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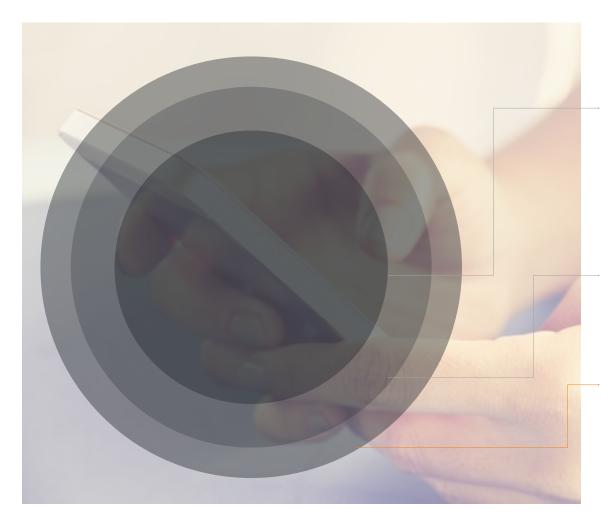


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# OPTIMIZATION

Layer in controls based on objectives





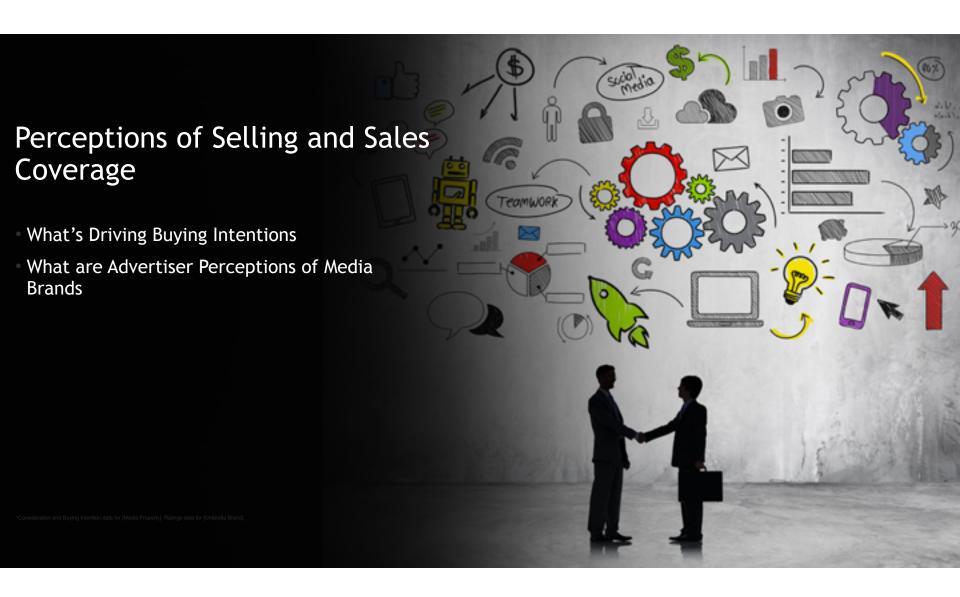
#### What Advertisers Think

The More You Know
The Stronger Your Brand
The More You'll Sell™

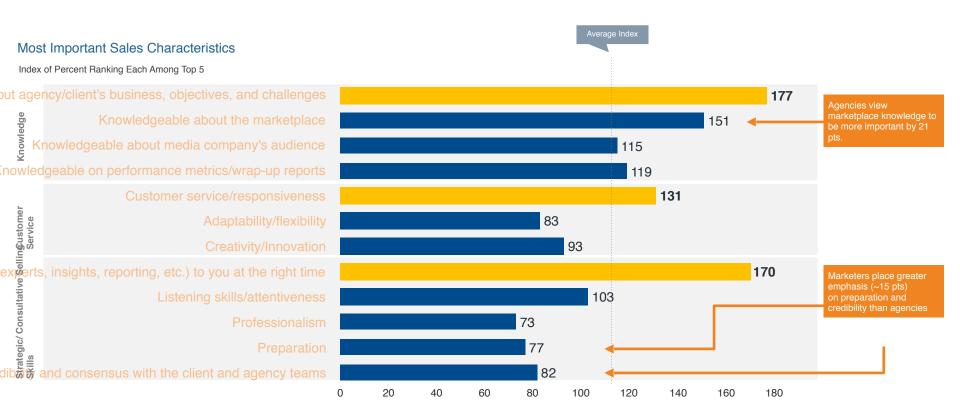
Advertiser Intelligence Reports<sup>™</sup>

#### **Outbrain**

Wave 23



Marketers and Agencies care most about customer service, knowledge about business and strategic skills



- QMarket1225: Which are the five most important sales capabilities/characteristics when making media buying decisions?
- **Base:** Digital Respondents Index 100 = Average of all sales characteristic rankings

## What is the relative position of Outbrain among the considerers of each brand? Superior

Index of Percent Rating Media Brands 8-10 on a 10-Point Scale

W23	Knowledge	Customer Service	Creativity/ Innovation	Sales Skills
Outbrain	124	158	159	143
Facebook	83	70	79	78
Google Display Network (Display Ads)	101	92	90	79
Nativo	126	147	127	142
Sharethrough	137	140	130	140
Taboola	118	122	119	105
Comp Set Avg.	113	114	109	109
Outbrain Rank	3rd	<b>1</b> st	<b>1</b> st	<b>1</b> st

QX55: Please rate each media property's sales representatives on the following factors. (Scale of 1 to 10; Poor to Excellent)
Base: Considering Media Brand

Index 100 = average of all related media brands

How does Outbrain fare against the industry leaders in key sales categories? Quite Well

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Knowledge		Customer Service	
hulu	152	⊖utbrain	158
ESFN	148	ESPN	141
PANDORA	131	hulu	135
⊕utbrain	124	Vine	129
Aol. Platforms	116	PANDORA	120

Creativity/Innovation		
⊖utbrain	159	
hulu	148	
PANDORA	130	
Aol.	125	
Vine	122	

Sales Skills	
ESPN	162
⊕utbrain	143
YAHOO! Programmatic	138
PANDORA	132
Aol.	130

## Sales Presence, Coverage: A strength for Outbrain, especially with Marketers as well as in person

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W23	Total Communication	Agency Communication	Marketer Communication	Met With Sales Rep In Person
Outbrain	125	126	123	168
Facebook	84	73	93	58
Google Display Network (Display Ads)	111	112	109	132
Nativo	134	149	95	133
Sharethrough	132	143	111	142
Taboola	114	125	95	120
Comp Set Avg.	115	120	101	117
Outbrain Rank	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>1</b> st	<b>1</b> st

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Client Lead Brand(s): Above Comp Set Average by 10+ points is GREEN Below Comp Set Average by 10+ Points is RED

Outbrain excels at sales coverage when compared to industry leaders

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Total Communication		
PANDORA	125	
⊖utbrain	125	
₩ NFL.COM	114	
<b>औ</b> nbc.com	112	
Google Display Network	111	

In-Person Meetings		
PANDORA	182	
⊕utbrain	168	
₫ <b>%</b> nbc.com	156	
hulu	154	
Google Display Network	132	

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#### **Outbrain Sales Structure**

- The Team
  - 100+ global sellers, 30 in North America
- The 2016 restructure client centric structure
  - Key Accounts
    - ~300 brands with agency relationships
    - · Agency holding co alignment
    - Highest headcount team
  - Mid-Market
    - Large performance-based buyers
  - Publishers
    - The genesis of Outbrain demand
    - Still 50% of business, but quickly being overtaken by brands



## **Sales Support and Services**

- Sales Planning
  - Lead generation
  - RFP
  - Market research
- Sales Marketing
  - Air cover
  - Brand council
  - Consistent story, globally
  - 1-sheets, swag
  - Industry events
- Account Management
  - Manage existing business and grow relationships
- Business Intelligence
  - Salesforce



## **Keys to Success**

- Smart Hiring 3 Step Process
  - HR phone screen
  - F2F interviews in-office (1 day)
    3-4 Outbrain interviewers

    - Different disciplines (AM, Sales Leads, Other Sellers)
  - Mock pitch
    - 4-5 attendees (GM, AM, Sales Leads, VP Sales)
  - Key Accounts Sellers
    - In-market, with rolodex Mid-Market Sellers
  - - Digital/Ad-Tech experience, rolodex as bonus
- Always be training
  - Monthly industry training
  - Weekly objection handling in sales meeting
    Quarterly sales pitch tuning off-site
    "Pitch Perfect"
- Listen, listen, listen





Thank You