Persuasion Techniques



Propaganda and Advertising

What is propaganda?

A means of convincing people:

- to buy a certain product
- to believe something or act in a certain way
- to agree with a point of view

Common persuasive techniques often used in advertising

- Bandwagon
- Celebrity/Spokesperson Endorsement
- Emotional Appeals/Transfer
- Glittering Generalities
- Humor
- Individuality
- Purr Words
- Repetition/Slogan
- Snob Appeal
- Ethical Appeal

A statement suggesting that everyone is using a specific product, so you should, too!

Being "in the group" makes you feel secure.

The bandwagon effect created these fine internet sensations.....











Celebrity Spokesperson/Endorsement

A well-known person or a previous customer supports a product or service

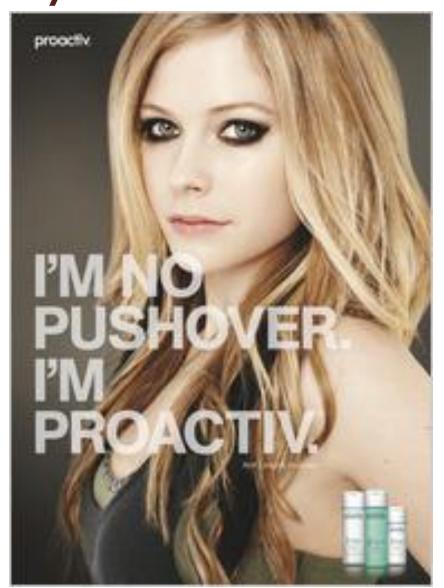
Celebrity Endorsement



Testimonial from customer



Celebrity Endorsement



Emotional Appeals/Transfer

 Objects or other people are shown with the product or candidate being "sold" in hopes that your good feeling for those objects or people will transfer onto the product or candidate.

• THE TRANSFER OF GOOD FEELINGS FROM A BACKGROUND OBJECT TO THE MAIN OBJECT.

Transfer Examples:



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Vague words that appeal to values that most people agree with. Often there is a lack of evidence to back up the claims.







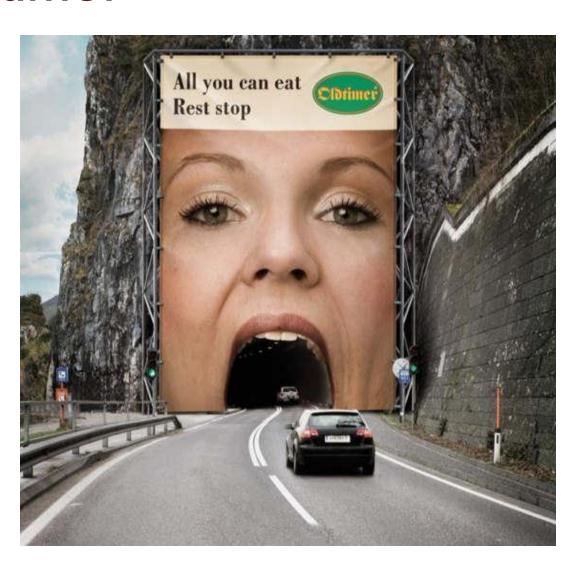
Humor

diverts the audience and gives a reason to laugh often through the use of clever visuals and/or language.

Humor



Humor



Individuality

The opposite of bandwagon: people want to be unique and thought of as an individual

Individuality...



HAVE IT YOUR WAY.

You have the right to have what you want.
exactly when you want it. Because on the menu of
life, you are "Today's Special". And tomorrow's.
And the day after that. And... well, you get the
drift. Yes, that's right. We may be the King,
but you my friend, are the almighty ruler.

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Purr Words

Words that make the product seem more desirable but give no details about the product.

"NEW IMPROVED TIDE"

Purr Words.....





Repetition/Slogan

A catchy phrase or statement often used to sell a service or a product

Example



Example



They're GRRRRRREAT!

Repetition:

The name of a product is repeated many times



Snob Appeal

Just the opposite of "bandwagon". Its message suggests: "Buying our product will make you better than everyone else-especially since other people can't afford it."

Example



Example



Ethical Appeal

Tries to get acceptance through appealing to morals and values.

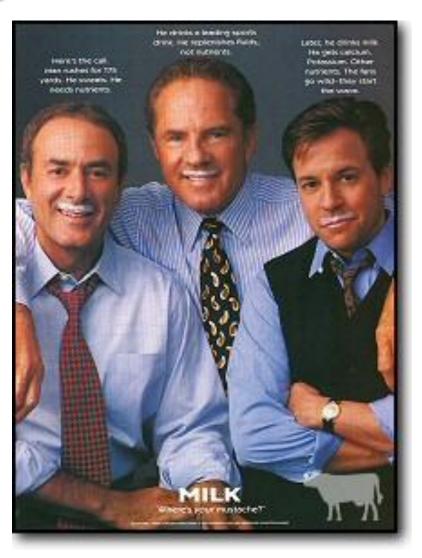
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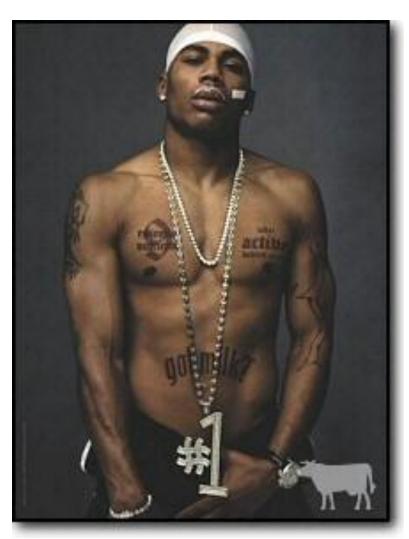


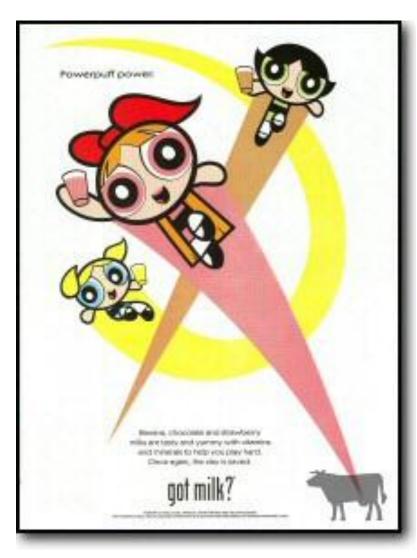
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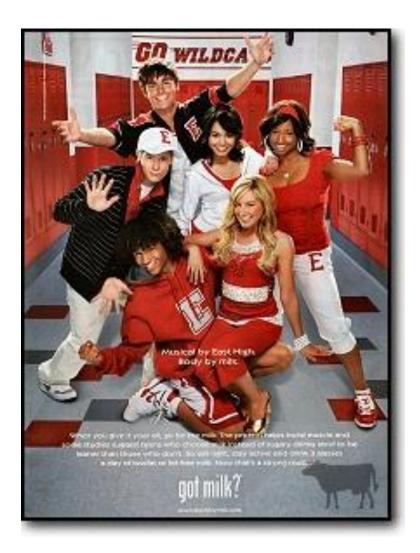
Advertisers know how to

- target their audiences
- use appropriate persuasive technique



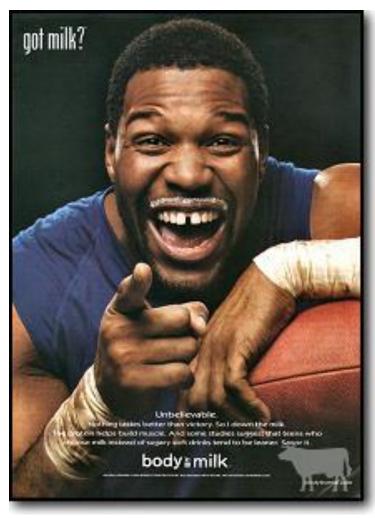












On the back of your Persuasive Techniques Sheet...

I) Which technique do you see the most often? Give an example.

2) Which technique is the most persuasive? Explain why you think this technique influences consumers.

Quick review

- Slogan
- Target audience