# Social Media<br/>Strategy





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## AGENDA

**01** Introduction

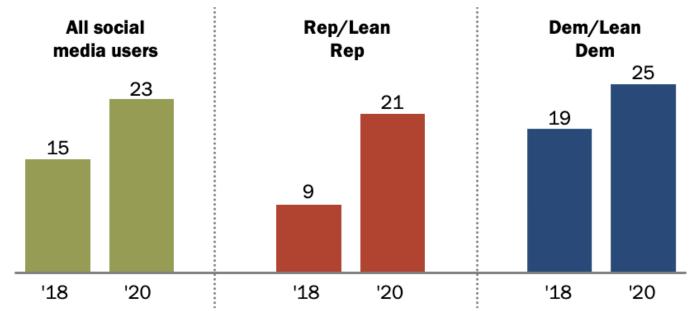
**O2** Preparing your strategy

03 Activity

**04** Questions

## Compared with 2018, a larger share of social media users in the U.S. now say their views about an issue changed because of something they saw online

% of U.S. adult social media users who say they have changed their views about a political or social issue because of something they saw on social media in the past year



Note: Those who did not give an answer are not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 13-19, 2020.

#### PEW RESEARCH CENTER



## What people think strategy is

### Preparing a social media strategy



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Who do you need to reach to realize those goals?

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How will you hear what your audience is saying and enter into conversation with them?

**Make a plan**What does the timeline to achieve your goals look like?

O5 Post and reflect

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#### Path to communications success

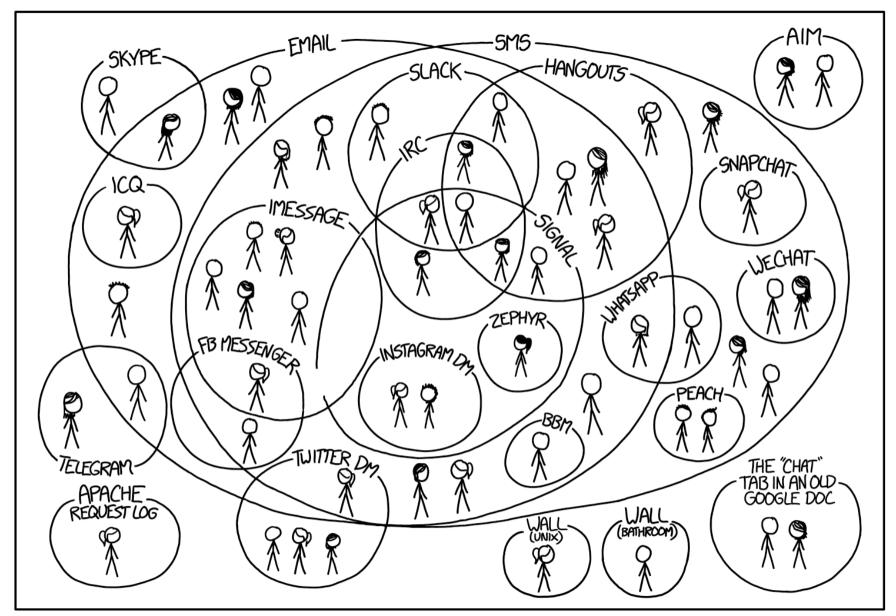
Goal



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XKCD Comics

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#### **Drew Westen**

The Political Brain: The Role of Emotion in Deciding the Fate of the Nation

## LISTEN & ENGAGE

### Questions



**O1** Where is my audience? What platforms are they on?

How are they communicating?

Tone? Style? Messengers? Timing?

**Who can I imitate?**Similar orgs? People your audience admires?

#### **US Governors** by Twitter Government

Principal Accounts of State Governors in the U.S. (mix of campaign/govt accounts)



50 Members

#### **US Cabinet** by Twitter Government

Principal Accounts of U.S. Cabinet Level Federal Agencies and Executives



41 Members

#### **US Senate** by Twitter Government

Principal Accounts of Members of the U.S. Senate (a mix of campaign and government accounts)



99 Members

#### **US House** by Twitter Government

Principal Accounts of Members of the U.S. House of Representatives (mix of campaign/govt accounts)

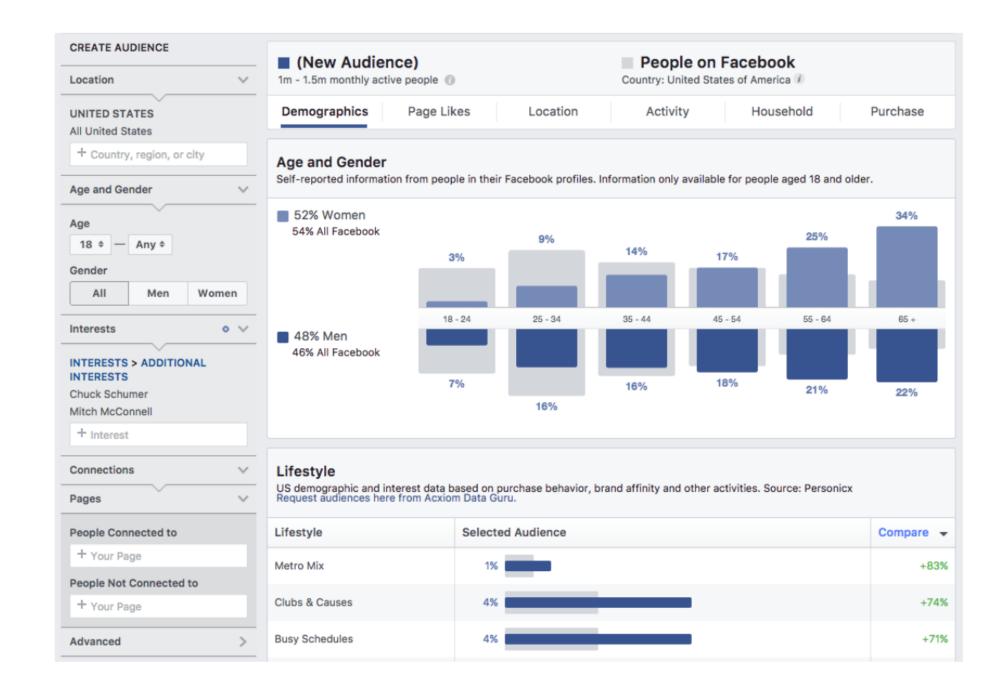


422 Members

# MAKE A PLAN:

GOAL	PLAN
Capture the attention of local elected officials	Hold a Twitter town hall with local reporters
Boost attendance at an upcoming rally	Create and promote a Facebook event
Increase the media profile of staff or volunteers	Start conversations with reporters on Twitter
Educate your supporters on a complex policy	Create and share a short explainer video
Collect signatures on a petition	Launch a data-driven Facebook ad campaign

## POST AND REFLECT:



### Preparing a social media strategy



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### ACTIVITY:

With a partner, start working on a social media strategy for 10 minutes.

### QUESTIONS







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