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Abstract

Purpose

The purpose of this study is to analyze the impact of SMS advertising on customer attitude. It also studies the factors which affects directly on customer attitude such as entertainment, information and incentive. This study is done for different stack holders such as advertising firms, organizations who wants to advertise their products and for customers who gets information about products by the SMS advertising. Further the addition and new innovation of mobile devices containing various features, promotions, offers and the developments in mobile technology have specially enabled mobile phones and other devices to be improved and differentiated among others. These improved multimedia features, they also the internet facilities are being made applicable. Due to mobile devices are offering opportunities like text, voice communication ,video and consumers and enabling them to be online from all over the world, purchasing decisions of consumers enabled them from fixed devices to mobile devices in terms of communication resources. Mobile advertising sometimes influences the consumers in their purchase decisions and shows attitudes towards buying decision. Since the mobile device usage is high these days, now the mobile advertising can reach more consumers easily and effectively anywhere.

Evaluating consumers' opinions and ideas and feedbacks regarding mobile advertising and knowing their needs and wants also the attitudes are few of the key factors that would make corporations successful in their target market and market positioning with the correct marketing strategies.

Methodology & Design

In order to carry out this study, survey method has been used. Questionnaire has been distributed among various customers though social media. Convenient sampling technique has been used and the sample size is 380. Correlation, regression analysis and reliability analysis has been done on SPSS software for results and findings.

Findings

The results of the study highlight the importance of utilizing customer data in the design of mobile advertising campaigns. When the mobile advertiser has the possibility to target actual needs of customers based on existing customer data, attitudes toward mobile advertisements are likely to be positive. This implies that mobile advertising should be based on service rather than selling.

Limitations

There are few limitations faced while conducting this study. The research was completed in four month due to the shortage of time. The sample size 380 is also small due to shortage of time. The population age of respondents were of different age groups then it's not fairly represent the perfectly represent the participating sample.

Recommendations

Some recommendations are given to the stake holders. True and accurate information delivered to the customers on time is beneficial for the marketing firm ad companies. Incentive is directly proportional to the customer attitude. SMS promoting has coming about as more than fair way of exchanging data to client it is more individual interaction together with your customer's and potential clients and socializing will getting to be more dynamic to utilize and upgrade its impact on customer.

Keywords; Mobile Advertising, Consumer attitudes, mobile advertising, mobile marketing, consumer behavior, purchase intentions,

Executive Summary

SMS or advertising through mobile has experienced huge growth and present age. The main aim of my research is to find the consumers attitude, perceptions and interest towards mobile and SMS advertising. Everyone is connected to each other and this is also a medium where the companies and marketers are connecting to their customers and potential customers to create value in the minds of customer that ultimately come into practice in the shape of behavioral change for future purchases as well. Three aspects were chosen from SMS advertising which can be examined to see the impact. I have employed a simulated experiment with 380 respondents to examine how consumers react to SMS advertisements and identify factors that influence their attitude. Promotion, Entertainment and Information were the variables used to understand impact in this research and after running the test Information and Entertainment has shown significant impact on customers' attitude rather than Promotion which was insignificant in creating impact through SMS advertising on customer attitude. You will see in this research different process being followed to cover this study and following with the recommendations. Conclusively, there is a clear link SMS advertising and attitude. Today the leading Aspects of this communication through devices are the mobile devices, Mobile phones, smart phones, and tablets or other devices PDAs (Personal Digital Assistant), notebook and tablet PCs are the mobile devices that hold the importance to reach the customer in the effective way. However the mobile phones are the popular among all these mobile devices.

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