

# ADVERTISING ATTENTION IN THE WILD – A COMPARISON OF ONLINE AND TELEVISED VIDEO ADVERTISING

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# Questions we set out to answer

1. How much more ad avoidance happens beyond active ad skipping?
2. What is the relative attention level to video advertising in a lean forward PC experience *vs.* a lean back TV experience?
3. What behaviors most distract attention to video ads?

# Methodology

- March 2011
- Los Angeles
- Recreated normal viewing choices
- Respondents brought companion media
- 30 minutes in office/30 minutes in living room
- Post survey on ad recall



# Sample: N=48

- Recruited from LA metro area
- Must watch online video

Gender		Employment Status		Household Income	
Female	48%	Full-time	56%	\$100,000-\$200,000	13%
Male	52%	Part-time	31%	\$75,000-\$100,000	19%
		Retired	6%	\$50,000-\$75,000	33%
<b>Age</b>		Student	4%	\$25,000-\$50,000	25%
18-24	15%	Unemployed	2%	Less than \$25,000	10%
25-29	15%				
30-34	10%	<b>Education</b>		<b>Children &lt;18 in Household</b>	
35-39	10%	High school/GED	8%	No	77.08%
40-44	15%	Some college	27%	Yes	22.92%
45-49	13%	Associate's degree	6%		
50-55	10%	Bachelor's degree	48%		
56-60	6%	Master's degree	6%		
65-69	6%	Doctorate degree	2%		
		Trade or other technical school degree	2%		

# Attention scores explained

Frame by frame, second by second.



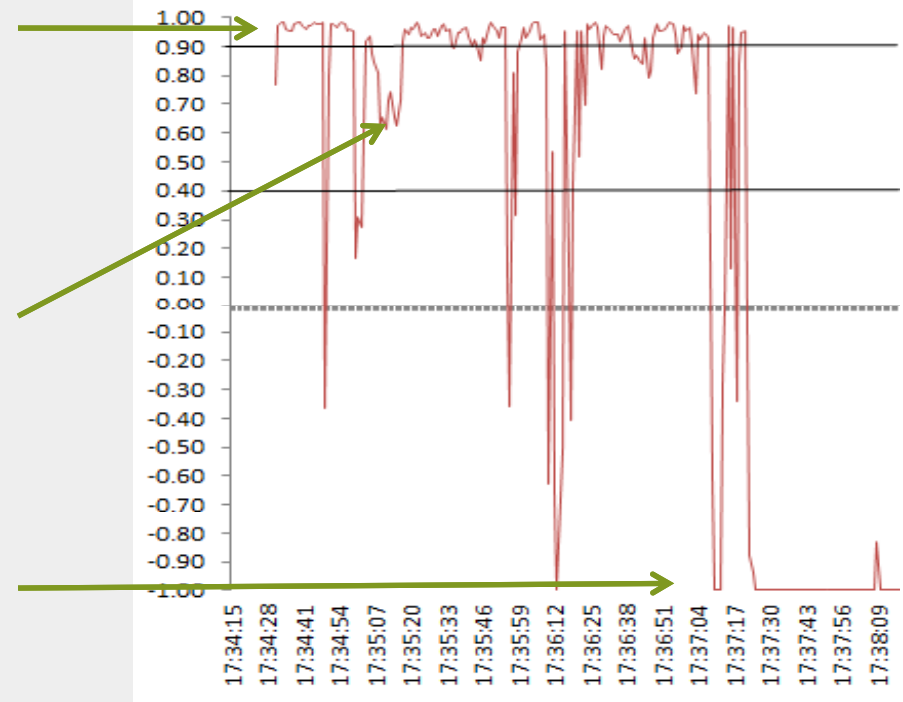
1 to 0.9  
Full attention



0.9 and 0.4  
Partial attention



0.4 to -1  
No attention



# Scale of TV ad Fast Forwarding

**35%** US DVR HH penetration

**10%** of DVR HH viewing time shifted

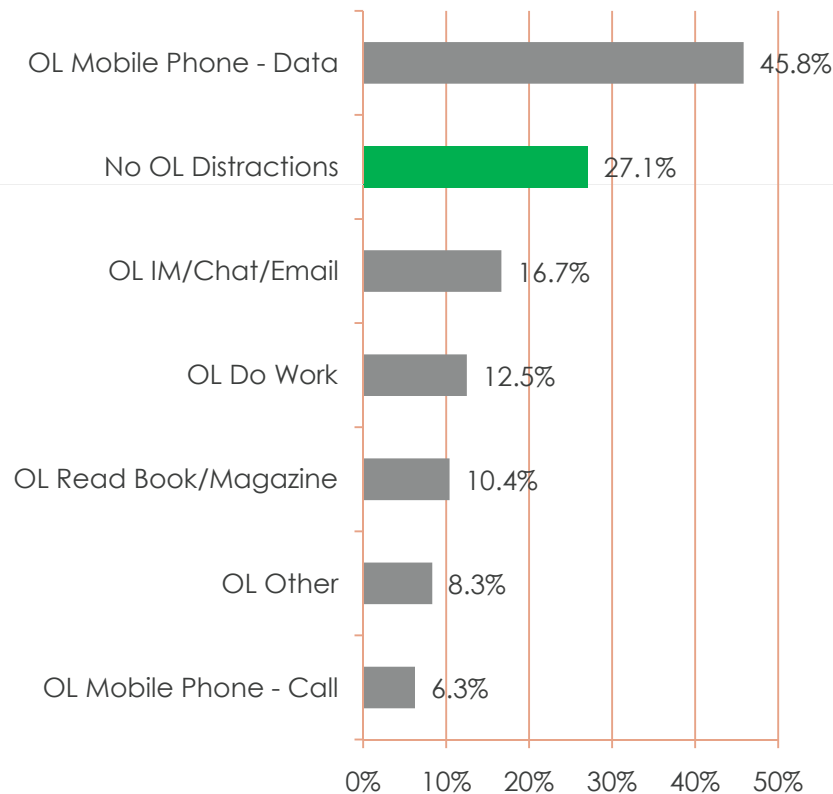
**X 65%** of ads skipped in time shifted viewing

**2%** of total TV impressions skipped

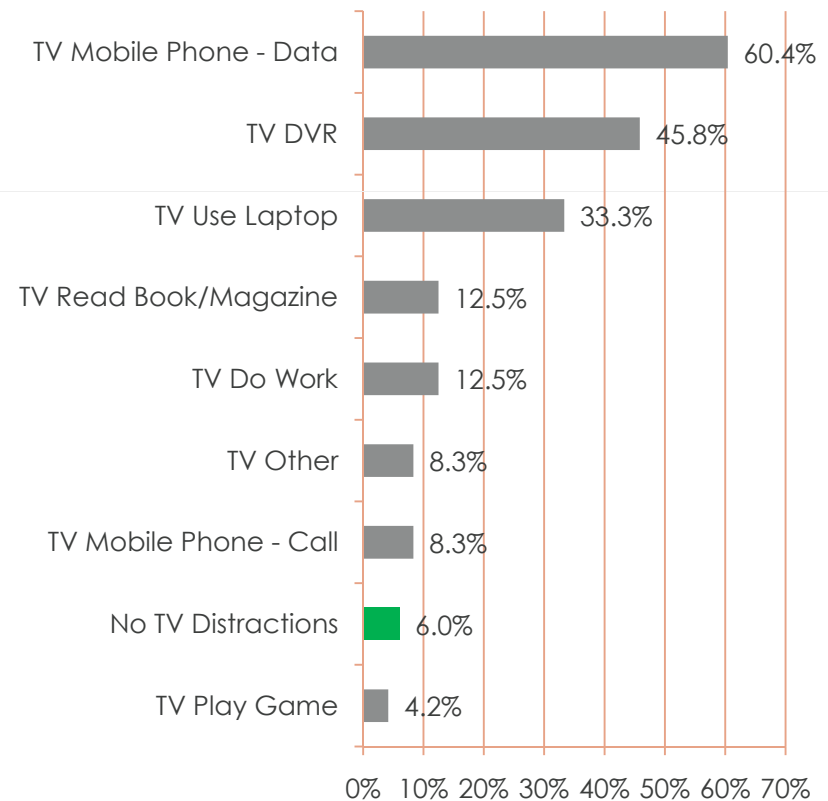
Source: Magna Global

# Smart phones are the most common distraction media

Online: % of Sample Using Distraction

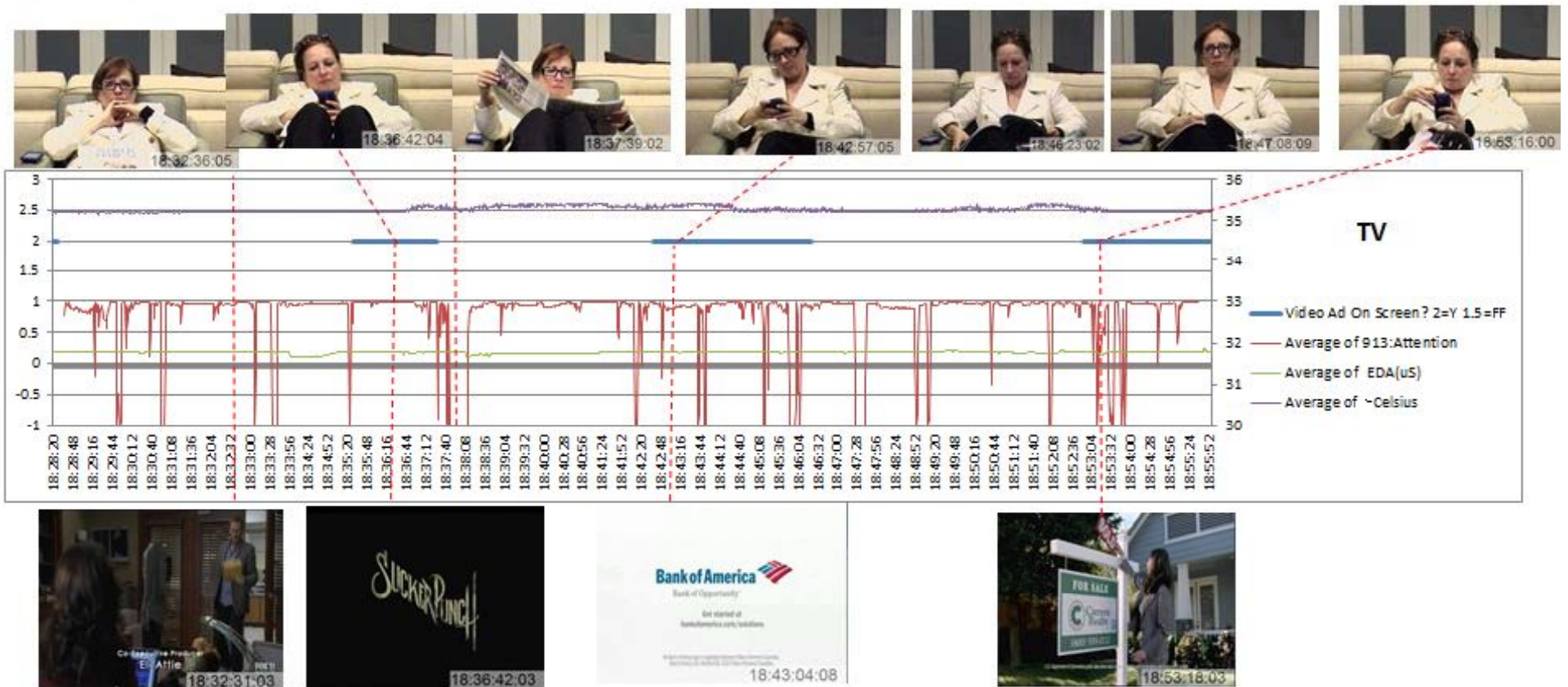


TV: % of Sample Using Distraction



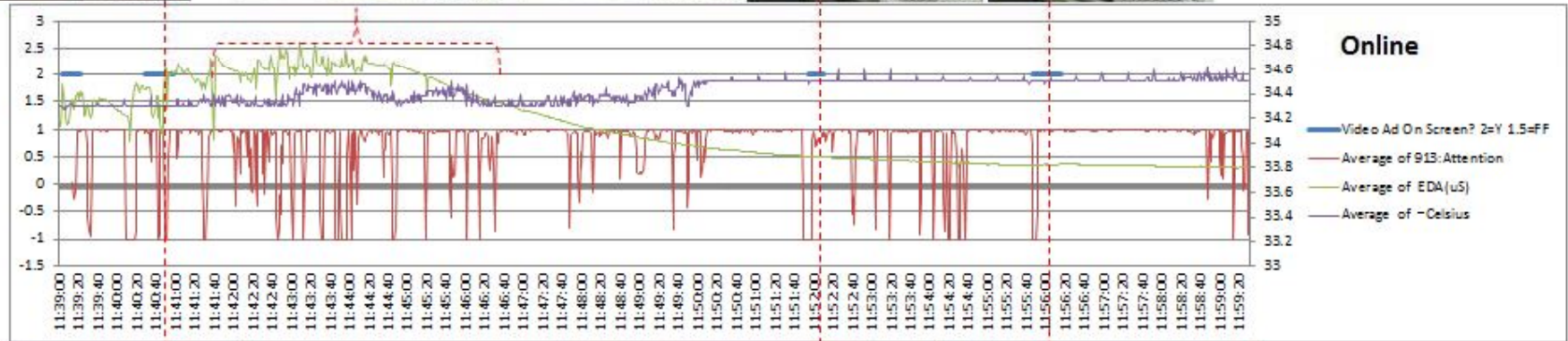


# Persona 1: Cathy the Ad-Ignorer

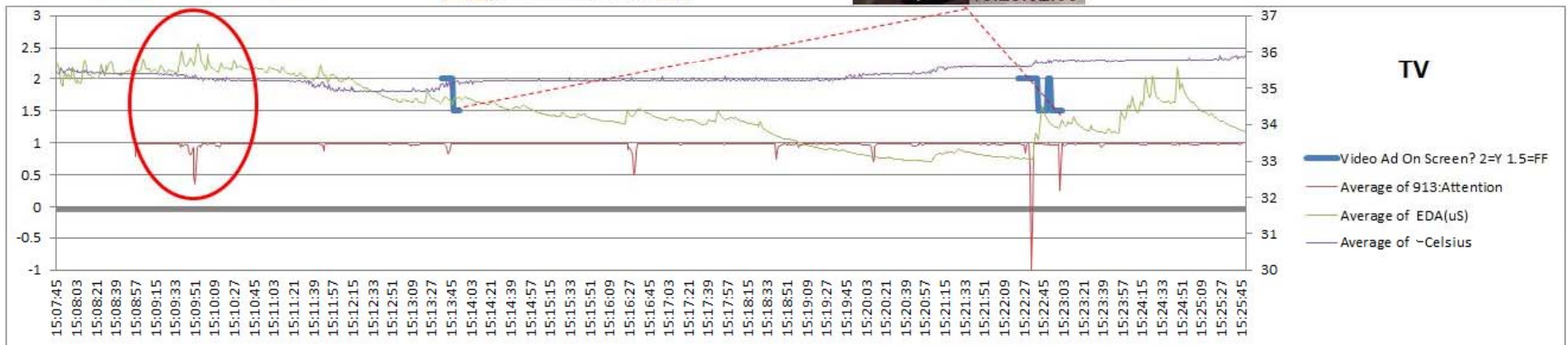




# Persona 2: Michie the Multi-tasker

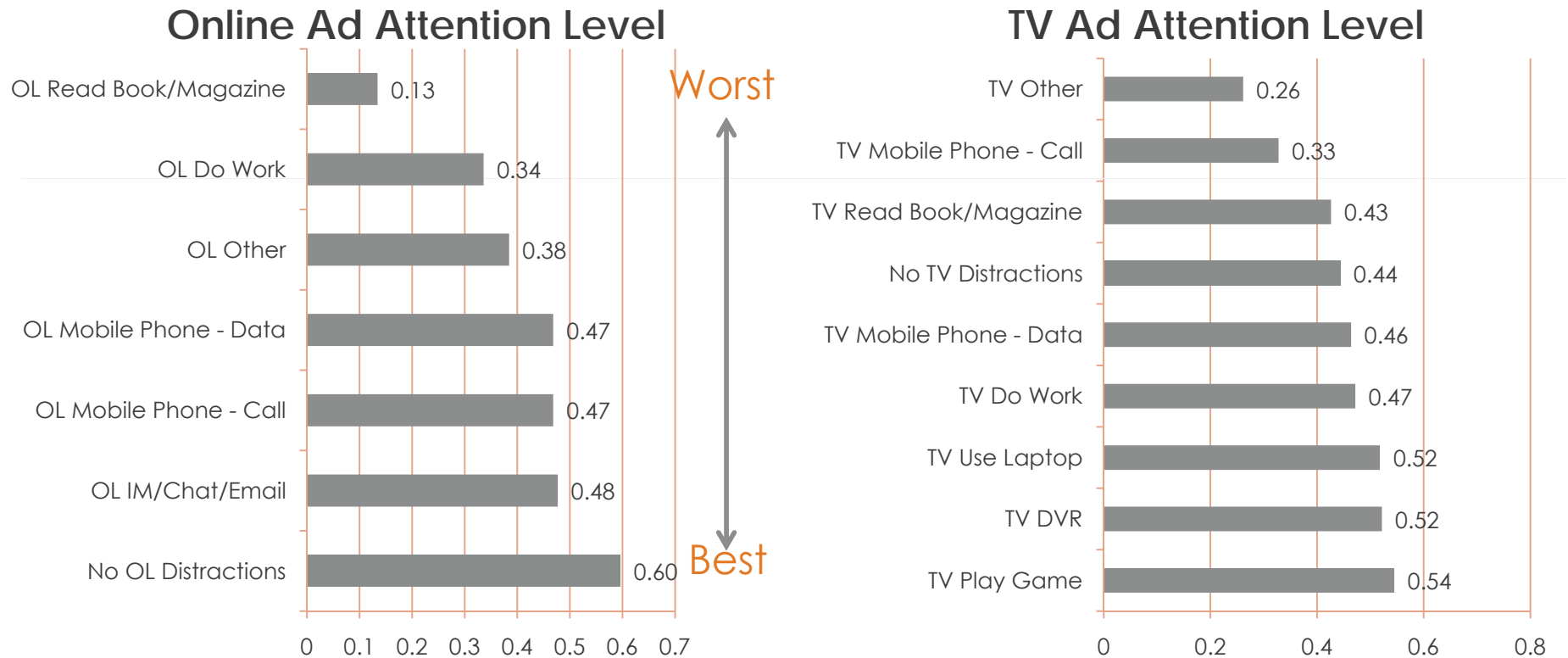


# Persona 3: Steve the Vegged-Out Relaxer



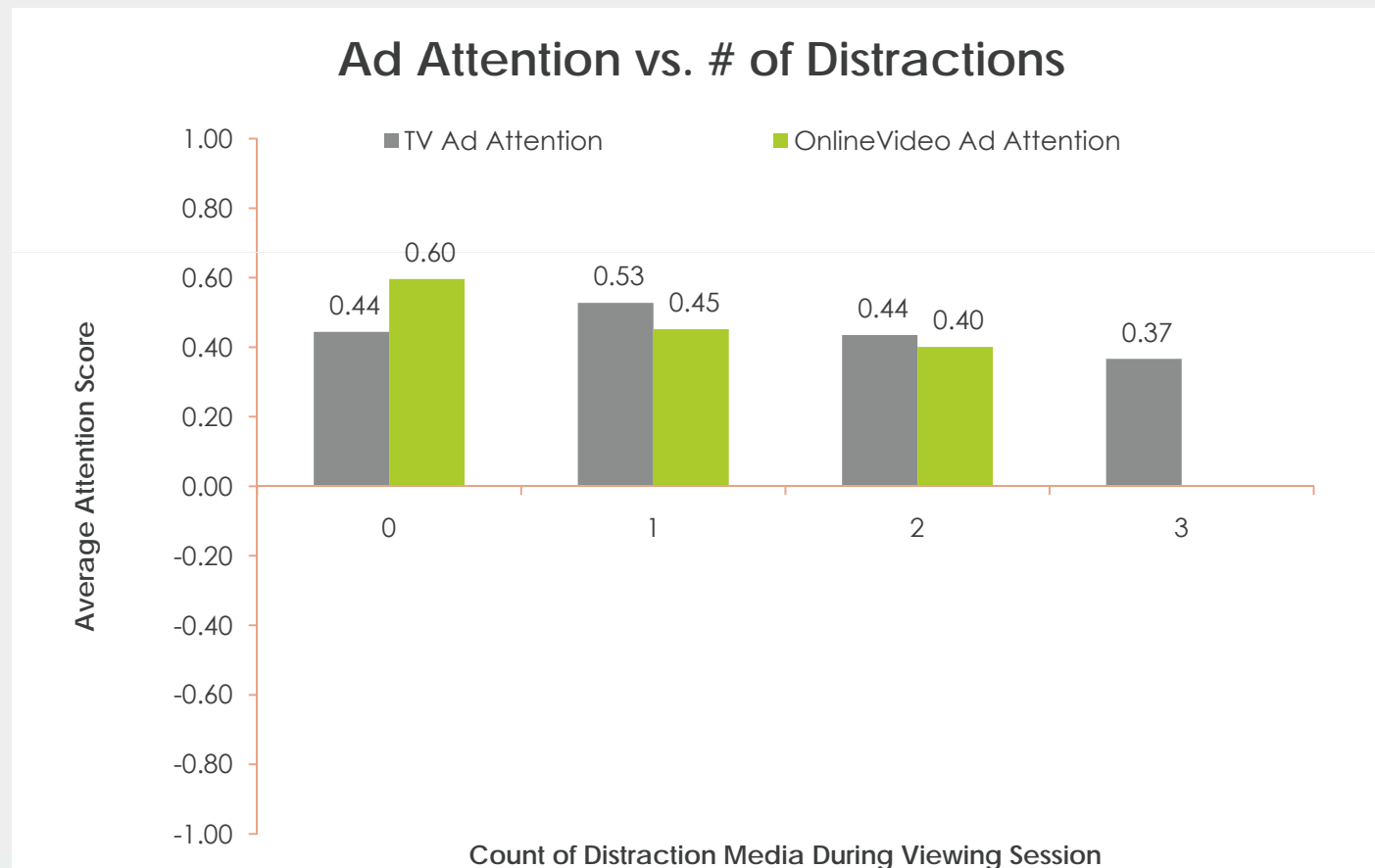
# Finding #1:

## Not all distractions are equal



## Finding #1 (cont.) :

The more distractions, the lower ad attention



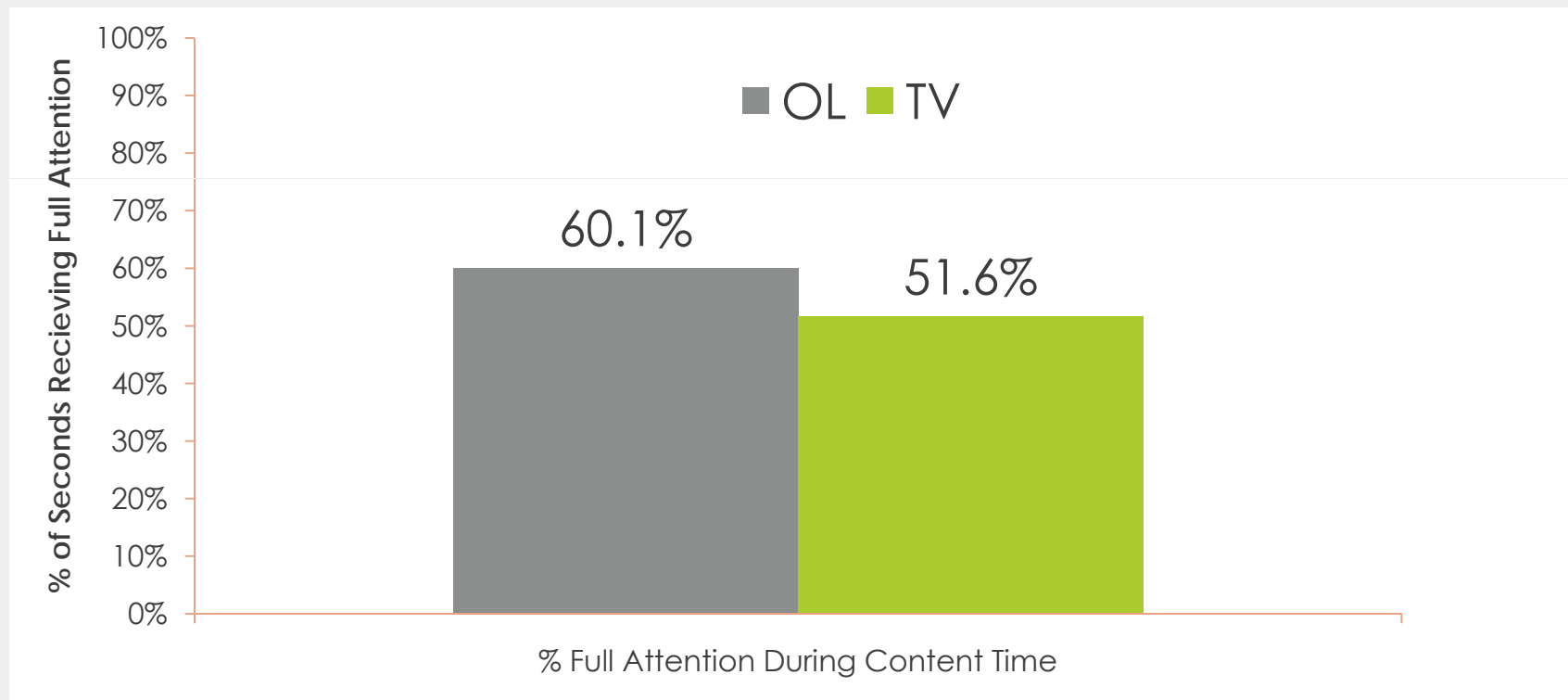
## Finding #2:

TV 2x video clutter; Ubiquitous banners

	OL	TV
Video	5.5	9.5
Banner/ Bug	21.6	0.7
Total	27.1	10.3

## Finding #3:

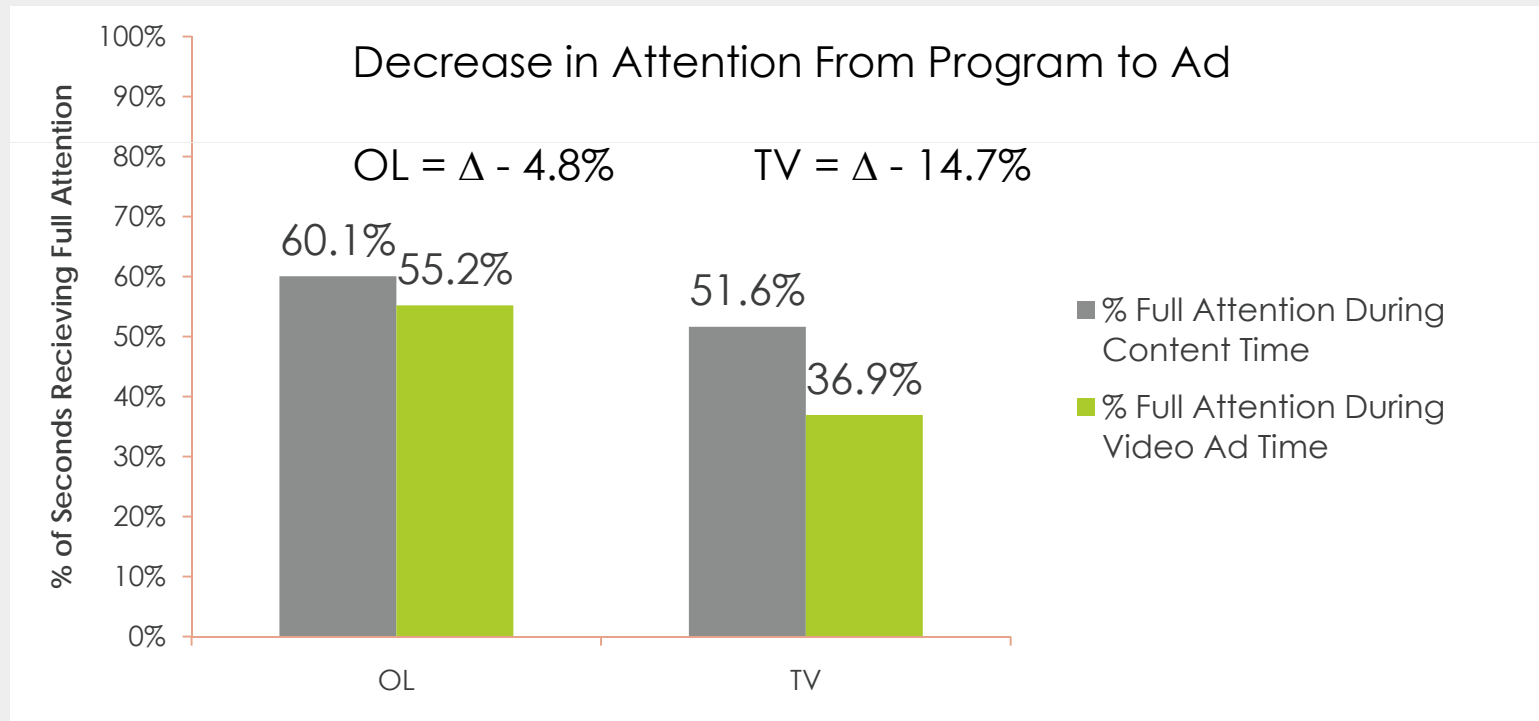
Online video content +8.5% more attention





## Finding #4:

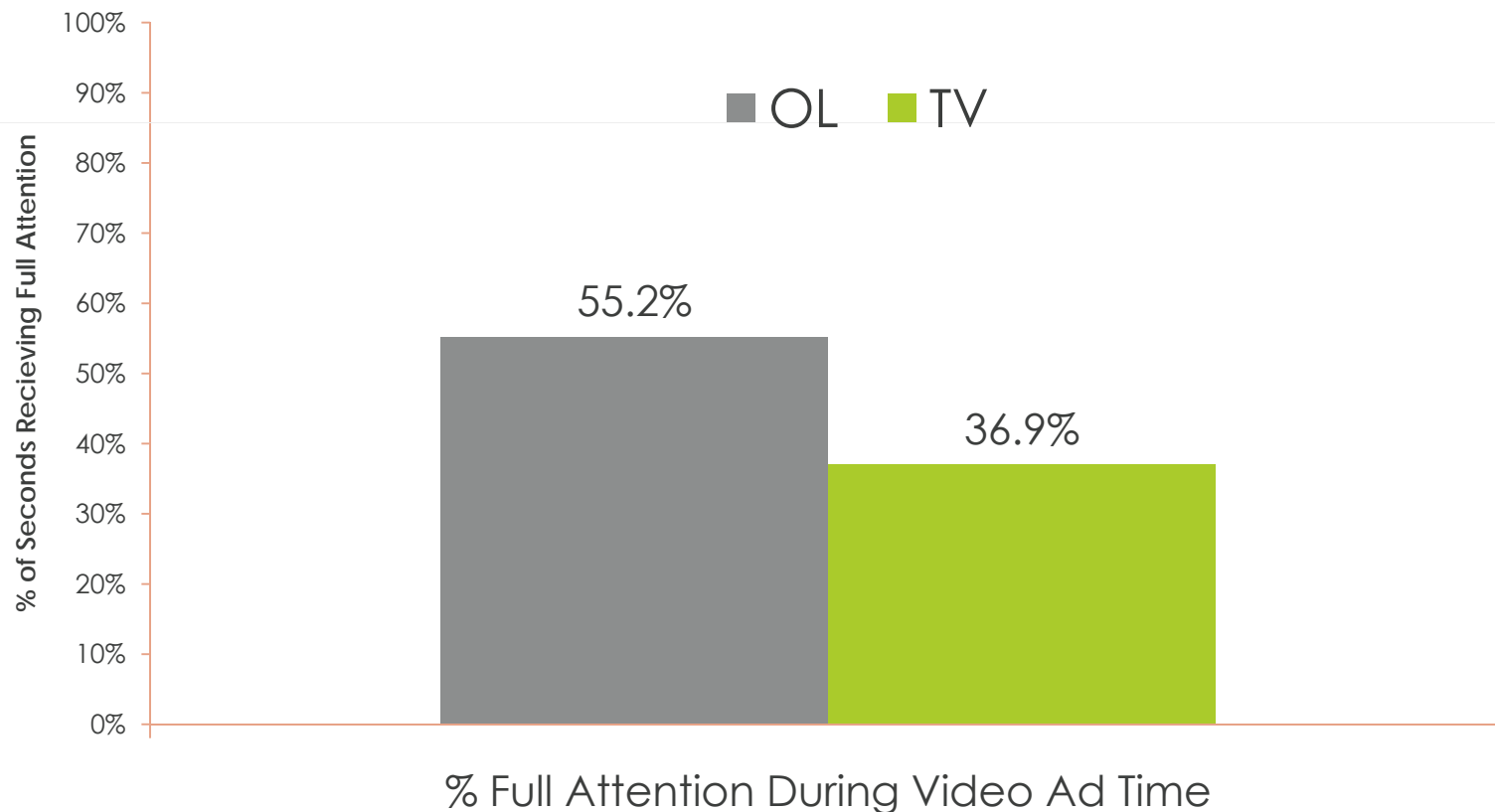
TV has 3x drop in attention from content to ad



## Finding #5:

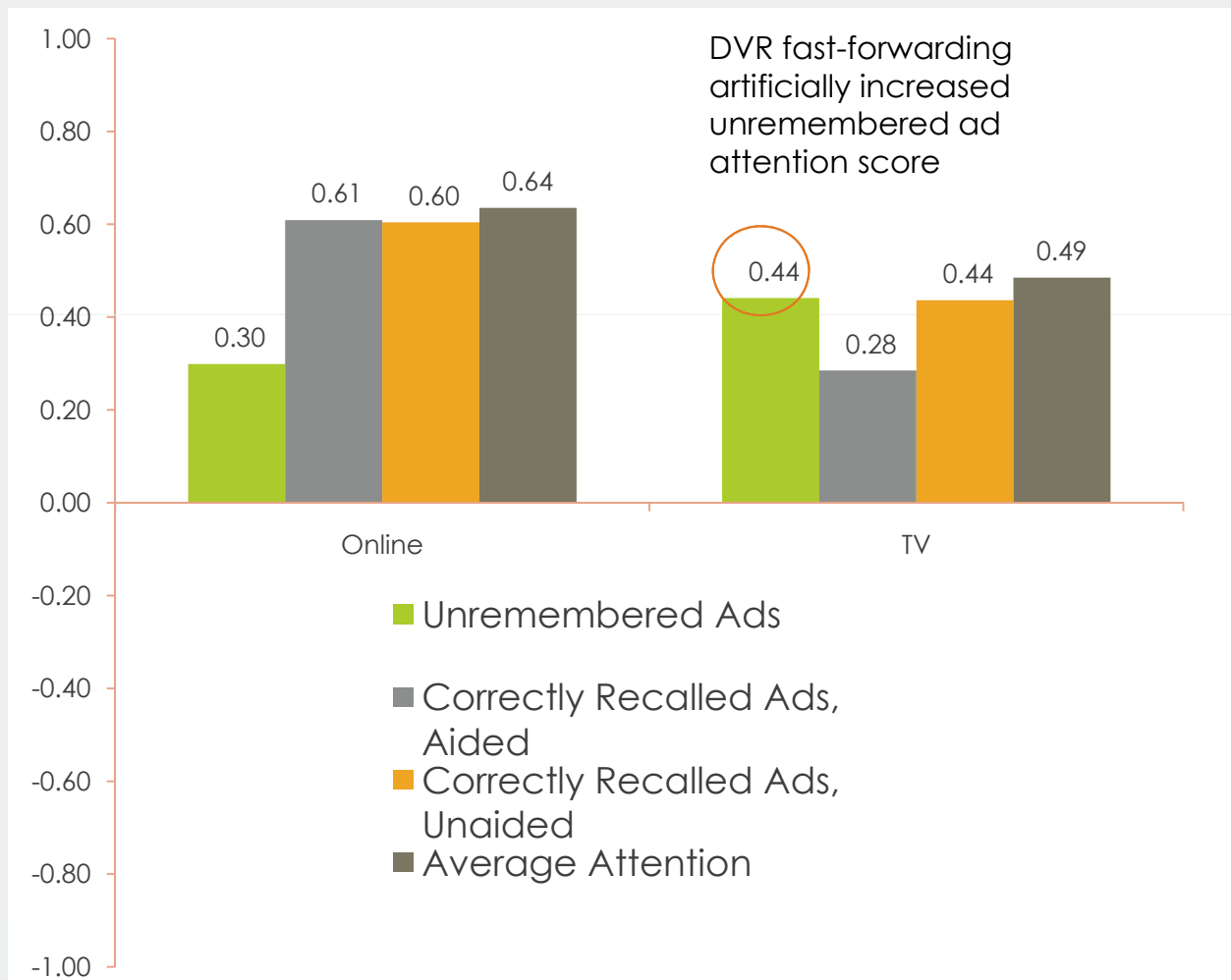
Online video ads +18.3% more attention than TV

- 63% of TV impressions were ignored.
- DVR fast forwarding is estimated to lead to 2% ad skipping

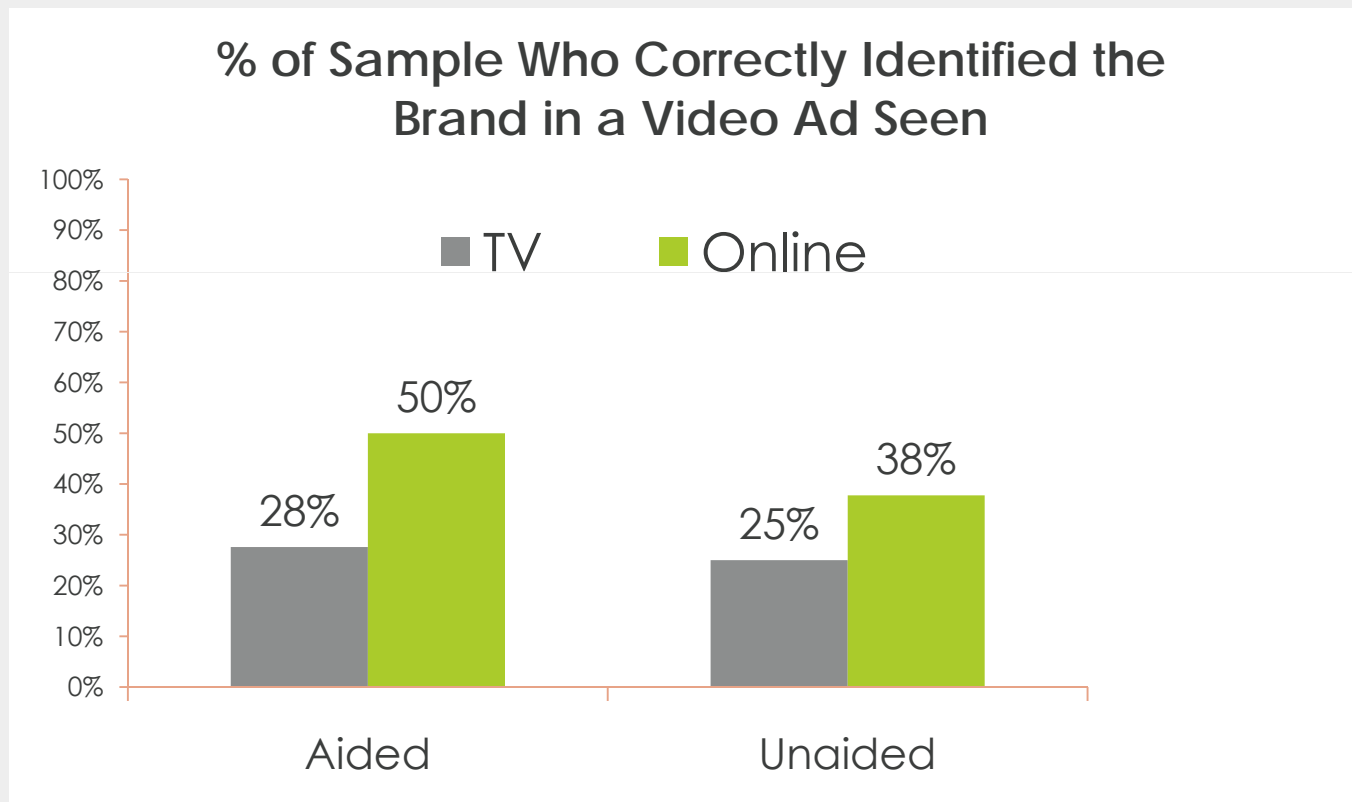


## Finding #6:

### Attention is correlated with recall



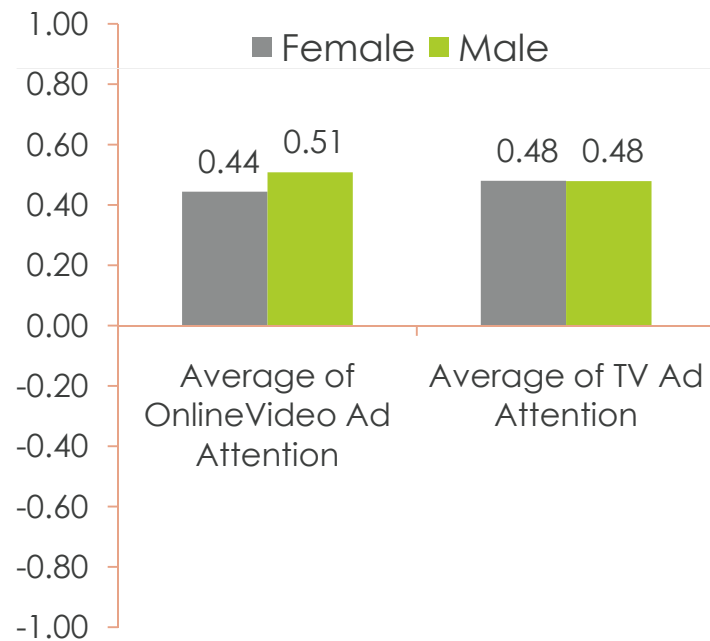
## Finding #7: Online ads have 1.8x the aided recall and 1.5x the unaided recall



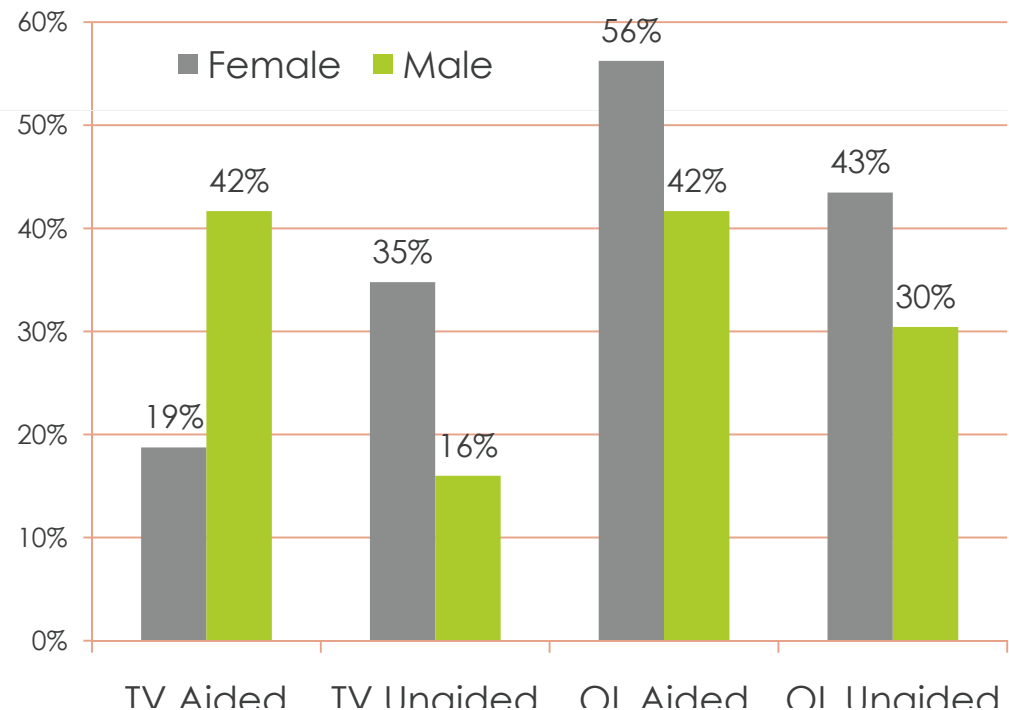
Aided Recall is statistically significant at 90% level of confidence

## Finding #8: Gender attention is even, Women more likely to recall video ads

**Ad Attention by Gender**

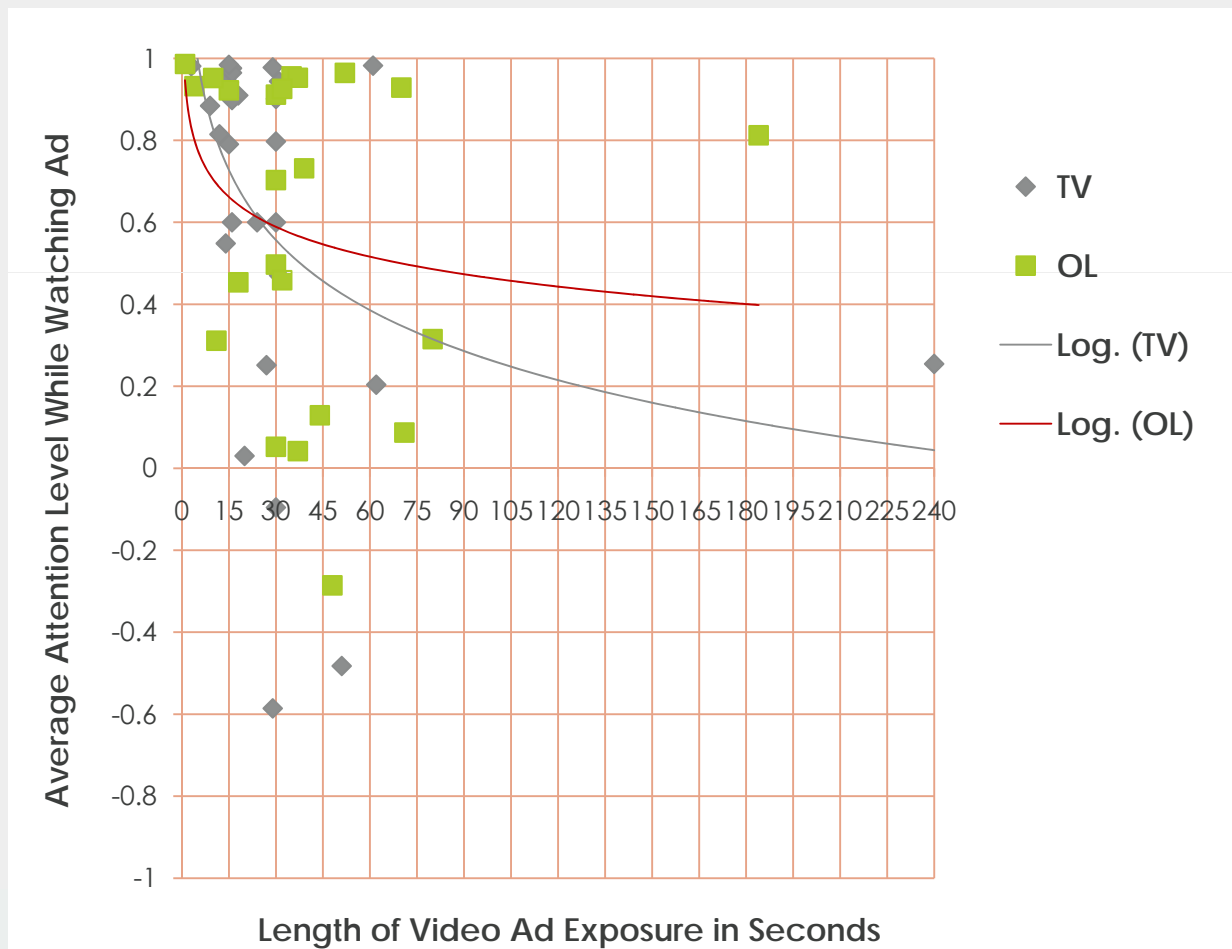


**Ad Recall by Gender**



## Finding #9:

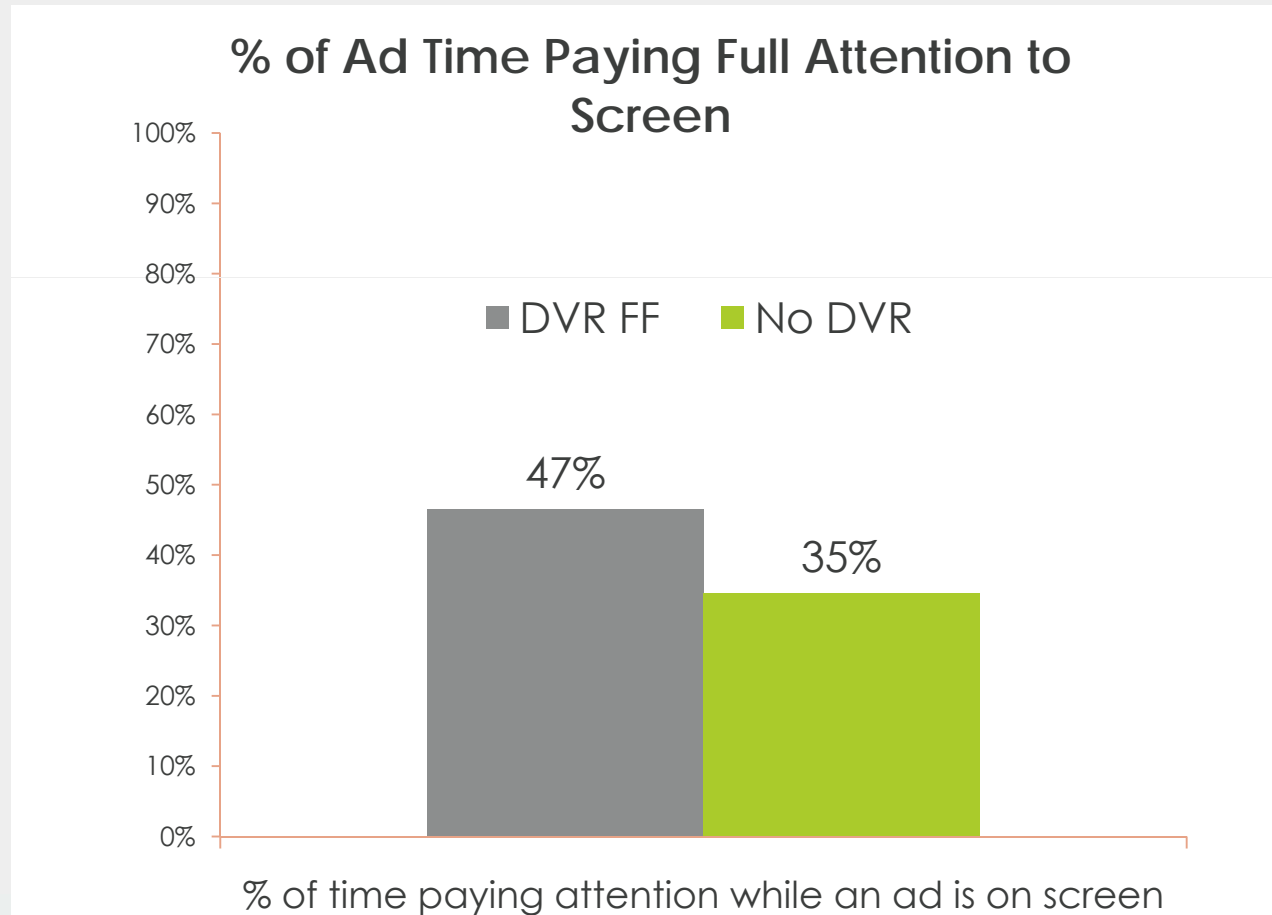
Ad attention drops off with time on screen





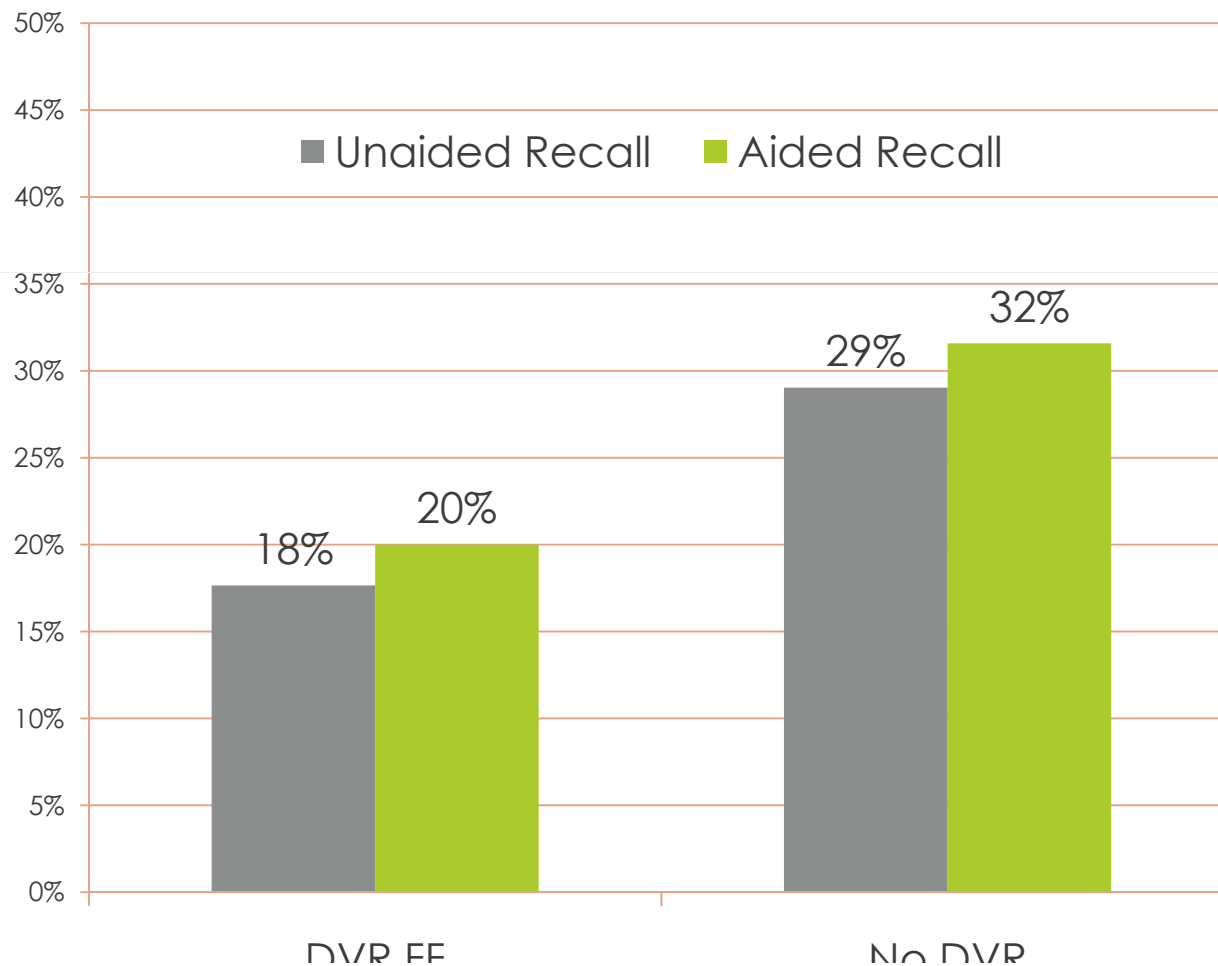
## Finding #10:

Ad Fast-Fowards have high attention levels...

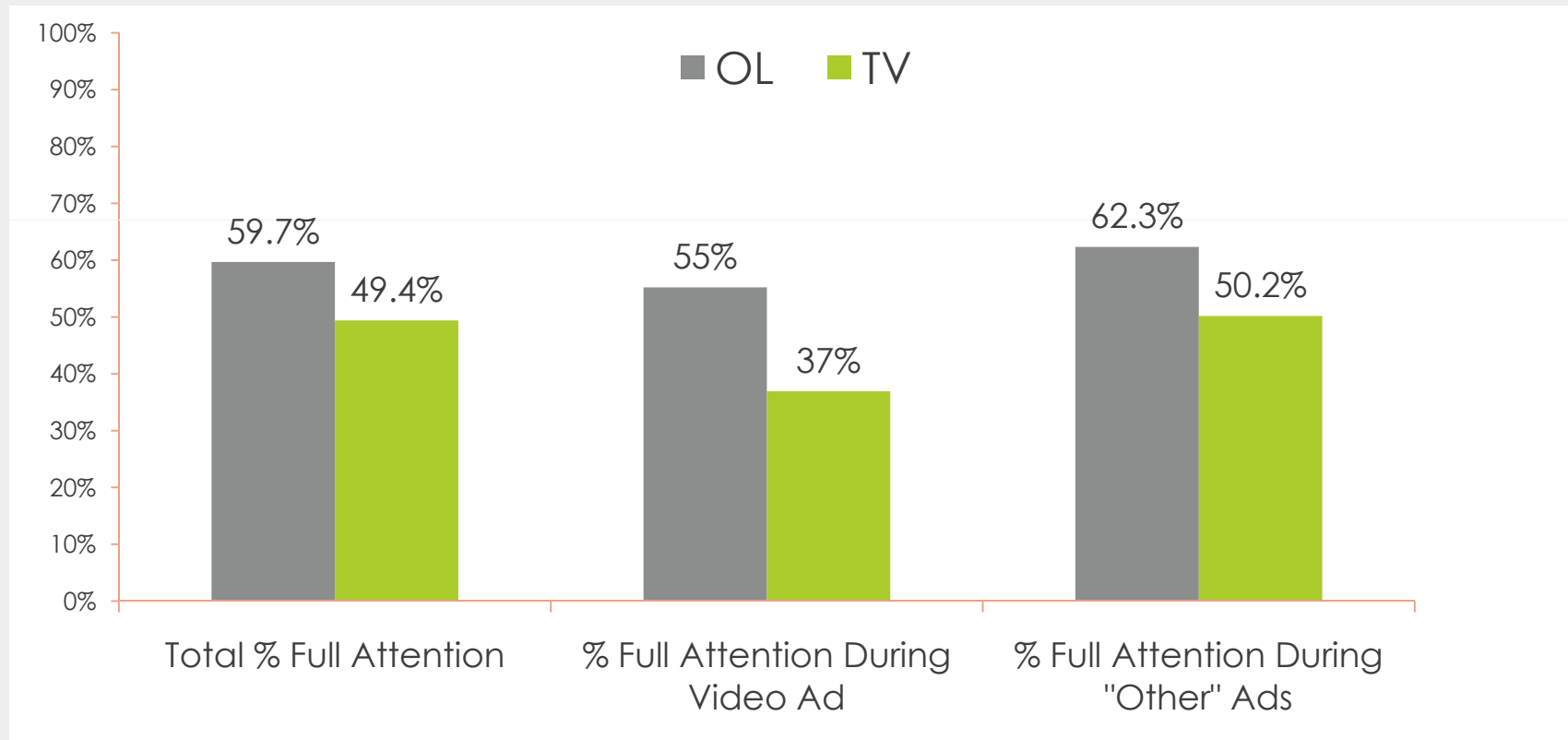


## Finding #10 (cont.) :

Fast-Fowarders have low recall levels



## Finding #11: Attention is 1.4x higher for TV “bugs” than video ads



# Conclusions

1. Ad fast forwarding accounts for a sliver of wasted ad impressions
2. Smart phones are a persistent companion to video content
3. Online video ads have 20% more attentive impressions.
4. The familiar cadence of TV content increases drop off to ads vs. online
5. Attention is even but women more likely to recall video ads than men
6. Fast forwarded video ads have little recall
7. The commercial “layer” gets more attention than the commercial break.

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