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The Impact of Pop-up Timing on Online Subscription Rates

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Introduction

Background

- Sign-up pop-ups are a common strategy employed to capture user interest and encourage subscription to newsletters, offers, and updates.
- Explore the **impact of the timing** of pop-up on user engagement and subscription rates

Hypothesis

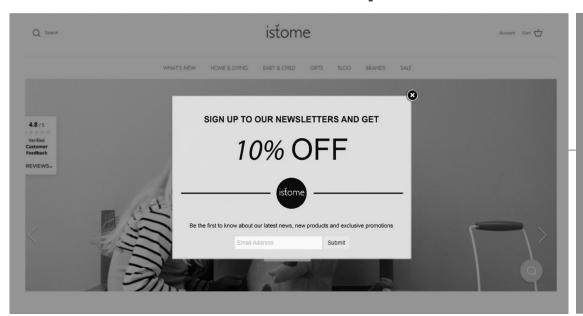
- Altering the timing of the subscription pop-up to appear after users have had sufficient time to engage with the content will lead to higher sign-up rates compared to immediate prompts.
- OEC: Sign-up rates

Study Design

- Participants were randomly divided into two groups: a **control group** receiving the immediate pop-up window and **a treatment group** experiencing a delayed prompt.
- The questionnaire is divided into two main sections: **user behavior and experimental inquiries.**

Control Group

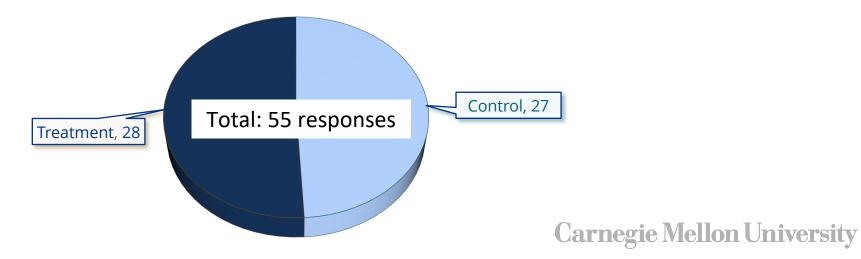
Treatment Group



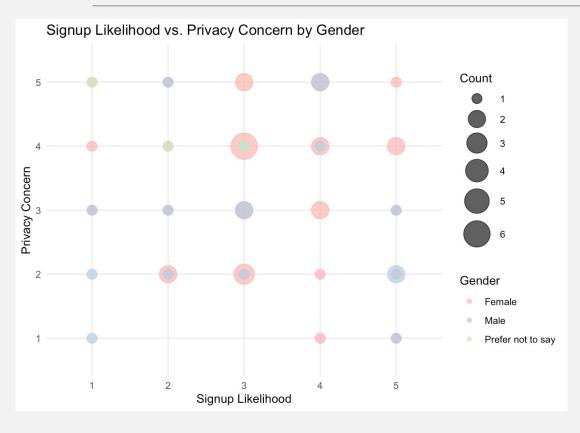


Pop-up immediately

Pop up after some interaction



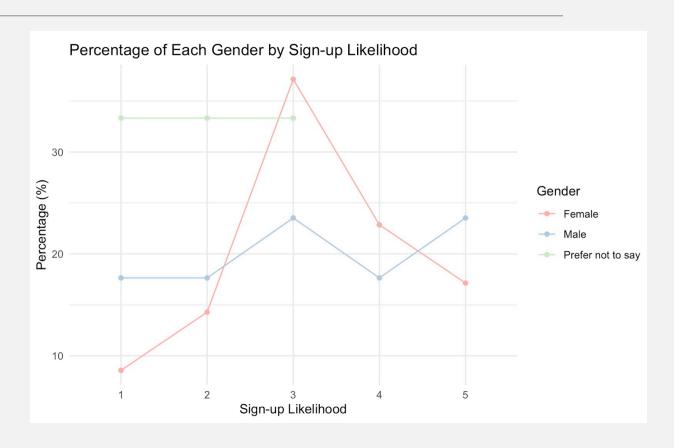
User Behavior Analysis



- Relationship between signup likelihood and privacy concerns, with gender distinctions highlighted through color coding
- The distribution of bubbles does not demonstrate a clear correlation between signup likelihood and privacy concerns
- female respondents appear more frequently and with larger sizes, which suggests a higher participation rate among females in the study.

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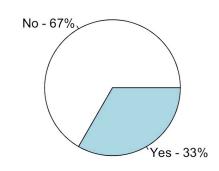
- Females reported a peak in willingness to sign up at a moderate likelihood level (a score of 3)
- Male responses show less variation across the likelihood scores.

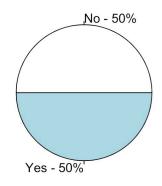


Treatment Impact Evaluation

Sign up Pie Chart of Control

Sign up Pie Chart of Treatment





Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction

data: observed_counts

X-squared = 0.95904, df = 1, p-value = 0.3274

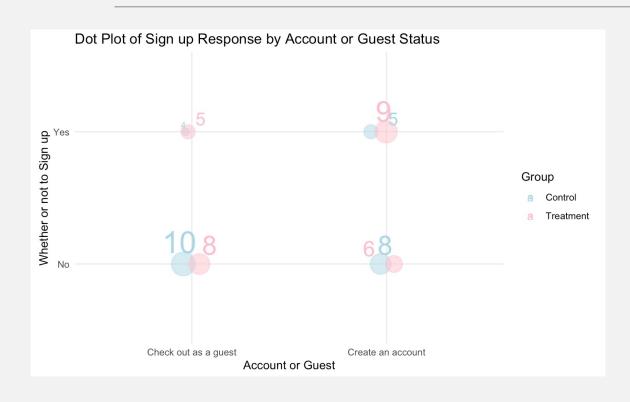
- Treatment group has a **higher** proportion of affirmative responses to
 signing up
- However, the results of this test yielded a p-value of 0.3274, indicating that this difference is **not** statistically significant.

Two-tailed t-test

Test	t-value	df	p-value	C□95% Lower	C□95% Upper	Mean of Control	Mean of Treatment
Further Exploration	-1.1908	51.544	0.2392	-0.8525242	0.2176035	3.111111	3.428571
Satisfaction	-1.8546	52.958	0.06922	-1.1618959	0.0454938	2.37037	2.928571
Credibility	-2.2048	50.212	0.03208	-0.97061928	-0.04525374	2.777778	3.285714

- **Goal**: to examine the impact of the treatment on user satisfaction, their perception of the website's credibility, and their willingness to explore the website further.
- Only **credibility** aspect had a p-value < 0.05; users exposed to the treatment perceive the website as more credible
- While the p-values for the other aspects did not indicate statistical significance, it is noteworthy that all three factors exhibited **higher mean scores in the treatment group**.

Difference-in-Differences (Diff-in-Diff)



- Goal: compares the pre- and post-treatment shifts in outcomes between a treatment group and a control group
- Initial: 'sign up or guest checkout'
- After treatment: 'Whether or not sign up"

# Sign up	Treatment	Control
Before	A = 15	B = 13
After	C = 14	D = 9

• Treatment effect = (C-D)-(A-B) = (14-9)-(15-13) = 3

Results

- 1. Our observations indicated a trend where the treatment group demonstrated a greater tendency to sign up in comparison to the control group. However, did not reach statistical significance.
- 2. Those in the treatment group rated the website as more credible on average than those in the control group.
- 3. This approach revealed a net positive effect of the treatment on the decision to sign up among users who were initially reluctant. Specifically, the treatment persuaded 5 out of 13 users who were not considering signing up initially, a conversion rate marginally better than that of the control group.
- 4. Limitation: sample size, Overall Evaluation Criterion (OEC)...

