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HELLO, MY NAME IS . . .



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PREFACE

Hello, and welcome to Hunt, Mello, and Deitz's *Marketing* 3e. Students, particularly non-marketing majors, want to know, "Why does this course matter to me?" We designed our product to emphasize the universal importance of marketing . . . because everyone is a marketer.

We designed this product with an emphasis on student engagement and relevance, a focus embodied in these four key benefits:

- A career focus, to help students understand how marketing will support whatever career path they choose and how to develop their own *personal brand*.
- **Integration of key topics** that are part of the daily fabric of marketing–globalization, social media, ethics, and marketing analytics.
- Seamlessly integrated results-driven technology.
- The **right content** for a semester-long course.

Career Focus

The goal of higher education for most students, whatever their major, is to develop knowledge that can be put to use in productive careers. We've included features that focus on careers:

- Executive Perspective interviews illustrate the need for successful leaders in
 any organization to be effective marketers. These interviews represent a wide
 range of undergraduate majors, including finance, engineering, operations, and
 accounting.
- Today's Professional interviews highlight young marketing professionals who describe how developing their personal brand has helped advance their careers.
- Career Tips offer chapter-related ideas that can help students develop their own personal brand—a theme carried throughout.
- In the *Marketing Plan Exercise* threaded throughout, students apply the elements of a marketing plan in the context of *marketing themselves*. This project brings a marketing plan to life in a way that personally engages students.
- New *Marketing Insights* Podcast Series featuring content from the authors and executives profiles throughout the textbook.

Integration of Key Topics

Students won't find "Ethics Tuesdays," "Global Thursdays," or "Social Media Fridays" in their careers. Therefore, we chose to integrate the key topics of *ethics, globalization, social media,* and *marketing analytics* into chapter discussions where relevant. Integration of these four key topics efficiently delivers a fully rounded, three-dimensional view of each chapter topic, to help ensure that students are gaining sufficient knowledge and skills in these essential aspects of marketing.

Results-Driven Technology

This product is "digital-first," built from the ground up to integrate digital content seamlessly. We wrote the narrative and the digital content simultaneously, dovetailing print and digital delivery in McGraw-Hill's *results-driven technology* platform. The first edition leads the market with digital activations delivered via our adaptive eBook, *Smartbook*. In the third edition, we've added new exercises, videos, and video cases,



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further enhancing the digital integration. The close linkage of chapter content and *Connect* assignments allows students to practice how to use classroom content to inform marketing decisions.

The Right Content

We designed our chapters to include the most valuable content for a Principles of Marketing course. Chapters are direct, concise, and approachable in length. We don't overburden students (or instructors) with content that is more appropriate in advanced marketing courses. The chapters allow a bit of classroom "breathing time" for the discussions and activities that bring marketing alive for you and your students.

In the third edition, we've changed the order of several chapters, moving "Personal Selling" and "Branding" to earlier in the textbook. McGraw-Hill Create enables you to arrange chapters in any sequence and any number to best fit the goals and organization of your course.

In addition, we've used market feedback to revise the existing chapters, as outlined in the section Chapter-by-Chapter Changes in the Third Edition. Content changes in the third edition add increased depth or breadth—more rigor where requested or fresh coverage of emerging areas of importance to marketing theory and practice. As a learning sciences company, McGraw-Hill Education uses data from both students and instructors to inform revisions to both print and digital content.

"Because Everyone Is a Marketer . . ."

Our goal is to build the best-possible principles of marketing product—one that captures the importance of marketing in a way that is relevant and adaptable to today's business students. Understanding and utilizing marketing to improve for-profit businesses, nonprofit organizations, and students' career prospects are critical educational activities. These activities are relevant to *any student*, regardless of his or her area of focus. We have worked to produce an integrated print and digital experience that will inspire students to explore and apply the marketing experiences they need in order to leave your course prepared for future coursework and for careers.

It is our sincere hope that *Marketing* 3e will engage your students and demonstrate the universal importance of marketing . . . *because everyone is a marketer!*

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CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER CHANGES IN THE THIRD EDITION

The third edition's revisions are driven by feedback from instructors and students.

Overall

- The "Personal Selling" chapter is now Chapter 9, immediately following Chapter 8, "Promotional Strategies."
- New Marketing Insights Podcast Links in every chapter featuring the textbook authors and several of the executives profiled.
- New examples highlighting the role of marketing in a rapidly changing world.
- Four NEW video cases featuring dynamic organizations: National Park Service, Hershey, State Farm, and Dell.

Chapter 1: Why Marketing Matters to You

- New examples and discussion on the impact of social media on modern marketing.
- Replaced Figure 1.1, showing percentage of U.S. adults who use each social networking site and percentage of U.S. adults who get news from each social networking site.
- Updated product examples, including Kay Jewelers' marketing efforts supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
- Updated global business/trade statistics.
- New Executive Perspective profile.
- New Today's Professional profile.

Chapter 2: Strategic Planning

- New Executive Perspective profile.
- New ethical challenge focused on legalized sports gambling.
- Expanded/updated McDonald's example in internal and external considerations of the SWOT analysis.
- Updated data throughout the chapter including new presentation of auto manufacturers' market share (Figure 2.6).
- New examples, including Disney's diversification strategy.
- New Today's Professional profile.

Chapter 3: The Global Environment

- Updated Figure 3.2 showing changes in average U.S. household income over time
- New discussion on the marketing impact of Brexit.
- Updated Figure 3.5 showing U.S. unemployment rate by education level.
- · New discussion on marketing to Gen Zers.
- New Today's Professional profile.
- New examples, including Amazon's lobbying efforts and pharmaceutical lobbying.











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Chapter 4: Consumer Behavior

- New discussion of how marketers are using Instagram, Pinterest, and other social media platforms to empower consumer information search.
- Revised section on individual influences on consumer decision making, including introduction of the O-C-E-A-N personality model.
- New examples throughout the chapter, including Ford's use of social media
 influencers in building awareness for its new subcompact Fiesta line and Toyota's
 "Start Your Impossible" campaign that highlighted real-life mobility stories of
 Olympic and Paralympic athletes.
- New Today's Professional profile.

Chapter 5: Marketing Research

- Bulleted Improved international marketing research section, including new content on challenges that are specific to international marketing research.
- Updated section on automated facial coding in Neuromarketing section.
- New discussion on the Marketing Research Association's (MRA) updated Code of Marketing Research Standards.

Chapter 6: Product Development

- Brand-new section on "design thinking" to the idea generation stage of NPD.
- New discussion on "crowdsourcing" in the idea screening stage of NPD.
- New examples and discussion of services, differentiating them from products, and why this is important to the subject of NPD.
- New Today's Professional profile.

Chapter 7: Segmentation, Targeting, and Positioning

- Updated Table 7.1, 10 largest U.S. metropolitan areas.
- New Executive Perspective profile.
- Expanded discussion of target market analytics.
- New examples, including how Elmer's Glue is marketing to the growing number of consumers who enjoy making slime.

Chapter 8: Promotional Strategies

- New Executive Perspective profile.
- Expanded coverage of changes in advertising.
- Updated Figure 8.2 showing the percentage share of global advertising expenditure by medium.
- New Today's Professional profile.
- New examples throughout, including the impact of Instagram on organizations promotional strategies.

Chapter 9: Personal Selling

- Updated content on sales technology and social selling, including a new feature on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in sales.
- Introduced Sales and Marketing Executives International (SMEI) code of ethical sales conduct.
- Formerly Chapter 12.











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- Added a new section on sales force strategy, design, and evaluation.
- New Today's Professional profile.

Chapter 10: Supply Chain and Logistics Management

- New discussion of the role of information technology in enabling supply chain processes.
- New examples and expanded content on the concept of "omnichannels" in the discussion of channels of distribution options for companies.
- Increased emphasis on the learning objectives of this chapter being tied into meeting customer needs.
- New Today's Professional profile.
- Formerly Chapter 9.

Chapter 11: Pricing

- New Today's Professional profile.
- New discussion of *shrinkflation*, which is the process of items shrinking in size or quantity while their prices remain the same or increase.
- Expanded discussion on the marketing impact of recent tariffs.
- New examples, including a discussion of Coke's introduction and pricing of 8.5ounce bottles.
- Formerly Chapter 10.

Chapter 12: Retailing

- New and improved section on twenty-first-century retailing, with new content and
 examples of retail technology, including retail applications of technology such as
 artificial intelligence (AI), voice-activated search, geofencing, and VR/AR.
- Expanded section introducing students to career opportunities in retail management.
- A more streamlined discussion of physical-store retailer types with key examples.
- Extensive new discussion of Amazon's strategy in the online retail section.
- Formerly Chapter 11.

Chapter 13: Digital and Social Media Marketing

- Digital and social media marketing practices are fast-paced and constantly changing. We've updated content and examples throughout the chapter.
- New and improved social media marketing section, with special features on how
 managers at LEGO and Blenders Eyewear are utilizing social media marketing as
 a key element to their marketing strategies.
- A brand-new section on ethical issues and best practices for digital/social media marketing.
- New Executive Perspective profile.

Chapter 14: Branding

- Was Chapter 15 in second edition.
- New Executive Perspective profile featuring a brand manager.
- Expanded discussion of the role of social media in branding.











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- Added discussion on UTM Parameters and Hootsuite Impact as social media monitoring tools.
- Updated Table 14.2, the top-10 most valuable global brands, and Table 14.3, the most valuable nonprofit brands.
- New Today's Professional profile.

Chapter 15: Customer Relationship Management

- Brand-new section on the GAP Model and its use in addressing customer needs.
- New discussion on the concept of Net Promoter Score as a method of gauging how effectively a company is in providing customer satisfaction.
- New Today's Professional profile.

Chapter 16: Social Responsibility and Sustainability

- New discussion on ethical and marketing challenges surrounding the Volkswagen emissions scandal.
- New Today's Professional profile.
- Expanded discussion of sustainable tourism.
- New examples, including Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, which requires that all the operators of its shore excursions be certified to meet sustainability targets.











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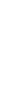
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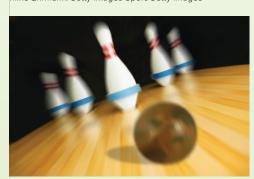
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Chapter 1

Why Marketing Matters to You

At the beginning of each chapter, you'll see a list of learning objectives that identify the key topics you need to master. You can also use the list as an outline for taking notes as you read through the chapter.

Learning Objectives

After reading this chapter, you should be able to

- LO 1-1 Describe a marketer's role in creating, communicating, and delivering value.
- LO 1-2 Differentiate among the various eras in the history of marketing.
- LO 1-3 Distinguish between consumer needs and consumer wants.
- LO 1-4 Explain the four elements in the marketing mix.
- LO 1-5 Discuss the importance of globalization in the field of marketing.
- LO 1-6 Explain the role of analytics in marketing.
- LO 1-7 Demonstrate the relationship between ethical business practices and marketplace success.
- LO 1-8 Analyze the functions of marketing beyond the for-profit firm.



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Each chapter opens with an executive's perspective on his or her organization. The executives come from backgrounds outside of marketing, and their perspectives illustrate the need for successful leaders in any organization to be effective marketers.

Executive Perspective . . . because everyone is a marketer

April Slayton majored in journalism where she learned a lot about identifying and speaking to different audiences. She worked for the American Veterinary Medical Association and the USDA before going to work for the National Park Service. Public service is April's passion and she knew in high school that she wanted to work in government and to demonstrate how government can be a positive part of people's lives. Working for the National Park Service allows April to do that every day.

At the National Park Service, Slayton serves as the National Park Service's top strategic communications executive and is responsible for planning, directing, and executing national campaigns to convey information about NPS programs, research, and activities.

What has been the most important thing in making you successful at your job?

Understanding the overlapping audiences at play with every message I create is the single most critical building block for almost everything I do. Whether I'm creating a strategic communications plan, responding to a crisis, or just trying to get buy-in for an idea or project, I'm always looking for unique approaches that will appeal to the people I need to influence or engage around a given issue.

What advice would you give soon-to-be graduates?

Take advantage of every learning opportunity that comes your way. Even if it won't connect you to your dream job, be open to possibilities that present themselves. You are likely learn things that will help you along the way and position you to discover new opportunities that could take your career in exciting and unexpected directions.

Early in my career, I raised my hand to help staff the office during the holiday season. It happened that a communications crisis developed, and because I was on call, I got the opportunity to sit with senior leadership during the process of developing policy and public communications around a complex issue that every media outlet across the country was covering. I worked with media outlets that

April Slayton Communications Director

National Park Service



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usually spoke only to our head of communications, and I experienced crisis communications happening in real time. When you're in the right place at the right time, especially if you have the right attitude, amazing opportunities present themselves.

How is marketing relevant to your role at the National Park Service?

The National Park Service is one of the few government organizations responsible for helping people have fun as part of its primary mission. When you enter Yellowstone National Park, the iconic Roosevelt Arch reminds visitors that parks were created "For the Benefit and Enjoyment of the People." As we connect Americans to their national parks through our communications efforts, this concept of parks for the people guides everything that my team does.

The linchpin of the National Park Service's marketing approach and messaging honors the deep traditions of the National Park Service, while pursuing a modern communications approach that invites younger generations to make their own connections to national parks.

What do you consider your personal brand to be?

Positive when possible, humorous when appropriate, and team oriented always.

One of my colleagues pointed out the other day that while they appreciate my skills, particularly in moments of crisis, they want me at the table when there are tough issues to tackle because of the positive energy and outside-the-box thinking that I bring to situations. That is a reputation I've worked hard to build and maintain throughout my career.

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LO 1-1

Describe a marketer's role in creating, communicating, and delivering value.

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The activity, set of institutions, and processes for creating, communicating, delivering, and exchanging offerings that have value for customers, clients, partners, and society at large.

customer value

The perceived benefits, both monetary and nonmonetary, that a customer receives from a product compared with the cost of obtaining it.

THE VALUE OF MARKETING

Welcome to marketing. Wherever your life and career take you after this course, you can be assured that knowing how to implement marketing principles will be an important part of your professional success.

In fact, if you've ever had a job in retail sales or customer service, there is a good chance you have already used marketing principles. **Marketing** is the activity, set of institutions, and processes for creating, communicating, delivering, and exchanging offerings that have value for customers, clients, partners, and society at large. Marketers manage customer relationships in ways that benefit the organization and its employees, its customers, its investors, and society as a whole. This is a fairly lengthy definition, and it is important to understand three main components—creating, communicating, and delivering value—before we proceed.

Creating Value

Organizations today are constantly looking for new ways to create value for customers. This is true whether we are talking about a consumer product such as the Apple Watch, social networking applications like Instagram, or educational software like the McGraw-Hill Connect package that accompanies this text. Customer value refers to the perceived benefits, both monetary and nonmonetary, that customers receive from a product, compared with the cost associated with obtaining the product. Examples of perceived benefits might be making customers safer (ADT home security), saving them money (GEICO), or making their lives easier (Samsung Galaxy smartphone). If the benefit of the product or service equals or exceeds its cost, the organization has created value.

The key ingredient for creating value is providing consumers with benefits that meet their needs and wants. Merely creating a new product does not guarantee success. Over



Apple can charge higher prices than its competitors without fear of losing sales because of the value customers place on Apple products. Canadapanda/Shutterstock





80 percent of all new products fail, a percentage that remains consistent in both good and bad economic conditions. To create value, a new good, service, or idea must satisfy a perceived marketplace demand. Understanding marketplace demands before competitors do is one of the secrets of great marketing.

In later chapters, we will explore specific strategies that support the effort of value creation. These strategies include analysis of the market environment, effective marketing research, and an understanding of customer behavior. Once a company has created a valuable product, it must communicate that value to potential customers.

Communicating Value

Business history is littered with failed companies that had a valuable offering but failed to get that message out to potential customers. For example, there may be a restaurant in the city where you live that serves great food; however, if the restaurant doesn't market itself well, you may never even know it exists. A firm must communicate not only what its product is but what value that product brings to potential customers. A new Subway restaurant near your college campus, for example, might use online advertisements to communicate its convenient location, healthy alternatives, and monthly student specials.

Communicating value also will be critical for you on a personal level as you begin looking for a job after you graduate. Imagine a human resource manager looking at a stack of 400 resumes, all from applicants with a college degree similar to yours. If your resume looks like every other resume in the stack, odds are your value will not be communicated. Countless job applicants who do not understand this fundamental point wonder why they do not get the interviews and opportunities that others, who are better at marketing themselves, do get.



Many of the most successful firms in the world, including Coca-Cola, Walmart, and UPS, excel at managing their supply chains efficiently and have made delivering value a competitive advantage in their industries. *Justin Sullivan/Getty Images News/Getty Images*

This book will help you learn to communicate your professional value. It includes various features, like the Career Tips section at the end of each chapter, that will help you learn to market yourself. In this chapter, the Career Tips feature focuses on moving your resume out of the stack and getting you into an interview. Once you've landed a job, delivering on the value you communicated will be key, not only to keeping your job but also to moving up in your organization. In the same way, to be successful, firms must deliver on the value of the goods, services, and ideas they offer.

Delivering Value

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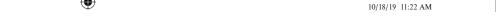
Isn't it remarkable to think that you can buy Diet Coke at a grocery store in Chicago, a mall in San Francisco, a restaurant in Miami, a gas station in rural Arkansas, and practically everywhere in between? Millions of people throughout the world buy and enjoy Diet Coke. That phenomenon is made possible by Coca-Cola's ability to deliver its product to countless places. Coca-Cola's *supply chain* is critical in delivering value.

A firm's **supply chain** is a set of multiple companies directly linked by one or more of the upstream and downstream flows of products, services, finances, and information

supply chain

The linked set of companies that perform or support the delivery of a company's products to customers. More formally, "a set of three or more companies directly linked by one or more of the upstream and downstream flows of products, services, finances, and information from a source to a customer" (from J. T. Mentzer, Supply Chain Management, p. 14).





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logistics

That part of supply chain management that plans, implements, and controls the flow of goods, services, and information between the point of origin and the final customer.

LO 1-2

Differentiate among the various eras in the history of marketing.

production orientation

A marketing strategy in which the firm focused on efficient processes and production to create quality products and reduce unit costs. from a source to a customer.² Members of the supply chain can include manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, transportation companies, and other groups, depending on the specific industry. The part of supply chain management that plans, implements, and controls the flow of goods, services, and information between the point of origin and the final customer is called **logistics**. We will examine the challenges and strategies associated with logistics and supply chain management in a later chapter.

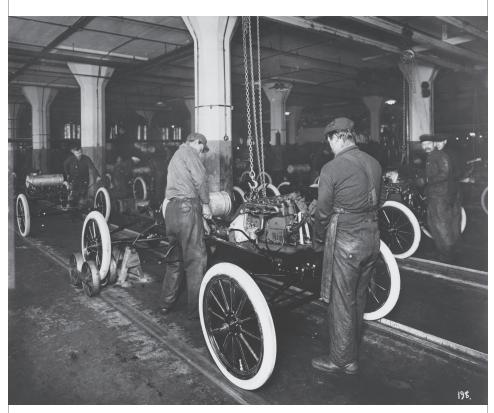
HISTORY OF MARKETING

Before we consider modern marketing, let's pause briefly to see how marketing has evolved to its current state.

Production Orientation

Prior to the 1920s, most firms in the United States and the rest of the developed world had a **production orientation**: They focused on efficient processes and production in order to create quality products and reduce unit costs. Firms with a production orientation believed that quality products would simply sell themselves. The production orientation is summarized in the old saying, "Build a better mousetrap, and the world will beat a path to your door."

In the mid-1920s, the growth in production outpaced consumer demand. To sell what they were able to produce, companies needed new strategies. In an effort to increase demand, firms sought to develop effective sales forces that could find customers for their growing production capacity.



Henry Ford's production line innovation and success manufacturing the Model A automobile represents the production-orientation era, during which firms believed that quality products would sell themselves. Omikron/Photo Researchers/Getty Images







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Sales Orientation

As the size and impact of sales forces grew, many firms shifted to a sales orientation: They used personal selling and advertising to persuade consumers to buy new products and more of existing products. This strategy was especially important during the Great Depression: Consumers had little money, so firms competed intensely for customers' dollars. Firms such as Ford could no longer sell all of their products, even though mass production had reduced manufacturing costs. Ford increasingly had to rely on personal selling and advertising to get consumers to buy its products instead of the products of competitors such as General Motors. The sales-orientation era continued until the end of World War II.

Marketing Concept

After two decades of economic depression and world war, the U.S. entered an era of expansion beginning in the early 1950s. Demand for goods and services increased significantly. Products that had been in limited supply during the war flooded the market, forcing firms to develop new strategies to compete. As a result, a strategy focused on the consumer began to emerge. That strategy, the marketing concept, is the idea that a firm's long-term success must include a companywide effort to satisfy customer needs.

The marketing concept is characterized by a customer orientation, which stresses the idea that everyone in a firm should assess, then satisfy, a consumer's needs. Walmart's focus on customer satisfaction is an example of the marketing concept in action: Employees in every department are expected to meet customer needs: the cashier checking out customers, the logistics department holding down costs, and a customer service representative handling product returns. The customer orientation has helped Walmart succeed in a competitive environment, even though very few of the products it sells are unique to its stores. Rather than offering unique products, Walmart has focused on satisfying consumers' desire for lower prices, friendly service, and convenience.

The marketing concept continues to evolve. Technology now enables marketers to tailor offerings in a way that has never before been possible. Dell provides a historical example: It became a market leader in the 1990s by allowing individual consumers to customize computers to purchase exactly what they wanted. Customers now have come to like and look for options to customize.

Organizations today also focus on establishing relationships with customers. Relationship marketing, a strategy that focuses on attracting, maintaining, and enhancing customer relationships,³ is of primary importance for today's most successful firms. Amazon, the largest e-retailer in the United States, uses technology and large amounts of data to develop a relationship with its customers. It provides personalized product recommendations and multiple delivery options to meet the individual needs of customers. This type of custom outreach helps marketers sell products. More importantly, it also helps the firm develop relationships with the customers who are most likely to buy its products.

The Future of Marketing

More exciting than the history of marketing is thinking about how marketing will develop in the years ahead. As technology and other changes affect the business world, firms will need to explore new models that address what customers want and how they prefer to receive information. For example, consider how these data might affect the way firms reach customers:

- By 2018, the number of Americans who pay for television service through cable or satellite had declined by over 5 million since 2012.⁴
- At the same time, the number of Americans using the Internet or online streaming services such as Netflix and Hulu reached an all-time high.

sales orientation

A marketing strategy in which personal selling and advertising are used to persuade consumers to buy new products and more of existing products.

marketing concept

The idea that a firm's longterm success must include a companywide effort to satisfy customer needs and wants.

relationship marketing

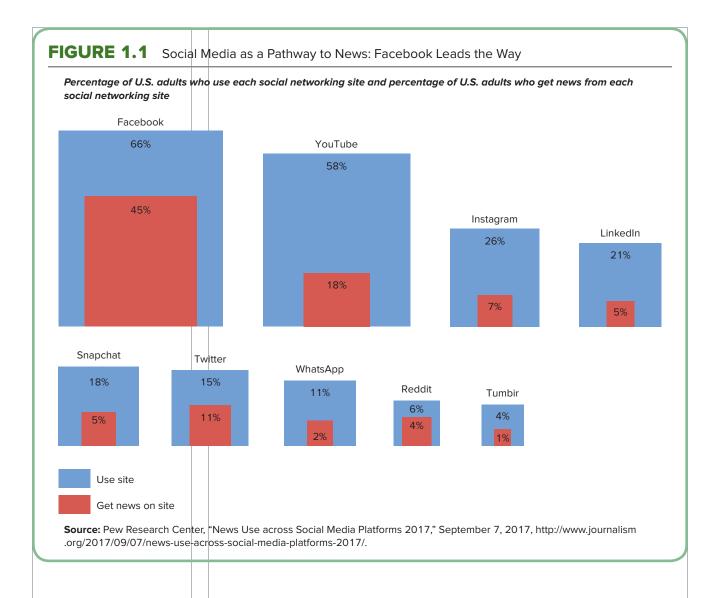
A marketing strategy that focuses on attracting, maintaining, and enhancing customer relationships.











exchange

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An activity that occurs when a buyer and seller trade things of value so that each is better off as a result.

LO 1-3

Distinguish between consumer needs and consumer wants.

- Newspaper circulation has decreased significantly over the past decade.
- The amount of news consumers get through social media platforms is at an alltime high. Products like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are changing how firms interact with customers.

Figure 1.1 details the number of adults who now get daily news from social media sites. In the coming years, marketers will no longer automatically think of television, newspaper, or magazine advertising as the first choice for reaching customers.

Regardless of how marketing evolves in the years ahead, remember that the basic goal of marketing—to create, communicate, and deliver value—doesn't change. To achieve this goal, marketers must use all the tools and strategies at their disposal to satisfy the needs and wants of customers.

NEEDS VERSUS WANTS

Marketers create value for customers when they develop products that allow consumers to satisfy their needs and wants through exchange relationships. **Exchange** happens when a buyer and seller trade things of value, so that each is better off as a result.





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For example, Microsoft initiates its part of the exchange by *creating* a product like the Xbox game console. It then *communicates* the value and enjoyment of owning an Xbox through television ads and online content. Finally, it *delivers* the Xbox consoles to retailers like Best Buy and Amazon, from whom consumers can purchase them. Consumers complete their side of the exchange by providing the money necessary to purchase the Xbox. In addition to the financial exchange that has taken place, consumers have also likely exchanged information, such as their e-mail address or phone number.

Perhaps the most basic concept in marketing is the difference between consumer needs and wants. **Needs** are states of felt deprivation. Consumers feel deprivation when they lack something useful or desirable like food, clothing, shelter, transportation, or safety. Notice that marketers do not *create* needs; needs are a basic part of our human makeup. Regardless of whether you ever view an ad, talk to a salesperson, or receive an e-mail from an online retailer, you still need food, water, shelter, and transportation.

Marketing's role is to match your need with a want. Wants are the form that human needs take as they are shaped by personality, culture, and buying situation. Marketers seek to turn your need for food into a want or desire for, say, an In-n-Out hamburger or a salad from Panera. Likewise, consumers need shelter. Marketers work to turn that need into a want, perhaps for an apartment on a bus route near campus or a condo where someone else takes care of the yard.

Wants are influenced by numerous things, including a consumer's family, job, and background. For example, a college student might want a shirt from a specific store or shoes that reflect his personality and make him feel good about how he looks. The wants of that student may well differ from those of the person who sits next to him in class, if they have different backgrounds and interests.

Satisfying needs and wants can prove challenging for firms that do not fully appreciate the difference between the two. Distinguishing between needs and wants affects the way firms market their products to customers.

Distinguishing Needs from Wants

The distinction between needs and wants is not always black and white. For example, people need transportation to go to work, or to attend school, or to pick up their children. Consumers can meet their *need* for transportation in many ways—by driving a car, riding a bike, or taking a bus or some other form of mass transit. A luxury-car marketer bets on the fact that you *want* to fulfill your need for transportation to work by sitting on heated seats while listening to satellite radio.

The better a firm understands the difference between customers' needs and wants, the more effectively it can target its message to convince customers to buy its good or service. The marketer seeks to convince customers that the firm's offering will meet their needs and wants better than any competing good or service.

The Ethical Implications of Needs versus Wants

To avoid potential problems for the firm, and sometimes for society as a whole, evaluating customer needs and wants must be done through an ethical framework.

For example: The global economic recession that began in December 2007 was, in part, the result of a housing crisis in which the United States experienced the largest increase in home foreclosures and drop in home prices

needs

States of felt deprivation.
Consumers feel that deprivation when they lack something useful or desirable like food, clothing, shelter, transportation, or safety.

wants

The form that human needs take as they are shaped by personality, culture, and buying situation.



Most people need transportation of one kind or another; it's marketing's job to satisfy that need in a way that also meets the customer's wants, perhaps for a luxury car. Don Mason/Getty Images







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in over half a century. The housing crisis was triggered by marketers who took consumers basic *need* for a house and encouraged their *want* to buy a house that was more than they could afford. At the time, the exchange appeared to be a win-win proposition: Consumers got the house of their dreams, and the firms that sold, financed, and securitized the real estate made hefty profits for years.

Ultimately, however, this strategy led to billions of dollars in financial losses and millions of lost jobs. Marketers were using several of the sound marketing approaches we will discuss throughout this book. However, the problem stemmed from the fact that many were doing so in an unethical manner, such as ignoring the level of income needed to support the cost of the house. Later in this chapter, you will read about an ethical decision-making framework that you can use as you develop your marketing knowledge.

First, though, we'll discuss the four basic elements that make up the *marketing mix*, a concept that provides a foundation for much of modern marketing.

LO 1-4

Explain the four elements in the marketing mix.

marketing mix

A combination of activities that represent everything a firm can do to influence demand for its good, service, or idea; often referred to as the four Ps of marketing (product, price, place, and promotion).

THE MARKETING MIX: THE FOUR PS

One thing most business graduates remember from their first marketing class is the "four Ps"—product, price, place (distribution), and promotion—more formally known as the *marketing mix*. The **marketing mix** represents everything that a firm can do to influence demand for its good, service, or idea. The four Ps of the marketing mix provide marketers with the tools to increase customer awareness, sales, and profitability.

Successful marketing managers can make strategic decisions focusing on a specific element of the marketing mix, such as discounting prices or changing the product's packaging, to gain advantages over competitors and achieve long-term success. Figure 1.2 highlights some of the strategic decisions that can affect each of the marketing-mix elements. To develop such strategies, you must first understand each element in more detail.







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Product

The discussion of marketing mix typically begins with the product. Without the product, a firm has few, if any, decisions to make about price, place, or promotion. **Product** is a specific combination of goods, services, or ideas that a firm offers to consumers.

Consider a good like the Chevrolet Camaro. The Camaro product consists of an engine, tires, seats, transmission, and other parts. Beyond this, a new Camaro also comes with a warranty and service guarantee. Those features, while not physical attributes like an engine, make up part of the car's basic product offering. In addition, the design of the car, the Chevy name, and features like satellite radio or the navigation system are all part of the product offering. Finally, consumers buy cars not just for the benefit of getting from place to place (the *need* for transportation) but also for what cars represent, for example, status, freedom, and youth (the *want*). All of these tangible and intangible characteristics are components of the Camaro product.

In addition to goods such as automobiles, products can also take the form of services or ideas. Examples of services are those provided by an attorney or electrician or piano teacher. Ideas might be those offered by a management consultant or an architect. We will discuss product types in greater detail in Chapter 6 on product development.

Price

Price is the amount of something—money, time, or effort—that a buyer exchanges with a seller to obtain a product. Setting a price is one of the most important strategic decisions a firm faces, because it relates to the value consumers place on the product.

How many firms can you think of that are affected by the price they charge for their products? Your list could include nearly every firm you know! Pricing's power is a result of the signal it can send about product quality. If we put three jars of peanut butter in front of you with no labels except price tags of \$1, \$5, and \$10, which jar would you say is of the highest quality? Without tasting the product, you might say the \$10 jar, simply because of the higher price.

In addition, pricing is typically the easiest marketing-mix element to change. That fact makes price a powerful tool for firms looking to quickly adjust their market share or revenue. *Revenue* is the amount earned from selling products to customers. It is a function of the price of a product multiplied by the number of units sold.

If the firm sets the price too high, it will sell fewer units, thus reducing revenue. If the firm sets the price too low, it may sell more units, but it could see a reduction in overall revenue if the money earned from the additional units sold isn't enough to offset the lower price. Suppose you sell someone an NFL football game ticket for \$50, but find out later that the buyer would gladly have paid \$100. Yes, you sold the ticket, but you also lost \$50 of potential revenue.

We will discuss pricing and how pricing strategy is changing in Chapter 11 on pricing.

Place

Place is one of the most remarkable parts of marketing. Consider this: You can travel to some of the most remote towns in the world and find McDonald's products close by. This is possible because McDonald's focuses heavily on the place element of its marketing mix.

product

The specific combination of goods, services, or ideas that a firm offers to consumers.

price

The amount of something money, time, or effort—that a buyer exchanges with a seller to obtain a product.



Technology like smartphone barcode scanners makes pricing a complicated and influential component of the marketing mix because consumers can quickly compare prices from firm to firm and from store to store. javitrapero.com/Shutterstock







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place

As one of the "four Ps," includes the activities the firm undertakes to make its product available to potential customers. Also known as distribution.

promotion

All the activities that communicate the value of a product and persuade customers to buy it.

lcons throughout the chapter highlight social media—related content.

As you read, keep an eye out for tie-back features in which the executive profiled at the start of the chapter comments on how the chapter concepts relate to his or her professional experience.



Place includes the activities a firm undertakes to make its product available to potential consumers.

Companies must be able to distribute products to customers where they can buy and consume them without difficulty. Even if you have the right product at the right price, if customers cannot easily purchase the product, they will likely find a substitute. For example, let's say that a consumer in Oklahoma City loves Minute Maid Orange Juice, but due to distribution problems, the closest place she can buy it is Dallas, Texas, some 200 miles away. Chances are the consumer in Oklahoma City will begin drinking Tropicana or some other orange juice that's available closer to home. Minute Maid will have lost business because it couldn't deliver its product to its customer.

Place decisions relate to locations, transportation, logistics, and supply chain management. It's a broad and interesting topic, which we address in more detail in Chapter 10 on supply chain and logistics management.

Promotion

The promotion element of the marketing mix is what most people think of when asked what marketing is. **Promotion** is all the activities that communicate the value of a product and persuade customers to buy it. Promotion includes advertising, sales promotion, personal selling, and public relations. You've been on the receiving end of a promotional activity if you've ever:

- Seen television commercials for car insurance, restaurants, resorts, or thousands of other products (*advertising*).
- Used a coupon to purchase some product (*sales promotion*).
- Talked with a salesperson (personal selling).
- Attended an event sponsored by a company (public relations).

Executive Perspective... because everyone is a marketer

April SlaytonCommunications Director **National Park Service**

Photo provided by April Slayton

What is one of the most important marketing efforts at the National Park Service?

As an organization of more than 22,000 passionate employees and millions of visitors experiencing 400-plus park sites across the country, sometimes the most important marketing efforts I lead involve our own employees, volunteers, and partners. Engaging NPS staff and rangers across the country to create inspiring and exciting content that encourages new audiences to visit national parks isn't always easy, because time and resources are spread thin. My office tries to encourage park staff to participate in national messaging and efforts by connecting these opportunities back to the work they do every day, to inform and serve their visitors.

As is the case with every element of the marketing mix, successful promotion involves the firm's ability to integrate these activities in a way that maximizes the value of each. You have probably heard the saying "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts," perhaps said about a successful sports team. It means that the players might be good by themselves but are great when they work together as a team. The same can be said of a firm's successful promotional strategy: When well done, the whole strategy is better than the sum of its parts. It effectively integrates advertising, sales promotion, personal selling, and public relations to communicate a product's value to potential customers.

Recently, promotional activities have been undergoing a transformation. Today, firms of all sizes and from all industries can communicate quickly and directly with their customers using a variety of online and digital tools, such as smartphone apps and social media. The term social media refers to Internet-based applications that enable users to create their own content and share it with others who access the sites.

Firms that use social media for promotion try to create content that attracts attention and encourages readers to share the content with their social networks. In this way, a corporate message spreads from user to user. A company that uses social media hopes its message







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resonates with consumers because it appears to come from a trusted, third-party source, as opposed to the company itself.

Use of social media has become easily accessible to anyone with Internet access. Because the communication is driven by word of mouth, promotion through social media results in free, rather than paid, messages. As a result, social media serve as a relatively inexpensive platform for smaller firms and nonprofit organizations to implement promotional strategies.⁶

Marketers expect the use of social media to continue to explode in coming years. Those who understand and can use them in effective and creative ways will benefit. Because of the growing importance of social media in marketing, throughout this book we highlight coverage of topics related to social media, in various ways:

- Use of a marginal icon (see the large S icon above) to indicate a social media topic integrated in the running text.
- Application Exercises related to social media, like the one below.
- Social Media Application exercise at the end of each chapter.
- A separate, stand-alone chapter on social media.

connect Application Exercise **1-1**



Social Media in Action
The role of social media in marketing The role of social media in marketing entered a new phase in the last decade when Domino's Pizza began allowing customers to order using Twitter. Domino's became the first major restaurant chain to use Twitter as an ongoing way for customers to place an order. The company used social media to allow customers to order a pizza by simply tweeting the pizza emoji to @Dominos.

The move was part of Domino's marketing strategy for attracting young, busy consumers who are active on social media. Domino's marketers received a variety of free media following the announcement. As a result, the company developed a unique competitive advantage for its pizza products using social media.

The Social Media in Action Connect exercise in Chapter 1 asks you to choose how best to use social media to successfully market a fast-food product. By understanding the power of social media marketing, you will be able to apply using social media strategies to create buzz for your organization in the years ahead.

Source: See Bruce Horovitz, "Domino's to Roll out Tweet-a-Pizza," USA Today, May 14, 2015, http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2015/05/12/ dominos-pizza-tweet-a-pizza-twitter-tweet-to-order-fast-food-restaurants/27175005/

TRENDS AFFECTING MARKETING

The social media trend will increasingly influence how marketers promote their products to customers, but it isn't the only trend affecting modern marketing. Firms today must take a broader focus than they have in the past. While marketers want to expand their reach to international consumers, they face new challenges resulting from the global competition. Meanwhile, more and more consumers seek out firms that emphasize social responsibility and ethical practices

social media

nternet-based applications that enable users to create their own content and share it with others who access these sites

Social Media in Action eatures discuss how companies use social nedia to market heir products. The Application Exercise hat accompanies this feature, which is available in McGraw-Hill Connect, asks you to est use of social media n specific marketing cenarios







globalization, marketing analytics, and ethics. In each chapter, you will see how these trends affect core marketing principles.

LO 1-5

Discuss the importance of globalization in the field of marketing.

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Globalization affects almost every aspect of marketing. Icons within each chapter highlight discussions of the concepts in a global context.

Global Marketing

Modern marketers must not only create, communicate, and deliver value but also do so in a truly global marketplace. Global forces affect everything we do in marketing, from pricing to product development to supply chain management. For example, the devaluation of the Chinese currency in 2015 or the tariffs imposed by the United States in 2018 on Chinese goods had an impact on the price of products across the globe. Much of the growth in U.S. firms, ranging from Walmart to General Motors, comes from their expansion into international markets.

In the sections that follow, we'll discuss three additional trends affecting marketing:

Events of the past two decades have clearly illustrated how connected the global economy is. When the United States entered a significant recession starting in December 2007, manufacturing at Chinese plants of products targeted to American consumers declined significantly, increasing unemployment and slowing growth in China. Also, as the European Union dealt with a continent-wide banking crisis, U.S. firms saw their stock prices drop as investors feared possible exposure to the problems in Europe. More than at any time in history, businesses today are affected by developments across the globe. Consider these facts:

- 10.7 million jobs in the United States are supported by exports.⁹
- In 2017, total U.S. exports were worth more than \$2.32 trillion. 10
- The United States is the world's leading exporter of products ranging from medical instruments to refined petroleum and the leading importer of cars, computers, and smartphones.¹¹
- Exports account for over 12 percent of the total U.S. economy. 12

The Interconnected World The idea of *globalization*, the increasingly interconnected nature of the world economy, evokes different reactions from different people. International trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), relaxed trade restrictions between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. These agreements are viewed both positively and negatively, depending on an individual's circumstances.

For U.S. farmers who have been able to ship and sell their produce to Canada and Mexico, NAFTA has expanded their business and increased profits. Canada and Mexico have accounted for 37 percent of the total growth of U.S. agricultural exports since 1993. The share of total U.S. agricultural exports destined for Canada or Mexico grew from 22 percent at the time NAFTA was passed in 1993 to over 30 percent less than 15 years later.

However, in the view of employees from some manufacturing firms, NAFTA has made it easier for companies to move jobs to lower-wage areas on the continent, endangering local job prospects and threatening the existence of entire communities.

In 2018, the three countries reached agreement on the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA, which is a successor to NAFTA and makes several small changes to the original agreement in areas ranging from cars to dairy to dispute resolutions.¹⁴

The importance of globalization grows with each passing year. Marketers must develop a global vision by proactively recognizing and responding to international marketing opportunities.

Marketing on a Global Scale Less than 5 percent of the world's population lives in the United States. That fact leads marketers to seek ways to promote and sell their products to the billions of potential consumers living outside the United





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States. Global marketing is a marketing strategy that consciously addresses customers, markets, and competition throughout the world. 15

Coca-Cola is one of the most globally active companies. It sells over 3,500 different beverages in over 200 countries worldwide. Over 40 percent of the firm's sales come from international markets. Coca-Cola's marketers have developed products to meet the unique tastes of international customers. The firm actively promotes its **brand**—the name, term, symbol, design, or any combination of these that identifies and differentiates a firm's products—through advertising and social media. It also makes pricing decisions based on economic and competitive factors in each region of the world in which it does business. Coca-Cola is at the cutting edge of delivering its products to places where global customers can buy them, whether that means moving bottling operations to Turkey or coordinating deliveries to remote places in Africa.

Throughout this book, we will embed in text discussions many examples of firms doing global marketing. In addition, many chapters include a separate section on global marketing as it relates to the chapter topic. Both types of global coverage are identified by a globe icon in the margin.

Firms that want to market on a global scale must pay particular attention to whether the benefits exceed the costs. Marketing analytics is therefore emerging as another trend that will increasingly affect the practice of marketing in the coming years.



Coca-Cola has demonstrated a commitment to using each of the four Ps—product, price, place, and promotion—to drive global success. *Dave Moyer*

Marketing Analytics

Marketing analytics is the practice of measuring, managing, and analyzing market performance. Broadly, it is the processes and technologies that enable marketers to evaluate the success of marketing initiatives by measuring performance using business metrics. Marketing analytics are an essential tool for helping organizations make better decisions. Marketing analytics can be used for issues ranging from justifying how advertising dollars get spent to what to do with large amounts of consumer data that are now available.

global marketing

A marketing strategy that consciously addresses customers, markets, and competition throughout the world.

brand

The name, term, symbol, design, or any combination of these that identifies and differentiates a firm's products.

marketing analytics

The practice of measuring, managing, and analyzing market performance.



Companies are using business metrics and big data to help make marketing decisions. The "MA" icons in chapters identify text discussions relating to marketing analytics.

LO 1-6

Explain the role of analytics in marketing.







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Marketers can use analytics whether they are selling products, services, or ideas. During the 2016 presidential campaign, for example, candidates in both major political parties sought a marketing advantage using analytics. Analytics suggested that political strategists should seek out bargains when placing advertisements to promote their candidates, such as skipping *Sunday Night Football* and instead buying airtime during *Law & Order* reruns, which cost a quarter as much but still deliver large numbers of likely voters. ¹⁹ Whether in politics or business, marketers who do not use analytics are likely wasting resources: They either are not reaching people or are reaching people who will not be receptive to the message.

Business executives are facing rising pressure to be more data-driven, with marketing receiving particular scrutiny.²⁰ The percentage of marketing budgets allocated for marketing analytics is expected to almost double in the next three years. Because of the growing use of marketing analytics, we will present the most popular marketing analytics tools throughout the book, with opportunities for you to apply them in homework activities.

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Demonstrate the relationship between ethical business practices and marketplace success.

ethics

The moral standards expected by a society.

Ethics in Marketing

Like social media, globalization, and marketing analytics, ethical decision making should be a key component of a successful marketing approach. Ethics are moral standards expected by a society. Marketers should clearly understand the norms and values expected of them and act in a way that puts their company, their profession, and themselves in a positive, ethical light.

The American Marketing Association has published a thorough Code of Ethics, which marketers should read and adhere to. We encourage you to read the AMA Code of Ethics in Figure 1.3 and use it as a guide as you develop your marketing knowledge throughout this text.

The Impact of Ethics on Business The consequences of not adhering to an ethical code can be serious. In 2016, Wells Fargo employees secretly created millions of unauthorized bank and credit card accounts without their customers knowing it. The bank was hit with a \$185 million fine and thousands of Wells Fargo employees lost their jobs. ²¹ Ignoring ethical considerations has destroyed some of the largest companies in the world over the past 20 years:

- Enron (No. 18 on the Fortune 500 list of the world's largest corporations in 2000).
- Telecommunications giant WorldCom.
- Arthur Andersen (the largest accounting firm in the United States in 2000).
- AIG (the largest insurance company in the world in 2008).²²

Each of you, as a college graduate, will face a more challenging job market, partly because of unethical behavior by firms. For example, Arthur Andersen was a leading recruiter of college graduates throughout the 1990s, until a series of unethical decisions by a limited number of employees led to its demise. Now out of business, Arthur Andersen, WorldCom, Enron, Bear Stearns, and a host of other large firms that fell victim to ethical lapses and closed their doors have no jobs to offer college graduates. As you can see, unethical marketing practices harm customers, employees, and society as a whole.

Making ethical decisions not only makes good business sense, it can also generate profits, even during a recession. Figure 1.4 illustrates the relationship between ethical business practices and marketplace success. The WME Index measures the stock returns of all publicly traded World's Most Ethical Company honorees. Figure 1.4 compares the WME Index to the U.S. Large-Cap Index which offers a comprehensive view of equity returns in the United States. As you can see, firms that were identified as ethical outperformed the mix of companies included in the U.S. Large-Cap Index through different political, regulatory, and economic circumstances.







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FIGURE 1.3 American Marketing Association Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE

The American Marketing Association commits itself to promoting the highest standard of professional ethical norms and values for its members (practitioners, academics and students). Norms are established standards of conduct that are expected and maintained by society and/or professional organizations. Values represent the collective conception of what communities find desirable, important and morally proper. Values also serve as the criteria for evaluating our own personal actions and the actions of others. As marketers, we recognize that we not only serve our organizations but also act as stewards of society in creating, facilitating and executing the transactions that are part of the greater economy. In this role, marketers are expected to embrace the highest professional ethical norms and the ethical values implied by our responsibility toward multiple stakeholders (e.g., customers, employees, investors, peers, channel members, regulators and the host community).

ETHICAL NORMS

As Marketers, we must:

- 1. Do no harm. This means consciously avoiding harmful actions or omissions by embodying high ethical standards and adhering to all applicable laws and regulations in the choices we make.
- 2. Foster trust in the marketing system. This means striving for good faith and fair dealing so as to contribute toward the efficacy of the exchange process as well as avoiding deception in product design, pricing, communication, and delivery of distribution
- 3. Embrace ethical values. This means building relationships and enhancing consumer confidence in the integrity of marketing by affirming these core values: honesty, responsibility, fairness, respect, transparency and citizenship.

ETHICAL VALUES

Honesty—to be forthright in dealings with customers and stakeholders. To this end, we will:

- Strive to be truthful in all situations and at all times.
- Offer products of value that do what we claim in our communications.
- Stand behind our products if they fail to deliver their claimed benefits.
- Honor our explicit and implicit commitments and promises.

Responsibility—to accept the consequences of our marketing decisions and strategies. To this end, we will:

- Strive to serve the needs of customers
- Avoid using coercion with all stakeholders.
- Acknowledge the social obligations to stakeholders that come with increased marketing and economic power.
- Recognize our special commitments to vulnerable market segments such as children, seniors, the economically impoverished, market illiterates and others who may be substantially disadvantaged.
- Consider environmental stewardship in our decision-making.

Fairness—to balance justly the needs of the buyer with the interests of the seller. To this end, we will:

- · Represent products in a clear way in selling, advertising and other forms of communication; this includes the avoidance of false, misleading and deceptive promotion.
- Reject manipulations and sales tactics that harm customer trust.
- Refuse to engage in price fixing, predatory pricing, price gouging or "bait-and-switch" tactics.
- Avoid knowing participation in conflicts of interest.
- Seek to protect the private information of customers, employees and partners

Respect—to acknowledge the basic human dignity of all stakeholders. To this end, we will:

- Value individual differences and avoid stereotyping customers or depicting demographic groups (e.g., gender, race, sexual orientation) in a negative or
- Listen to the needs of customers and make all reasonable efforts to monitor and improve their satisfaction on an ongoing basis.
- Make every effort to understand and respectfully treat buyers, suppliers, intermediaries and distributors from all cultures.
- Acknowledge the contributions of others, such as consultants, employees and coworkers, to marketing endeavors.
- Treat everyone, including our competitors, as we would wish to be treated.

Transparency—to create a spirit of openness in marketing operations. To this end, we will:

- Strive to communicate clearly with all constituencies
- Accept constructive criticism from customers and other stakeholders.
- Explain and take appropriate action regarding significant product or service risks, component substitutions or other foreseeable eventualities that could affect customers or their perception of the purchase decision.
- · Disclose list prices and terms of financing as well as available price deals and adjustments.

Citizenship—to fulfill the economic, legal, philanthropic and societal responsibilities that serve stakeholders. To this end, we will:

- Strive to protect the ecological environment in the execution of marketing campaigns.
- Give back to the community through volunteerism and charitable donations.
- Contribute to the overall betterment of marketing and its reputation.
- Urge supply chain members to ensure that trade is fair for all participants, including producers in developing countries.

IMPLEMENTATION

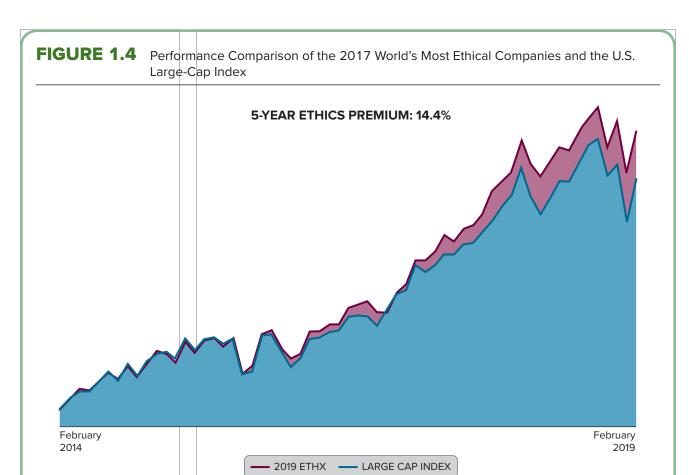
We expect AMA members to be courageous and proactive in leading and/or aiding their organizations in the fulfillment of the explicit and implicit promises made to those stakeholders. We recognize that every industry sector and marketing sub-discipline (e.g., marketing research, e-commerce, Internet selling, direct marketing, and advertising) has its own specific ethical issues that require policies and commentary. An array of such codes can be accessed through links on the AMA Web site Consistent with the principle of subsidiarity (solving issues at the level where the expertise resides), we encourage all such groups to develop and/or refine their industry and discipline-specific codes of ethics to supplement these guiding ethical norms and values.

Source: American Marketing Association, "Statement of Ethics," n.d., http://www.marketingpower.com/aboutama/pages/statement%20 of%20ethics.aspx.









Source: https://cloudscene.com/news/2017/03/ethisphere/.

Ethical Decision-Making Framework Despite the positive impact ethical decision making can have on a firm, the ethical choice is not always clear. Figure 1.5 illustrates an ethical decision-making framework that you can use in your future career and in almost any marketing challenge you will encounter, in this class and beyond.²³ You can apply this systematic framework to the ethical problems discussed throughout this course.

- 1. **Determine the facts in an unbiased manner.** First, determine the factual elements of a specific problem without letting any potential bias influence the decision. We are all products of our environment, and each of us brings our background, history, and experiences to any ethical problem. These fundamental factors can influence how we review and interpret the facts at hand, especially if we don't make a conscious effort to determine the relevant information in an unbiased way.
- 2. **Identify the ethical issue at hand.** It's possible to avoid ethical problems if you can clearly identify the ethical issue. The rest of the ethical decision-making framework will be valuable only if you clearly understand the issue itself.
- 3. **Identify the stakeholders affected by the decision.** Remember, stakeholders can be both external and internal. They include the firm's employees, both current and retired; customers; suppliers; shareholders; and the community in which the firm operates. Identify and consider each group as part of the ethical decision-making framework.



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- 4. Consider all available alternatives. After identifying the relevant stakeholders, all parties should brainstorm alternatives. Different groups often view issues through different perspectives. Group brainstorming can lead to creative and useful solutions.
- 5. Consider how the decision will affect the stakeholders. Managers sometimes refer to this step as "seeing through a problem to the other side." This means considering ahead of time how the decision will affect all stakeholders. For example, mortgage companies that engaged in subprime lending in the years leading up to 2008 should have considered how lax lending standards might affect stakeholders over the long term, rather than waiting until foreclosures and unemployment increased during the recession.
- 6. Discuss the pending decision with the stakeholders. Seek feed-back from stakeholders about potential decisions. It is often impossible to fully appreciate all of the dynamics of an ethical decision without getting input from those who will be affected. Many business problems can be avoided if a thoughtful discussion occurs when the decision is still pending.
- 7. Make the decision. Once the issue has been discussed with the relevant parties, make a final decision based on the stated criteria. Making decisions that affect others can be a stressful and challenging task, but using this decision-making framework can ensure thoroughness in arriving at the decision.
- 8. Monitor and assess the quality of the decision. The economy, regulatory environment, and consumer opinions are always changing and developing. A generation or two ago, smoking cigarettes on planes and in office buildings was considered perfectly ethical. Today, because we have more information about the dangers of secondhand smoke, laws prevent people from smoking in many public places. Firms will face many ethical challenges in the years ahead—online privacy regulations, environmental concerns, sustainability, and childhood obesity, to name a few. It will be incumbent upon all business professionals, including marketers, to monitor and assess whether the decisions they've made still represent the right and ethical choice for the firm, their consumers, and society as a whole.

Marketers may confront decisions that will boost short-term sales at the expense of the long-term reputation of the company. For example, employees may have to choose between the short-

term benefit of a sales commission and the potential long-term relationship with the customer if they don't adhere to ethical standards. The list that follows contains some common ethical questions that marketers may face within each element of the marketing mix during their careers. As you read each item, think about how you might respond, using the ethical decision-making framework as a guide.

Product

- What default privacy settings should be built into a website?
- What safety risks, especially for children and older people, might a product pose?
- Should environmentally friendly packaging be used even if it costs more?

