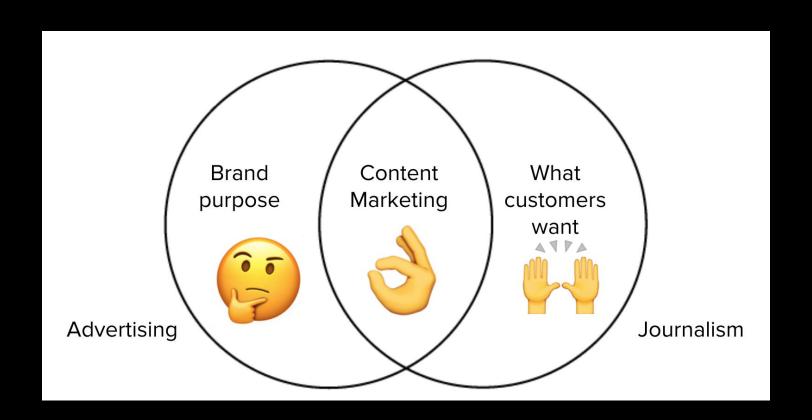


BUILDING A CONTENT MARKETING STRATEGY



WHAT IS CONTENT MARKETING?







SETTING GOALS

- Who are your readers/customers?
- What kind of content will captivate them?
- What are you getting out of this?
- What kind of content can you create?
- How often can you create it/what is your bandwidth?
- What resources will you need?
- What is your budget?

SETTING GOALS

Without goals, you can't measure success!

Your goals may change over time, but everyone needs to start somewhere.

SETTING GOALS

- Acquiring new customers/donors
- Engaging community
- General brand awareness
- Customer/Donor retention
- Scaling all of the above



Step 1: Recon



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- Talk to your customers/donors and the people who talk to them within your org. Don't have customers yet? Talk to the people who would use or benefit from your product.
- How can you empower them, create value, tell their story?
- What content already exists internally or externally?

Step 2: Map Your Funnel

 Decide on your content types and how they will push readers down the funnel to conversion.

SALES FUNNEL

A social follow

TOFU

Cheat Sheet, White Paper, Guide,

A one time donation or purchase

High barrier to consumption. Executive Summary, Demos

Website Visitor

No barrier to consumption. Biog Post, Press Release, Web Page

A newsletter sign up

MOFU

Moderate barrier to consumption

Case Studies

BUILD YOUR BRAND, CAPTURE LEADS

Long term customers/sustaining donors

CONTENT TYPES

- Social Media
- Blog posts
- Case studies
- Interviews
- Video
- Event Recaps
- Sharing proprietary data
- POV on industry analysis/data
- "Gated Content"

Step 3:

- Create a series of 3-4 content "buckets" or pillars to focus when you launch.
- Do a content brainstorm with your team to come up with ideas for content.



BIG ROCK CONTENT

- The most effective way to do content marketing!
- Avoid the impulse to "break news."
- Creates efficient workflows across your team and resources.

BIG ROCK CONTENT





MEASUREMENT

It doesn't matter what you measure as long as you do!

You can't know how your content is performing if you aren't collecting data over time.

MEASUREMENT

- How much traffic does each post create?
- Where does that traffic come from (SEO, Social, etc)?
- What content is converting to purchases or subscriptions/donations?
- How are you measuring direct ROI? (Salesforce, Raiser's Edge, Anecdotal, GA, etc.)

MEASUREMENT

- Time Spent With Blog/Video Content: Our audience wants what we're putting out.
- Social Shares: This is so good I HAVE to share it.
- Organic Uniques: We are answering the questions readers are asking on Google.
- Lead Generation: Our content is converting.



DISTRIBUTION

SOCIAL

- Who is responsible for distributing your content on social?
- How are you measuring success on social?
- Different content for different audiences.
- What is your budget for social distribution? CPL?

EMAIL

- Who is overseeing email creation, tracking, and distribution?
- EMAIL IS THE ONLY AUDIENCE YOU OWN INVEST IN IT!
- Email is not just newsletters nurture customers and leads with content via email.
- Email is where your audience is ALWAYS make it personal, relevant, and meaningful.

LIVESTREAM'S CONTENT MARKETING FUNNEL

Top of Funnel:

Blog and video content that anyone would want to read and share regardless of their need for live streaming services. This content addresses issues and innovation in the online video and streaming industry and culture.

Mid-Funnel:

Newsletter and long-form gated content that solves the issues that directly affect live event planners, comms people, broadcasters and marketers and answers basic questions about event planning with video. Semi-gated webinars that help die-hard platform users. Strong CTAs.

Conversion Stage:

Gated case studies of existing customers, long-form interviews with Livestream event and tech staff, profiles and case studies of experienced event planners and large-scale, high-profile events. Strong CTAs to convert.

LIVESTREAM'S CONTENT MARKETING FUNNEL

- Our live videos are viewed by over 100,000 people a year.
- Content touches around 65% of sales revenue and 50% of self-service per year.
- For every dollar we spend on social ads to content, we generate 3X that in pipeline.
- Our eBooks have been downloaded over 100,000 times.
- Our most popular blog content is SEO focused.



WE LIVE IN A WORLD DROWNING IN GARBAGE CONTENT



BAD CONTENT

- Overtly promotional
- Badly designed/no visuals
- Short and sloppy
- A copy & pasted press release
- Does not address the needs and questions of your donors/prospects

BAD CONTENT



