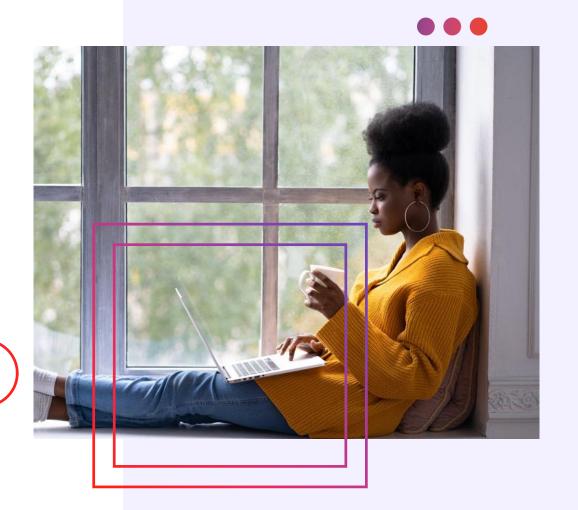
# Delivering Ad Experiences People Want

**Challenging the 'Status Quo' Ad Value Exchange** 





**The 'Status Quo' Ad Value Exchange** 

# Get Ads + Get Tracked = Get Free Content





## Research Questions



How do people really feel about online advertising today?



Can the 'status quo' ad value exchange be improved?



How well can ads perform in an alternative ad value exchange?



## Two-pronged approach

**How Do People Feel?** 



**How Do People Respond?** 

Live, In-Market Testing

5 Brands; 2 Markets (US + CA)

N=10,218



# How do people feel?









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### Recruitment

**Screeners** 

**Online Ad Sentiment** 

01

Participants recruited from an online panel

General Population n=1,005

02

Standard demographics to ensure representativeness

Interview questions on how people feel about online advertising and why





# The Good News: most aren't inherently opposed to online ads

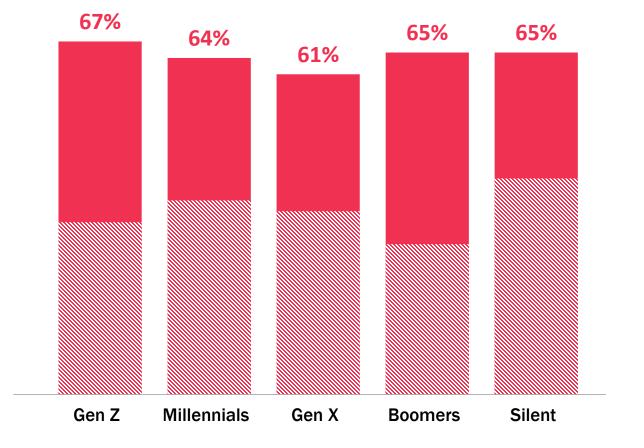
Regardless of age, the majority understand the purpose online advertising serves

**Do Online Ads Serve an Important Purpose?** 

**General Population** 

Neither Agree Nor Disagree

**Strongly/Somewhat Agree** 







### The Bad News: the ad industry has some work to do

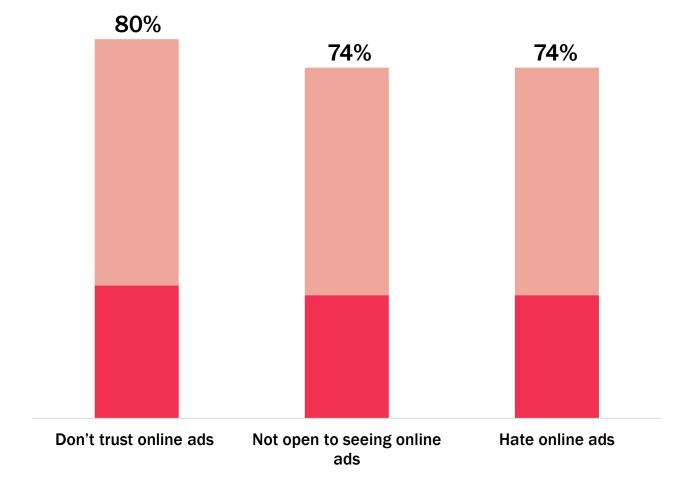
The vast majority of people don't love or trust the ads they are served

### **How People Feel About Online Ads**

General Population | Rating: 0 - 10 Scale

Agree

Neutral







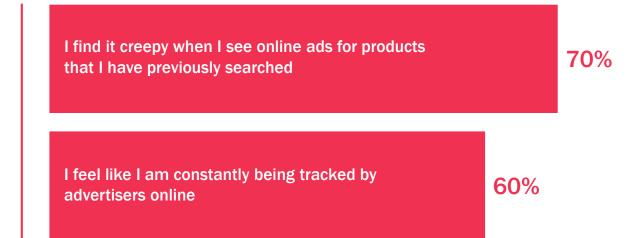
### Incessant tracking + intrusiveness aren't helping

Ad tracking feels palpable, and most are overwhelmed by the number of ads

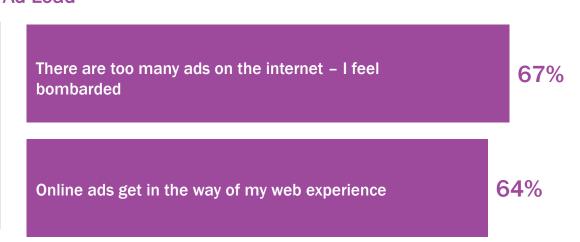
### **How People Feel About Online Ads**

General Population | % Strongly/Somewhat Agree

### **Ad Tracking**



#### Ad Load



# The 'status quo' value exchange simply feels like a one-way street

Vast majority of people aren't getting much in return for the online ads they see

**How People Feel About The Ad Value Exchange** 

**General Population** 

Strongly/Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree Nor Disagree



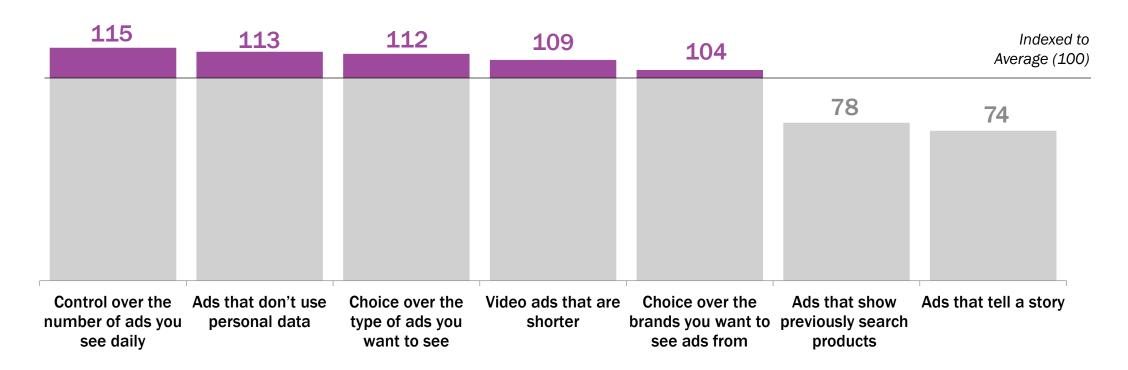


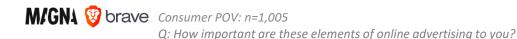
Consumer POV: n=1,005 Q: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

## People value control over less individual ad time and good storytelling

### **What People Value About Online Ad Experiences**

General Population | Indexed to Average







# Privacy protected ads and the option to control the number of ads are most appealing

How People Feel About Various Ad Value Exchange Paradigms

General Population | % Very/Somewhat Appealing





Q: Thinking about online ads, how appealing are the following types of experiences to you?

A browser that gives you control over the number of online ads you see daily, Online ads that are 100% privacy protected, A browser that blocks ads, Online ads that are presented separately from web content at a convenient time, Online ads that help you collect monetary tokens that you can use to buy a gift card, Online ads that offer a value of some sort in return for watching the ad, Online ads that are well integrated with the content you're viewing, Online ads that help you collect monetary tokens that you can use to support your favorite website/creator or a social cause you care about





# Ads at a convenient time are just as preferred as no ads at all

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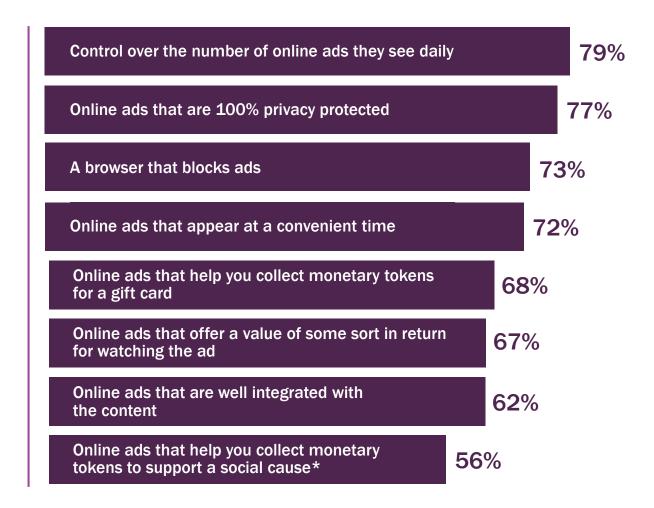




# Overall, most people are open to some form of ad value exchange

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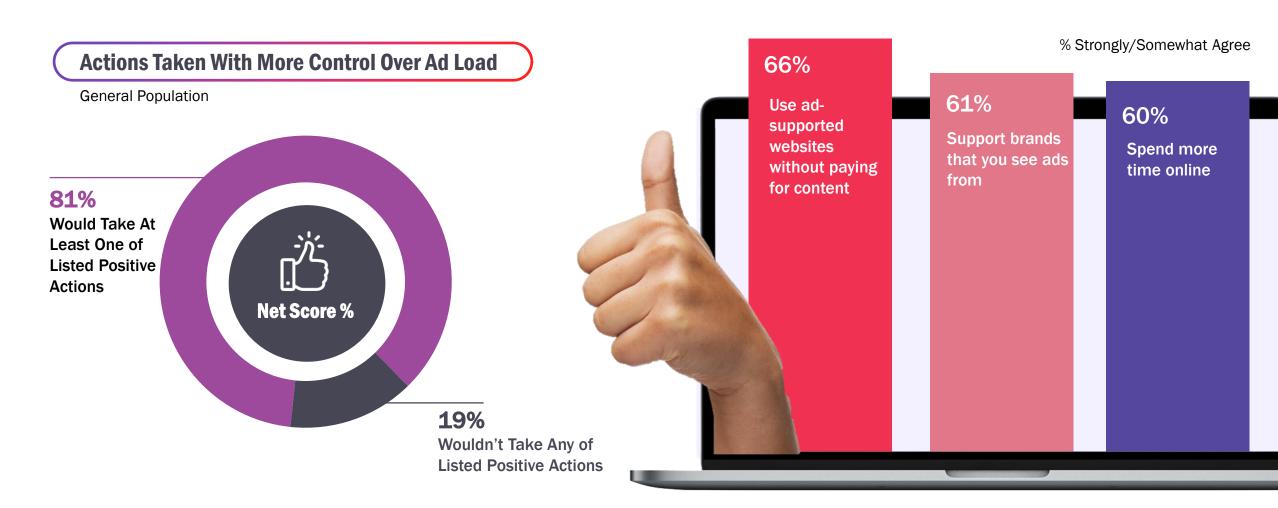
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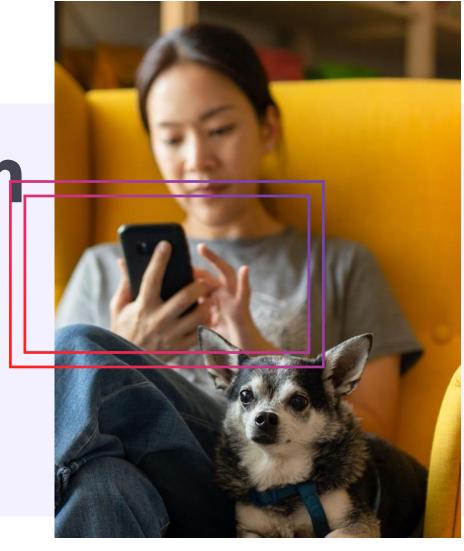
### More control breeds more online consumption

Brands benefit from offering people more of what they want - CONTROL





# Ad Performance in a User-Controlled Environment







### Who is Brave?

Brave is a fast, privacy-oriented browser combined with a blockchain-based digital advertising platform that offers advertisers a premium, brand safe, and opt-in ad ecosystem, designed for a future without 3<sup>rd</sup> party cookies

- The browser blocks invasive ads
- Users can opt into privacy-respecting ads that reward them with BAT (Basic Attention Token) that they can redeem or use to tip or contribute to publishers and other content creators

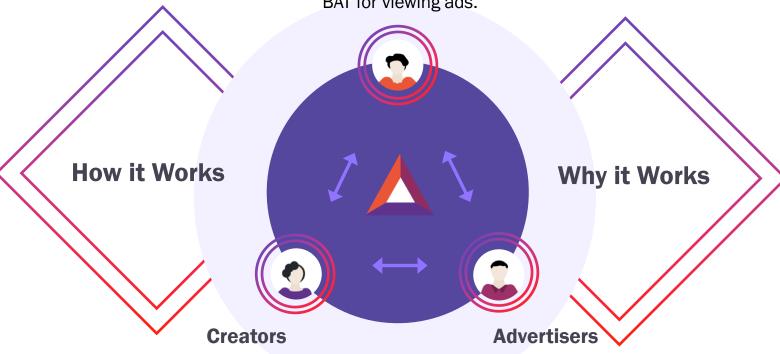
#### **Users**

#### Users are rewarded for their attention

Users maintain privacy as they earn BAT for viewing ads.

# How the Brave Rewards Ecosystem Works

Privacy Protection + User Control



### Creators get paid for making great content

Publishers and creators earn ad revenue and user contributions as well as tips.

### Advertisers get a better return

When you give users more control over their ad experience, there are more positive brand outcomes for the advertisers.



# How do people respond?







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**Pre-Exposure Survey** Live Ad Exposure

**Post-Exposure Survey** 

Measurement

01

Brave users recruited into pre-exposure survey before exposure to Brave Ads – survey was sent through Push Notification Ads

Survey included traditional brand metric questions

Pre-Exposure N=6,432

Ads served on the Brave browser

Survey sent through Push Notifications Ads to Brave users after exposure to Brave Ads to measure traditional branding metrics and ad interaction

Post-Exposure N= 3,786

04

Results compared from Pre-Exposure and Post-Exposure surveys to measure brand impact from Brave Ads

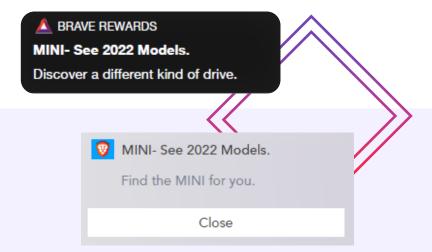


## Ad types tested

**Sponsored Image Ads** 



**Push Notification Ads** 





## **5 Verticals Tested**









## **Brave Ads capture** attention

Even the hard-to-reach audience of young males noticed and remembered brands appearing in the ad value exchange environment

**Aided Ad Recall** 

Delta (Exposed - Control)





People on Brave don't get to see much branding elsewhere

**Ad Recall - Elsewhere** 

% Selected





M/GNA brave Live, In-Market Testing: Total audience n=10,108 Q: Have you seen an ad for [brand] elsewhere in the last [x] weeks?

### Safe environment allows for high ad interaction

**Ad Interaction – Self Reported** 

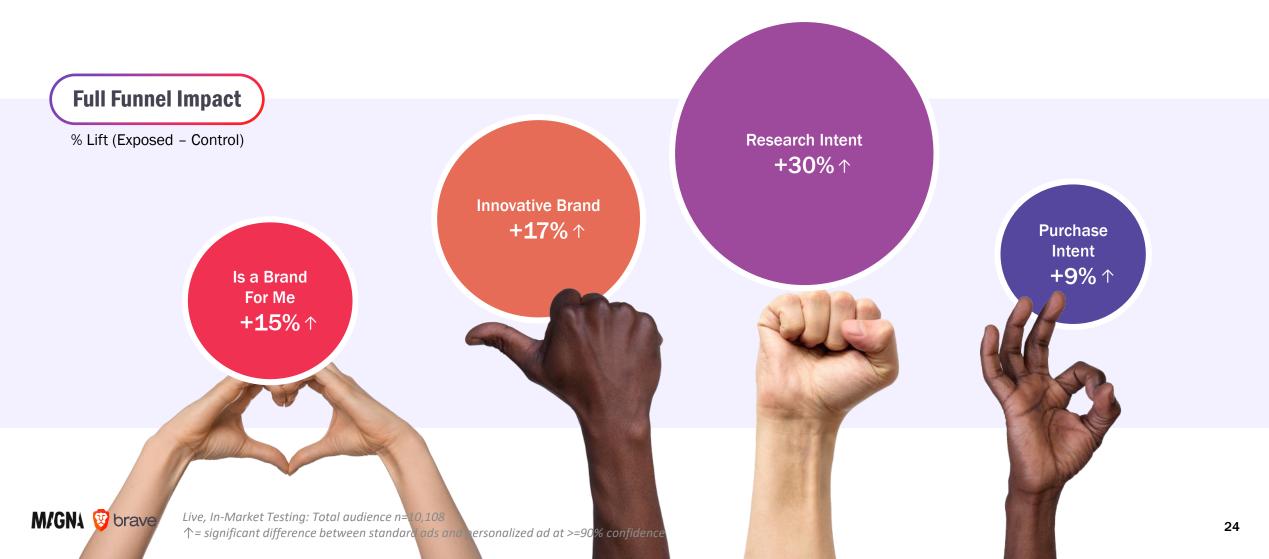
% Interacted (Post-Exposure Only)

Brand 5 Brand 3 74% 61% 66% 100% Brand 2 Brand 4 65% 68%



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## Ultimately, brands are positioned as innovative, persuading people to take the next step



### What Now?

Reciprocity is Key

Options to pay for ad-free environments isn't the only answer to improving the ad value exchange. People prefer a more balanced approach. The ad industry should continue to innovate to provide people with more of what they want – more control

Maximize
Attention with
Empowered
Audiences

Reaching people where they have the power to decide how often they get messages from brands drives metrics brands care about.

Advertisers should lean-in to ad environments that respect and value the privacy and expectations of audiences





### **About Us**



Brave is the first global digital ad platform built for privacy, offering advertisers the opportunity to participate in a premium, brand safe, and opt-in ad ecosystem, designed for a future without 3rd party cookies. Its privacy-focused browser provides users with the fastest browsing experience, and the highest level of privacy in the marketplace.

To learn more, contact adsales@brave.com

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