## Social Media Trends for 2023

...and some tips on how you can use them



The social landscape is always changing...



## Today's social environment features:

- More social media platforms, with their own unique audiences
- More competition as more businesses have adopted social into their marketing strategies
- Ever evolving app features and functionalities including ecommerce and video



### It can be hard to keep up!

#### To thrive in this environment, marketers need to:

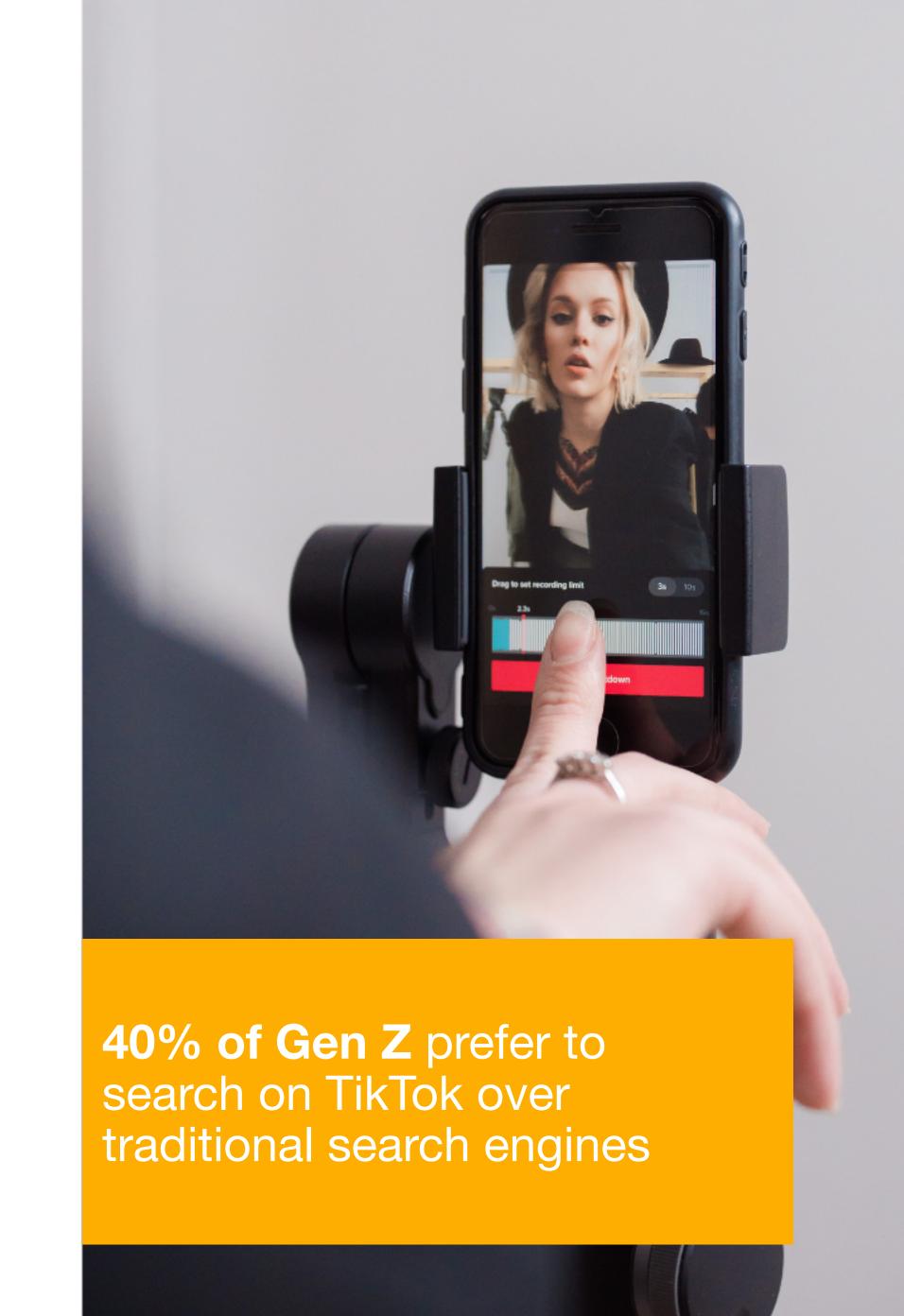
- Be more strategic and creative in our approach to social marketing
- Know where our audiences are and what they want to see on the platforms they use
- Track trends and be ready to respond and adapt strategies as needed





#### 1. The continued rise of TikTok

- TikTok was the most downloaded mobile app in the world in 2022 and now features over 1 billion users
- In New Zealand this means ~1.46m regular users, or around 38% of people aged 18+
- People mainly go here looking for content that is funny or entertaining
- But it's also growing as a platform for edutainment, online shopping and search
- Creativity and a good awareness of social trends and topics is key



#### New here?

If you're thinking of starting a brand page consider:

- Is the platform right for your brand? Are your audiences here?
- Do you have a clear story / message to share?
- Do you have the capabilities to create content?
- Platform advertising rules (along with the usual regulations and guidelines that apply in NZ)



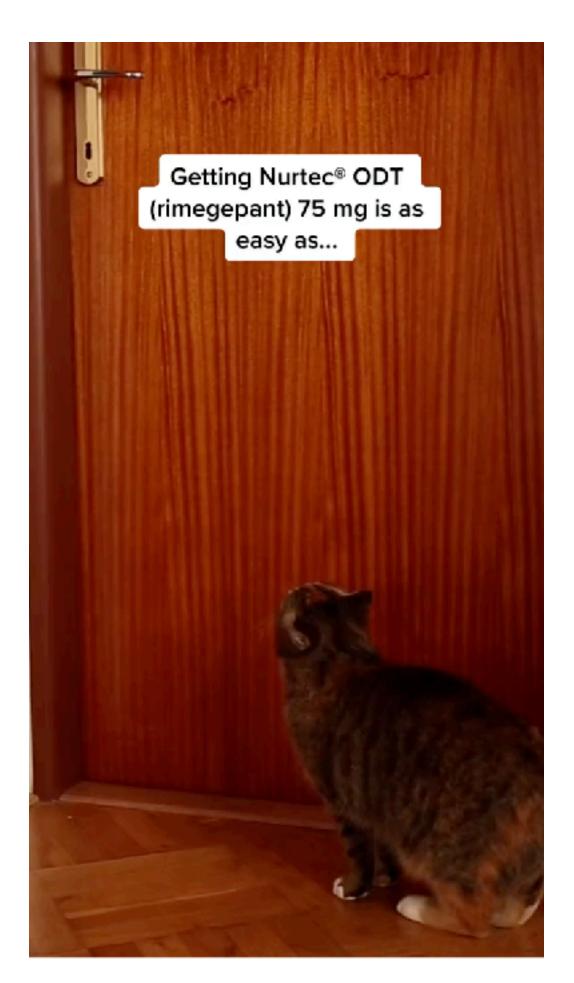
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## Tips for using TikTok

- Create content that fits within TikTok's own style and tone (don't take yourself too seriously)
- Invest in developing a strong organic content strategy
- If you don't have in house capability, talk to your agency or engage content creators to help you
- Take care when adopting trends into your content strategy
- Monitor accounts of interest and use social listening tools to gain customer/audience insights and track trends



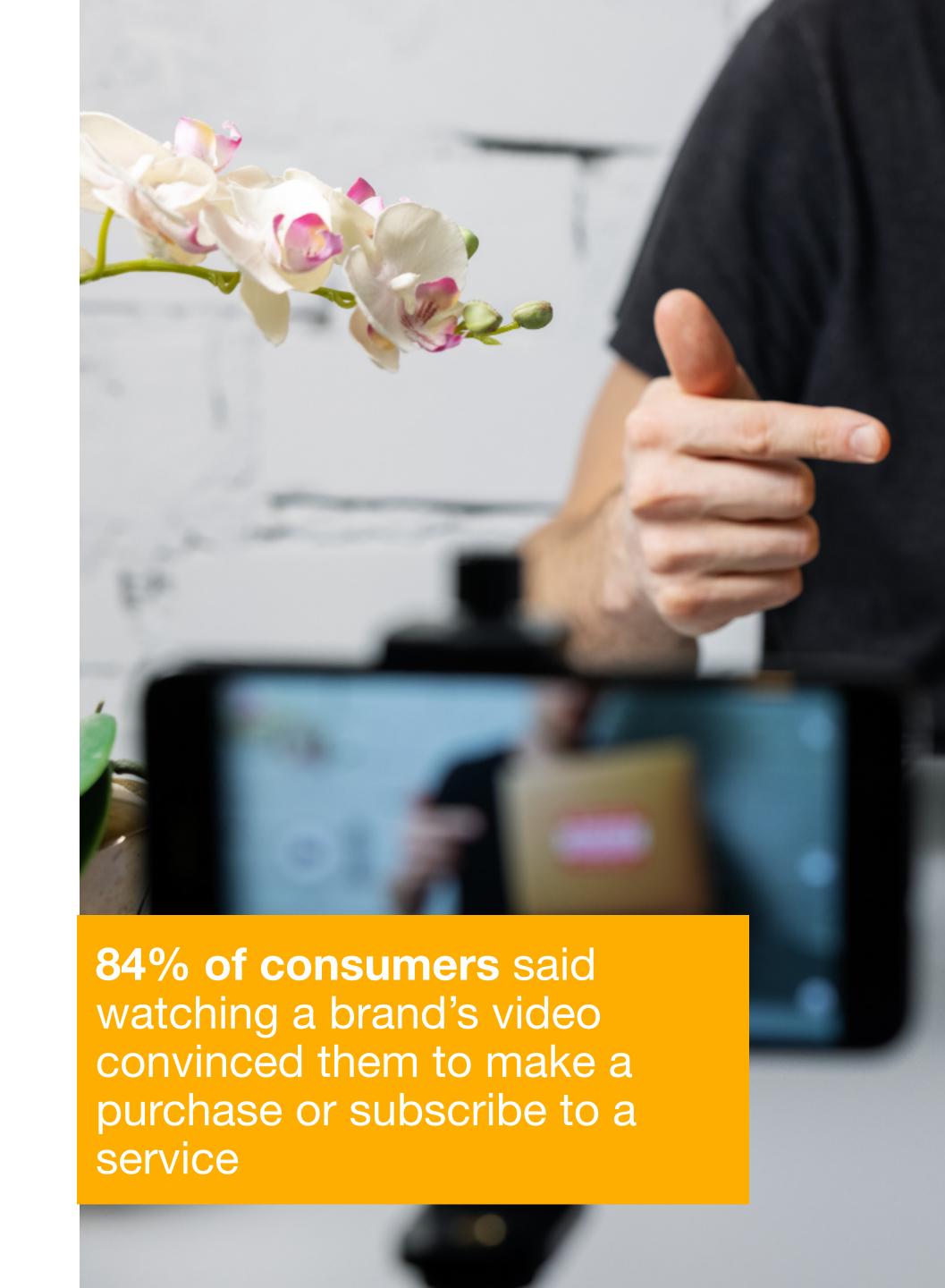
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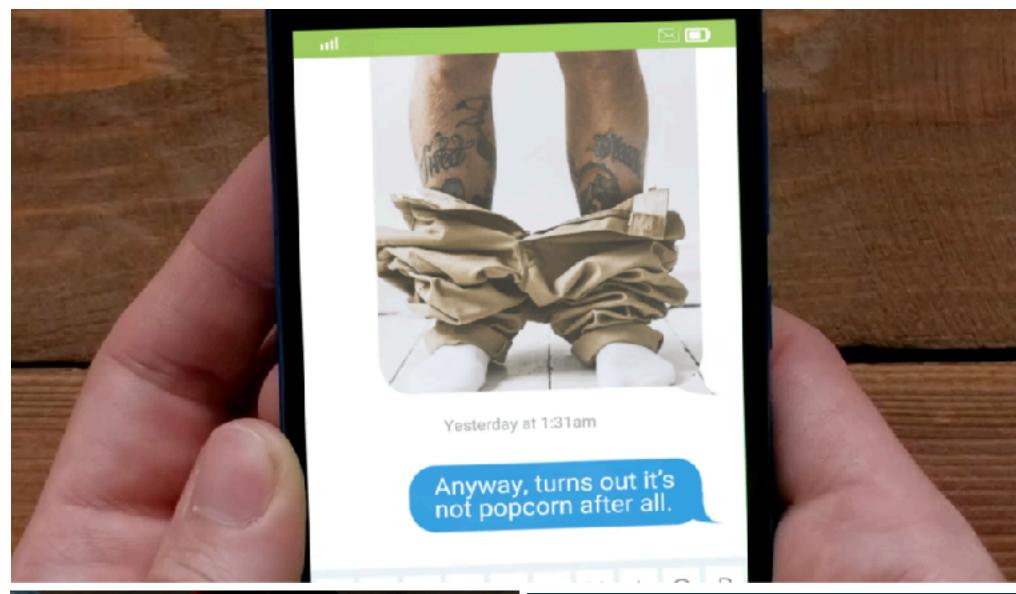
### 2. Video is king of content

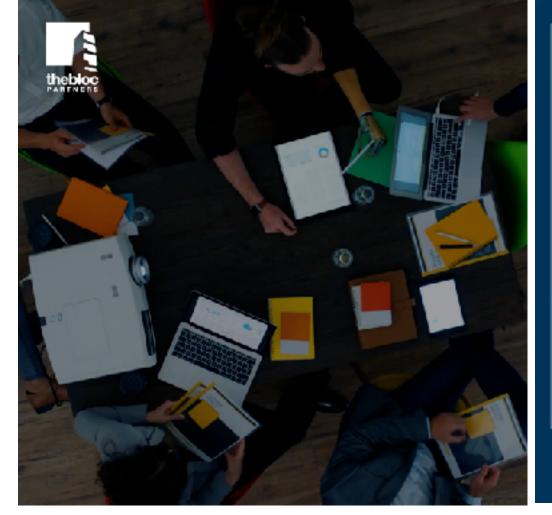
- TikTok kickstarted the trend, and short form videos are now more popular than long form or static creative
- Video content is twice as likely to be shared with friends than any other types of content
- Other platforms have jumped on board and now offer similar features e.g. Instagram Reels, YouTube Shorts
- In the B2B space, LinkedIn reports video is 20x more likely to be shared than other formats

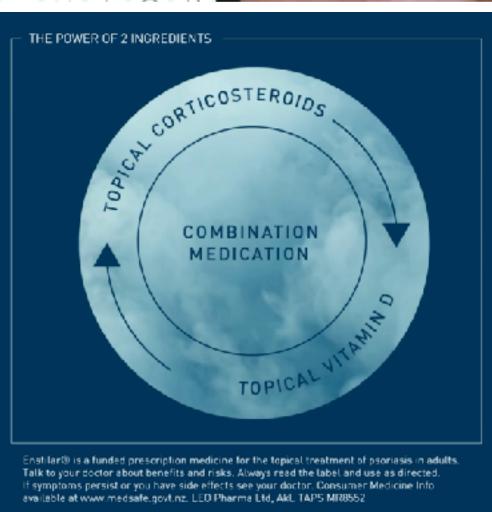


### Tips for making videos that resonate

- Have a plan. What do you want to communicate? What do you want people to do or take away from it?
- Think about your audience. What are they interested in?
  What problems are you helping solve? (Social listening and research can help inform this)
- Build for the platform. There are many different approaches to video - choose ones that will work on your chosen platforms, and fit in your budget.
- Take advantage of tools available! There's lots of easy to use video editing tools available within platforms and third party apps that can help you create simple content in house (e.g. Canva, Vidyard).
- If you get stuck, talk to your agency or engage content creators to help!







#### 3. The role of influencers

- Influencers continue to be an important part of social marketing - helping brands reach new audiences, generate engagement, and driving online sales
- Instagram offers the highest ROI to influencer marketers,
   TikTok is a growing channel too
- There has been a shift away from 'perfect aesthetics' towards feeds that mirror real life
- Audiences want to see authenticity
- 39% of Gen Z social media users agree that they 'care less about impressing others on social media than they used to'.
- 44% say they are more likely to trust someone if they know their struggles.



## Tips for working with influencers

- Make sure they're a good fit with your brand, your strategy, and of course, your target audience
- Treat them like a supplier: be clear on what you want, standards you expect them to meet, terms of use
- But also be flexible. You're tapping into their world and leveraging off their profile.
- Use them as content creators!
- Negotiating with influencers can be time consuming, especially if you're working with multiple people.

Don't be afraid to reach out to agencies for help they will work to your brief and budget, and most importantly manage the process for you!



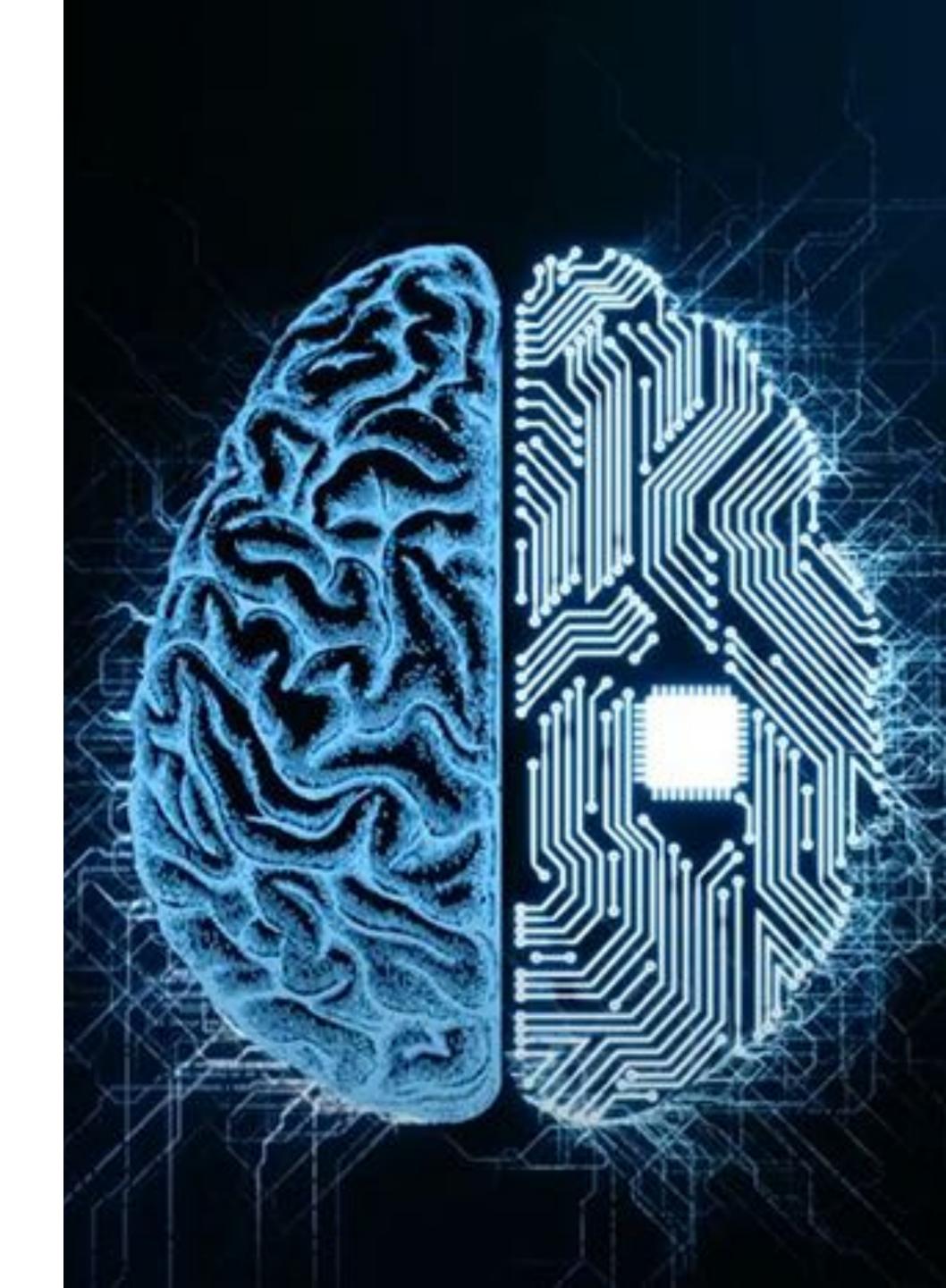




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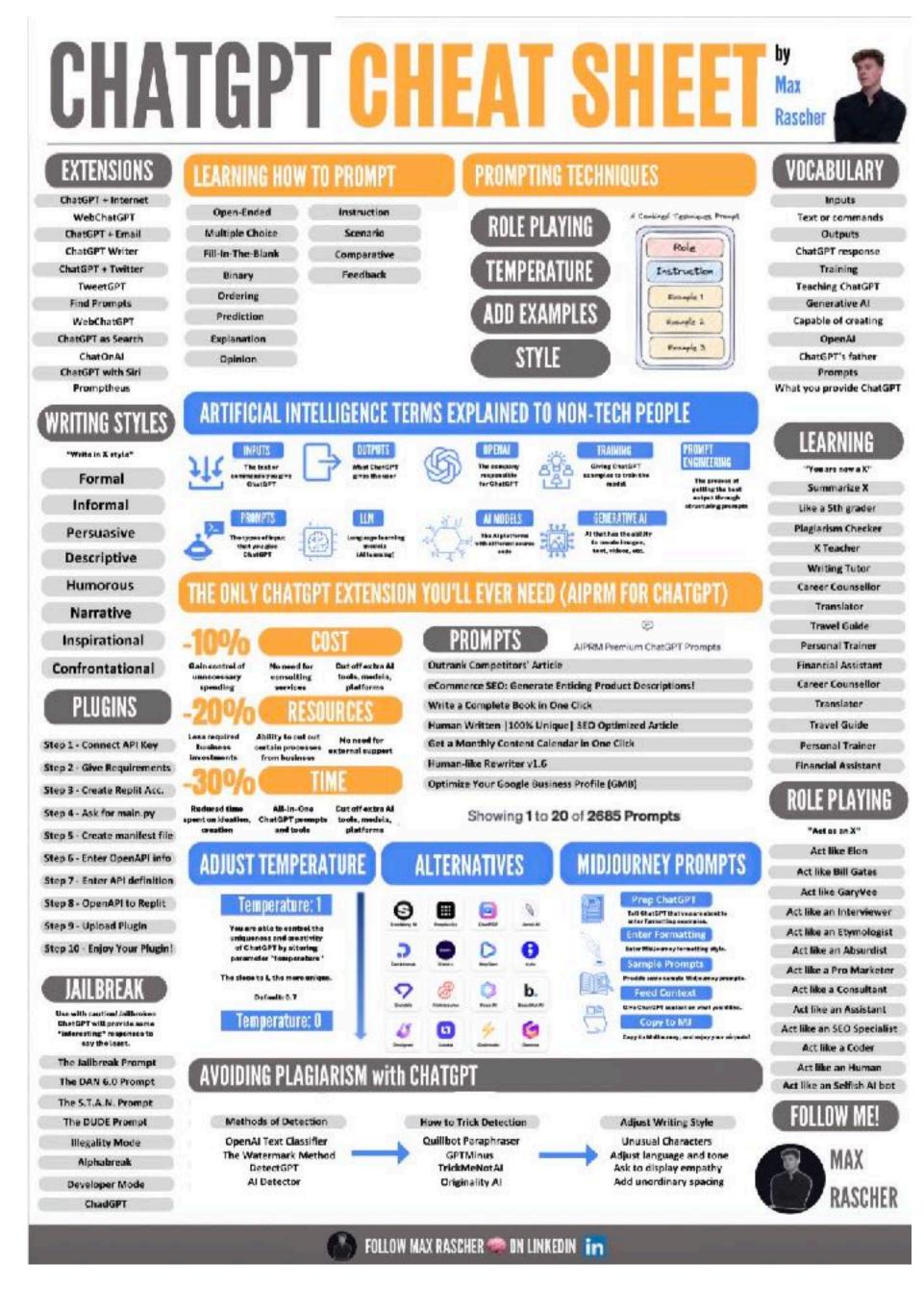


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**No.** It can be complicated to use, it's not always accurate, and there are risks with algorithm bias, privacy and security to work through on some of the newer apps like Chat-GPT.



Cheat Sheets shouldn't be this hard...

# Practical ways to apply Al to your social marketing

#### Improve efficiency and streamline processes

Al powered chatbots can help streamline customer service - Meta has a free chat builder for business pages, ChatFuel offers simple setup

#### Research, listen and analyse your social accounts

Plugged in to your social channels, Al can analyse your social data, as well as competitors.

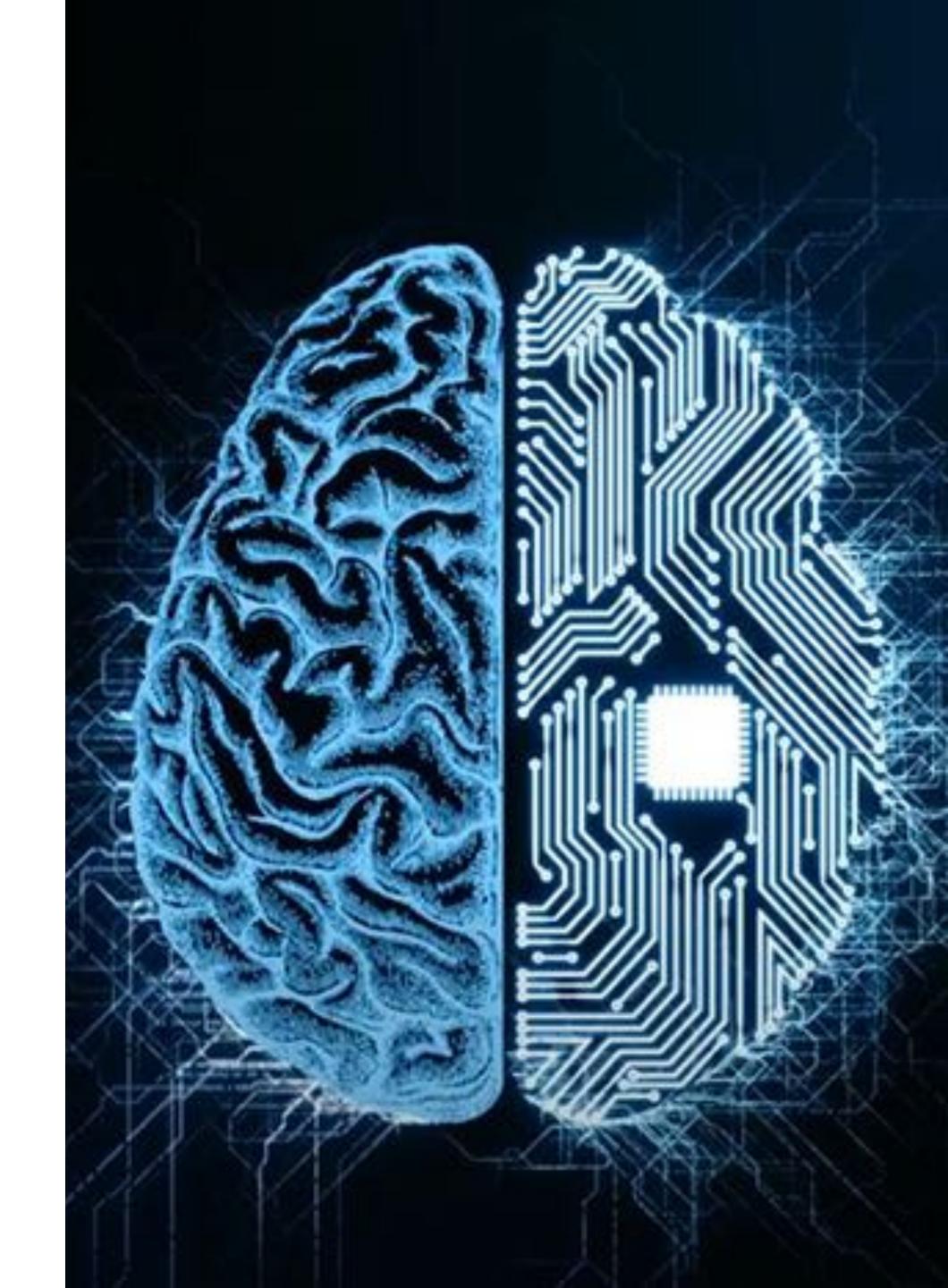
Also use it to track social trends, identify influencers, and research your audiences online.

#### **Create and refine content**

More text to image generators are becoming available at low or sometimes no cost to use. Quality can vary and results often need refining, but can be a good starting point for image ideas.

Copy generators like Chat-GPT and Copy.ai can help with starting social posts, blog content and more.

It's important to always double check the output!



### 5. Your community matters

- Social communities help turn customers into fans
- A recent Hubspot survey found 22% of social media users actively participate in a social community
- Fragmentation of platforms and competition for audiences makes community engagement and retention more important than ever before
- It's not just in the consumer space LinkedIn has become a very active space for community engagement in the B2B environment



# Tips for growing an engaged community online

- Start where your audience is. e.g. If your main audience is on LinkedIn then work on building your network there.
- **Be consistent.** Respond to comments and questions, maintain your tone of voice, find a rhythm for posting.
- **Be authentic.** Post content that aligns with your values and is true. If you make a mistake, own it.
- Engage, monitor, and learn from them and use this to inform strategy elsewhere.

Always on community management can be the difference between 'followers' and 'fans'





## Thank You!

(Here's the rest of my team!)

I've kept this presentation concise and focused on the task at hand, however if you would like to know any further info or want to get in touch

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