Advertising Tactics

Marketing 11 Chapter 12

Tactic

"a plan, procedure, or expedient for promoting a desired end or result"

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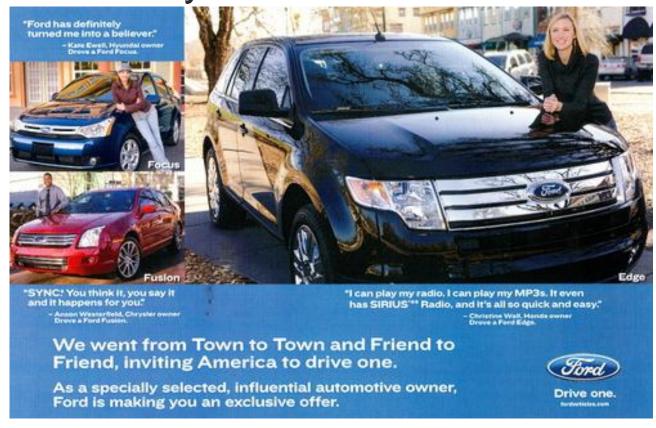
Repetition

 More likely to buy if you see or hear about a product over and over again



Conformity/Bandwagon

Everyone else is buying it so you should buy it too!



Imitation/Star Power

- Associate a
 celebrity with a
 product or service;
 consumers want to
 be just like the
 celebrity
- Example: 1D PepsiCommercial



Emotional Appeal/Heart Strings

 Advertisers draw on one or more of consumers' emotions to influence decision

 Example – Tim Horton's commercial (Welcome to Canada)

Economic Appeal/Goodwill

- "Great deal... no money down, no interest"
- "free gift with purchase"



Scare Techniques

 Present negative consequence of not buying product



Snob Appeal

Appeal to those who think of themselves as "elite" or "successful"



Image/Lifestyle Association

 Presents idealized people doing fun or exciting things that consumers will associate with the product

 Example – Pepsi commercial with soccer stars

Humour

 Present product in a humourous way to make consumer associate happy feelings with product

- Examples:
- McDonalds Commercial
- Berlitz Language Commercial

Scaling

 Make the product look bigger (or smaller) than it actually is



Put Downs

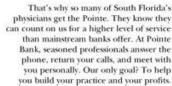
 Competitors' products are put down in order to make your own seem better

Example – Mac vs. PC commercials

Facts and Figures

 Using facts, statistics, and "professional opinions" to enhance product credibility

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Your Assignment

- Find an example (internet, magazine ad, radio ad, tv ad, etc.) that exemplifies 5 of these tactics
- Present your favourite to class
- Write up
 - State tactic
 - Briefly explain how ad follows tactic
 - attach ad/provide link/describe TV commercial
- Due beginning of next class