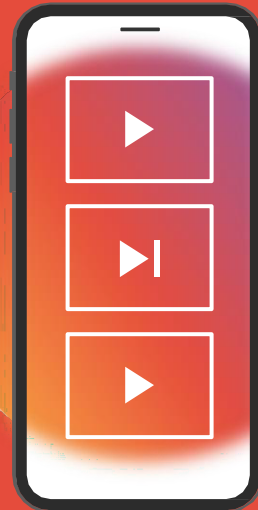
WHAT

WHY

Rigorously test the impact of contextual video targeting, and identify any differences between use of metadata only vs a contextual intelligence engine



CONTROLLED TESTING ON MOBILE



Participants from nationally representative panel randomized into test and control groups

Each chose video content to view based on their interests, on premium websites and were then served a pre-roll ad

HOW

3 TARGETING TIERS:

Demo Targeting

1

Contextual Targeting

2

Metadata

3

Contextual Intelligence Engine

2 AD TYPES

Test (Brand Ad)

Control (PSA)*

**Control (public service announcement)*

4 Brands Tested

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Contextual video targeting drives metrics for brands

Impact on Brand Metrics - Contextual Targeting
Delta (Exposed – Control)

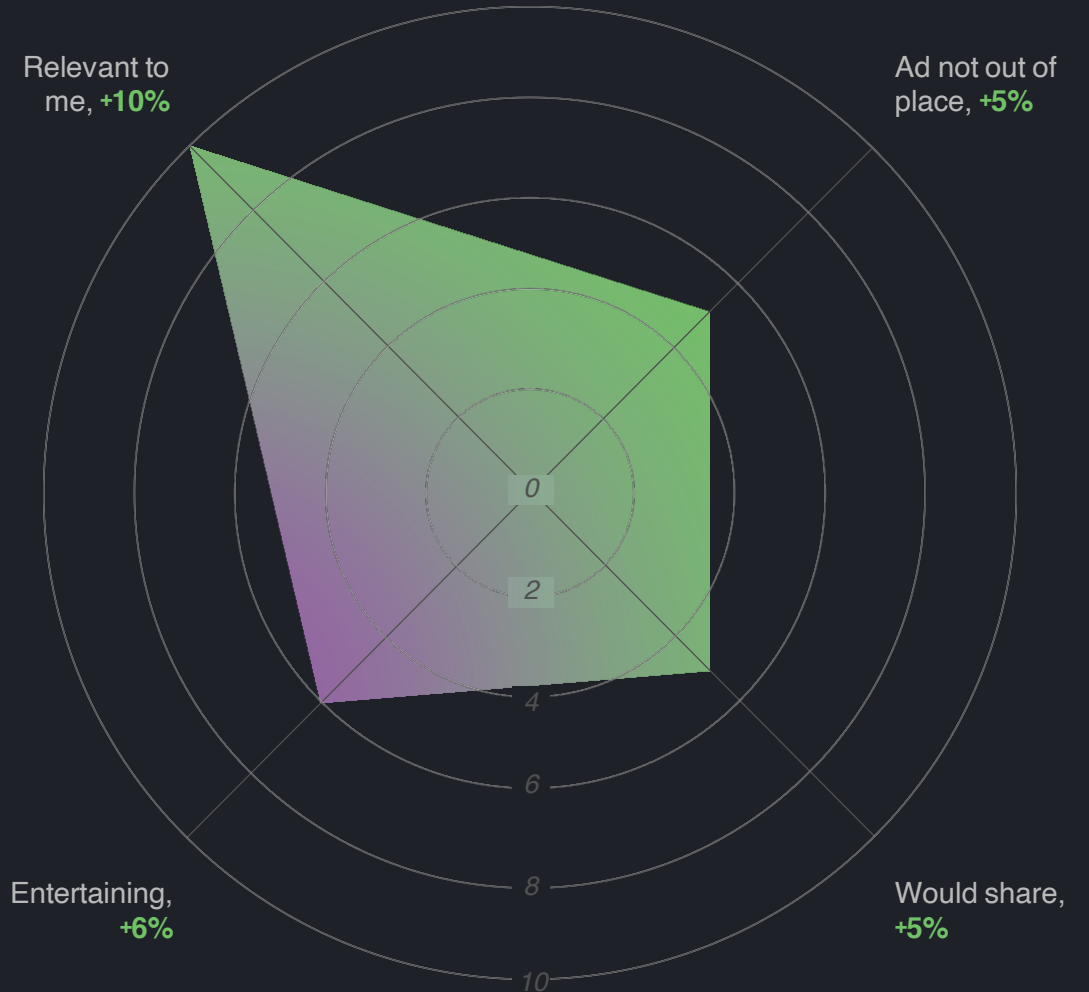


Total: Contextual Targeting (Control n=814, Exposed n=822); Demo Targeting (Control n=413, Exposed n=409)
↑ = statistically significant difference between exposed & control at $\geq 90\%$ confidence

2

Contextual improves ad experiences for people

Ad Opinions Based on Targeting Method
Delta (Contextual Targeting % – Demo Targeting %)



Total: Contextual Targeting (Exposed n=822); Demo Targeting (Exposed n=409)
Q: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the ad? The ad was...
*Statistically significant difference between exposed & control at >=90% confidence

We know
contextual
targeting works

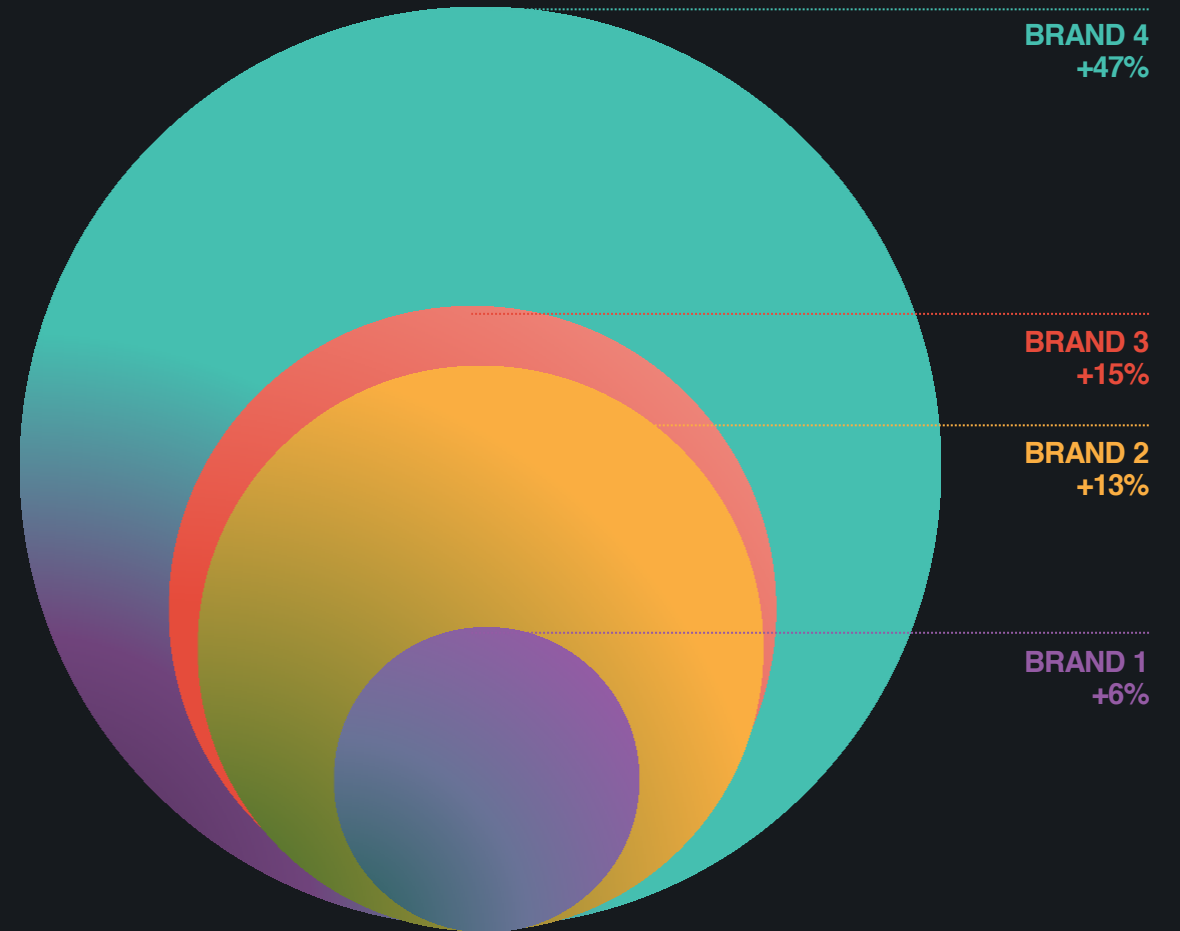
But how?

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Targeting video content is 47% more effective at reaching the right people

All brands more effectively reached people in the market for their product category with contextual targeting

% Lift in Targeting Effectiveness by Brand
(% Difference in Effectiveness of Reaching Those In-Market for Product)



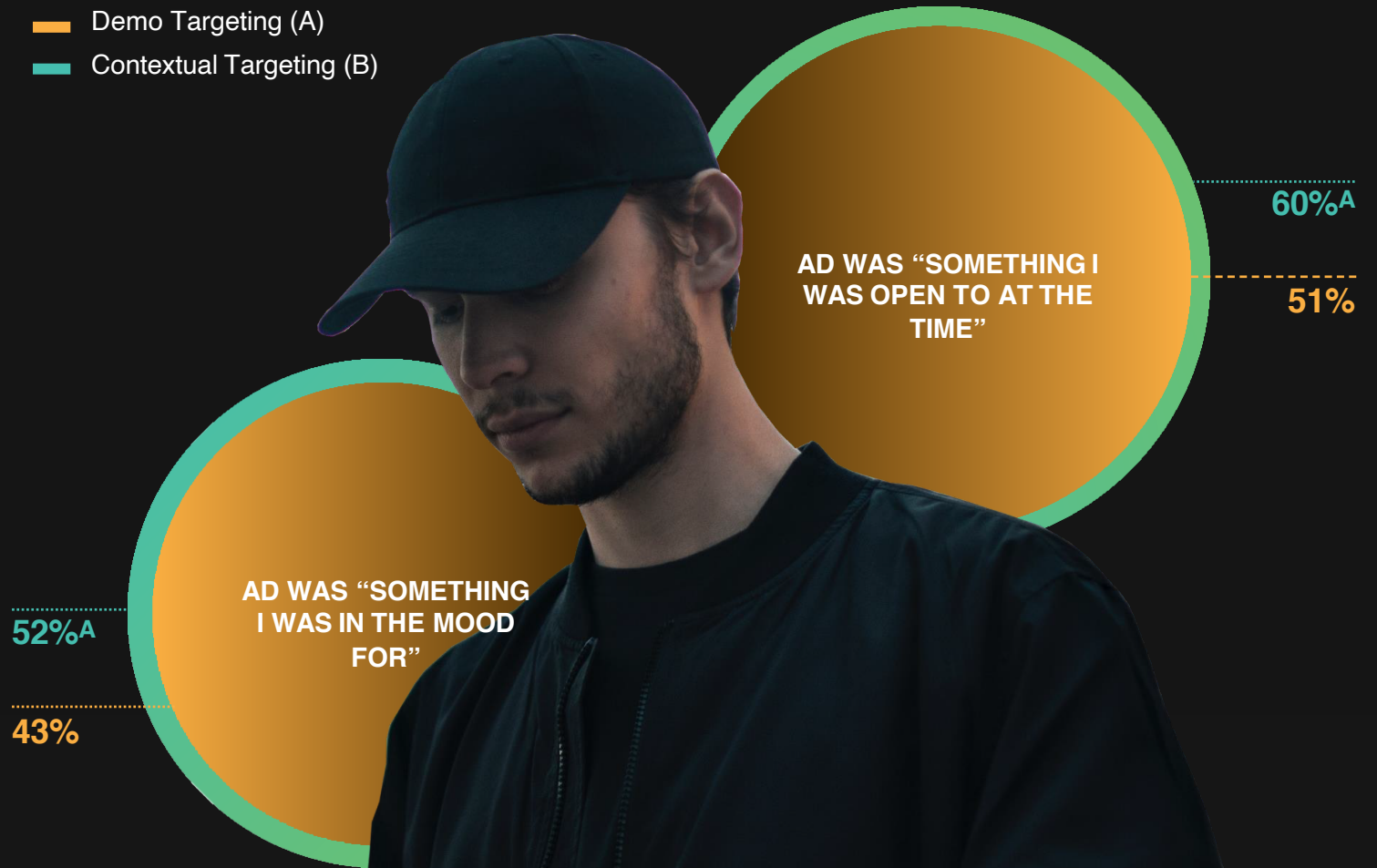
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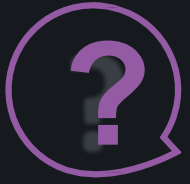
Contextual video targeting reaches people at the right time

Ad Opinions Based on Targeting Method % Strongly/Somewhat Agree

- Demo Targeting (A)
- Contextual Targeting (B)



Total: Contextual Targeting (Exposed n=822); Demo Targeting (Exposed n=409)
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A/B: Statistically significant difference between A/B at >=90% confidence

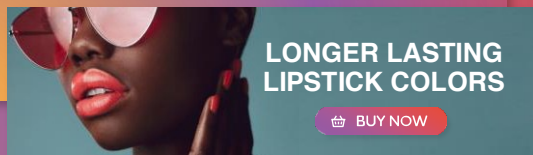


But, what's the strongest driver of effective contextual video targeting?

In theory, 2 major factors are at play:

1

By targeting the content, brands reach relevant consumers (e.g. ad for new lipstick placed in content about top make-up trends)



2

Because the ad is relevant to the content people have chosen to watch in that moment, the consumer is in a relevant mindset when viewing the ad

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We used modeling to parse out these effects

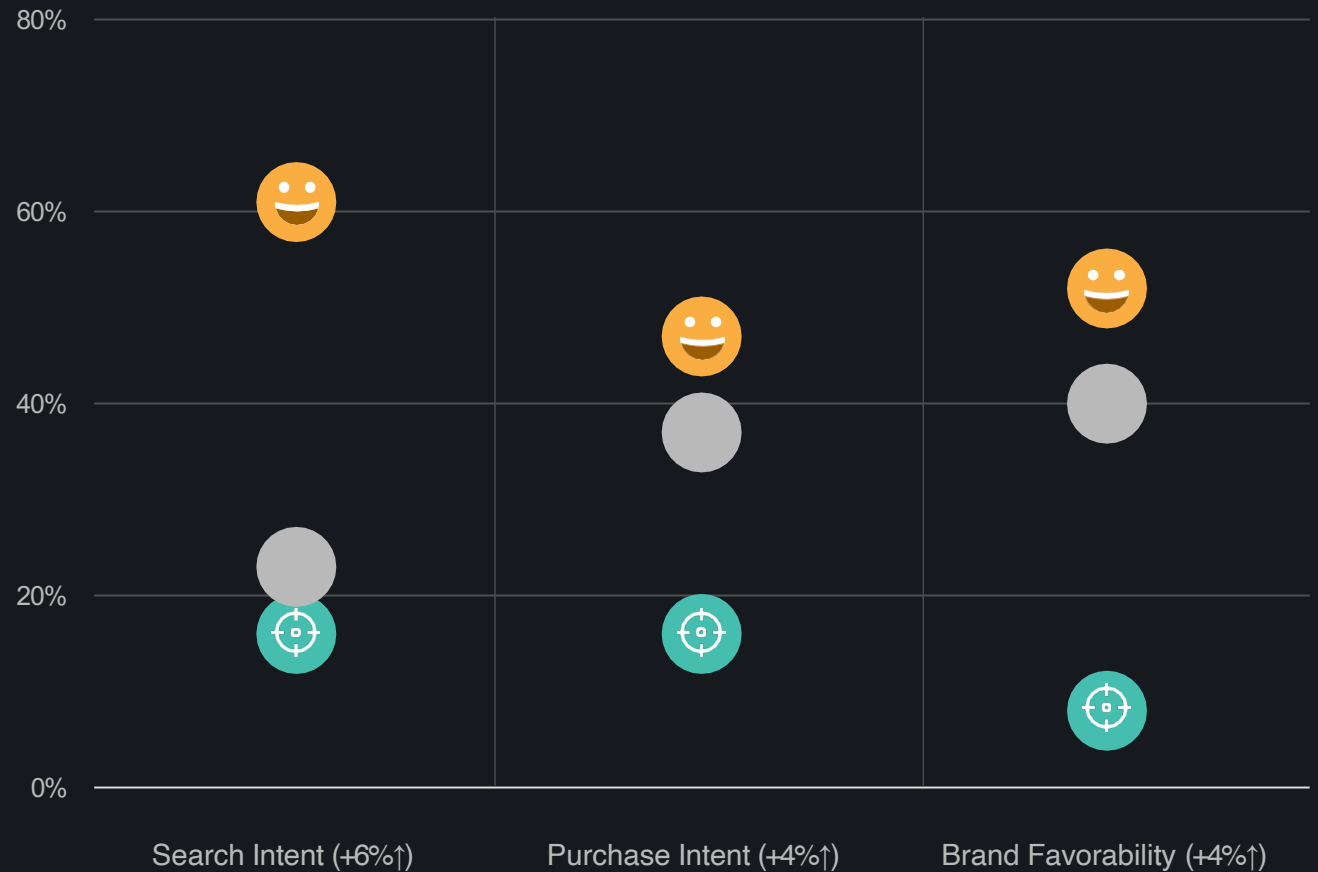
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Reaching relevant people is important, but mindset plays the biggest role in driving action

61% of the impact on Search Intent is driven by the individual being in the mood for the brand's message

Drivers of Brand Metric Impact - Contextual Targeting

 In Mood for the Ad  In-Market For Advertised Product  All Other Factors



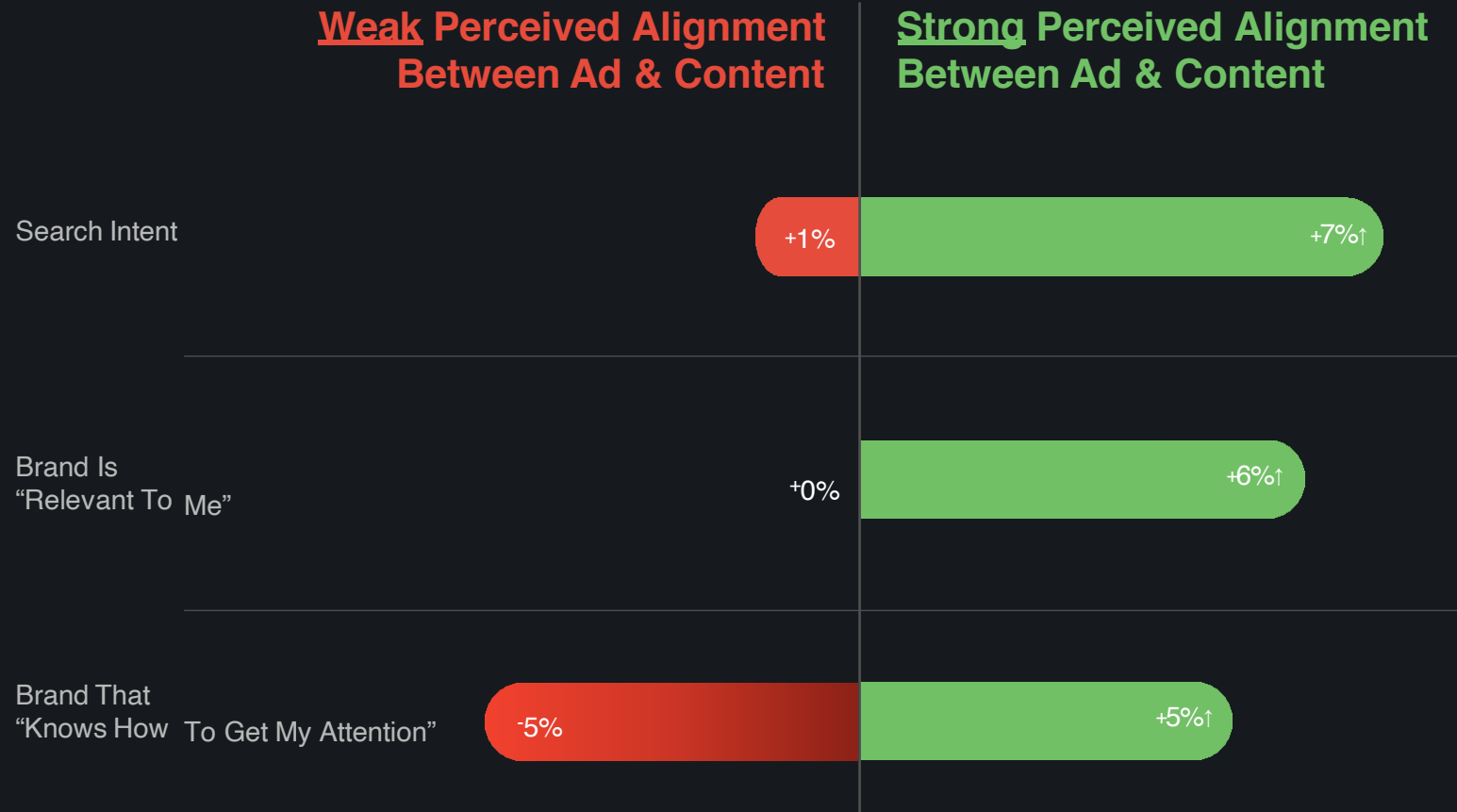
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But you need to get contextual targeting right

Big difference in performance when alignment between ad and content is strong vs weak

Brand Metrics by Perceived Alignment of Ad and Content
Delta (Exposed – Control)



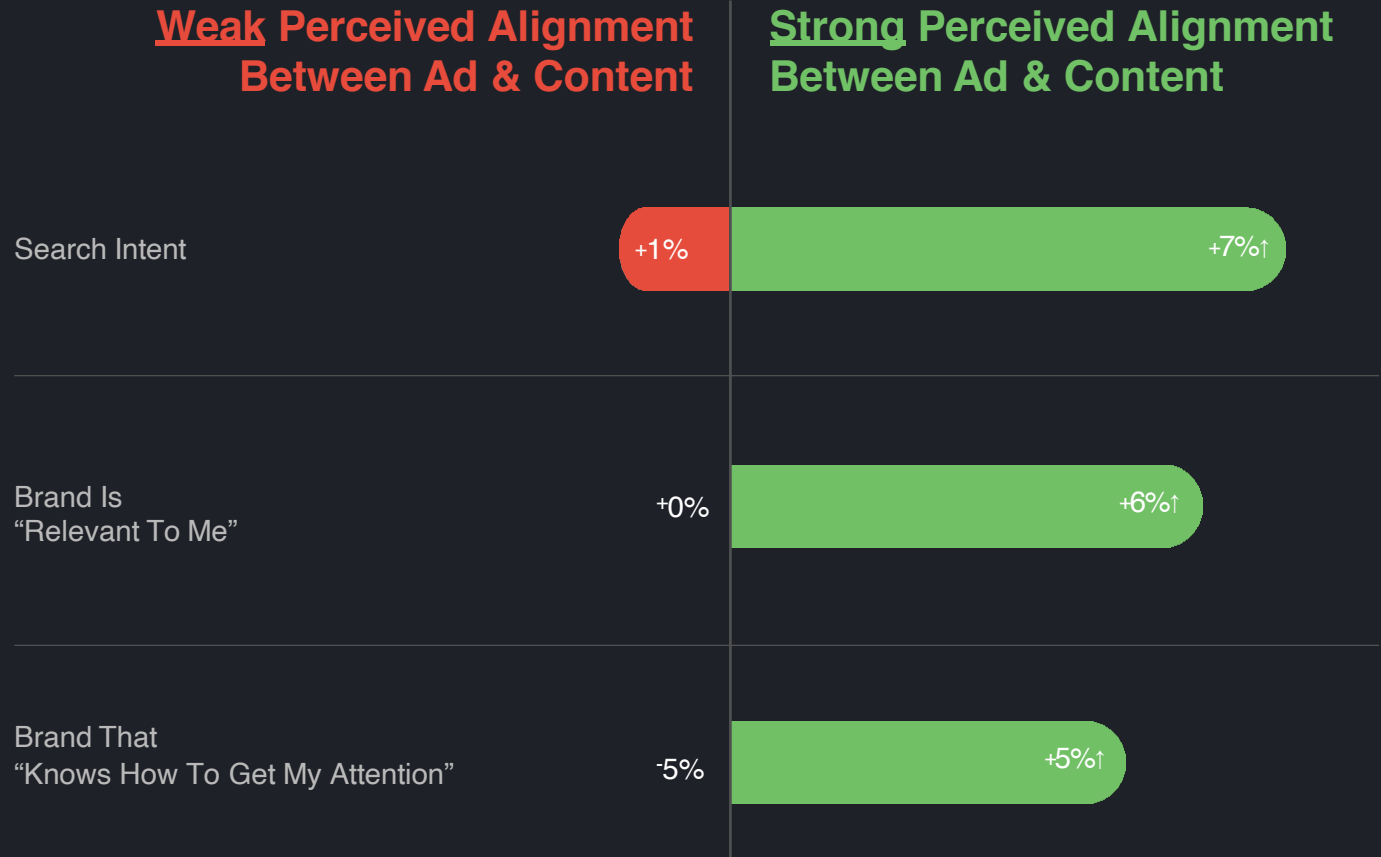
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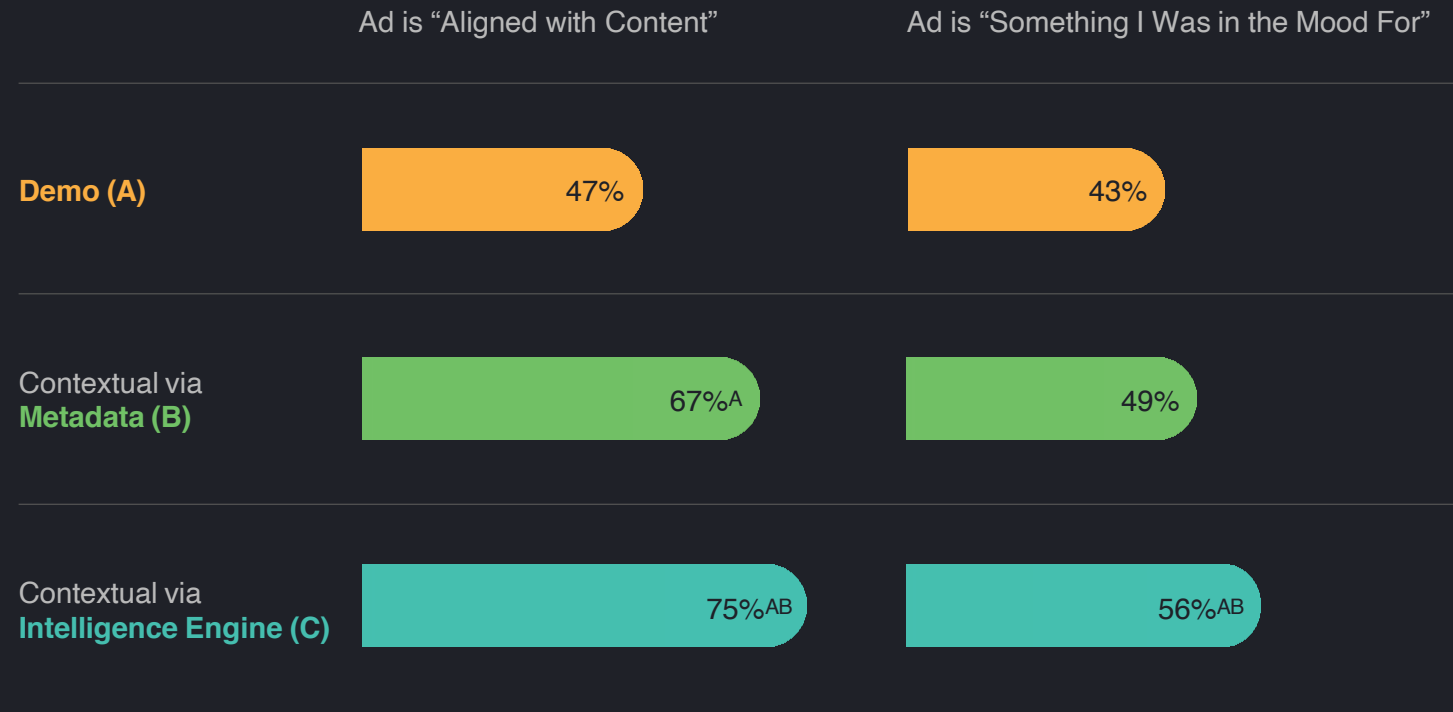


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Going beyond metadata creates 12% stronger alignment between ad & video content

Ad Opinions by Targeting Type % Strongly/Somewhat Agree



Total: Demo Targeting (Control n=413, Exposed n=409); Contextual via Metadata (Control n=408, Exposed n=415); Contextual via Intelligence Engine (Control n=406, Exposed n=407)

Q: How much do you agree or disagree that the ad was relevant to the video you watched on [website name] today?

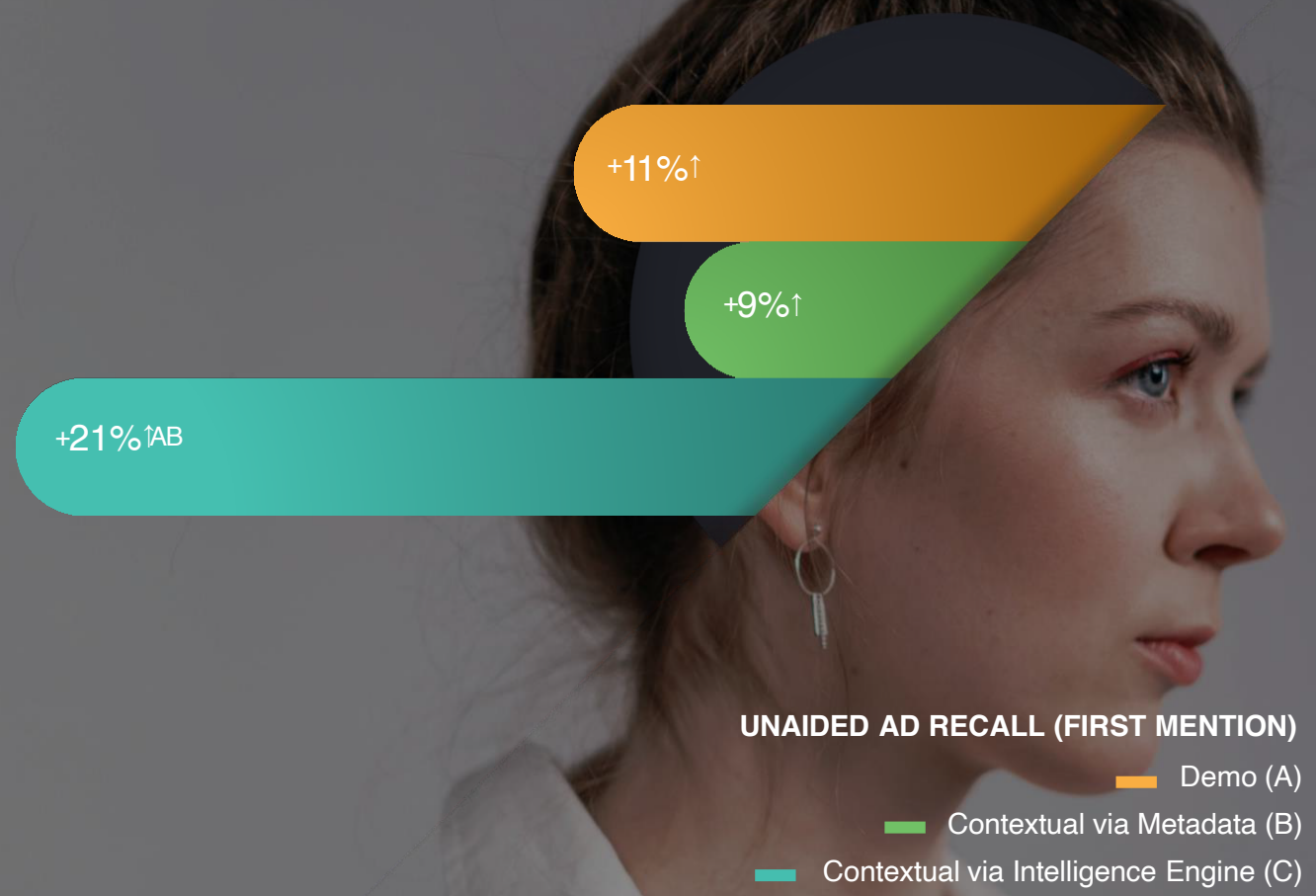
Q: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the ad? The ad was...

A/B/C: Statistically significant difference between A/B/C at >=90% confidence

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Video ads are
2.3x more
memorable with
intelligence
engine in place

Impact on Brand Metrics Among Those In-Market
Delta (Exposed – Control)



UNAIDED AD RECALL (FIRST MENTION)

- Demo (A)
- Contextual via Metadata (B)
- Contextual via Intelligence Engine (C)

Total: Demo Targeting (Control n=413, Exposed n=409); Contextual via Metadata (Control n=408, Exposed n=415); Contextual via Intelligence Engine (Control n=406, Exposed n=407)

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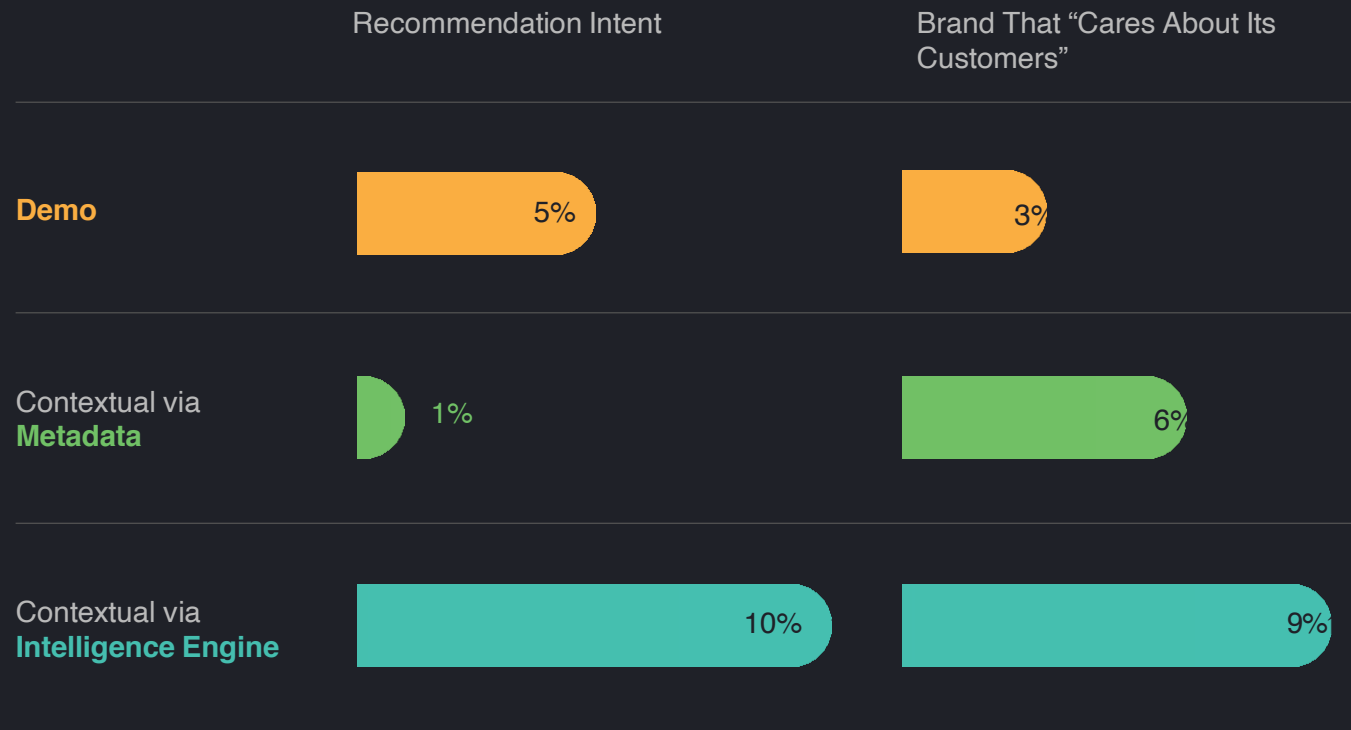
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Brand rejectors see the brand anew when advanced contextual video technology is used

Advanced tech can be used as an acquisition tool to convince people with low pre-existing brand affinity

Impact on Brand Metrics Among Brand Rejectors* Delta (Exposed – Control)



*Brand Rejectors: People with no pre-existing brand affinity (B3B)
Total (Brand Rejectors): Demo Targeting (Control n=218, Exposed n=194); Contextual via Metadata (Control n=176, Exposed n=170); Contextual via Intelligence Engine (Control n=182, Exposed n=181)
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People are 16% more likely to skip the ad if only metadata is used

% Lift in Skip Rate
Metadata vs Contextual Intelligence Engine



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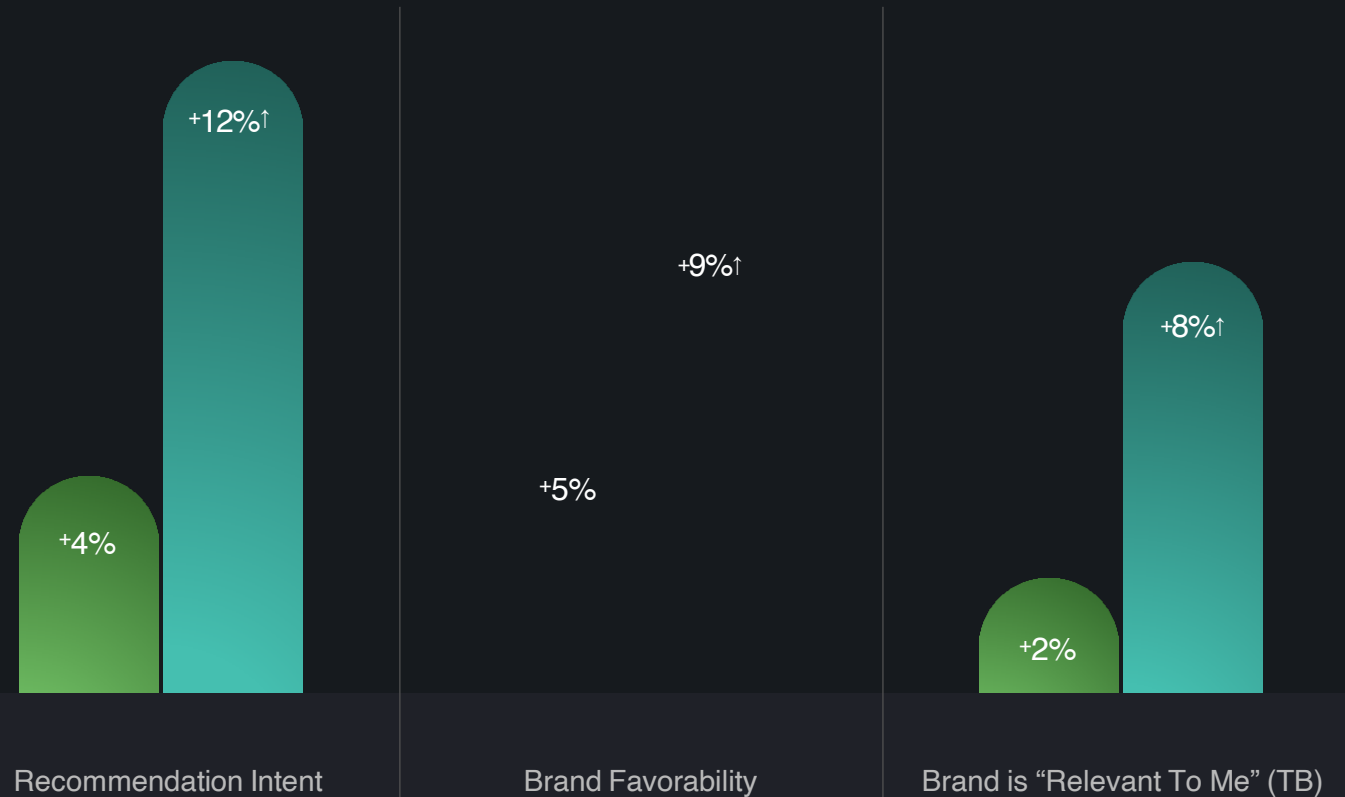
Precise content alignments demand advanced methods for content identification

While broader contextual categories (beauty) are often ideal to extend reach, sometimes more precise contextual alignments are desired (lipstick)

Impact on Brand Metrics By Targeting Type | Precise Content Categories Delta (Exposed – Control)

Contextual via Metadata

Contextual via Intelligence Engine



Total (Precise Content Categories): Contextual via Metadata (Control n=171, Exposed n=167); Contextual via Intelligence Engine (Control n=135, Exposed n=142);
(Broad Content Categories): Contextual via Metadata (Control n=237, Exposed n=248); Contextual via Intelligence Engine (Control n=271, Exposed n=265)
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Summary

Implications

Contextual can achieve what other targeting can't: *mindset*

Reaching people when they are in a relevant mindset for the ad is the powerhouse behind contextual effectiveness

Contextual is where the interests of people and brands collide

When ads are delivered in contextually relevant environments, ad experiences are more positive for people and work harder for brands

Leveraging an intelligence engine best achieves the promise of right person, right mindset

The more data used to identify contextual matches, the more effective contextual targeting becomes

Thank You



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