

Key insights from research on native advertising

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2016

Almost every news website contains native advertisements



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BUT... There is diversity in content, disclosures, and success...



And... Why does native advertising actually work?



"It is more engaging"



"Native advertising is NOT to mislead, confuse or camouflage."

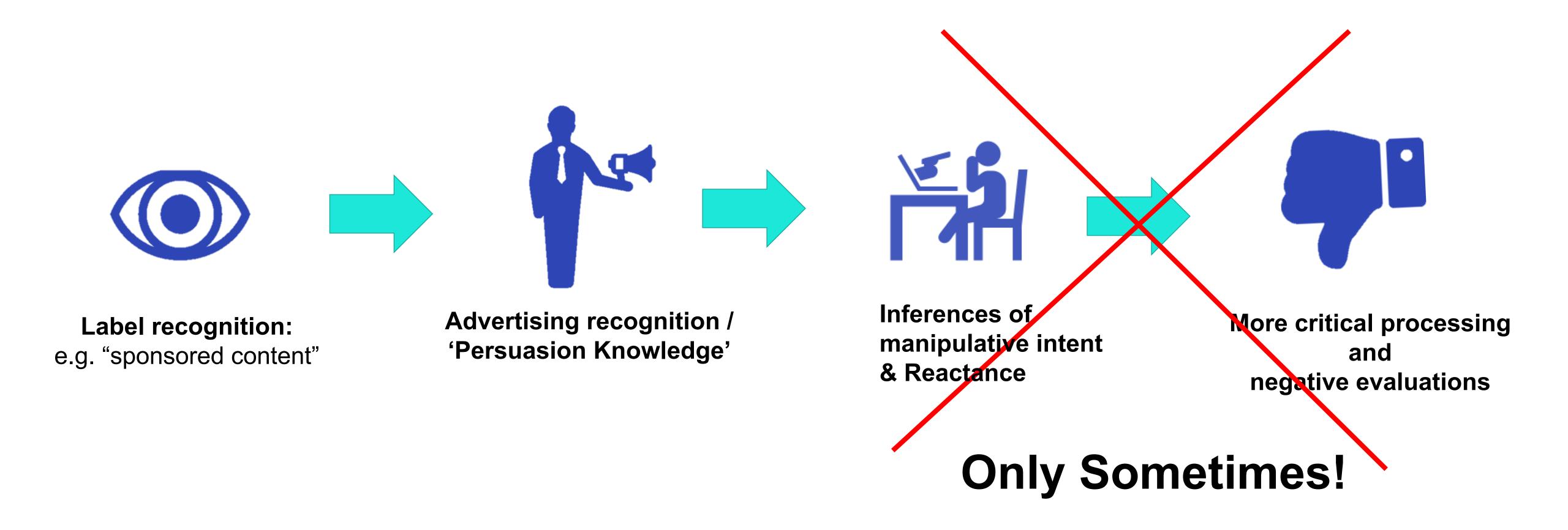
"It is deceptive"





"Native advertising is just an effort to confuse readers to think that they're getting something other than an ad"

2016: Most academic research focused on advertising recognition.



→ Which other factors play a role?



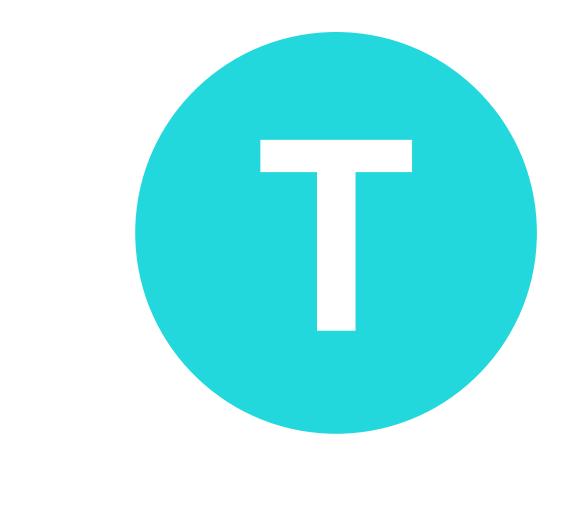
Native Advertising.

How can we implement this in an effective manner, without deceiving the readers?



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3 key principles



1. TRANSPARENCY





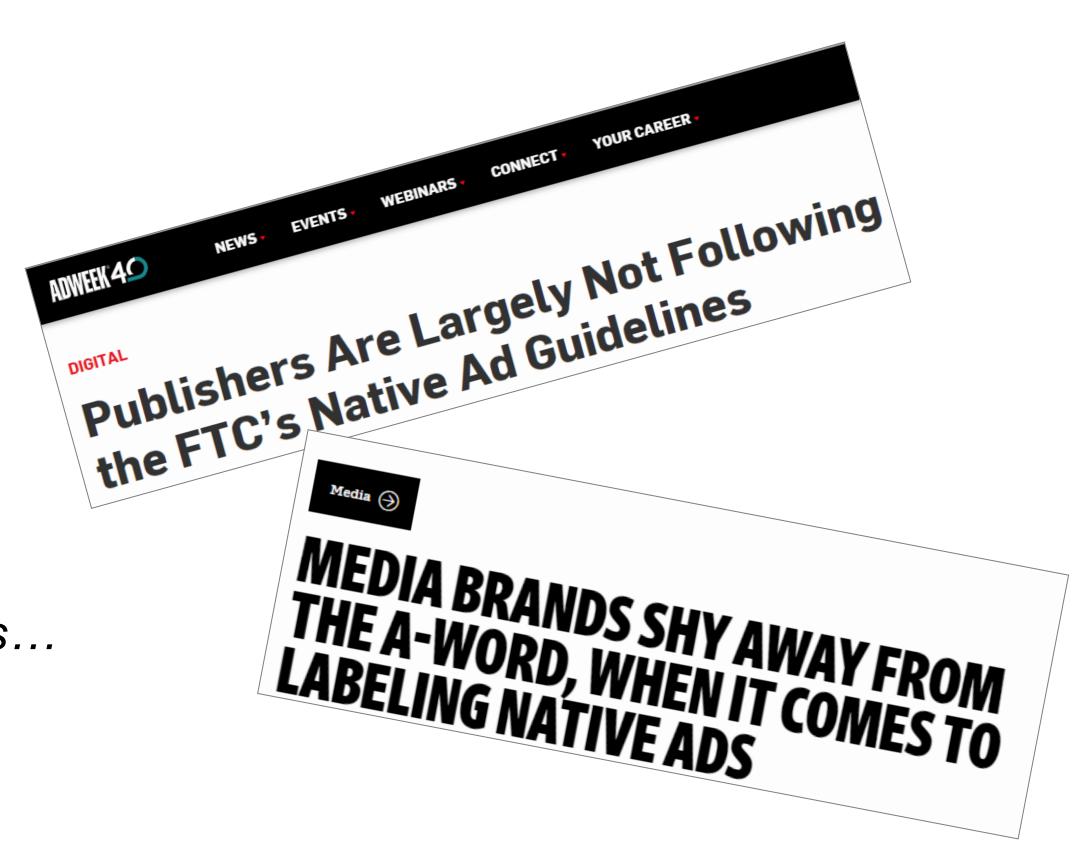
2. RELEVANCE

3. FOCUS

ransparency

A wide variety of disclosure labels...

- Partner content
- Branded Content
- > ADV
- Brandvoice
- > ... NAI: 11% of the publishers do not label their native ads...



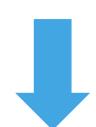
Experiment among news readers of HLN.be:



No negative effect of readers' initial label and ad recognition



BUT: readers who did not notice the label



More feelings of deception



More negative evaluations



What happens when you increase the transparency of the disclosure label?



A live test on "De Telegraaf"

Label A: Partnercontent

("Partner content")



Label B: Aangeboden door Reaal

("Provided by Reaal")









Recognition and Brand memory



Partner content	Provided by Reaal	Provided by Reaal
66,0%	78,0%	77,6%
22,6%	34,0%	49,0%
34,0%	50,0%	63,3%
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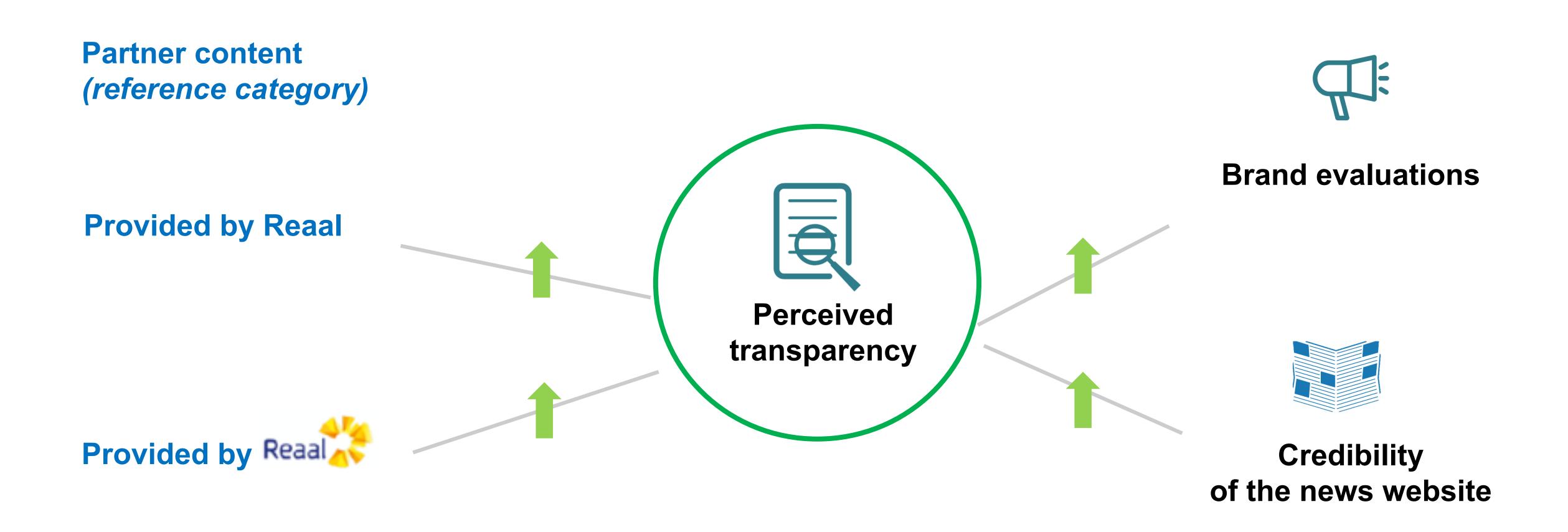
Evaluations



	Partner content	Provided by Reaal	Provided by Reaal
Perceived transparency	2.53 a	5.00 b	5.62 b
Credibility of the news website	3.62 a	4.50 b	4.67 b
Clarity of the advertising brand	3.76 a	4.79 b	5.29 c
Attitudes towards the advertising brand	3.16 a	4.44 b	4.55 b

^{*7-}point scales. Significant difference between cells with a different letter (p < .05)

The increase in perceived transparency, explained the more positive evaluations of the advertiser and news website

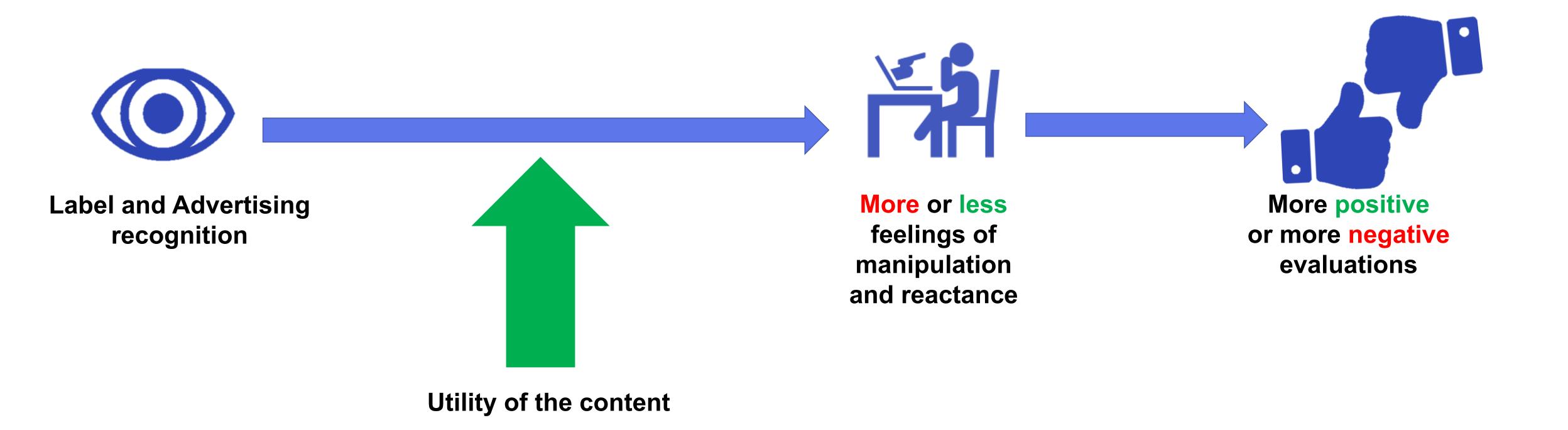


Choose transparency.

- Provide an explicit label containing the name of the advertiser
- Other study: provide additional information about authorship (e.g. "created by our content studio")
- Other studies: importance of (1) proximity, (2) contrasting color, (3) logo
- Publishers: <u>always</u> **test** your disclosure label!



The importance of relevance



Experiment -> Brand Presence

Voorkomen van phubbing

Phubbing is het negeren van één of meer andere personen in een sociale

situatie door bezig te zijn met je telefoon. Constant de telefoon naar boven



erstorende telefoon er niet hoeft worden bij gepakt. Een korte blik op de

NIEUWS REGIO SPORT SHOWBIZZ NINA MEER HLN - 🔍 Nieuwe generatie smartwatches flink verbeterd Aanbevelen Delen 6 Y Tweet G+1 1 MEER VAN HLN Aangeboden door: Samsung BEWAAR ARTIKEL 15/07/16 - 09u10 Onbekend door haar tenniskunstjes, niet langer onbemind na dit exploot Egyptisch voetbalicoon holt uitzinnig van woede achter fotograaf aan. Het vervolg is schandalig Zo zien Tourbenen eruit na dagen afzien en 1.825 kilometer zwoegen Tragische foto's van halfnaakte en ronddolende Gascoigne sanbevolen door Outbrain HLNBE NIEUW De tweede generatie smartwatches is gelanceerd. Lopen we nu 09u15 Mont Ven-TOE? binnenkort allemaal met een 'slim horloge' rond? Het is nog even 09u08 Advocaat zet deur op kier voor afwachten of het zo'n vaart zal lopen, want de introductie van de eerste smartwatches verliep redelijk stroef. Toch voorspellen trendwatchers dat | 09u05 Buren Syriëgangster geloven de verkoop met de lancering van de nieuwe generatie smartwatches flink 09u00 Dit weekend geen plannen? Dan gaat stijgen. 09u00 Hoezo straatartiesten wegjagen? Nog hinder door De proefkonijn-fase is voorbij 'ethanoltruck' E403 De techno-hipsters hebben een paar jaar de tijd gehad om sier te maken met de eerste generatie echte smartwatches, slimme horloges die in verbinding met je smartphone staan. Dit testpubliek liet de makers toe om te Dehenauw helpt Rus in vlucht rond wereld experimenteren met de bediening, toepassingen en design. De fabrikanten hebben uitgezocht wat wel en niet werkt. Het resultaat is een nieuwe generatie smartwatches, die gebruiksvriendelijker zijn, mooier ogen en beter Groene en gele trui tegemoet komen aan de verwachtingen van een veel grotere, minder verzorgen spektakel in technisch gefixeerde gebruikersgroep. spurtersetappe Beide handen vrij Doordat je de nieuwe smartwatches met je stem kunt bedienen, houd je zware treinbotsing in Italië beide handen vrij. Je hoeft je smartphone niet langer bij elke overbodige melding uit je zak of tas tevoorschijn te halen. Naast oproepen en berichten kun je nu ook meldingen over bijvoorbeeld sportwedstrijden en het weerbericht op je smartwatch ontvangen. Ze zeggen je bijvoorbeeld of je bij HLNBE POPULAIR het gebruik van navigatie links- of rechtsaf moet slaan. Of vertellen je dat het gaat regenen, of toch droog blijft. Mysterieuze voetstappen op het strand van Oostende Vinger op de pols 110320x gelezen) Nagenoeg elke grote speler op de smartwatch-markt heeft de functionaliteit Zo sjoemelen ambtenaren met de van de activity tracker en andere gezondheidsmetingen aan zijn slimme prikklok in Italië (86695x gelezen) horloge toegevoegd. Zo telt bijvoorbeeld de nieuwe Gear S2 smartwatch van Samsung een stappenteller, een gyroscoop die bewegingen analyseert, een Onbekend door haar tenniskunstjes. niet langer onbemind na dit exploot hartslag- en een accelerometer. Extra's die samen met een gezondheids- en 2899x gelezen fitness-app op je telefoon, je actieve en sportieve leven in kaart brengen en Britse journalist die al vier jaar helpen te verbeteren. De smartwatch kan zo dienen als een motiverende gegijzeld wordt door IS verschijnt in coach, die je altijd om je pols hebt. nieuwe video (76908x gelezen

Experts waarschuwen: "Gigantische

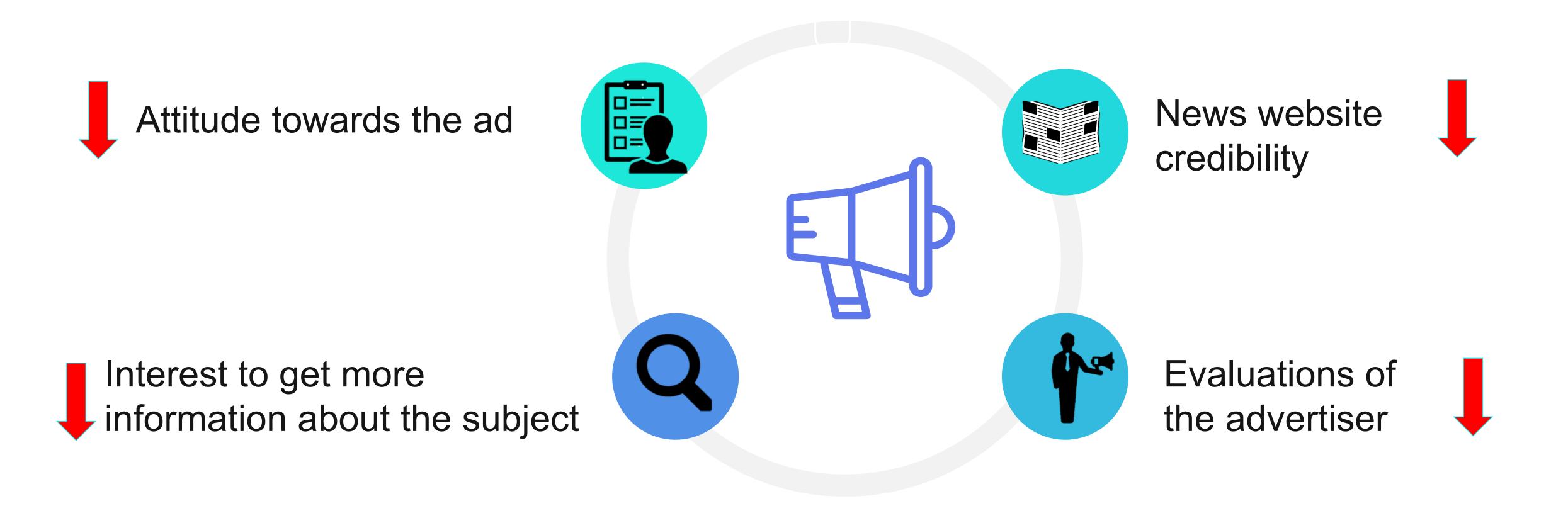
aardbeving zal 140 miljoen mensen

treffen" (74359x gelezen)

Low: 1x Samsung

High: 5x Samsung

A high brand presence in the text...



- Explaining variable: higher inferences of manipulative intent
- Controlled for readers' involvement with the subject and readers' predisposition towards the news website

Positive brand effects without talking about the brand?

Mention the brand name in the label (Sponsored by [brand])

Add the logo of the advertising brand

Add a banner ad next to the native ad

Stimulate readers to click through to brand page / website (if relevant)



Experiment 2: message sidedness

One-sided native ad:

Stevia on the rise:

A sweetener with many advantages

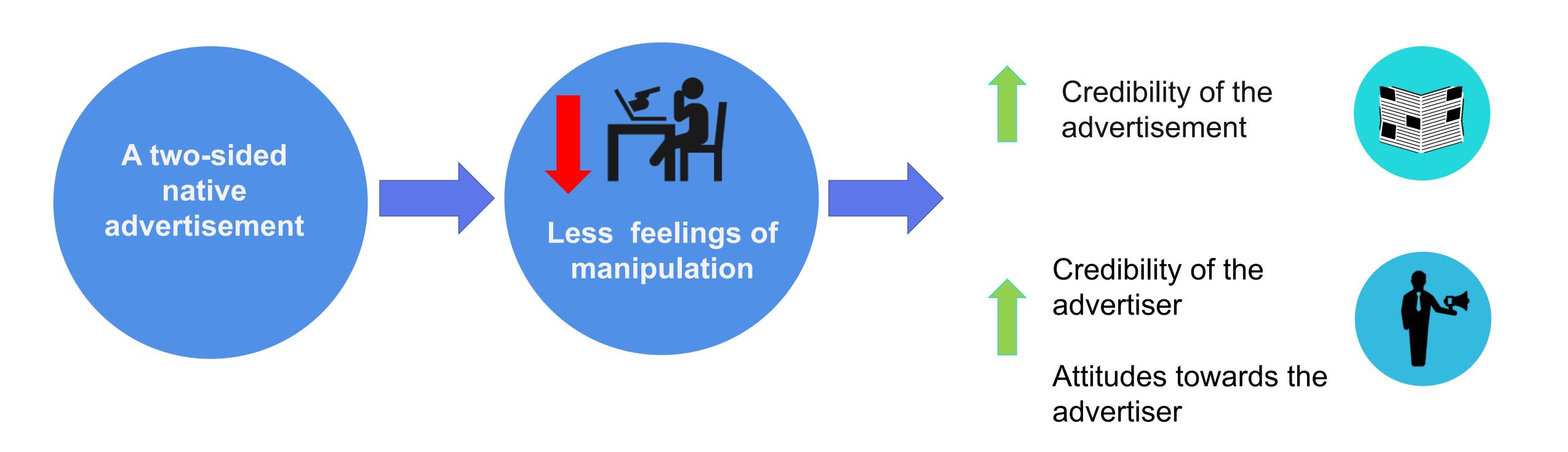


Two-sided native ad:

Stevia on the rise: What are the advantages and disadvantages?



Results: message sidedness



Experiment 3 The influence of reader involvement

Group A



High interest in technology news





Group B



Low interest in technology news





Native ad about smartwatch technology innovations

Highly involved readers:



Increase the relevance and value for readers

- Mention your brand name sparingly in the text
- Provide balanced, two-sided information
- Increase reader involvement:
 - Position native ads nearby news articles on similar topics
 - Target native ads
 - Adapt native ads to 'hot news topics'





Let's meet some news readers...

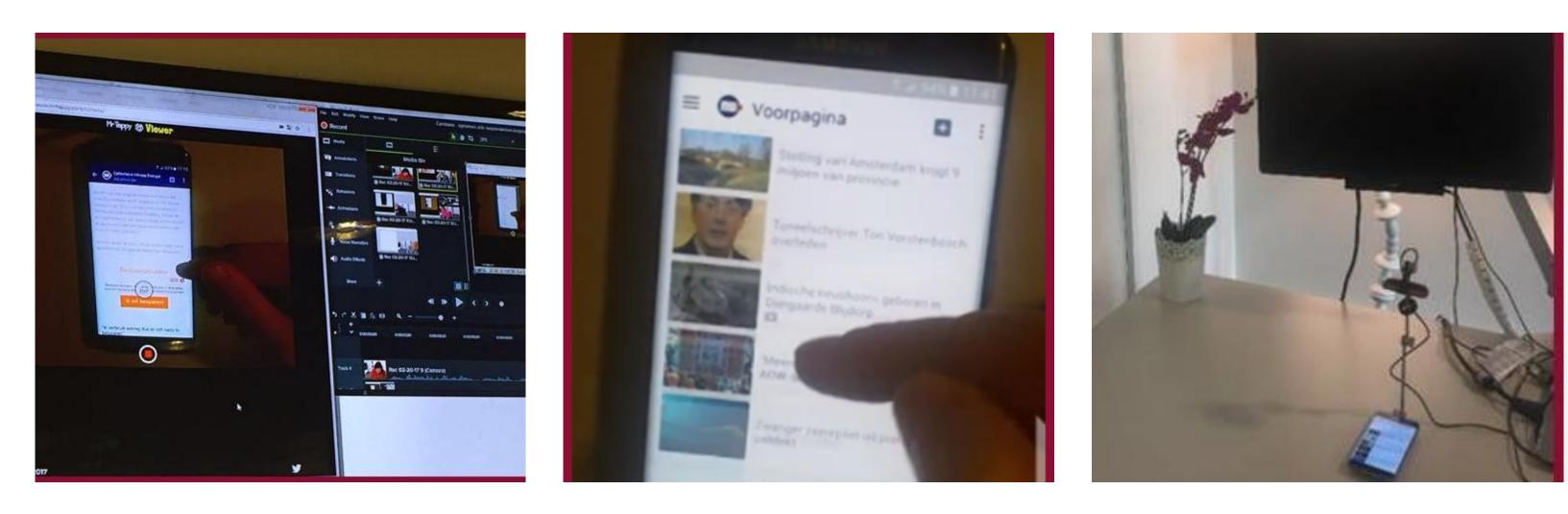


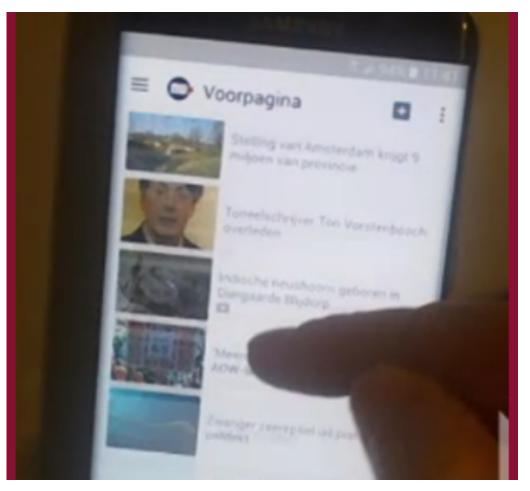
Usability testing of a news app (think aloud protocol)

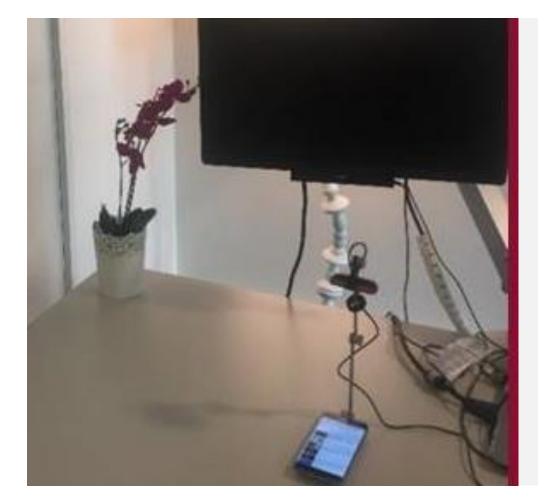


Interviews

(wide variety of topics: news, banners, pre-roll video ads, native ads)







Attention depends on information utility

"Sometimes I'm looking for **certain information** and if the advertisement provides me that information, I am interested in reading it anyway."

Perceived control

"I can choose whether I click on a native advertisement or not, whereas banner advertisements are annoyingly present in the app."

"I am always scared that I will click on a banner."

Advertiser credibility

"This advertisement is provided by a cooperation for home owners, which is interesting to me. But as soon as it is [organization X], I will not read it."

> Experimental research also shows influence of advertiser credibility

What is unacceptable to readers?

"When I cannot directly recognize them at such"

"Native ads should not promote things or brands that are bad for society"

"If journalists write native advertisements, readers' interests will be mixed with the interests of the advertiser."

Take care of:

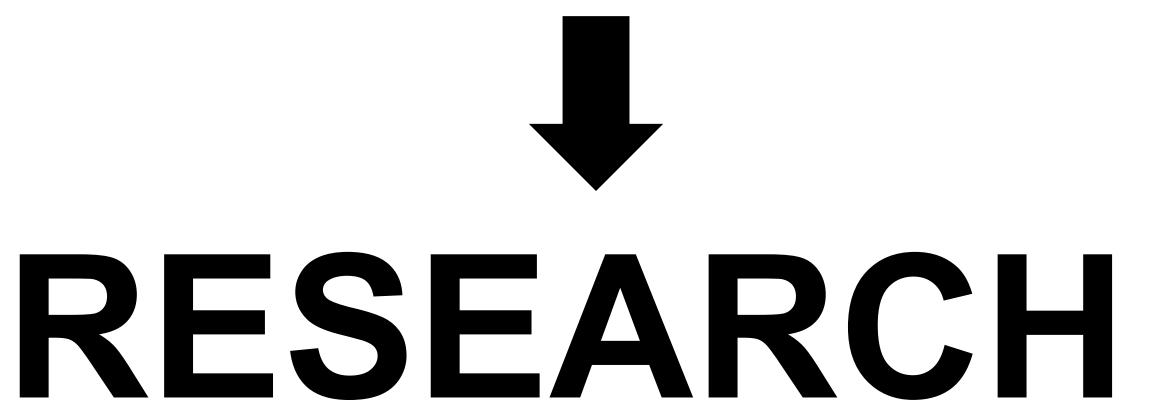
- → Separating editorial / (native) advertising department
- → Recognizability
- → No controversial content / brands

Focus

- Maintain the line between editorial / advertising functions
- Help readers 'to feel in control' and provide a clear disclosure *upfront*
- Adapt native ads to readers' interests
- Avoid 'controversial' native ads

Transparency, Relevance, Focus...

The Magic Formula?



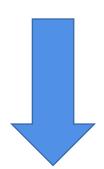
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X NATIVE ADVERTISING?
X QUESTIONS?

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