

# **Brand Strategy**

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Lecture 7

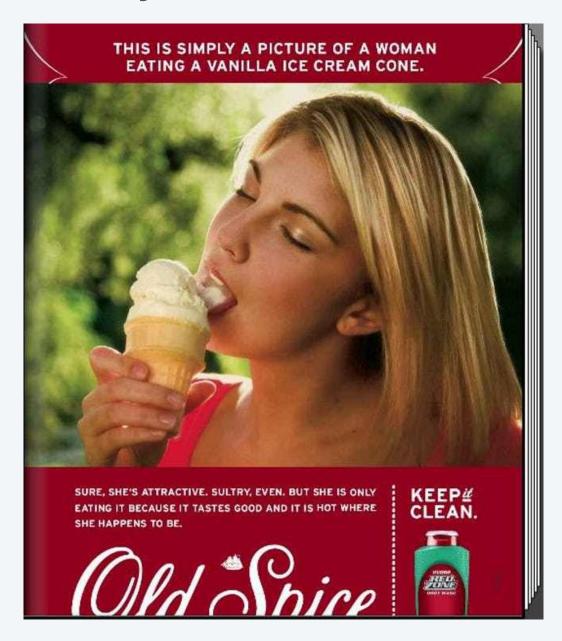
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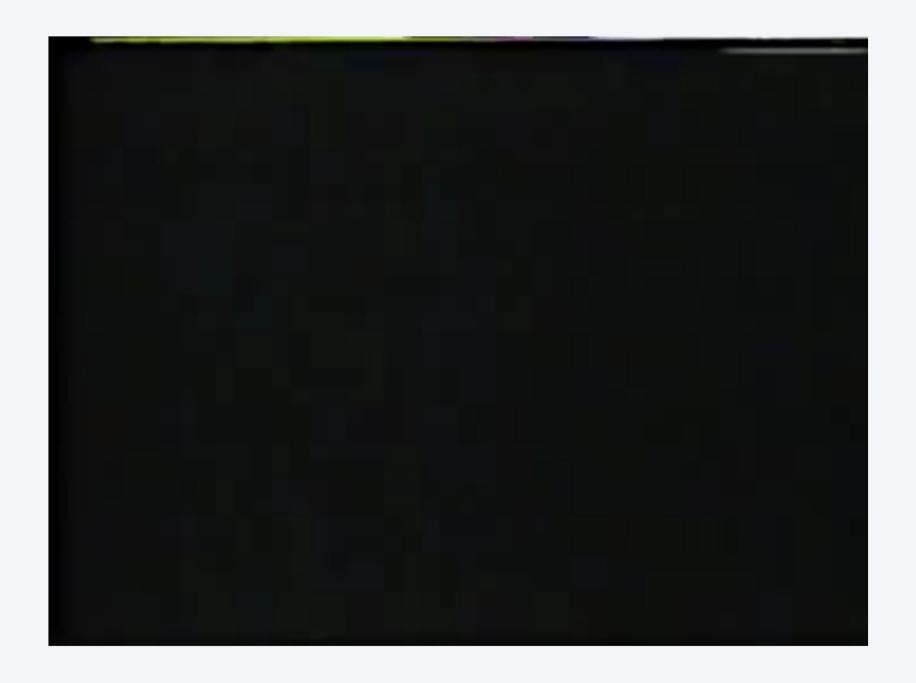
- 1. Should P&G attempt to compete and respond to Dove for Men? Should they do so by referring directly to the brand in their own advertising?
- 2. Should P&G advertise individual products like Swagger and Showtime or the Old Spice umbrella brand?
- 3. What media should P&G use? Should they advertise on the Super Bowl?





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#### The outcome

- P&G chose to advertise the Old Spice umbrella brand over any particular scent
- They responded to Dove for Men by featuring body wash prominently in the campaign
- But in keeping with P&G heritage, the campaign didn't directly call out Dove.
  - They let Dove focus on its PoD of moisture and their target on women who didn't care about the masculinity of their men
  - Old Spice would target women too but retain its focus on masculinity
- The decided not to buy Super Bowl air time

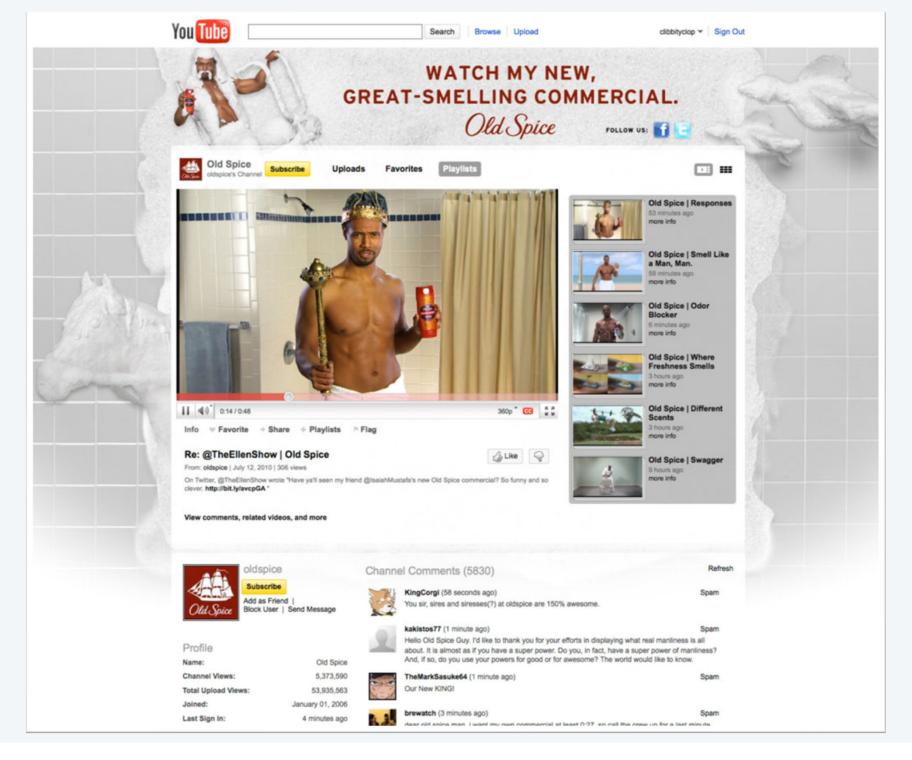
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- P&G launched the "Smell like a man" (SLAM) campaign
- The launch was online before the Super Bowl
- They bought keyword searches so that when people looked up "Super Bowl ads" online, the SLAM advertisement would appear



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- They also set up a YouTube channel dedicated to the ad
- This was followed by:
  - TV ads after the Super Bowl on shows that men and women were known to watch together (e.g., American Idol, the Olympics).
  - Print ads for women (e.g., People magazine) and men (e.g., Sports Illustrated)
  - Appearances of the actor (Isaiah Mustafa) on TV shows.
  - A response campaign with almost 200 bespoke videos on YouTube in response to viewers' comments and questions



#### What's happening?

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Latest: and then there were three 8 months ago

Tweet

#### Real-time results for Old Spice

Save this search

222 new tweets since you started searching.



OldSpice You'll never know when the Old Spice man/guy on a horse might show up. Watch out for him, we heard he was around.

about 19 hours ago via web

Promoted by Old Spice 13 100+ Retweets



kevinrose HOLY SH\*T, best get well video EVER from the old spice man!: http://bit.ly/dpSeOs

about 15 hours ago via Tweetie for Mac

Top Tweet 13 100+ Retweets



Alyssa\_Milano GENIUS. Shirtless Old Spice guy replies on Twitter w/ hilarious personalized videos http://tnw.to/16XQ3 /via @Zee

about 17 hours ago via Twittelator

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# Results of the campaign



#### Original SLAMM campaign:

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- 3.5m views online before it aired on TV
- Captured 80% of all conversations in the category in first 3 months
- More than 3b impressions since February 2010

#### SLAM Responses campaign:

- 5.9m views on Day 1
- 40m views in a week
- Became #1 all-time watched YouTube channel (260m+ views) and #1 subscribed
  YouTube channel (365,000+ subscribers)
- Generated 1.8b impressions
- Twitter following up 3,000%, Google search up 2,000%, FB interactions up 800%
- Sales up 107%

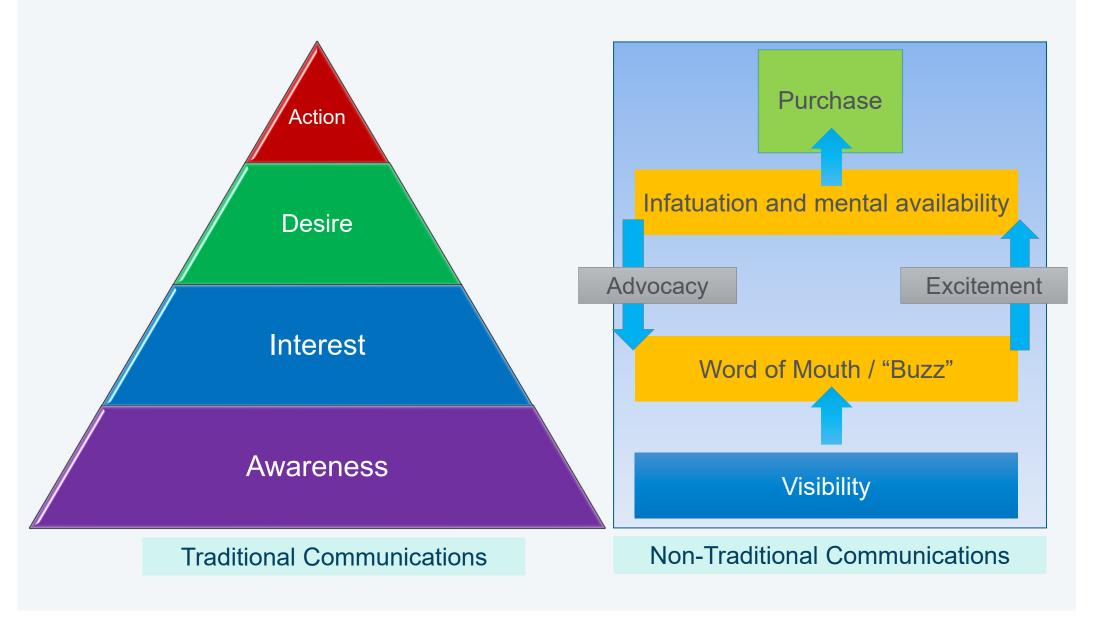


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Why did it work so well?

# Traditional vs Non-Traditional Brand Building

### The role of marketing communications



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### Traditional vs Non-Traditional Communications

### Translating awareness into action

