DIGITAL NATIVES – HOW DO THEY PERCEIVE DIGITAL MARKETING?

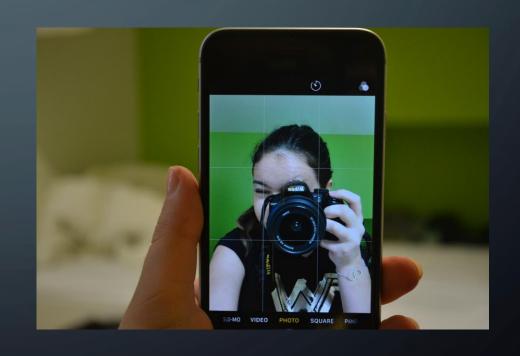
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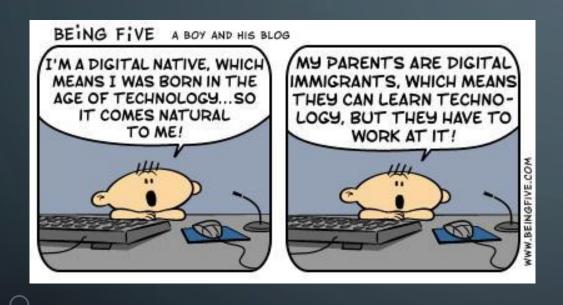
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DIGITAL NATIVE



 a person that grows-up in the digital age, rather than acquiring familiarity with digital systems as an adult, as a digital immigrant

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- youth organization in a public interest
- strives for positive social change and personal growth of young people
- non-formal education, social participation and activation
- raising awareness among young people about actual topics and stimulating their critical thinking
- sustainable development, healthy lifestyle and active citizenship of young people

AIM OF THE PRELIMINARY STUDY

to preliminary explore young people's experiences with the digital world and their perceptions of the digital marketing, especially their:

- experiences with the digital world,
- opinions on living in the digital world,
- experiences with digital marketing and
- opinions about digital marketing.

METHOD

- 5 focus groups were carried out
- 1 focus group: males
- 1 focus group: females living in urban area
- 1 focus group: females living in rural area
- 1 focus group: younger (15-17)
- 1 focus group: older (17-19)

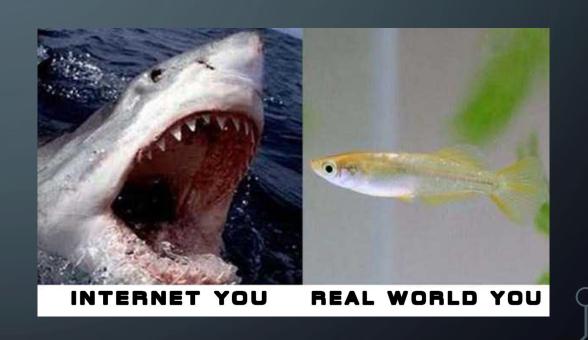


EXPERIENCE WITH THE DIGITAL WORLD

- participants are mainly using social networks such as Facebook (for news), Instagram (for photos), to lesser extent also Snapchat
- Youtube is also used fairly often, mostly for educational and entertainment purposes
- Online gaming (mainly boys)
- Most participants were not aware of the technical background of the digital environment

SEPARATION BETWEEN ONLINE AND REAL WORLD

- participants were aware that many people only post about positive events and admitted they sometimes do it themselves too – can skew people's perception
- they see that many people are much more daring online and would say things online they would never say in real life, as it is very easy to publish your opinion



SEPARATION BETWEEN ONLINE AND REAL WORLD - CONT.



- majority of the participants saw online world as means of communication that enables them to socialize in real life
- one participant mentioned that the border is crossed when you start avoiding/neglecting social life in order to replace it with the online life

LEAVING YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT ONLINE

- Participants (especially older ones) are aware of the possibility of leaving your digital information for others to see
- Positive sides of being visible and leaving traces online: the ability to follow what friends are doing, simplifying use of certain services (eg. by being able to connect all your accounts into one), option of identifying people who are bullying online.
- Negative sides: loss of actual privacy, as well as loss of feeling of security and privacy, and use of available information by other parties (e.g. advertisers).

EXPERIENCE WITH DIGITAL MARKETING

- most commonly noticed: Instagram and Facebook ads, Youtube advertisement before a video is shown, pop-up ads
- also noticed: influence of cookies and how they effect the ads displayed to them (e.g. based on their conversations, previous search)
- generally they think it is an important topic









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OPINIONS ON REGULATION

- younger participants thought online marketing should be regulated (e.g. alcohol, tobacco),
- older participants were more of an opinion that such regulation would be futile as the companies will always find another way to promote their products
- they thought more can be done on individual level, by using services such as Ad blocker and educating yourself about the topic and being aware of when you are a target of advertising.

CONCLUSION



- Mainly through social networks
- Aware that digital does not reflect real
- Digital footprint is precieved as helpful and threathing to privacy
- Most commonly Youtube and Instragram ads
- More regulation of digital marketing is wanted

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