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# THE APPLE EXPERIENCE: SECRETS TO BUILDING INSANELY GREAT CUSTOMER LOYALTY

When many marketers think about driving emotional loyalty they think of Steve Jobs –

but if you want to buy the book...



## YOU BUY IT FROM THE BRAND THAT BUILDS INSANELY GREAT HABITUAL LOYALTY

**WHEN** did Amazon Prime launch?

But wait...is habitual loyalty really emotional loyalty?

# **EMOTIONAL**

Emotional loyalty is when your members can say,

"I feel an emotional connection to [your brand].

Sometimes I choose them even when they don't have the lowest price."

What creates emotional loyalty, you ask?





I feel **more valued** than other customers.

I often find myself

on autopilot buying

what I've bought before.

I feel grateful for treatment I've received. It's about the relationship.



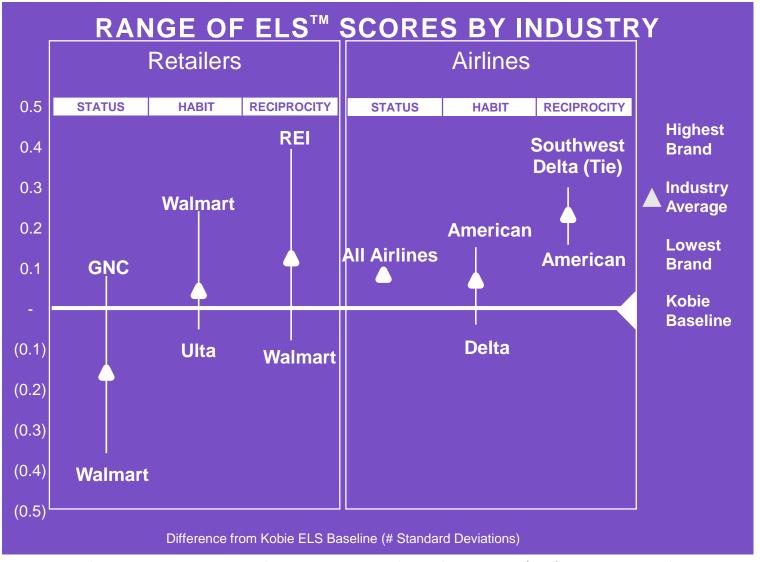
THE 3 TYPES OF

**EMOTIONAL** 

LOYALTY

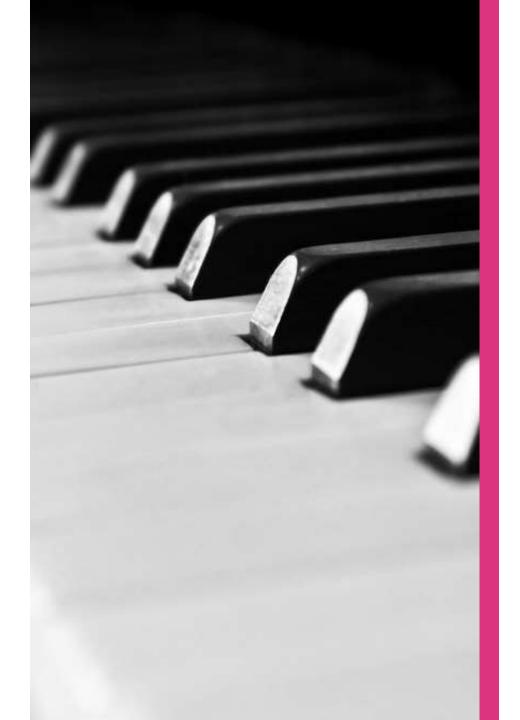
# EMOTIONAL LOYALTY BY INDUSTRY

- Retailers more differentiated on emotional loyalty appeal by brand, especially for specialty brands
- Airlines less differentiated even on HABIT where there is the most divergence





Source: Kobie Proprietary Research 2019. Emotional Loyalty Scoring (ELS) is patent pending.



# What's emotional about HABIT?

- Familiarity / Mere exposure
- Comfort / Ease
- Automaticity

All of this operates outside awareness

Data tells us **HABIT** is related to emotional connections to companies



## **Delivering HABIT**

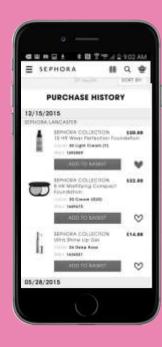
#### **COMFORT**



#### EASE



#### **AUTOMATICITY**



What do you do when the thing you've always bought no longer exists?



SEPHORA's experience makes it easier for the easily overwhelmed to find what's comfortable even when it's not familiar.

This habitual framework matters when it comes to **ENGAGING** with a program and **ADOPTING** new technologies

Note that while Millennials get all the credit for being digital natives, over HALF of Boomers use their phones to make a purchase



% using phone to RESEARCH purchases % using phone to COMPLETE purchases 99% 89% 88% 73% 72% 51% 50% **Millennials** Gen X **Boomers** 

**Smartphone: Use by Generation** 

## % of US Adults who own a **Smartphone** 90% 80% 77% 70% 60% 50% 35% Siri Alexa 20% Oct 2011 Nov 2014 10%

It took 7 YEARS for Smartphone use to grow to 77% of the total population



Source: Pew Research Center.



Of Millennials have used a Digital Assistant to make a purchase

### More frequent uses of Digital Assistants:

- Play music
- Weather and traffic
- Reminders and texts



## ON A MACRO LEVEL

Millennials and Gen X more likely











Boomers more likely

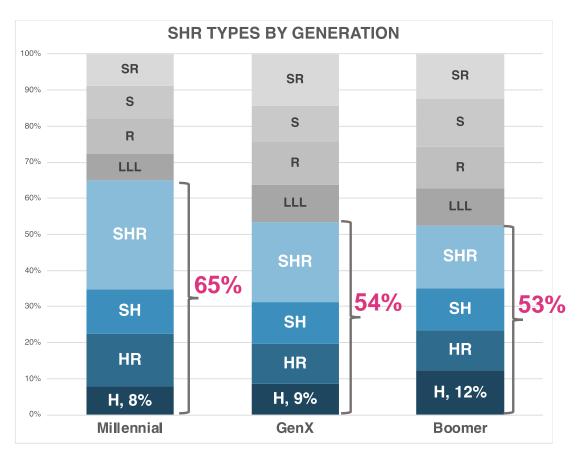








# But looking at customers with more than 1 motivation, HABIT motivates over half of customers across all generations







## NUMBER OF RESEARCH STUDIES THIS YEAR ON IMPORTANCE VS. EASE OF USE

#### GAP FROM CUSTOMER POV

IMPORTANCE

Customers want Contact Info but it's hard to find\* **FAVORITE PROGRAMS** 

## WHO CARES?

#### OVER INVESTMENT LOW RETURN

Brands spend on New Product Emails, but customers prefer reviews\*





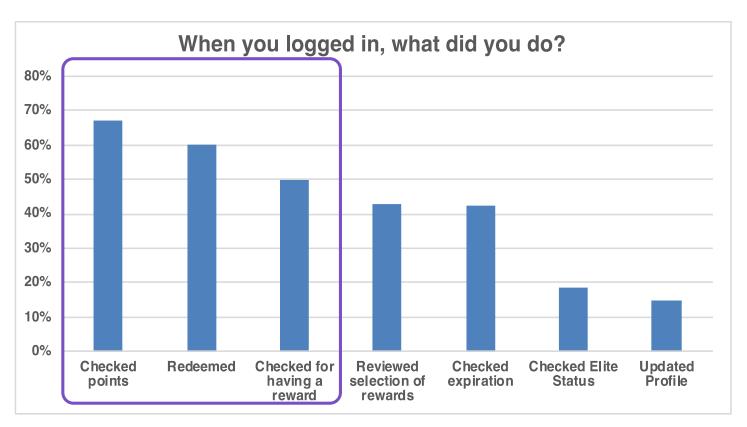
We asked "Which loyalty program functions are IMPORTANT to you? Which are EASY?"

Redeem 🛨 Check Points 🛨 Check Proximity  $\bigstar$ **GAP FROM CUSTOMER** POV **FAVORITE PROGRAMS MPORTANCE** WHO OVER INVESTMENT CARES? LOW RETURN

**EASE** 



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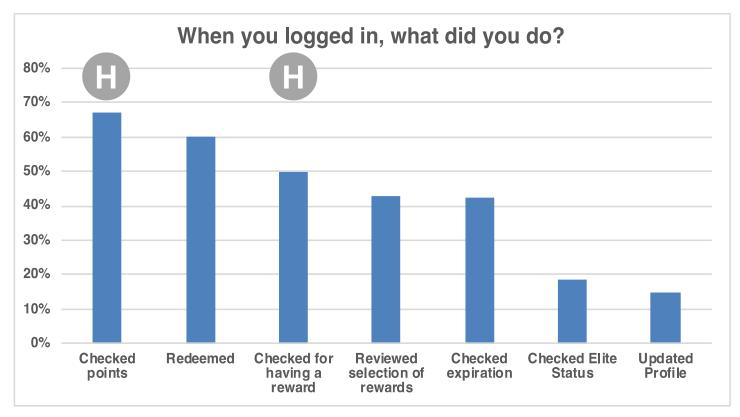




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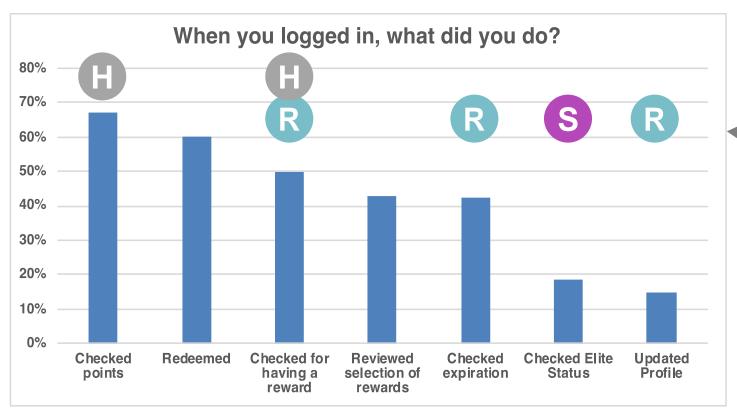




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REWARDS EXPIRE!

IF I EARNED THEM - DO NOT

TAKE THEM AWAY!!!





# Social media willingness

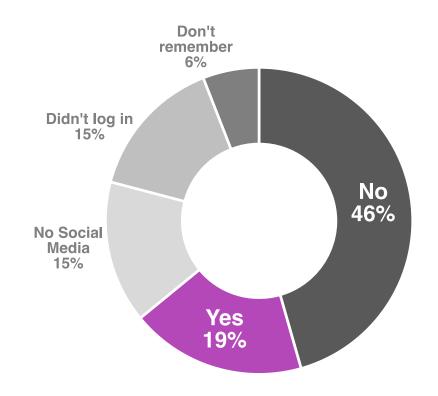
 69% of all generations use Facebook\* or other social media –

 but that doesn't mean they want to use their credentials to login

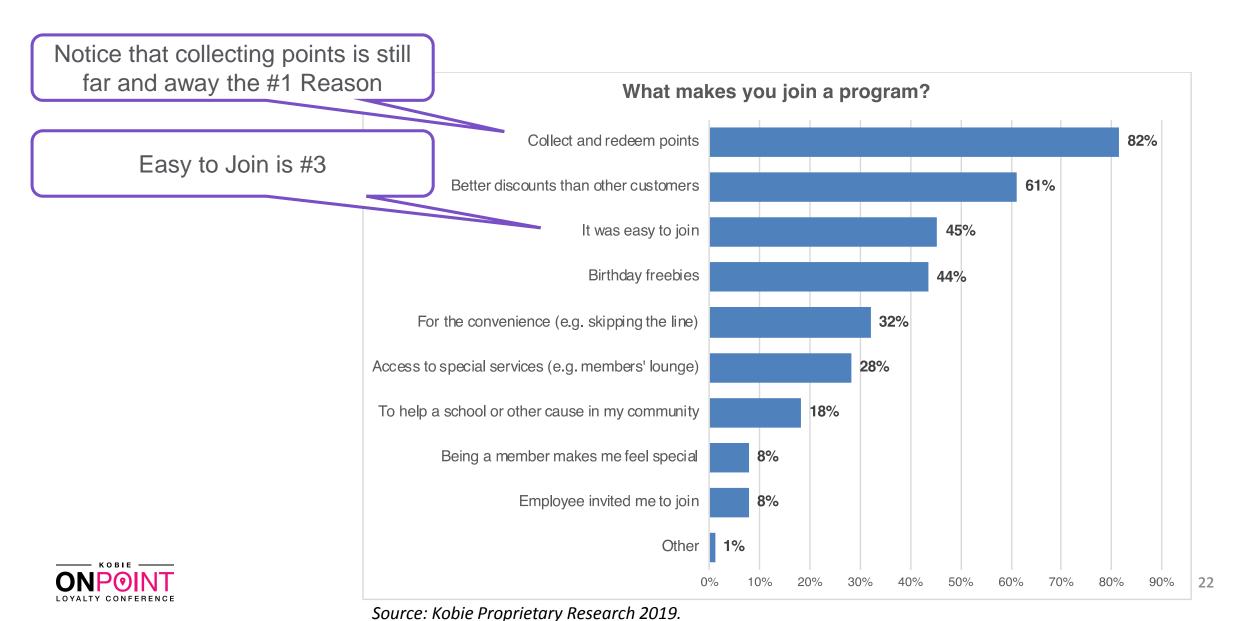
\*Source: Pew Charitable Trust Technology Report.

#### ONPOINT LOYALTY CONFERENCE

## Did you use social media to log into a Rewards Account?



## RECOGNIZE WHY CUSTOMERS JOIN



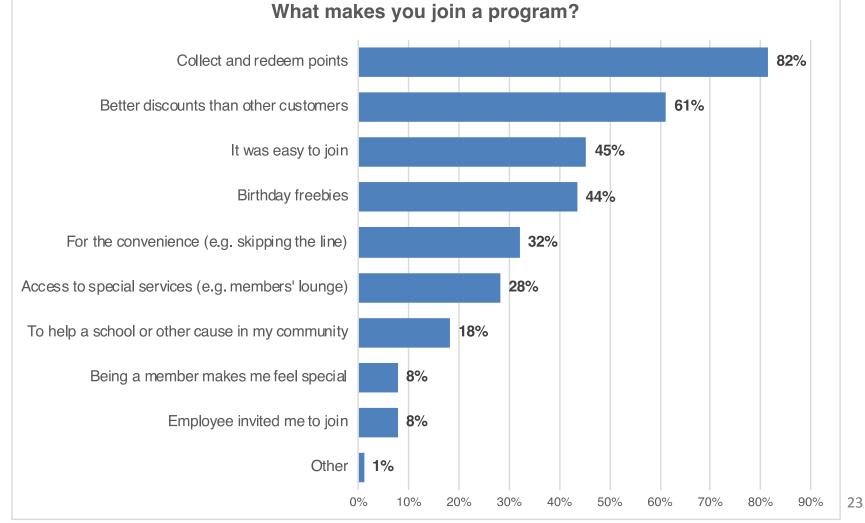
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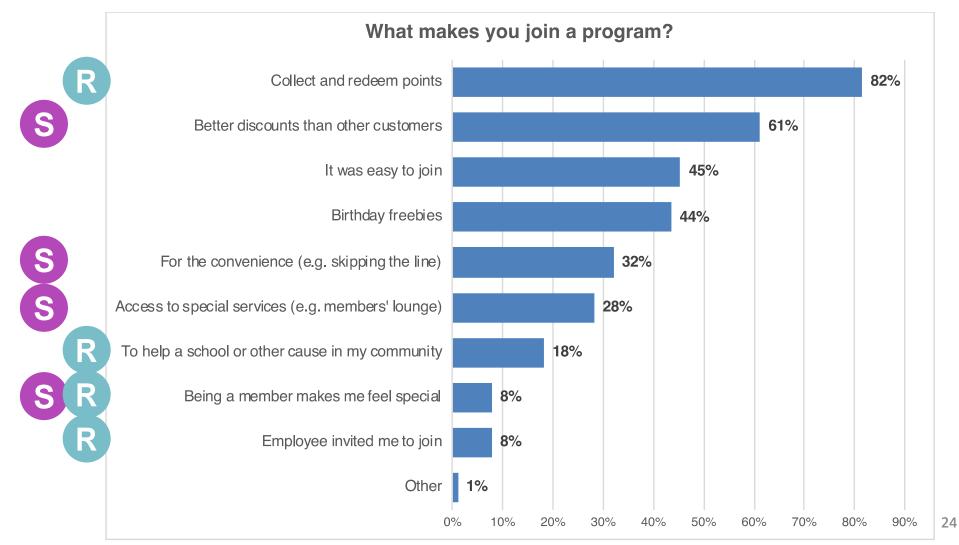








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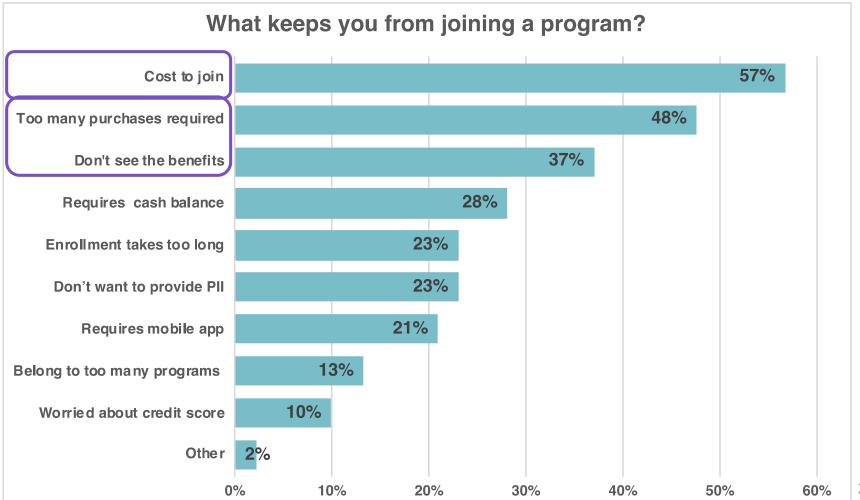




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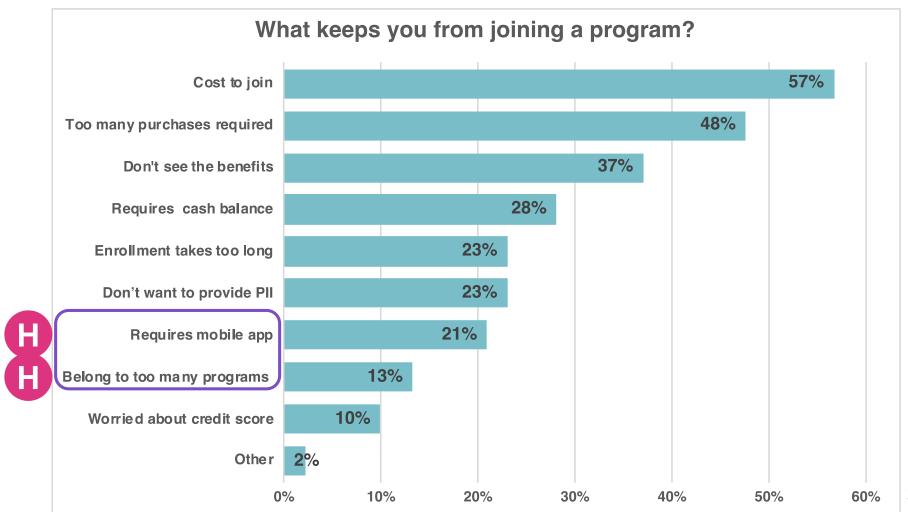
Cost to Join is #1

To justify a fee, pay attention to #2 and #3





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# When surprise may not become delight

A **GOOD** experience with a loyalty program can increase my feeling of commitment to a company.



A **BAD** experience with a loyalty program has reduced my feeling of commitment to a company.



Good experiences are important for customers motivated by **STATUS** & **RECIPROCITY** 

Avoid anything out of the usual for customers motivated by **HABIT**.

# CASE STUDY: AMAZON GO

HOW TO GET CUSTOMERS

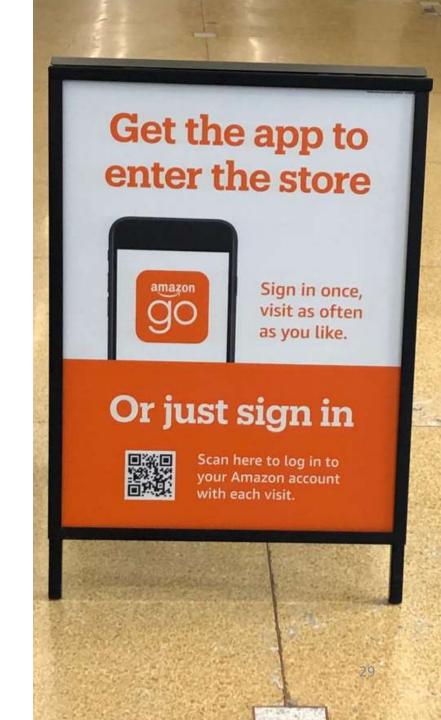
MOTIVATED BY HABIT

THROUGH THE LEARNING CURVE





# LITERAL BARRIER TO ENTRY





How to get HABIT motivated customers through the learning curve

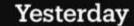
# Employees can make a difference





# Once **HABIT** established

Your trip time was 22s



Your trip time was 22s

1:05 PM 2 ITEMS



Fujisan Poke Salad, 7 Oz

\$5.99



Ham + Brie Sandwich, 8.67 oz

\$6.99

Subtotal \$12.98

Sales tax \$0.29

Total (Visa \*6415) \$13.27

#### THANKS FOR SHOPPING, KATE!

Amazon Go | W Adams & S Clark 144 S Clark St Ste 100, Chicago, IL 60603-4010

Contact us about this trip

Order #113-6186371-8921818

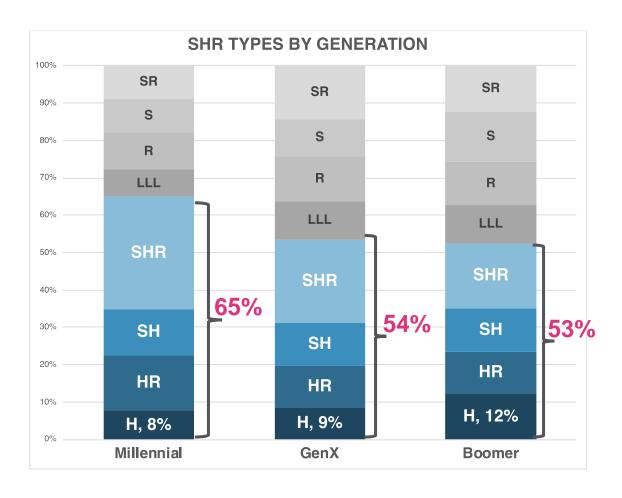
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Learn more about refunds



# Can you leverage STATUS or RECIPROCITY

to get customers to adapt and adopt?



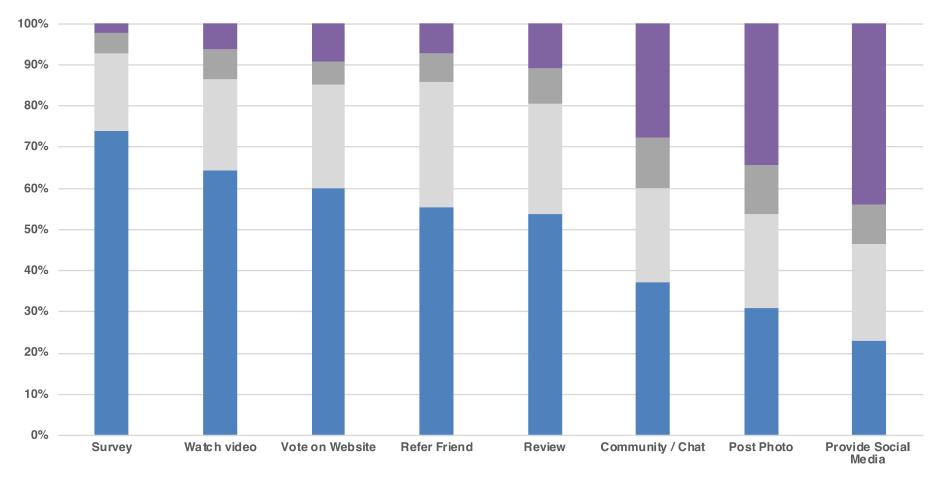


### Adopting new behaviors.

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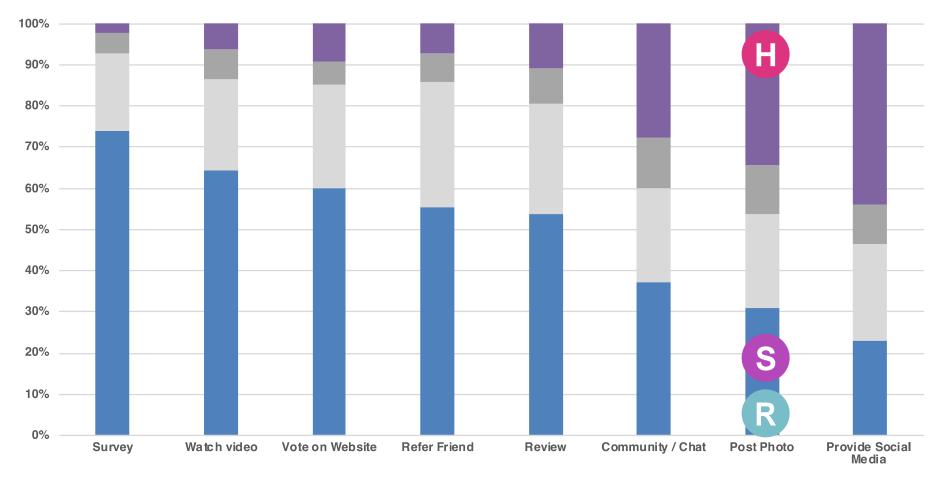


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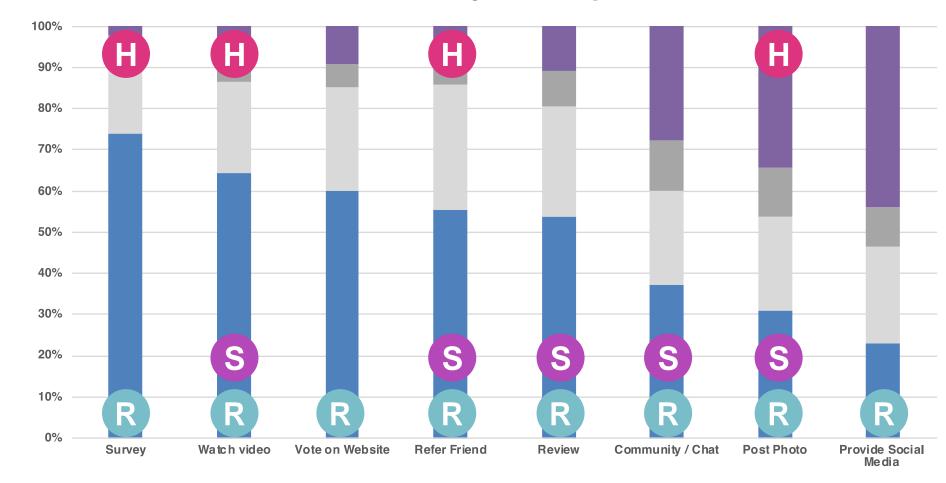


# RECIPROCITY motivated customers like being compensated for engagement

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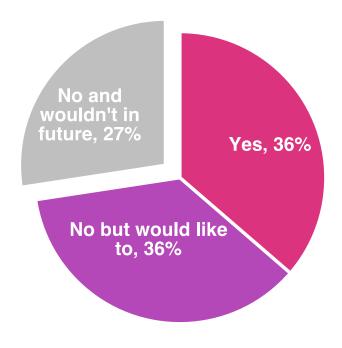


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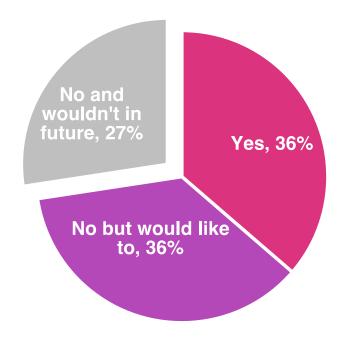
STATUS, HABIT, RECIPROCITY?



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**AGE? GENDER?** 



Millennials more likely
Men more likely

Are men *really* more likely to give their rewards to others?





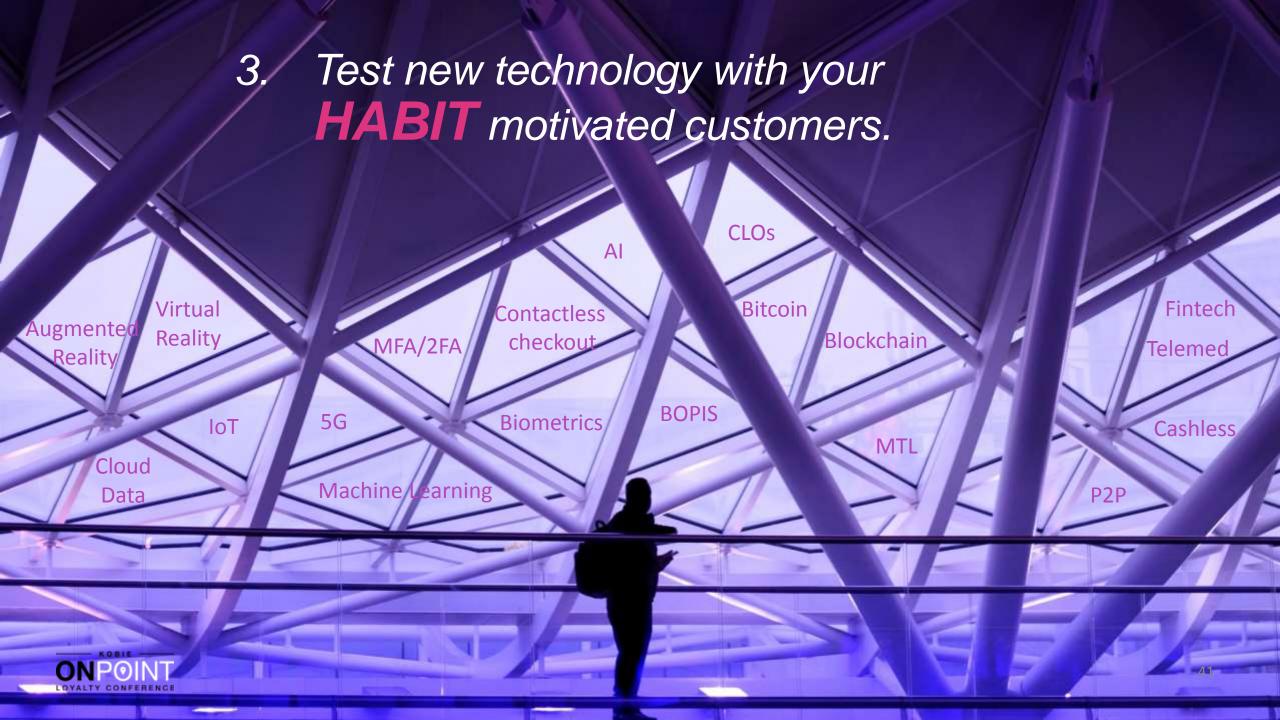
# KEY TAKEAWAYS:

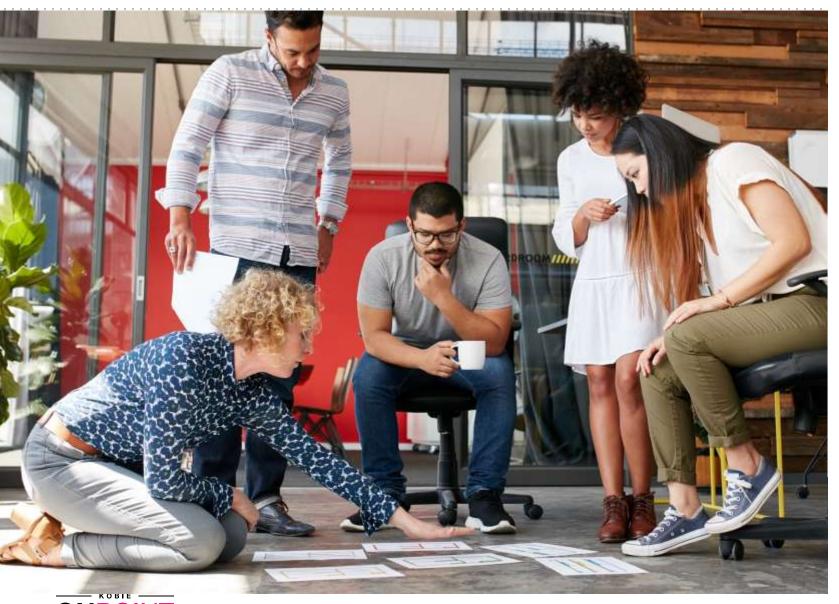
1. Knowing what MOTIVATES your customers can help you ENGAGE your customers during times of transition...and transitions take time.

2. Make it EASY and
FAMILIAR for your
HABIT motivated
customers and you'll make
it easy for
ALL customers.









4. Leverage STATUS
and RECIPROCITY
in communications
and benefits to help
customers get
through the
learning curve.

5. Your employees can help you make a HUMAN CONNECTION that builds lasting emotional loyalty.











