# Assessing competing platform offerings

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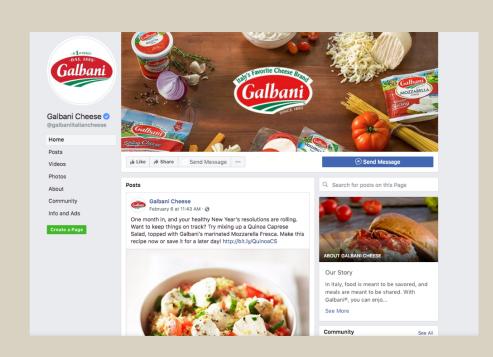


# **Picking Platforms Facebook Twitter** LinkedIn **Pinterest** YouTube **Snapchat**

### Facebook

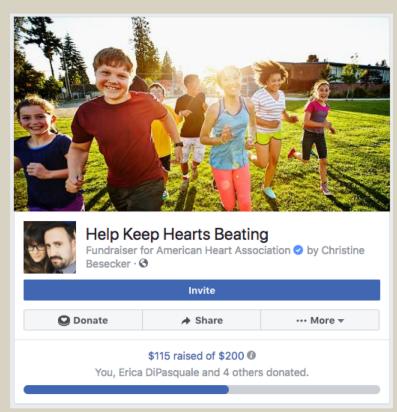
#### Facebook - Social Media Behemoth

- 80 million businesses are on Facebook
- 68% of people in the US are on Facebook
  - 74% use Facebook daily
  - 78% have discovered products to buy on Facebook
- Messenger is the top mobile app by number of downloads
  - Respond to messages quickly and professionally
- Organic reach is down to about 2%, so paid is essential – especially with limited resources and/or a wide audience



### Facebook - Capabilities

- Messenger
- Reviews
- Events
- Video
- Fundraisers for non-profit
- Sophisticated advertising capabilities
- Shopify

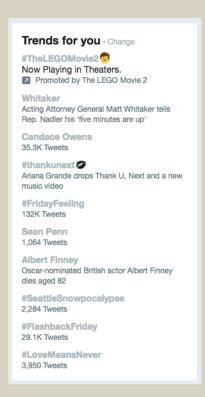


## **Twitter**

#### Twitter - Join The Conversation

- Connect with leaders in local/industry media to amplify coverage of your brand or story
- Send updates on events or important business information in real time to your followers
- Don't have to worry about "flooding the feed"
- Easy to jump on trending topics and join conversations in real time
- Gather community through Tweetchats

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# LinkedIn

#### LinkedIn - Stay Professional

- Recruitment and Networking
  - InMail
- B2B Marketing
- Industry thought leadership
- Financial announcements



### **Pinterest**

#### Pinterest - Drive Traffic and E-Commerce



- Most active user base is Millennials
  - Use Pinterest as much as Instagram
  - Typically strong performance from referrals
- Helps users discover brands and new products to buy
  - Makes buying easy
  - 87% of users have purchased a product because of the network
- Most engaging pins are color heavy and images with multiple dominant colors are 3.25x more likely to be repinned.
- Video recently added for pins

### YouTube

### YouTube – Video is No Longer Optional

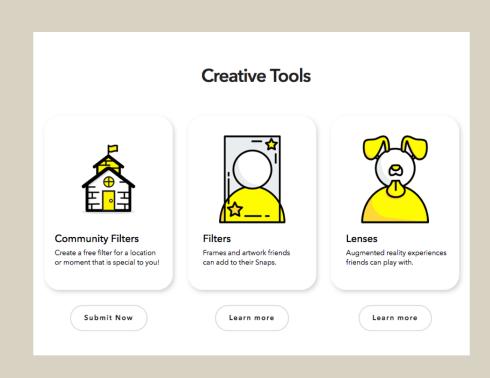
- YouTube has become the top search engine for Generation Z and Millennials
- Viewing time is important to YouTube's algorithm, so longer versions of videos (1:30-2:00) can live here
- Think of this platform as your video library that can house all of your video content
- Crucial not to post YouTube links on other competing platforms; always post video natively
- 2B monthly users (the most-used platform in US)
- Experimenting with better discovery tools
  - Masthead ads, "Explore" tab



# Snapchat

### **Snapchat - Stay Local**

- Younger demographic
  - Average 18-24
  - Used by more Americans than LinkedIn + Twitter
- Easy to use and create filters and lenses
  - Events
  - Product announcements
- Slowing down in average daily use
  - Drastic redesigns
  - Instagram Stories
  - Weak ROI for brands



# **Key Takeaways**

#### Which Networks Are Right For My Brand?

- Facebook: Beneficial for all businesses in all industries
  - Need to incorporate a paid strategy alongside organic
  - Manage and monitor followers, reviews, and engaging content
- Twitter: Beneficial for all businesses in all industries
  - Have a conversation with followers and users in real time
- LinkedIn: Professional networking and recruitment
  - Recruit professionals and engage with industry leaders
- Pinterest: Beneficial for e-commerce
  - Drives traffic to websites and helps convert browsers into buyers
- YouTube: Your video library
  - Tremendous long-term search value for your brand
- Snapchat: Events with a younger demographic
  - Localized filters and lenses for users to engage with

#### **Dos & Don'ts**

- Do: Assess which platforms are right for your business based on your audience
- Do: Stay visually and creatively on brand across all platforms
- Do: Use each network to its full potential
- Don't: Join every network because you feel you have to
- Don't: Underestimate the unique nuances of each network and its audience
- Don't: Put all your eggs in one basket (RIP Vine, Google+)

# thank you

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