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Do You Have the Right Value Proposition? How to discover your true value proposition and leverage its full potential in any B2B market

About the Presenter



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Flint McGlaughlin is the Managing Director of MECLABS. The organization has partnered with key market leaders including *The New York Times*, Microsoft Corporation, and Reuters Group.

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Today, his primary research is focused on enterprise as transformative agent. His work has won multiple awards and has been quoted in more than 13,000 online and offline sources.

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An Experiment

Experiment: Background

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Research Notes:

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Goal: Increase the email capture rate of an online form.

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Experiment: Control



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Experiment: Treatment





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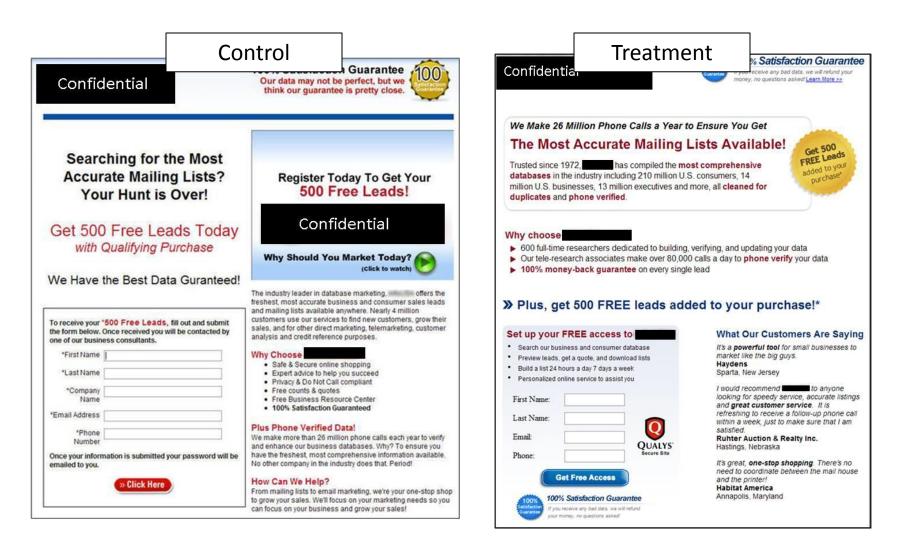
I would recommend to anyone looking for speedy service, accurate listings and great customer service. It is refreshing to receive a follow-up phone call within a week, just to make sure that I am satisfied. Ruhter Auction & Realty Inc.

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It's great, one-stop shopping. There's no need to coordinate between the mail house and the printer! Habitat America Annapolis, Maryland



Experiment: Side-by-side



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Experiment: Results

201% increase in total leads

The optimized version increased captured emails by 201.3%

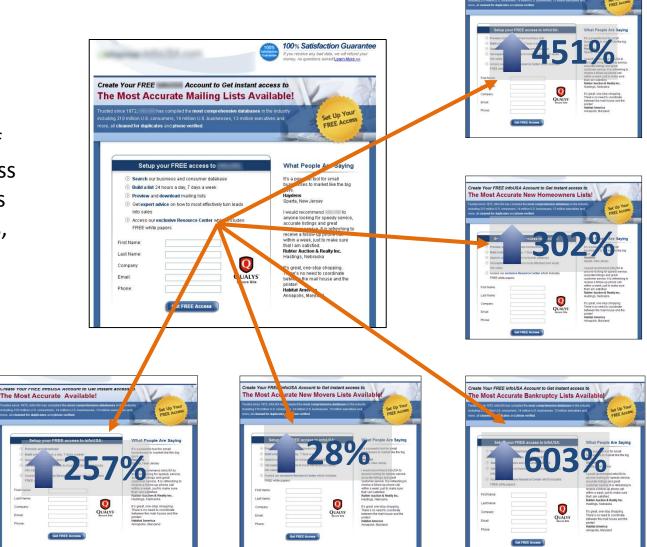
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Original	4.86%	-	-
Optimized	14.65%	201.3%	95%





Experiment: Results

 Essentially, we applied a slightly modified version of the treatment across other landing pages and PPC campaigns, to see significant gains.

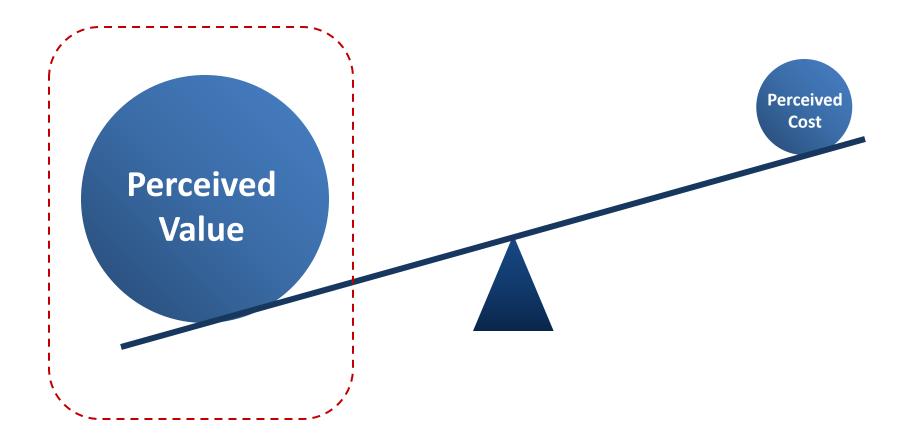


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What made the treatment design so successful?







POINT 1 We must have a holistic understanding of the role of the Value Proposition

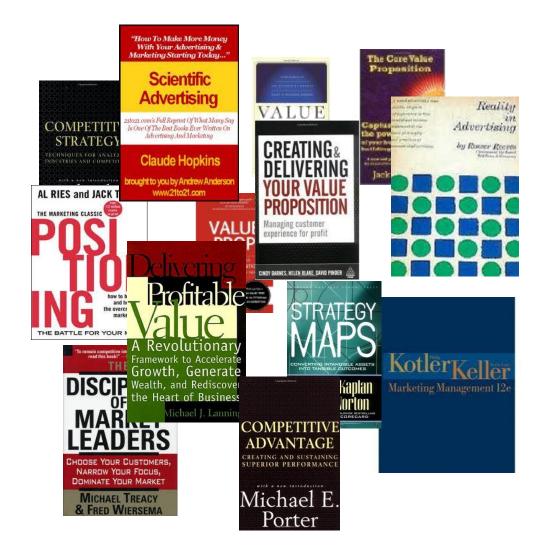
Research Overview

Ongoing literature review of:

- More than 1,100 academic articles
- 20 popular authors including:
 - Starch
 - Hopkins
 - Reeves
 - Kotler
 - Porter

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- Lanning
- Review spanning from 1890s to present



Research Overview

Daniel Starch publishes first advertising textbook. Defines advertising as "the presentation of a proposition to the people in such a manner as to attempt to induce them to act upon the proposition."

Rosser Reeves publishes influential book that established what he calls the "Unique Selling Proposition (USP)" **Phillip Kotler** publishes the definitive textbook on marketing used in colleges today. Carries over Reeves' notion of "Unique Selling Proposition (USP)"

Michael Lanning coins the term "value proposition," applying it to the field of business management.

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Previously Submitted Examples

Question: What's your value proposition?

- *"We empower your software decisions."*
- *"I don't sell products and services, I sell results; my guarantee."*

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- *"We help mid-life women find their passion and purpose."*
- *"We are the leading technology provider."*
- *"Get found online."*
- *"This site has what the person is looking to find."*



What is a value proposition?



Value Proposition Question: *If any your ideal prospect, why should buy from your ather than your competitors*.

- 1. You are fundamentally answering a first-person question posed in the mind of your customers.
- 2. A value proposition focuses on a specific customer segment. This requires you to consider who you are not going to serve and the associated tradeoffs.
- 3. A value proposition has a specific action in mind. It is seeking to answer "why" for a specific "what."
- 4. A value proposition must differentiate you from your competitors. In at least one way, you must have an "only" factor.

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Audience Question

So, if I am your ideal prospect, why should I buy from you rather than your competitors?



Example: Value proposition

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Value Proposition: Because Email Summit is the world's largest¹ gathering of marketers, aimed at overcoming your top² email challenges with actionable³, vendor-agnostic⁴ training grounded in rigorous⁵ research.

- 1. 5,250 marketers attended over 7 years
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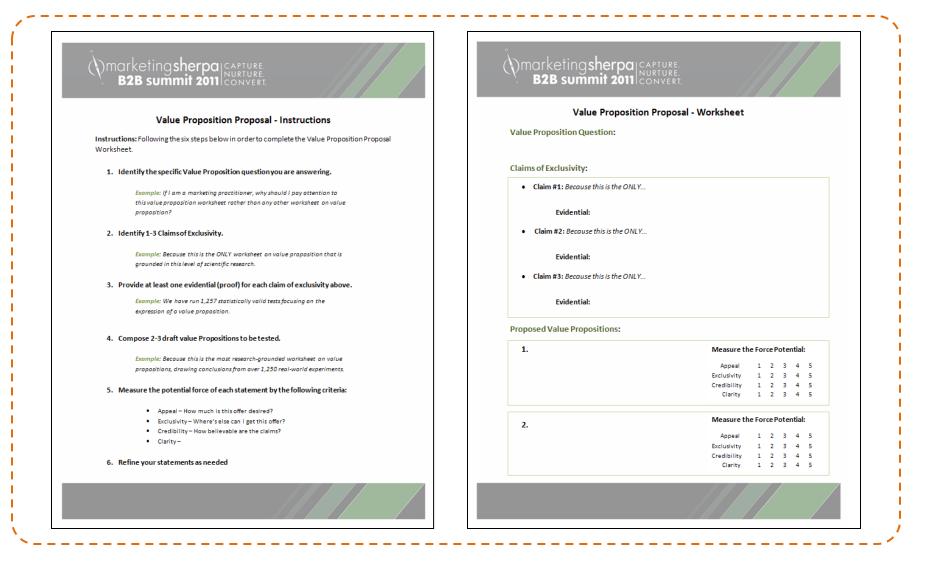
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Key Resource: Value proposition proposal

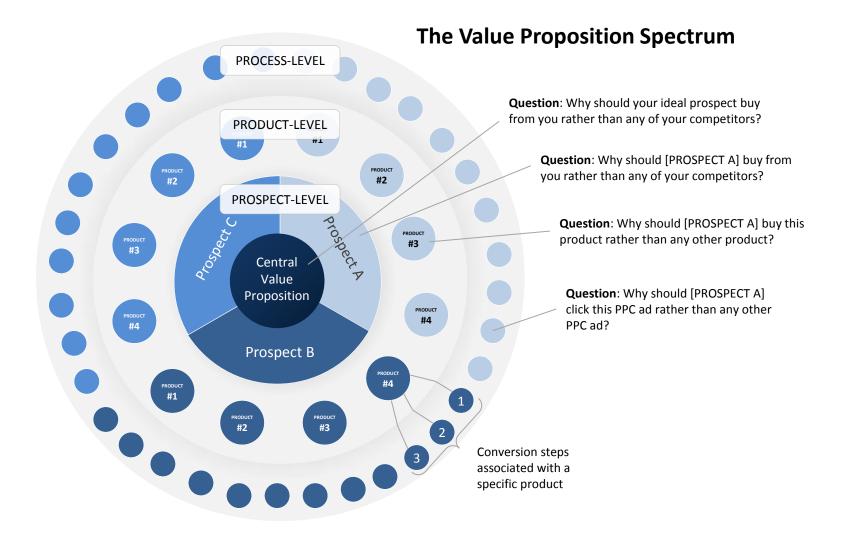




POINT 2

We need to understand the relationship between the core and the derivative value propositions

The Value Proposition Spectrum



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Core vs. Derivative Value Propositions

Key Principles

1. Underneath all value propositions is an even more fundamental question.





The Fundamental Question

Central Value Proposition: *If I am your ideal prospect, why should I buy from you rather than any of your competitors?*

Fundamental Question: If I am [a particular prospect] why should I [take this action] rather than [this/these other action(s)]?

[a particular prospect] Central Value Proposition: If I am <u>your ideal prospect</u> why should I <u>buy from you</u> rather than <u>(buy from) any of your competitors</u> ?

[take this action]

[this other action]

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Core vs. Derivative Value Propositions

Key Principles

- 1. Underneath all value propositions is an even more fundamental question.
- 2. Understanding this fundamental question gives us the flexibility to modify and create more specific "Derivative Value Propositions" at three essential levels:

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- A. Prospect-level
- **B.** Product-level
- C. Process-level



Example Derivative Value Propositions

[a particular prospect] [take this action] **Prospect-Level**: If I am a <u>college student</u>, why should I <u>buy from you</u> rather than <u>any of your competitors</u>? [this other action]

[a particular prospect] [take this action] **Product-Level**: If I am a <u>college student</u>, why should <u>buy this mp3 player</u> rather than <u>any other mp3 player</u>?

[this other action]

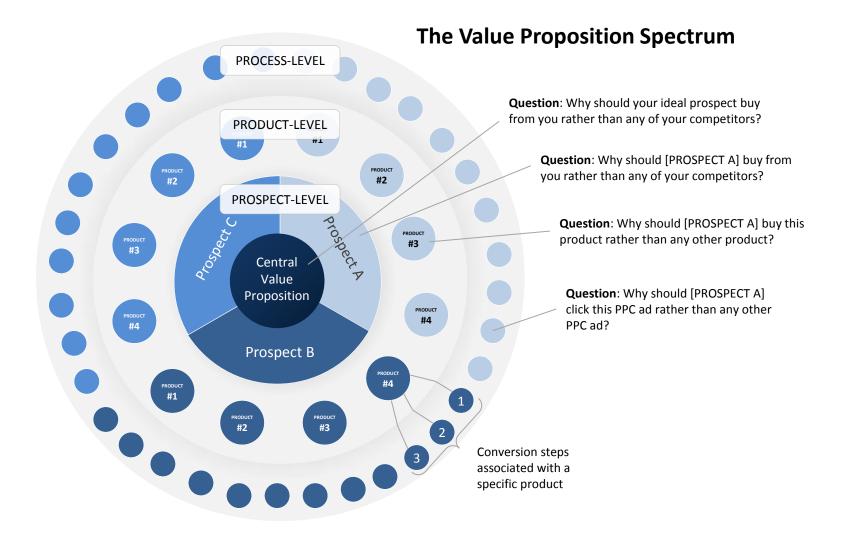
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[a particular prospect] [take this action] **Process-Level**: If I am a <u>college student</u>, why should I <u>click this mp3 player ad</u> rather than <u>any other mp3 player ad</u>?

[this other action]



The Value Proposition Spectrum

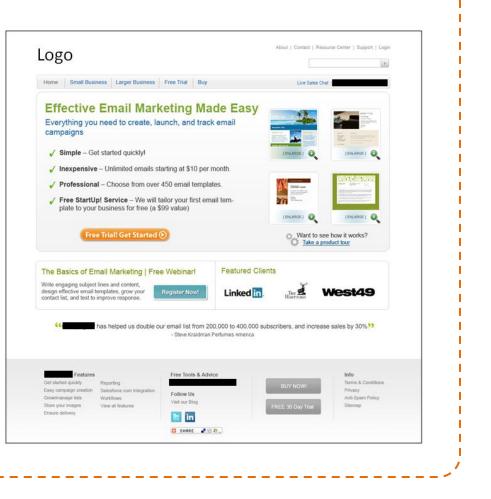


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Audience Worksheet

How many derivative value propositions can you find on this homepage?

Circle and label them.





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POINT 3 We need to understand how to intensify the force of the value proposition

The Force of a Value Proposition

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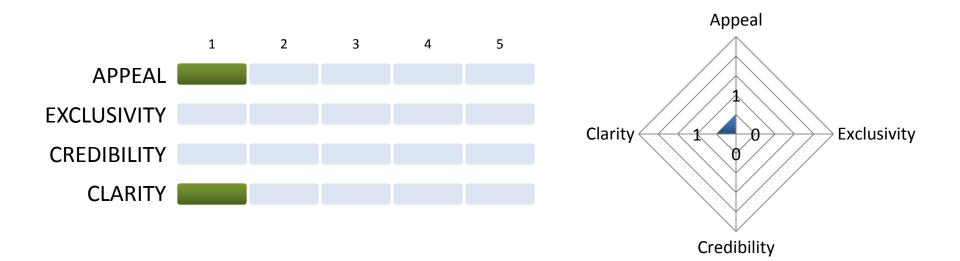
- 1. The force of a value proposition can be measured by four essential elements of the offer:
 - Appeal How much do I desire this offer?
 - **Exclusivity** Where else can I get this offer?
 - **Credibility** Can I trust your claims?
 - **Clarity –** What are you actually offering?

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Submitted Value Proposition

Audience Submission: "Because we help mid-life women find their passion and purpose"

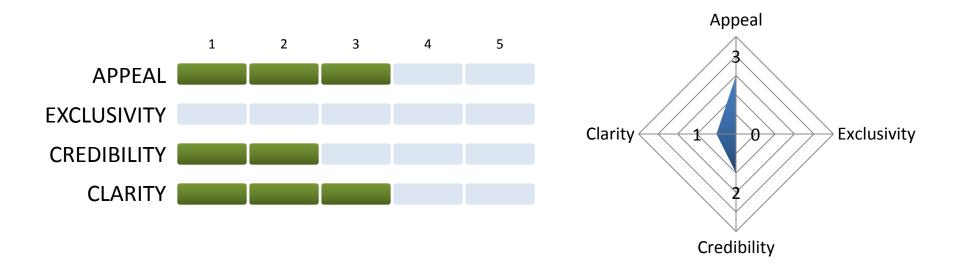


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Submitted Value Proposition

Audience Submission: "Because we offer cute, soft, durable, UPF 50+ sun-protective clothing"

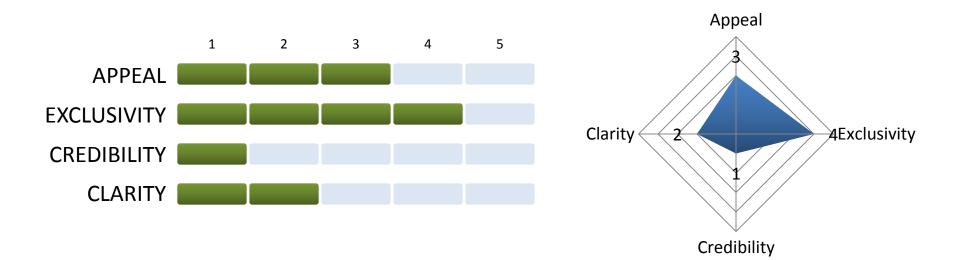


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Submitted Value Proposition

Audience Submission: "Because we provide the only up-to date research report on e-commerce checkout usability that includes highly actionable visuals and case studies"



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Audience Worksheet

1. Can you find a company value proposition for this page?

2. How would you intensify the force of the value proposition on this page?

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How might we express this more clearly on the landing page?

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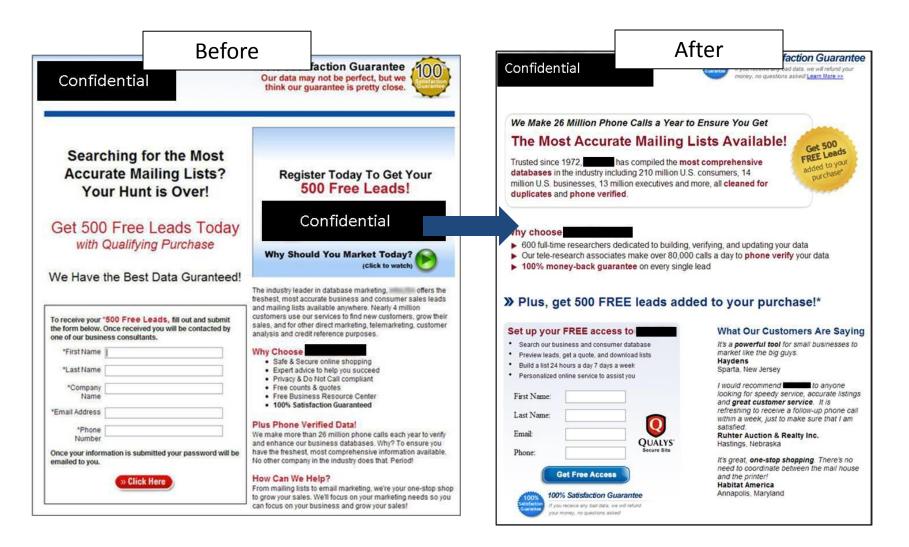
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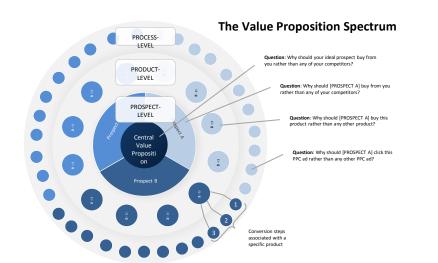


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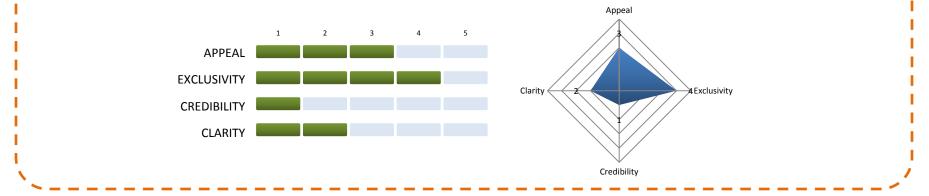
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