A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE JOYS OF SOCIAL MARKETING

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"Why should the devil have all the best tunes?" --Gerard Hastings

"75% of all premature deaths are preventable by changes in individual behavior, and social and environmental conditions"

A SOCIAL MARKETING PERSPECTIVE

Bottom-up vs top-down Individual issues Self interested immediate benefits Free choice Awareness/attitude -- behavior disconnect Environmental issues Competition Change agent has little power Daily hassles and barriers

WHAT IS MARKETING? (American Marketing Association, 2004)

Creating value To create opportunity To increase benefits Delivering value To decrease barriers To fit into life processes and hassles Communicating value To inform and motivate

REDUCING ALCOHOL IMPAIRED DRINKING

The Goals: To reduce alcohol related crashes by 5% after one year To be self sustaining after one year To demonstrate the value of social marketing

NEW PRODUCT RESEARCH

7 focus groups with expert observers 11 focus groups with target Describing 21-34 single men What are they looking for in life? Why do they drink? Why do they drive after drinking? Why don't they drive after drinking? Daily life processes and hassles? In sum: Benefits, barriers, behavior

WHY DO THEY DRIVE AFTER DRINKING?

To get home

Don't want to leave car behind Hassle to get back to car in morning Alternatives are not available Social pressure; everybody does it To be cool Unaware of impairment; become fearless Low risk of getting caught; weak enforcement

A FEW KEY FINDINGS

Different phases of evening To bar, between bars, back home Get target to bar without car Vehicles need to be appealing, cool Willing to pay for service

BRIEF SKETCH OF PROGRAM

Rides to, between and home from bars Desirable vehicles and allow drinking Reasonable, but self sustaining fees

Each community:

Begins with our research and strategy Develops unique program for community

GUESS WHO'S NOT WORRIED ABOUT DRIVING TONIGHT?

Dave doesn't have to drive tonight. That makes him happy. Because when The Road Crew is driving, and Dave is not, he can relax and simply enjoy a nice time with his friends.



For more info on the totally brand-newest way to get around safely, ask your bartender about The Road Crew. And remember, safety first, so don't jump around in the bar. Thanks.

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SOME RESULTS AS OF 7/07

Over 85,000 rides taken in parts of 6 rural counties covering 2% of Wisconsin population Avoided ~140 crashes, ~6 deaths No increase in individual consumption All are self-sufficient after 1 year Cost of alcohol related crash: \$231,000 Cost to avoid crash: \$6200 Net savings: \$31mm

FITTING THE BENCHMARK CRITERIA OF NSMC (PART 1)

Theory: behavior results from self interest; from motivation, opportunity, ability; need to create and deliver value Customer orientation. increase benefits, decrease barriers; fit life processes Segmentation: 21-34, rural, single, men, drink in bars, most likely to crash Exchange: behavior in exchange for fun, easy, popular, cool

FITTING THE BENCHMARK CRITERIA OF NSMC (PART 2)

Competition: impaired driving accepted; has huge market share Insight: want to drink, but no need to drive; little power to force behavior Behavior: overcome disconnect of high awareness and low behavior: of motivation without opportunity Methods mix: qual + quant research; education, environment, enforcement; 4Ps, not just messages

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CUSTOMER

People are rational

They make their own best decisions Within their own view of world We need to understand these views And the processes leading to decisions We need to accommodate these views By listening early and often With local coalitions With a broad set of partners By managing the environment

"Organize policy and strategy until self interest does what justice requires" -- Anonymous, via Julian LeGrande

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