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Social Media and You: Communicating in a Digital World





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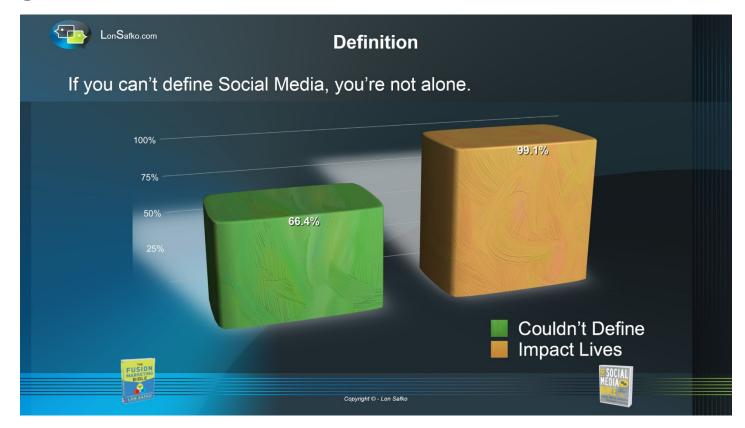


# Why Social Media is Important

As we all know, social media changed the way we do pretty much everything; the way we communicate with our family, the way we communicate with our colleagues, the way we do business, the way we sell, the way we market. We're going to touch pretty much on all of that tonight. We're going to talk about social media from the perspective-- maybe you're a grandmother and you want to stay in closer touch with your kids or your grandkids. Or maybe you're out of work and you'd like to find a job and you want to get your resume out there and connect with people. You're going to have to do it, communicating digitally. Or maybe you have a small business that you'd like to grow. Maybe you work for a Fortune 500 company and your responsibility is either sales, public relations or marketing. So, as you can see, pretty much - even if you're a non-profit or government entity- you still have to understand what social media is and how to use it.



## **Defining Social Media**



Who here is willing to stand up in front of millions of people and define social media for me? Yeah, that's what I thought. We did a recent survey and we found a 66 .4% of the people said that they knew what social media was, but they weren't comfortable in defining what it is, because it's like the





story of the two blind men, one's got the trunk and one's got the tail, and they're all trying to define what this elephant is in the middle, and that's what social media is, it's a huge thing. What we also realized is that 99.1% of the people that we surveyed, they admitted that social media has affected their life; it has changed their lives. So, you probably should be able to define what social media is.

Now, social media- here it comes, maybe you want to write this down, because this is like earth shattering. Social media is the media that we use to be social. Yeah, and I know that sounds like a

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wise guy answer, but if you think about it just for a second, really, that's what we're talking about. It's the media that we use to be social. We use smartphones, we use Facebook, we use Twitter, we use all these different media just to connect with other people. To share ideas, to share our feelings, to share our photographs, moments in time, moments in our

lives and to benefit by connecting with other people. So really social media is the technology that we use to be social.

From a marketing perspective, traditional media is what we all grew up with and that always was analog. Analog meaning no numbers involved. When you called somebody, it was your voice that rattled the little speaker and then those impulses went over the wire, but now everything's converted to ones and zeroes. Our newspaper has gone from newspaper to digital.

Our music- anybody remember 45 RPMs? I had a ton of them, man. I loved those! Now they're all MP3s, they're all digital. So, even though you didn't realize it, every single thing that we did as children now, we're now doing digitally- was analog and we're doing it digitally. In marketing,





traditional marketing has always been push. They call it push marketing, pushing a message out, information going one way. Because when somebody took an ad out in the newspaper, nobody expected to listen to the newspaper for comments coming back from the customers. It just didn't make any sense. So it's always been a monologue. We would push it out, see if it worked, if it didn't we would change it up and try it again. That changed when social media and digital marketing came on the scene.





# Digital Marketing is Different from Social Media

Now, digital marketing's a little bit different. Digital doesn't imply communication at all. Digital marketing is things like SEO, search engine optimization. How do you get your web page recognized if you have a business? Doesn't apply two-way communication or one-way communication. But it's digital and it's still part of marketing.



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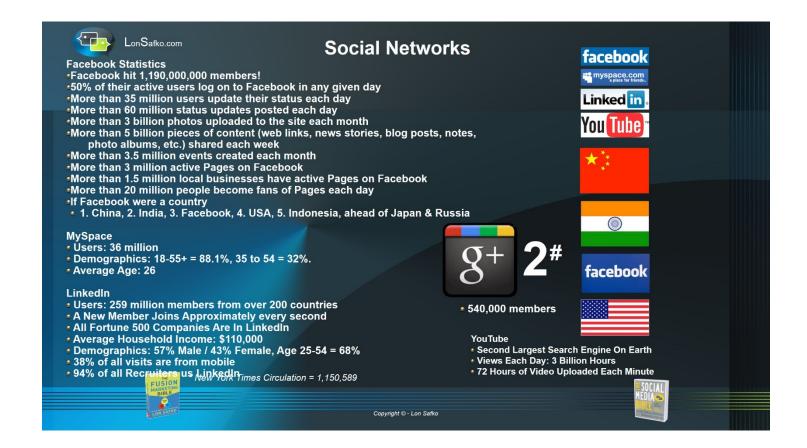




RSS, really simple syndication, for the people to have the ability to automatically sign up for your email blasts, and they just get notified- or your blog- notified automatically. So, those are tools that we still have to use. We have to optimize our pages, and we have to do all this digital stuff. But there's no communication.

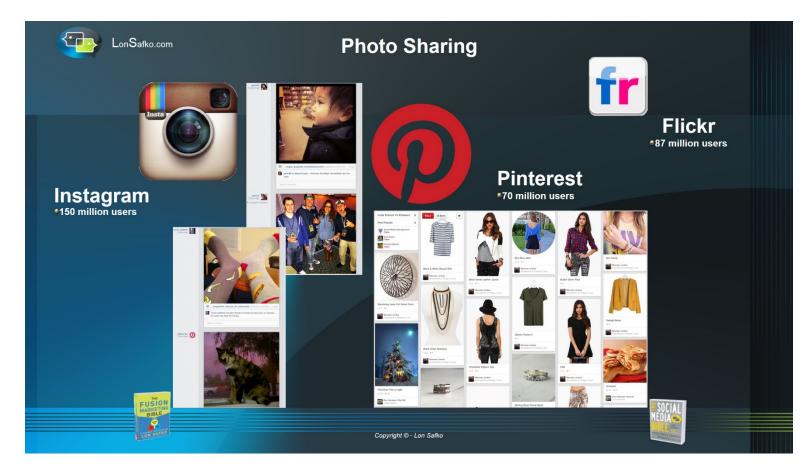


## The Social Media Landscape

































## **Social Media-From Monolog to Dialogue**

And now the most important thing, and why you're here, is social media. And that's where we moved from a monologue- a one way conversation- to a dialogue. And that really freaked out a lot of people in marketing, because they weren't used to listening to their customers and now the customers actually have a stronger voice than we have as a corporation.

We no longer control our corporate messages. Our customers control our corporate messages. Because, in the old days, there really was a report that said that a happy customer will tell between five and seven people about a good experience and an unhappy customer will tell between nine and fifteen people about their bad experience. That's absolutely not true. Nowadays, they'll not going to tell 15 people, they'll going to tell 15,000 people or a 150,000 people. So we had better listen to what our customers are saying about us and we'll going to talk about that too in one of the segments - Cyber Surveillance.



### **Privacy and the Internet**

As I've said earlier, I've been on the internet since 1994 and I have 181,000 web pages that refer to me. I know, that's insane. You won't find my wife's name. No, you won't. You won't find my kids names, you won't find my dogs names - or even if I have dogs - you won't find my cell phone and you won't find my home address. You know why? Because it's the internet! It's the World Wide Web. It's public.





Never put anything on the internet that you wouldn't put on a piece of paper and hand out to strangers on a downtown street corner. It's just that simple. You want to protect your identity - don't put anything out that you wouldn't give to a stranger. You don't have to fill out your date of birth if you don't want to on Facebook. You don't have to. So simply don't do it.

I want you to consider this, if you have any concerns whatsoever about online privacy, go back and



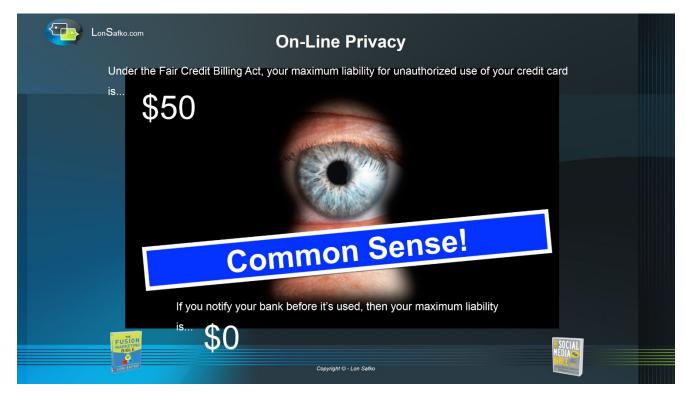


look at your profiles and start pulling out information that just isn't relevant. I put my month and day but I don't put my year. It's nobody's business. It's just nobody's business because it is public. But too often, we forget that and we think that because we're only connecting with friends and family-people that we trust- that's not the case. We've seen that several times with Facebook where the information got out without their control, without us even knowing about it. Don't put it out there and you never have to worry about privacy. Really what we are talking about is common sense more than anything.



#### **Using Credit Cards**

Now, also, a lot of people, believe it or not, are still scared about using credit cards online. Don't worry about that either. The Fair Credit Billing Act says that if your credit card is stolen online and they go insane; they buy a new house, they buy a Mercedes Benz, and they buy a Lear. First of all, I want you call me - I want to know how you got that credit limit. But the second thing is, you're not liable for any more than 50 bucks.



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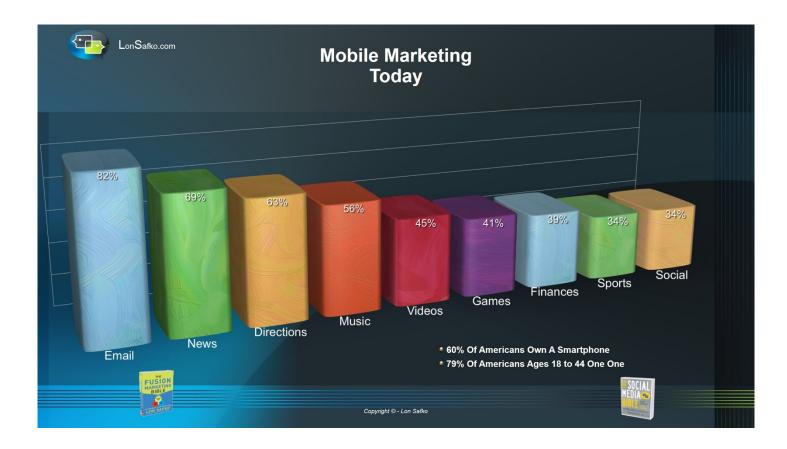


The bank eats it. So don't be afraid of putting your credit card out there. Now, don't be crazy with it. And by the way, if you report it to the bank before that credit card gets abused, you're liable for nothing, no matter what they do with that credit card. Don't abuse that but don't be afraid.



## **Mobile Marketing**

Okay, now I also promised that I was going to talk about mobile marketing. Fastest-growing single segment of marketing on earth, throughout the earth and everybody is getting on the bandwagon.







Now if you look at that bar chart, that's how we're using it right now. Pretty much all of us have smart phones. We're getting close to it-- actually the numbers are 60% of all Americans have smart phones and almost 80% of people between the ages of 18 and 44. That's 80% 18 to 44 years old, that's your demographic. That's who is going to hire you, that's who is going to buy your product-- they got smart phones. And this is how we're using them, for email, for news, for directions, because you know men will never stop, so we get our phones. Music, video, games, that's how we're using it now. But that's not how we're going to use it here in the near future. You're going to see the biggest breakthrough in technology.



## **QR Codes**

We're all familiar with this? Does everybody know this? They recognize it as a QR Barcode. I love QR Barcodes because it's the first time in history that we have the opportunity to actually connect something printed with the internet - with something digital.



It changes us from traditional printed hard copy and pushes us into this digital communication that we've been talking about. Because, by simply pointing your smartphone at that QR Barcode, you can connect to anything; a video, a jpeg, a website, anything that's on the internet, you can sign up for an





e-mail list, and you've all seen them.

I love them in the magazines. Because if I'm really enjoying the article and there's one of those QR Barcodes, I'll grab my cellphone because I know that there's either more article, there's a white paper, there's a video that I can watch, there's more content that's associated with it that's just isn't simply in there.







#### **Conclusion**

My intention was just to expose you to the broad - the very broad - landscape of social media, and how much fun it can be, and how useful it can be, and how it could really be used in every day in your life communicating with family, with colleagues.

I just connected with a friend of mine from high school. I swear, I had not seen this guy in 41 years and we had lunch in LA the other day. It almost makes me go to tears, I never thought I'd see him again. Can you imagine? It's because of digital communication, it's because of social networking.

So I want you to feel the same passion that I feel about it. And the way you do it is, is just do it, don't be afraid of it. It's not that bad, it's not that hard, it's actually fun. When you start to see how it pays back, and the enjoyment and the profit that you could make by using it, you will just want to kind of use it more and more.



### **Q&A Guests**

### **Phyllis Khare**

Co-author of the bestselling book "Facebook Marketing All-In-One for Dummies"

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- Senior Content Expert, Social Media Strategy Path for MyPath101
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Co-author of the bestselling book "Facebook Marketing All-In-One for Dummies"

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- Community Manager of Social Media Examiner for over 2 years, one of the most influential social media news sites
- Co-founder of Social Media Manager School
- International speaker on Facebook and social media marketing
- Uses improv comedy background to blog as Grandma Mary Social Media Edutainer





#### **Gary Thuerk**

The Father of SPAM

- Listed As "40 People Who Changed The Internet"
- 30+ years in the computer industry
- Marketing & Business Development Manager For Multiple Corporations
- May 3, 1978, He Sent The First Email Spam Over The APRAnet-Internet
- Listed in the Guinness World Records Book

#### **Pat Sullivan**

Inventor of ACT - The Very First CRM Software

- Two Time National Entrepreneur of the Year
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  Walt Disney, Jack Welch and Bill Gates
- Back For A Third Repeat With Contatta
- Contatta Collaborative Email About To Change The Way We Work





#### **Martin Zwilling**

Author/Entrepreneur, Twitter Expert with 700,000+ Followers

- Passionate About Helping Entrepreneurs & Startups
- Says Social Media Is The Key Ingredient To Reach His Audience
- Writes For Forbes, Business Insider, Huffington Post, Entrepreneur & Inc. Magazines
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#### **Brian Massey**

**Conversion Scientist** 

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