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The Big Truths

- On average, online giving grew by 9.2% in 2015.
- Last year, online giving likely exceeded \$25
 billion about 7.1% of U.S. donations are now coming from online.
- Online giving has jumped <u>13X</u> in a little more than a decade.
- However, the rate of online growth has slowed sharply.



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The Big Question





The Nonprofit Perspective



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Let's Play Truth or Consequences!



Rules of the Game:

- 5 minutes per round
- Follow along with your jargon cheat sheet
- One or two questions per round
- 10 minutes at the end for final questions



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Modals (aka Lightboxes) Shine Even Brighter



Truth OR Consequences?

Modals (aka lightboxes) have been a true breakthrough for online fundraising. They are such a powerful fundraising tool that they are now even being used to upgrade donors and acquire new sustainers.

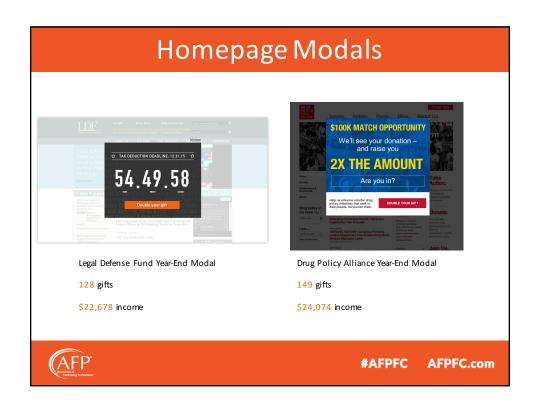


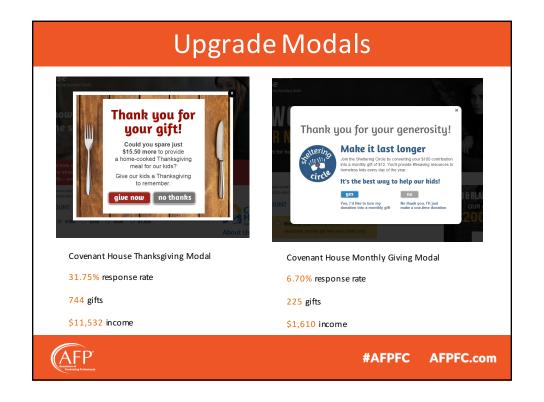
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Truth!

- Modals are still very effective.
- Uses are extending beyond just a single donation ask: upgrades, sustainer asks, and other uses.
- Go beyond your homepage look at your stats and place on other high-traffic pages.







A Mobile Website Is a Must



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Truth OR Consequences?

With the seismic shift to mobile surfing over the past couple of years, if you haven't already built a separate mobile website, that should definitely be a top priority in 2016.



Consequences!

While there are some rare cases when a separate mobile site will serve you best, building a <u>separate</u> mobile web presence can:

- Dilute your domain
- Hurt organic search results
- Require high maintenance expenses



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Consequences

On the other hand, a responsive design will:

- Let you keep your URL and preserve your link equity
- Likely be an overall better return on your investment







Remarketing Emerges



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Truth OR Consequences?

Remarketing has emerged as one of the most exciting online marketing trends in years and is fast becoming a viable online fundraising tool.



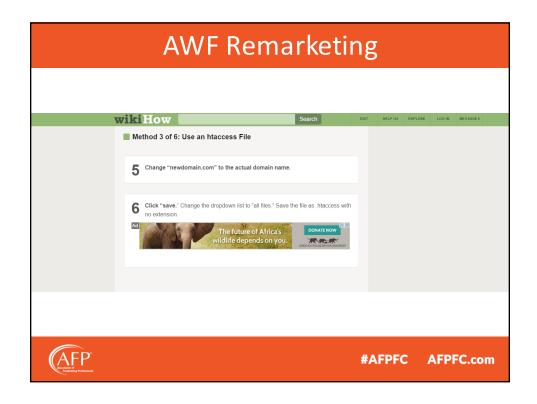
Truth!

- While expensive, the costs to test this channel have come down in the last year, and remarketing is proving to be a powerful tool in fundraisers' arsenal.
- New tracking tools are proving that it is an effective way to amplify your fundraising message and drive potential donors to donate.

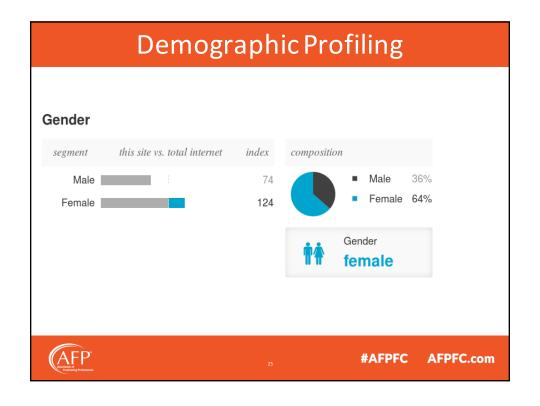


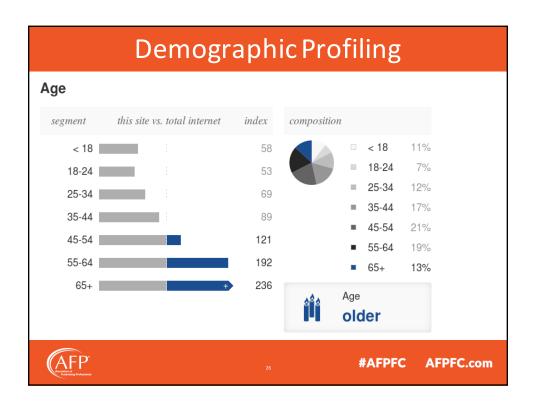
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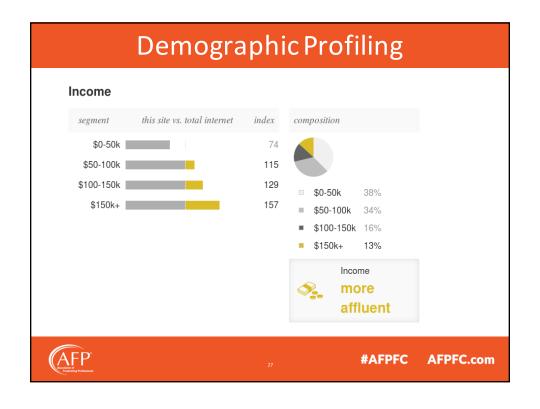
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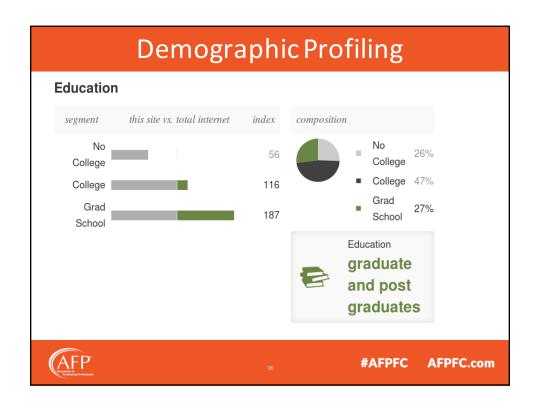


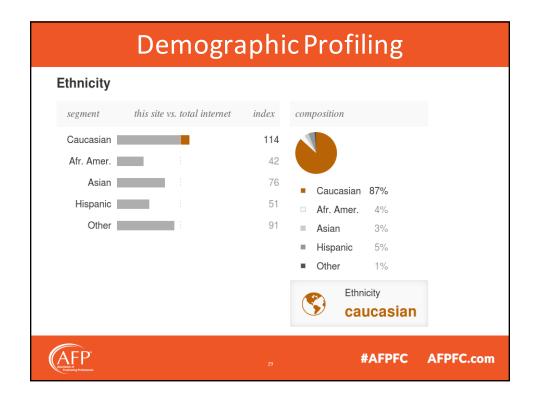












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Remarketing Results

- Dates: 11/23/15 12/31/15 (View Attribution: 30 days)
- \$6.72:1 ROAS (return on ad spend)
- Quantcast ads contributed to 19% of all gifts made during the time the ads ran



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Yahoo! Makes a Comeback



Truth OR Consequences?

Last year, Yahoo! was the fastest growing search engine in the U.S. and paid advertising on Yahoo is a great investment to consider.

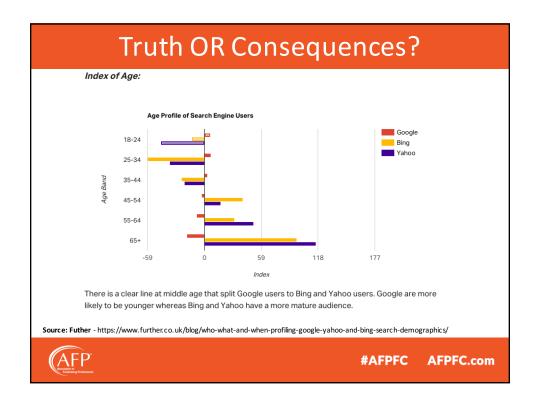


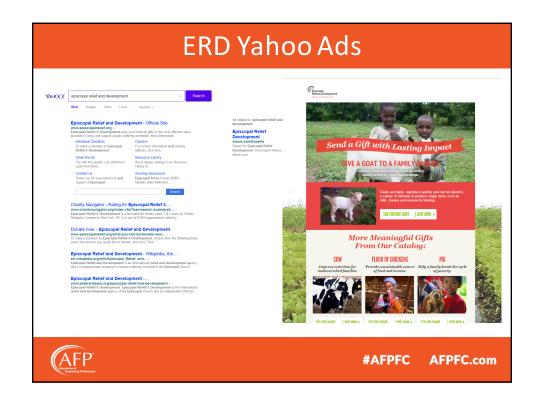
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Truth! (has seen)

- Due to a recent deal with Firefox, Yahoo! saw (at least temporarily) quick growth in market share.
- While Google still vastly outweighs any other search competitor by a long shot, investing in paid search advertising on Yahoo – through the Bing ad network – provides a viable option for nonprofits to consider.
- Audience demographics on Yahoo/Bing often favor fundraisers' goals.







Bing vs. Google

Search Engine	Gifts	Income	ROI		
Bing	92	\$8,038	\$4.14		
Google	147	\$13,945	\$2.35		



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Facebook Is Now a Fundraising Powerhouse



Truth OR Consequences?

2015 was the year that Facebook truly broke out as a proven, powerful fundraising tool in its own right.

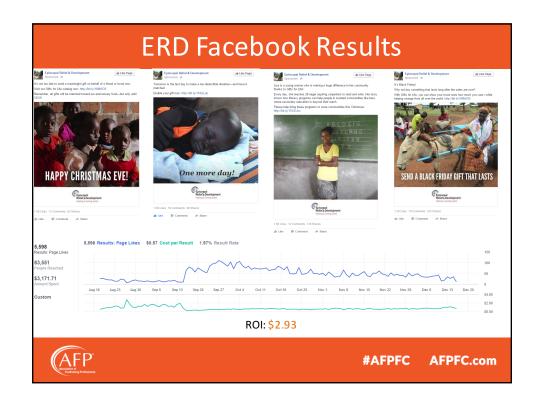


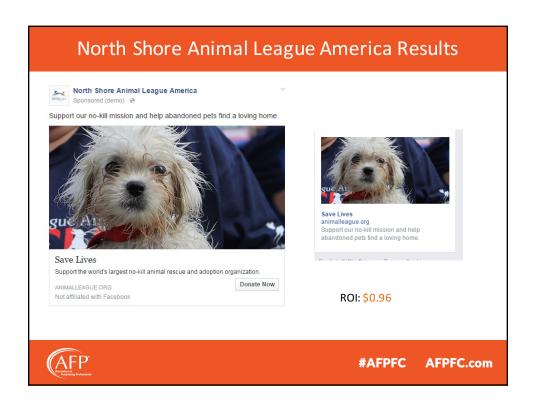
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Truth!

- Groups that have invested over time in building a Like-base started to see a big payoff in \$ in 2015.
- The Facebook demographic continues to shift favorably toward fundraising.
- Refined ad formats and audience-building methods (e.g., from email files and website visitors) continue to benefit nonprofits.













AWF Facebook Remarketing Results

• Email List Targeting: \$2.06 ROI

• Website Retargeting: \$0.88 ROI

• Total: \$1.47 ROI



Secondary Social Sites Take Off Too



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Truth OR Consequences?

The advent of powerful new ad offerings and formats – such as promoted Pins and carousel ads – makes 2016 look like it will be a breakout year for second-tier social sites such as Pinterest, Snapchat and Instagram.



Consequences!

 In the fast-changing world of social media, we must always keep our eyes on new formats and paid tools ... but so far the vast majority of traction is coming via paid Facebook ads, remarketing, and promoted posts.



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Secondary Social Media





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Care2 and Change.org Are Oh So 2010



Truth OR Consequences?

After years of trying to convert names acquired through petition sites to donors, it's clear that this channel doesn't pay off for fundraising.



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Consequences!

- Better conversion strategies that have evolved over time are paying off.
- Data compiled over years is showing that this is indeed a viable channel in many cases.
- In many cases, this channel is paying back faster than direct mail acquisition.
- It doesn't work for *every* nonprofit.



Care2 Pledge



Collected 29,000 new supporters in two weeks!



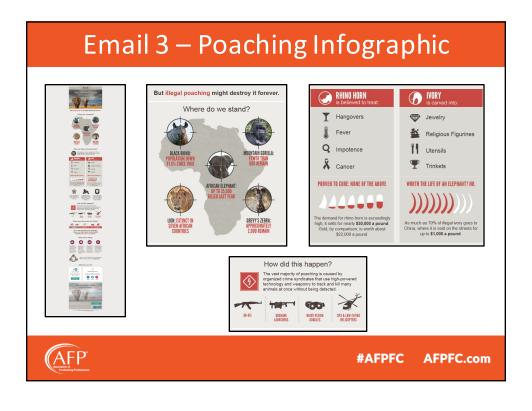
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The key to success is a **strong** and **timely** conversion series.













Results											
Acquisition	# Emails	# New Emails	Initial Cost per Name	Unique Donors	% Emails Convert ed	Avg. # Gifts	Gifts	Income	Avg. Gift	Time	IPD
2012 Summer Care2	26,239	25,468	\$1.45	1,127	4.43%	3.05	3,439	\$123,021	\$35.77	42 mo.	\$2.96
2013 Summer Care2	28,164	27,430	\$1.40	1,105	4.03%	3.56	3,930	\$153,785	\$39.13	30 mo.	\$3.61
2014 Spring Care2	19,577	19,197	\$1.40	637	3.32%	2.68	1,705	\$57,294	\$33.60	24 mo.	\$2.09
2014 Summer Care2 - with NAP	66,106	65,133	\$1.40	1,869	2.87%	2.45	4,581	\$171,638	\$37.47	20 mo.	\$1.72
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A Fundraising App Is an Absolute Must!



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Truth OR Consequences?

As the seismic shift to mobile communications continues, a fundraising app is a must for your organization.



Consequences!

- Many limitations it's expensive to build a quality app, need to create for multiple OSs, Apple (iOS) prohibits donations within a native app.
- But apps do build connections with donors and potential donors.
- First priority: Mobile optimize donation forms!

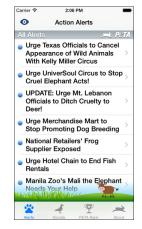


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PETA's Mobile App







PETA's mobile app allows you to take action via your mobile phone. The more actions you take, the higher your rank becomes in their "animal army."





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Truth OR Consequences?

You're missing out, and every organization should start a crowdfunding campaign today.



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Consequences!

- Crowdfunding doesn't work for every organization and could cannibalize donor income.
- Crowdfunding works best when you can use it to find new donors.
- Beware donors from these campaigns don't always renew.





Ebola Crowdrise Results MONTH GIFTS INCOME AVG October 782 \$101,779 \$130.15 14 \$1,892 \$135.14 November December \$1,720 \$61.43 January \$1,360 \$272.00 TOTAL 829 \$106,751 \$128.77 (AFP **#AFPFC** AFPFC.com





You Have to "Sweat" to Do Peerto-Peer Fundraising



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Truth OR Consequences?

Running a marathon or biking across the country are the way to make peer-to-peer fundraising work.



Consequences!

- Peer-to-Peer fundraising doesn't have to rely on a sporting event.
- Organizations that can create a missionoriented event can succeed.



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Covenant House Sleep Out







Boring Is the New Black



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Truth OR Consequences?

The most powerful and effective techniques are often the least exciting.



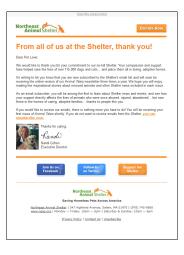
Truth!

- Email appends and ECOAs are in most cases returning their investment in 12 months.
- Email resends with a liftnote in some cases perform better than the first email.
- Segmentation allows for dynamic forms that allow targeted asks and upgrades.
- Google analytics is still a very powerful tool.



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NEAS Append Permission Email



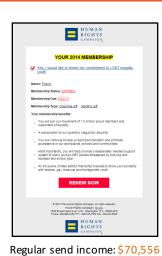


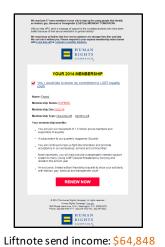
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Liftnotes







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Segmentation Language





Segmentation language allows you to speak to constituents based on their history as donors, offering them a more personal feel in the email copy. This creates more of an impact with the reader and yields higher income.



