Likable Social Media –

A Dialogue with Facebook users

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[Scenario]

No Vegas hotel could be worth this long wait. Over an hour to check in at the Aria ⊗.

Listen First, and Never Stop Listening

- □ Why?
 - Everybody loves to feel heard.
- ☐ How?
 - Tools: Google Alerts, Technorati blog research, Twitter search, Facebook search, YouTube search, TweetBeep
 - Search: terms and phrases used by your customers

Think—and Act—Like Your Customer

■ WHAT DO YOUR CUSTOMERS REALLY WANT?

- Will the recipients of this message truly find it of value, or will they find it annoying and disruptive?
- Would I want to receive this message as a consumer?



Social Media. New York: 2011. Print.

How to Get the *Like*?

Like us on Facebook now at Facebook.com/LikeableMedia.

Versus

Ask us your social media questions anytime at Facebook.com/LikeableMedia.

Top Ten Reasons Consumers *Like* Fan Pages on Facebook

- To receive discounts and promos
- 2. To show support for brand to friends
- 3. To get a "freebie: (e.g., free samples, coupons)
- 4. To stay informed about company activities
- 5. For updates on future projects
- 6. For updates on upcoming sales
- Just for fun
- 8. To get access to exclusive content
- To learn more about the company
- 10. For education about company topics

Where Should You Tell Customers to Like You? (as many places as possible)

- On your website
- On every e-mail you send out as a company
- 3. On every staff person's e-mail signature
- 4. On every business card handed out
- 5. On every brochure you print
- 6. On every receipt you hand you
- 7. On every piece of snail mail you send out
- 8. On every inbound phone call to your company
- 9. On every outbound phone call from your company
- 10. On packaging
- 11. On in-location signage

Engage: create true dialogue with, and between, your customers

- To be genuinely interested in what your customers have to say
- Building communities around trust and loyalty
- Customers solving customer service issues

Respond Quickly to All Bad Comments

- ☐ The Do-Not-Delete-Rule
- Not responding at all is a response
- Quick public response, then take the issue private:
 - "I'm sorry you had an issue, Johnny. Please see the private message we sent you to resolve the matter."
- "I am sorry" is not an admission of guilt
 - "We're sorry you feel this way."
 - I'm so sorry you've had a problem.
- Prioritize your response based on their online influence
- Consider responding with surprise and delight

Source: Kerpen, Dave. Likable Social Media. New York: 2011. Print.

[Exercise 1]

- □ Long time I was customer of newegg. But last 2 years its become worse and worse. Finally buying less and less from him. Why? Because newegg become expensive and not attractive.
- □ Hello~ We try to keep our pricing as reasonable and competitive as we can for our customers in today's market. We appreciate and value your feedback. Thank you.

[Exercise 2]

- Ordered a hammock and the package arrived damaged. Part of the hammock was even sticking out of the box and had been cut. Who should I contact about that? FedEx? You?
- In ... I am so sorry this happened. I am sending you a private message now so we can get your information and get this resolved as soon as possible. Thanks!

[Exercise 3]

- Worst service and rudeness ever I would never recommed to anyone!
- Oh no! We are so sorry to hear that you had a bad experience, XXX. Is there anything we can do to help?

Respond to the Good Comments, too

- Develop your social personality
 - Thanks a lot, Johnny. You rule!
 - Thanks for liking us. We like you too. ②
- Keep spreading the good word
 - Thanks. Please let your friends know.
- Activate your brand ambassadors
 - With incentives, special perks, and exclusive content.

Be Authentic, Honest, and Transparent

- Authenticity breeds trust; inauthenticity breeds fear
- □ Transparency is no longer negotiable
 - If you are being paid in product or other material value by a company, make note of it.
 - If you're offering free products in exchange for customers' support, ask them to disclose what they received.
 - 3. Don't think you can cover something you don't want people to know about.
 - 4. When in trouble, disclose.

[Scenario]

Sorry about the bad experience, Dave. Hope the rest of your stay in Vegas goes well.