

Looking Outside for Insights

Stakeholder Engagement Around Environmental Sustainability

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Many Minds. Singular Results.

"What does sustainability mean to your company?"

 Majority of business respondents speak to business issues (16/20) vs. environmental issues (4/20)

– RebeccaL

In our industry, it means selling at good prices, desired quality and on time deliveries.

– JohnJ

In retail, we need to sustain and grow our company base through marketing and in store experience.

– DavidF

Meet needs of customers and vendor relationships and you will have sustainability.

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Public Opinion Loop



Target Audience: Opinion Leaders





Opinion Leading Consumer Audience: "Legacy Moms"



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Green is Everywhere



State of Environment in the US and the World



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Trust in US Government to Address Environmental Issues



Trust in Major Industries to Address Environmental Issues



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- Environment ranked second most important cause (71%)
 - Only improving schools ranked higher
- What Americans are actually doing to protect the environment
 - Using less energy at home (68 percent)
 - Recycling at home (62 percent)
 - Buying energy-efficient appliances and insulation (52 percent)
 - Buying products made from recycled paper or plastic (52 percent)

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- Americans are most willing to try:
 - Buying products that use less packaging (36 percent)
 - Buy environmentally friendly products (32 percent)
 - Punish companies with bad environmental records by not purchasing their products (31 percent)
 - Buy organic foods (31 percent)



Failure to Engage External Stakeholders Is Not an Option

- All stakeholders are consumers first!
 - They read the media
 - They track public opinion
 - They act on what they think they know
- Uncorrected myths become "facts"
- External engagement helps correct internal perceptions



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Perceptions of the Condition of the Forest

How would you characterize the amount of forestland in the U.S.?



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Interest in Seeing Educational Campaign Continue

"In the future, would you like to see the forest products industry continue this kind of educational campaign or not?"







The State of America's Forests









Historical Trends

The U.S. is covered by 750 million acres of forestland, an amount essentially unchanged over the past 100 years.

In addition, forestland in the United States has increased by more than 10 million acres over the past 20 years.

Trend in US forestland area, 1630 to present



Note: Data prior to 1950 are based on historical evidence, not field sampling. Source: USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory Analysis Program. 2006.









Forest Certification

- Low awareness of certification among Legacy Moms
 - But when explained, certification assuages concern
 - And is something that they would consider using as a purchase criteria
- More certified products coming to retail



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Sustainable Growth Toolkit: Opportunities and Risks from Environmental and Social Trends





Benefits of Engagement

- External stakeholders have points of view that help determine the risks and opportunities of social and environmental trends
- Engaging with external stakeholders may lead to new collaborative partnerships to promote growth opportunities

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Three Rules of Engagement

- Transparency
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 - Set benchmarks
 - Show progress (or explain lack of it)
 - Be authentic
 - Be visible

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Thank You.

