

Impact of Marketing, Advertising, and Sales Strategies











COMMONLY USED ADVERTISING TECHNIQUES

Information

Presentation of simple, direct information

Status

 Associates product use with those who have status, who are successful, and who enjoy and understand the "fine things in life"

Peer approval

 Associates product use with friendship/acceptance

Hero endorsement

 Associates use of product with a well-known person

Physical attraction to others

 Associates use of product with increased physical attraction/appeal

Entertainment

 Associates product with entertainment and feelings of enjoyment

Intelligence

 Associates product with smart people who can't be fooled by gimmicks

Independence

 Associates product with people who can think and act for themselves

Unfinished comparison

 Use of phrases such as, "works better in poor driving conditions! "Works better than what?

RULES FOR EVALUATING ADVERTISEMENTS

Ask yourself basic questions

- Does the ad appeal to your emotions?
- Look beyond the appeal to find out what the ad really says (or doesn't say)
 about the product or service.
- What are the special features of the product?
- Are these features necessary?

As you read, listen to, or watch advertisements...

- Search for fraud and deception in the ad.
- Be alert to ads that are misleading (those that make unreasonable claims about the product or service).
- Read the fine print, or listen carefully.

EXAMPLES OF MARKETING, ADVERTISING AND SALES STRATEGIES

- Clearance Sales
- Holiday Sales
- Coupons
- Rebates
- Sweepstakes
- Contests
- Sales People

- Attractive Décor
- Background Music
- Items purchased most often are in back of store (bread/milk)
- Most profitable items are given prominent positions.

Homework! Standard 1 Objective 2

- Find a print ad (from the internet, newspaper, magazine, flyer, etc.). Write a 1 page summary answering these questions. Attach the copy of the ad and turn it in next period.
 - What technique is being used?
 - In what ways is this ad trying to influence me? How is it trying to reach my emotions?
 - Am I being given all of the facts? Is there anything the advertisement is NOT telling me about the product?
 - Is there any fine print? Is so what does it say?
 - Does this advertisement sound too good to be true?