contact information for follow-up purposes.

Please print this consent form if you would like to retain a copy for your records.

I have read and understand the above consent form. I certify that I am 18 years old or older. By clicking the "Submit" button to enter the survey, I indicate my willingness to voluntarily take part in this study.

Before starting with the survey, we will ask some screening questions to check your eligibility for the study.

Q2. Are you 18 years or older?

O Yes

O No

Residency Screener Questions

Q3. We care about the quality of our survey data. For us to get the most accurate measures of your opinions, it is important that you provide thoughtful answers to each question in this survey.

Do you commit to providing thoughtful answers to the questions in this survey?

- O I can't promise either way
- Yes, I will
- O No, I will not

Q4. What is your country of origin?

- Bangladesh
- O India
- O United States of America
- O Pakistan
- Others

Q5. Which country do you currently live in?
Others India Bangladesh Pakistan United States of America
Social Media use
Q6. Have you used any social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube) in the last six months?
○ Yes○ No

Q7. Which social media platform do you use? (Select all that apply)

TikTok
Facebook
YouTube
Snapchat
LinkedIn
Twitter
Instagram
Other (Please specify)

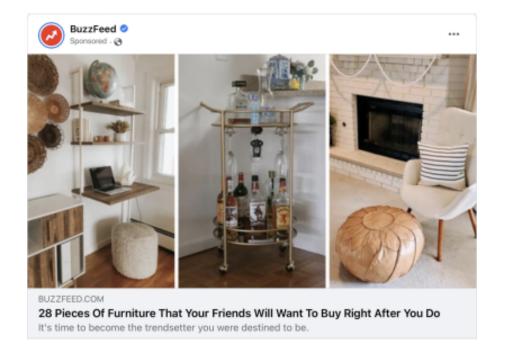
Q8. How often do you use the following social media platforms?

	A few times per month or less	Once per week	Several times per week	Once per day	Several times per day
» Facebook	0	0	0	0	0
» Instagram	0	0	0	\circ	0
» YouTube	0	0	0	\circ	0
» LinkedIn	0	0	0	\circ	0
» Twitter	0	0	0	\circ	0
» TikTok	0	0	0	\circ	0
» Snapchat	0	0	0	\circ	0
» Other (Please specify)	0	0	0	\circ	0

RQ1: Ad formats

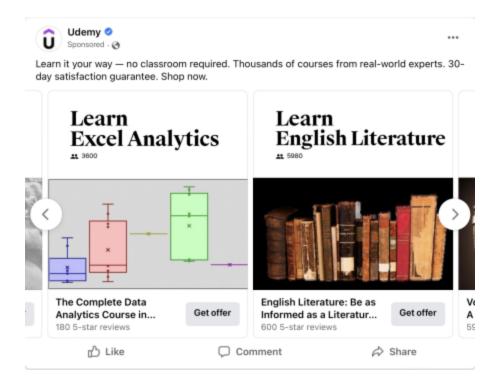
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Q10. Which types of Targeted Ads do you see often on	social	media
platforms?		

Soft Targeted Ads	
Influencer-based ads	
☐ Text/Image Ads	
Video Ads	
Others (Please describe)	

Q11. How frequently do you see the following ad formats?

	A few times per month or less	Once per week	Several times per week	Once per day	Several times per day
» Influencer-based ads	0	0	0	0	0
» Soft Targeted Ads	0	0	0	0	\circ
» Video Ads	0	0	0	\circ	\circ
» Text/Image Ads	0	0	0	0	\circ
» Others (Please describe)	\circ	0	0	0	0

Q12. How much do you prefer each type of ad format? Definitions of various ad types are provided below for reference.

	I strongly dislike this ad format	I somewhat dislike this ad format	I am neutral about this ad format	I somewhat like this ad format	I strongly like this ad format
Influencer-based ads	0	0	0	0	0
Soft Targeted Ads	0	0	0	0	0
Video Ads	0	0	0	\circ	0
Text/Image Ads	0	0	0	0	0

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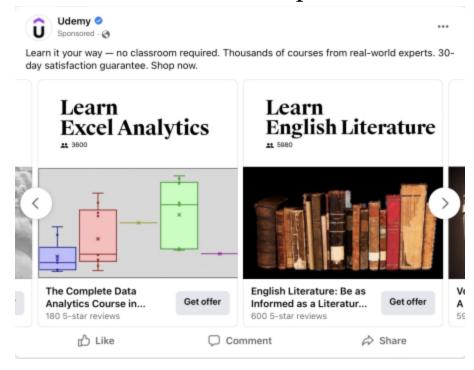
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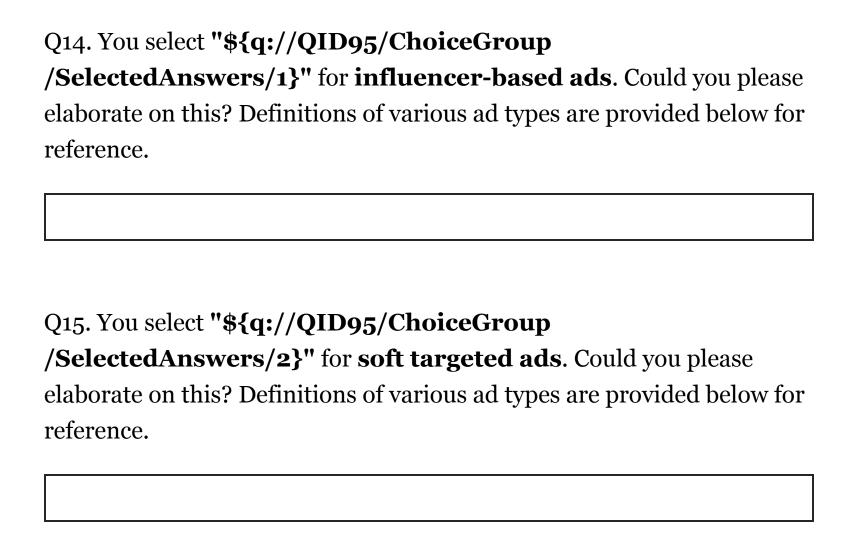
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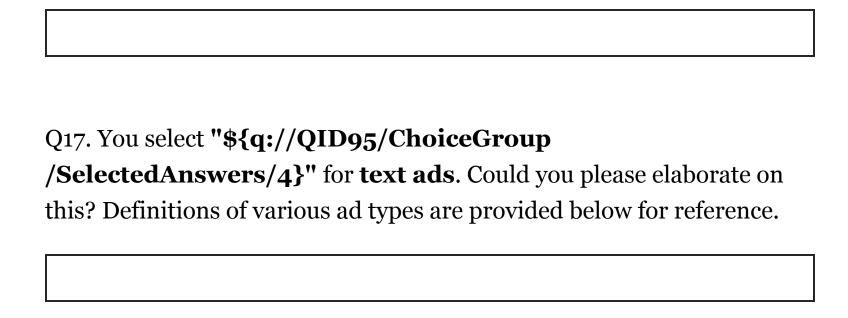
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Ad format random generator



Q16. You select "\${q://QID95/ChoiceGroup /SelectedAnswers/3}" for video ads. Could you please elaborate on this? Definitions of various ad types are provided below for reference.



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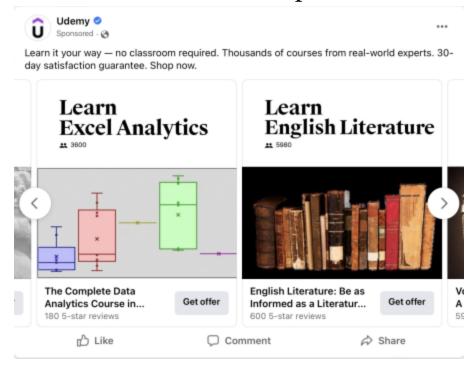
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RQ2: Benefits, Concerns

Q19. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about some possible **benefits** of seeing targeted ads on social media platforms?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Ads are convenient and save time	0	0	0	\circ	0
I can explore a product or service offered by different brands/ compare different brands	0	0	0	0	0
In general, I find advertising on social media platforms to be relevant to my interests	0	0	0	0	0
Ads help me to get a discount	0	0	0	\circ	0
Ads help connect me with small businesses and support their growth	0	0	0	0	0
Other benefits	0	0	0	0	0

Q20. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about possible concerns related to the **quality of targeted ads** you encounter on social media platforms?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
I receive poor quality ads (the ad seems low quality and poorly designed)	0	0	0	0	0
I receive pushy or manipulative ads that demand me to do something, e.g., buy more stuff	0	0	0	0	0
I receive clickbait ads (e.g. ad designed to attract attention using sensationalist headlines or cheap gimmick. It makes users want to click on it and find out what it's about)	0	0	0	0	0
In general, I find advertising on social media platforms distracting and not useful	0	0	0	0	0
I receive offensive , uncomfortable , or distasteful ads (the ad uses repulsive, gross, provocative, or overly sexualized content)	0	0	0	0	0
Other concerns	0	0	0	0	0

Q21. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about possible concerns related to **security and privacy issues** about targeted ads you encounter on social media platforms?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Ads could collect my data and lead to possible data breach	0	0	0	0	0
Ads could sell my data to 3rd parties (e.g. Ad agencies, other companies, social media platforms, or government)	0	0	0	0	0
Ad system could access my devices (e.g. microphone, camera, text messages) to track my activities	0	0	0	0	0
Encounter fraudulent advertising (the ad is engaging in false advertising or appears to be lying/fake)	0	0	0	0	0
Other concerns (please describe)	0	0	0	0	0

Q22. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about possible concerns of seeing **ads targeting personal attributes** of people on social media platforms?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
I receive finance-related ads e.g. credit card, loans, mortgage financing	0	0	0	0	0
I receive ads on sensitive topics such as weight-loss programs or online mental health prescription services	0	0	0	0	0
I receive ads targeting my demographic attributes such as age, gender, ethnicity/race	0	0	0	0	0
I receive political ads (the ad is trying to push a political point of view onto the user, or uses political themes to sell something)	0	0	0	0	0
I receive religious ads (the ad is trying to push a religious point of view onto user, or uses religious themes to sell something)	0	0	0	0	0
I usually find advertising on social media platforms irrelevant because they are not tailored to my interest	0	0	0	0	0
Other concerns (please describe)	0	0	0	0	0

RQ3: Use of Ads settings

Q23. This is an attention check question. Please type for	llowing into the
box: "I am paying attention".	
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Ad settings. When seeing ads on social media platforms, people often engage in various behaviors to manage ads. Examples of these behaviors are shared below:

Ad management strategy: Ignore the ad and scroll past it
Ad setting: Report Ads
VLbe51jWRYbFQHvs6ZXsWJHZMEpGsy6rVEU_Cbj1aADnDJv2rGJw_19GLLG9Myb6K1hwJ6Cq2bNFcaTh5mhjn1
pG0a8XOtc

Ad setting: Turn-off notification on Ads comment/post nqyxSv-

BBASz8mYw2vFTkiy8GxeG_hwwjsUAEkAoBGYoWdoM_eaiTiAo-oIQ3JKim85gBdAjUAydWETUV58j8n-c

Ad setting: Unfollow Ads page

QXvgpTomWuVQjzhYSobBfj_vhRnR571hAhgrtPWCbKarCgda y2BIY_ntbbQwVCYamJj2Ll1pd8T2mohINffeGFiM

Q25. When seeing ads on social media platforms, which of the following behaviors did you previously engage with? [Select all that apply]. Examples of these behaviors are shared below for reference.

Ad setting: Unfollow Ads page	Ad management strategy: Speed-up the video ads
Ad management strategy: Ignore ad and scroll past it	
Ad setting: Report Ads	Ad setting: Turn-off notification on Ads comment/post
Ad setting: Hide Ads	I use some other ad management strategy.
Ad setting: Turn-off location for the social media app in phone settings	I don't engage in behaviors (ad settings or ad management strategies) to manage ads on social media
Ad setting: Ad Preferences and settings page	

Q26. How often do you engage with the following behaviors? Examples of these behaviors are shared below for reference.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
» Ad setting: Hide Ads	0	0	0	0	0
» Ad setting: Report Ads	0	0	0	0	0
» Ad setting: Unfollow Ads page	0	0	0	0	0
» Ad setting: Turn-off location for the social media app in phone settings	0	0	0	0	0
» Ad setting: Ad Preferences and settings page	0	0	0	0	0
» Ad setting: Turn-off notification on Ads comment/post	0	0	0	0	0
» Ad management strategy: Speed-up the video ads	0	0	0	0	0
» Ad management strategy: Ignore ad and scroll past it	0	0	0	0	0
» I use some other ad management strategy.	0	0	0	0	0
» I don't engage in behaviors (ad settings or ad management strategies) to manage ads on social media	0	0	0	0	0

Ad settings.

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Ad setting: Turn-off notification on Ads comment/post nqyxSv-

BBASz8mYw2vFTkiy8GxeG_hwwjsUAEkAoBGYoWdoM_eaiTiAo-oIQ3JKim85gBdAjUAydWETUV58j8n-c

Ad setting: Unfollow Ads page

QXvgpTomWuVQjzhYSobBfj_vhRnR571hAhgrtPWCbKarCgda y2BIY_ntbbQwVCYamJj2Ll1pd8T2mohINffeGFiM

Q28. You shared you have not engaged in behaviors (ad settings or ad management strategies) to manage ads on social media platforms. We are interested to know why. Does any of the following reasons apply to you? [Select all that apply]

I don't know how to access ads	settings
It is useless because it will not	reduce repetitive Ads
I don't have time	
	Others

Q29. How confident do you feel in engaging with various behaviors to manage ads on social media platforms? Examples of these behaviors are shared below for reference.

	1 - Not at all confident	2 - Slightly confident	3 - Moderately confident	4 - Very confident	5 - Extremely confident
Ad management strategy: Ignore the ad and scroll past it	0	0	0	0	0
Ad management strategy: Speed up the video ads	0	0	0	0	0
Ad setting: Report Ads	0	0	0	0	0
Ad setting: Hide Ads	0	0	0	0	0
Ad setting: Unfollow Ads page	0	0	0	0	0
Ad setting: Turn-off notification on Ads comment/post	0	0	0	0	0
Ad setting: Ad Preference and settings page	0	0	0	0	0
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Ad management strategy: Ignore the ad and scroll past it Ad setting: Report Ads

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Ad setting: Turn-off notification on Ads comment/post nqyxSv-

BBASz8mYw2vFTkiy8GxeG_hwwjsUAEkAoBGYoWdoM_eaiT iAo-oIQ3JKim85gBdAjUAydWETUV58j8n-c

Ad setting: Unfollow Ads page

QXvgpTomWuVQjzhYSobBfj_vhRnR571hAhgrtPWCbKarCgda y2BIY_ntbbQwVCYamJj2Ll1pd8T2mohINffeGFiM

Q31. If there was a magic tool in social media that can manage ads, wha
types of features would you like this tool to have specifically related to
web trackers and advertisers? [Select all that apply]
 □ Add a "blue tick mark" for ads verified by social media platform as safe □ Ads should be shown at specific times of the user's choosing □ Establish a ranking system for ads using metrics such as positive review count □ Users should be able to filter ads based on preference, e.g., filter irrelevant or repetitive ads
Ads should be shown in a separate window within the social media app
Other (Please describe)

Religion

Q32. What is your present religion, if any?

	Jain
C	Muslim (including "Islam, Islamic, Nation of Islam, etc."
C	Christian (including Protestant, Catholic, etc.)
C	Hindu
C	Buddhist
C	Sikh
C	No religion, not a believer (including atheist, agnostic)
C	Other (Please describe):
C	Prefer not to disclose

Q33. How important is religion in your life?

\bigcirc	1: Not at all important
\bigcirc	2: Slightly important
\bigcirc	3: Moderately important
\bigcirc	4: Very important
0	5: Extremely important

Q34. People practice their religion in different ways. How often do you practice your religion, for example, pray or take part in religious services?
 Never Rarely Occasionally Often Very often
Q35. How do your religious values impact your experience with ads (positive or negative) on social media platforms, if at all? Please describe your experience.

Q3	36. What is your current living status?
0	Nuclear (i.e. A family model of two parents and or children)
0	Joint (i.e. a larger family type comprising members of an unilinear descent group, living together with spouses and offspring in a single household, with one member

With one or more roommates or domestic partners

Alone	
 Alone	•

Other (Please describe)

Cultural Dimensions

holding authority over all)

Ads & values. We are interested in knowing how your ad experiences connect to your personal values. We will ask a set of likert scale questions below to understand how much you agree with statements about personal values.

Q38. Please use the following scale to indicate how much you agree with the following statements.

	1: Strongly disagree	2: Disagree	3: Neither agree nor disagree	4: Agree	5: Strongly agree
Parents and children must stay together as much as possible	0	0	0	0	0
It is my duty to take care of my family, even when I have to sacrifice what I want	0	0	0	0	0
Family members should stick together, no matter what sacrifices are required	0	0	0	0	0
It is important to me that I respect the decisions made by my groups	0	0	0	0	0

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Q39. Please use the following scale to indicate how much you agree with the following statements.

	1: Strongly disagree	2: Disagree	3: Neither agree nor disagree	4: Agree	5: Strongly agree
It is important that I do my job better than others.	0	0	0	0	0
Winning is everything.	0	0	0	0	0
Competition is the law of nature	0	0	0	0	0
Please select "3: Neither agree nor disagree" to verify that you are paying attention.	0	0	0	0	0

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Q40. Please use the following scale to indicate how much you agree with the following statements.

	1: Strongly disagree	2: Disagree	3: Neither agree nor disagree	4: Agree	5: Strongly agree
If a coworker gets a prize, I would feel proud	0	0	0	0	0
The well-being of my coworkers is important to me	0	0	0	0	0
To me, pleasure is spending time with others	0	0	0	0	0
I feel good when I cooperate with others	0	0	0	0	0

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Q41. Please use the following scale to indicate how much you agree with the following statements.

	1: Strongly disagree	2: Disagree	3: Neither agree nor disagree	4: Agree	5: Strongly agree
I'd rather depend on myself than others.	0	0	0	0	0
I rely on myself most of the time; I rarely rely on others.	0	0	0	0	0
My personal identity, independent of others, is very important to me	0	0	0	0	0

Q42. Please use the following scale to indicate how much you agree with the following statements.

	1: Strongly disagree	2: Disagree	3: Neither agree nor disagree	4: Agree	5: Strongly agree
It is important to have instructions spelled out in detail so that I always know what I'm expected to do	0	0	0	0	0
It is important to closely follow instructions and procedures	0	0	0	0	0
Rules and regulations are important because they inform me of what is expected of me	0	0	0	0	0
Standardized work procedures are helpful	0	0	0	0	0
Instructions for operations are important	0	0	0	0	0

Demographics

Q43. What age bracket do you fall	under?
 ○ 18-24 ○ 25-34 ○ 35-44 ○ 45-54 ○ 55-64 ○ 65-74 ○ 75+ 	
Q44. What is your gender identity	?
O Woman	
O Man	
O Non-binary	
O Prefer not to disclose	
O Prefer to se	elf-describe:

Q45. Choose one or more races/ethnicities t	hat you consider yourself to
be. (Select all that apply)	
☐ Dravidian ☐ Indo-Aryan ☐ ☐ Other Minority Group (I	Please describe):
Prefer to self-describe:	
Q46. Choose one or more races/ethnicities to be. (Select all that apply)	hat you consider yourself to
☐ Bengali	
Prefer not to disclose	
Other indigenous ethnic	group (Please describe):
Prefer to self-describe:	

Q47. Choose one or more races/ethnicities that you consider yourself to be. (Select all that apply)

Pashtun (Pathan)	
Sindhi	
Saraiki	
Punjabi	
Balochi	
Muhajirs	
Prefer not to disclose	
	Other minority group (Please describe):
	Prefer to self-describe:

Q48. Choose one or more races/ethnicities that you consider yourself to be. (Select all that apply)

American Indian or Alaska Native
South Asian
Asian
Black or African American
Hispanic or Latino
Middle Eastern
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
White
Prefer not to disclose
Prefer to self-describe:

Q49. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

\bigcirc	Less than high school
0	High school or equivalent
0	Some college, currently enrolled in college, or two-year associate's degree
\bigcirc	Bachelor's degree
0	Some graduate school, or currently enrolled in graduate school
0	Master's or professional degree
	Doctorate degree

Q50. What is your current employment status? (Select all that apply)
 □ Employed full-time □ Cout of work and looking for work □ Out of work but not currently looking for work □ Stay-at-home-parent □ Student □ Military □ Retired □ Unable to work
Q51. Do you have a college degree or work experience in computer science, software development, web development or similar computer-related fields?
○ Yes○ No

Q52. How much total combined income did all members of you	ır
household earn in the last year?	

- O Below ₹2,00,000
- ₹2,00,001 ₹5,00,000
- ₹5,00,001 ₹10,00,000
- **₹10,00,001 ₹20,00,000**
- **○** ₹20,00,001 ₹50,00,000
- O Above ₹50,00,000
- Prefer not to disclose

Q53. How much total combined income did all members of your household earn in the last year?

- O Below 2,00,000 BDT
- 2,00,001 5,00,000 BDT
- 5,00,001 10,00,000 BDT
- O 10,00,001 20,00,000 BDT
- O 20,00,001 50,00,000 BDT
- O Above 50,00,000 BDT
- O Prefer not to disclose

Q54. How much total combined income did all members of your
household earn in the last year?
C Less than 200,000 PKR
200,000 - 500,000 PKR
O 500,001 - 1,000,000 PKR
1,000,001 - 2,000,000 PKR
O 2,000,001 - 5,000,000 PKR
O More than 5,000,000 PKR
O Prefer not to disclose
Q55. How much total combined money did all members of your
household earn in the last year?
O Less than \$20,000
\$20,000 to \$34,999
\$35,000 to \$49,999
\$50,000 to \$74,999
\$75,000 to \$99,999
Over \$100,000
Prefer not to disclose

Q56. Please share your feedback about the survey. [option	al

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