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# **The Impact of Video Content in Social Media Marketing**

Benchmarks, Best Practices & Strategic Insights (2025 Edition)

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## Methodology

This paper is written using the **PAS (Problem – Agitation – Solution)** paradigm — a classic and highly effective framework for persuasive communication and short-form writing.

PAS rests on a single guiding word: **Clarity**. Each section identifies a specific business problem, explores its implications, and presents actionable solutions that help owners and marketers bridge creative strategy with measurable performance.

Every paragraph has been intentionally kept short, direct, and valuable — reflecting the time constraints modern executives face in reading and applying insights. For a complete discussion on PAS and its applicability, see the addendum.

Problem-Agitation has been condensed to Problem-expanded also for brevity.

# 1 · Executive Summary

## **Problem-expanded: Cluttered social media space and shortened attention spans**

Social feeds are increasingly crowded with static imagery and text that scrolls by unnoticed. Businesses invest heavily in posts, yet engagement and conversions continue to decline.

Audiences have shifted from reading to watching. Platforms now reward content that keeps eyes on screen — not just thumbs scrolling. Firms relying on photos and carousels see declining reach and rising ad costs. The industry standard is now 3 seconds... the time you must keep the viewer's attention before they scroll on.

## **Solution-direct energy toward video and leave print to drive home meaningful statistics**

Video has emerged as the dominant form of communication. In 2025 (Sprout Social 2025; Vidico 2025; Insivia 2025; WebFX 2025):

- Video posts generate **2–6 × more engagement** than images.
- Viewers retain **95 % of a message** in video vs. 10 % in text.
- Landing pages with video convert **65–86 % higher**.
- Organic reach is **≈ 5 × greater** than static content.

This report explains *why* those numbers hold and *how* business owners can apply them for immediate, scalable benefit.

Video clearly excels at what humans respond to most: storytelling, demonstrations, sales conversations, and teaching. It delivers emotion, context, tone, and nuance in a way no other medium can match.

That said, the video should not stand alone.

Print still plays a critical supporting role—primarily when it reinforces what the video introduces. Concise written elements, such as digestible facts, timelines, key takeaways, and memorable statements, help anchor ideas, improve retention, and give audiences concrete reference points after the video ends.

In its highest and best use today, print does not compete with video; it supports it. Print excels as a reinforcement layer for video-led narratives—clarifying important points, providing structure, and ensuring that essential ideas are understood, remembered, and acted upon within the proper context.

## 2 · Introduction — Why Video Now Dominates the Feed

### Problem-expanded

The content formats that built early social media success no longer work. Static visuals and copy posts struggle to hold attention. The average American sees 30,000 to 60,000 social media images a month. Add image advertising, print, and the number soars to 1.48+ million a year.

From 2018 to 2025, audience behavior changed faster than most brand strategies could keep pace.

Consumers expect motion, authenticity, and micro-stories; algorithms mirror that preference—the result: attention inequality between brands using video and those that don't.

### Solution

According to Insivia (2025), video accounts for **82 % of all internet traffic**. Three forces drive this dominance:

1. **Neurological Efficiency** — the brain processes visuals 60,000X faster than text.
2. **Algorithmic Bias** — platforms prioritize content that increases dwell time.
3. **Consumer Expectation** — motion storytelling feels natural; static posts feel dated.

*Key takeaway: Nearly every second of strategic viewer attention should now belong to moving imagery.*

# 3 · Benchmark Performance - Video vs. Still Images-The key for the small to medium-sized businesses

## Problem-expanded

For many SMBs, the lack of KPI-driven analysis is even more consequential when deciding between video and still imagery. Video consistently outperforms still images in engagement, retention, and conversion, but only a minority of SMB marketers use metrics to recognize or capitalize on this gap. As a result, businesses often default to still images—either due to habit, production simplicity, lack of skill sets, perceived simplicity, or cost concerns—without realizing they may be missing up to 3–10x higher performance possible with well-executed video.

When SMBs continue allocating budget to static images **based on legacy practices instead of data**, they repeatedly forfeit the proven impact of video: higher engagement, greater sharing, longer message retention, and stronger conversion rates. Every day that comparative benchmarks don't drive decisions, resources float toward tactics that underdeliver. At the same time, data-driven competitors gain brand visibility, customer trust, and ROI by using video, where it objectively wins.

## Solution — Verified 2024–2025 Benchmarks

KPI Category	Video Performance	Static Performance	Sources
Message Retention	95 %	10–30 %	Sprout Social 2025
Engagement Rate	≈ 3 × higher	Baseline	Vidico 2025 · Sprout Social 2025
Share Rate	Up to 1 200 % higher	—	Insivia 2025
Conversion Rate	65–86 % increase	—	WebFX 2025

Organic Reach

≈ 5 × greater

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Vidico 2025 ·  
Insivia 2025

### Interpretation

- **Retention = Trust.** When 95 % of your message is remembered, brand equity compounds.
- **Engagement = Relationship.** 3X lift means deeper dialogue, not just impressions.
- **Conversion = Revenue.** A rise from 2.9% to 4.8% in conversions equals a 65% gain.

### Actionable Steps

1. Audit past campaigns: compare engagement-per-view for video vs static.
2. Shift > 30 % of creative budget toward motion content tests.
3. Benchmark monthly; measure retention, not reach alone.

*Authoritative Additional Reference:* forthcoming “Narrative Advantage” papers, “Optimizing Retention,” and “The Local Business Video Playbook.”

# 4 · Understanding Retention & the Psychology of Visual Attention

## Problem-expanded

Marketers often equate attention with success, yet attention without memory yields no impact. Brands spend millions generating views that vanish seconds later.

Every forgotten impression erodes brand equity. Without retention, frequency becomes the only way to be remembered - an expensive, inefficient substitute for resonance.

Neuroscience shows that motion and emotion drive the formation of long-term memory. Static visuals deliver facts; video delivers *experience*.

## Solution

Video engages multiple sensory channels at once. Storytelling and relatable human empathy underscore and multiply the impact of video.

Movement, tone, and pacing activate mirror neurons, prompting the viewer's brain to simulate the action and emotion onscreen. That simulation creates empathy, and, in turn, empathy cements memory.

**Data Point:** Viewers retain **95% of a message when viewed in video form, compared to 10% when read (Sprout Social, 2025)**.

**Key implication:** Brands that master emotional brevity win in recall.

## Actionable Steps

1. **Lead with emotion.** A visual or line that provokes curiosity in the first 1.5 seconds sets the retention curve.
2. **Stay concise.** Keep the total runtime under 90 seconds for social media; a runtime of below 45 seconds yields the highest completion rates.
3. **Design for silence.** Eighty-five percent of users watch with sound off; captions are non-negotiable.
4. **Frame as a story.** Every short clip still needs a beginning, conflict, and resolution.

**Authoritative Note:** Expanded neuromarketing framework forthcoming in *Optimizing Retention: Neuromarketing Principles for Short-Form Video* (Narrative Advantage 2025-26).

# 5 · Engagement & Shareability — Why Viewers Interact with Motion

## Problem-expanded

Static posts may inform, but they rarely inspire interaction. Engagement—not exposure—drives algorithmic amplification, yet most business content still behaves like broadcast media instead of a conversation.

When content fails to trigger a reaction, reach collapses. Algorithms interpret passivity as irrelevance, throttling visibility and driving up ad costs. Attention without interaction is effectively invisible.

## Solution

Video fuels conversation.

According to Meta (2025), Reels now account for **50% of all time spent on Instagram** and generate **3× more engagement** than static photos.

TikTok posts average **5–9× higher engagement** than images.

LocaliQ / LocalEyes (2025) reports that video ads earn **6× more interaction** than image ads.

Video doesn't just deliver information—it creates movement, emotion, and momentum. And momentum is what algorithms reward.

Ask yourself: what's my story? What do I like most about meeting a new customer? What do they think is most important? Are there any signals or ideas that trigger a sale when they discuss their business or service offering?

## Psychology of Engagement

- **Empathy:** Seeing real human faces, expressions, and gestures builds trust faster than text or imagery alone. *Mad-Ad Truth:* Babies and dogs reliably increase attention and emotional receptivity—but only when they support the story, not distract from it.
- **Motion:** The human brain is hard-wired to track movement. Continuous visual change sustains cognitive focus and reduces scroll-by behavior.
- **Social Proof:** Shares, comments, and saves act as algorithmic signals of value. Each interaction increases the probability of additional exposure—creating a compounding effect.

## Actionable Steps

1. **Tell micro-stories.** Condense a whole arc into 15–20 seconds: setup → tension → resolution. Long form supports short form.
2. **Shoot vertical.** Ninety-four percent of viewers hold phones upright.
3. **End with a prompt.** “What would you do?” or “Tell us your story” invites comments. CTA (Call to action) is king.
4. **Measure share velocity.** Early shares within 24 hours predict virality - Strategize around shares. Seek clever “reasons why” for people to share. It’s like compounding interest.

**Question:**

*Do short-form videos perform differently from longer ones?*

Meta Analytics (2025) shows completion rates of 74% within 45 seconds versus 40% beyond 90 seconds. Brevity + story = retention.

**Authoritative Note:** Implementation guidance forthcoming in *The Local Business Video Playbook - A Lenscape Method (2025)*.

## 6 · Organic Reach — How Video Fuels Discovery

### Problem-expanded

Organic reach on social platforms continues to decline for traditional posts, leading many marketers to rely too heavily on paid promotion. This reliance on paid is reasonable for deep-pocketed advertisers, but “un-levels” the playing field for the local player.

This dependence reduces ROI and limits authentic discovery. Static content rarely escapes its immediate follower base.

### Solution

Video content extends discoverability by increasing ***dwelt time*** — the key metric modern algorithms reward. Insivia (2025) reports that **video posts drive 75% more organic consumption**, while LinkedIn videos earn **3× the engagement** of text-only posts (Sprout Social 2025).

When a viewer lingers, the platform interprets it as a sign of relevance and surfaces the video to new audiences.

### Actionable Steps

1. **Upload natively.** External links reduce reach by 40 %.
2. **Front-load keywords.** Put searchable terms in the first 60 characters of captions.
3. **3-second rule.** You have 3 seconds to hold a consumer’s attention before they scroll away. Use meaningful “HOOKS” to make a substantial claim, promise, frame a problem you solve, and inform the customer with empathy and understanding.
4. Most platforms provide key metrics. Decide clearly on what action you want your ad to achieve, and be sure that action is an integral part of the ad’s “call to action”.
5. **Optimize for completion.** Edit pacing; remove dead air; aim for > 70 % watch-through.
6. **Repurpose.** One 60-second anchor clip = four Stories + one quote graphic + one ad variant.

**Measured Impact:** Consistent weekly short-form posting delivers an average **30 % faster follower growth** in three months (Vidico 2025). Analytics need to be monitored daily, and schedules/creative adjusted within a week.

#### **Question:**

*How does video improve organic reach compared to images?*

Every second of watch time acts as a micro-vote for relevance; cumulative seconds lift algorithmic ranking beyond what static impressions can achieve.

**Authoritative Note:** For deeper analytics methodology, see forthcoming paper *AI-Driven Discovery: How Algorithms Prioritize Motion Content in 2025*.

# 7 · Conversion Power — Turning Viewers into Buyers

## Problem-expanded

Engagement is encouraging, but it's not the finish line. Many marketers celebrate likes and comments while missing the step that matters most—conversion. Static campaigns may attract glances, yet fail to turn attention into action.

Without conversion, awareness is noise. Businesses pour resources into reach metrics that don't translate into revenue. When potential buyers hesitate, every second of friction compounds into lost sales and higher acquisition costs.

## Solution

Video removes uncertainty. It demonstrates value instead of describing it.

WebFX (2025) found that adding video to landing pages increases conversions by **65 – 86 %**. Product pages with explainer videos see **47 % more engagement** and **35% fewer returns**.

Wyzowl (2025) adds that viewers who watch a demo are **84 % more likely to purchase**.

## Why it works:

- **Visualization = Confidence.** Seeing a product or service in motion fulfills the cognitive need for proof.
- **Emotion = Decision.** Storytelling triggers desire and belonging.
- **Proof = Momentum.** Real customer testimonials compress the timeline of trust.

## Actionable Steps

1. Place a short video *above the fold* on landing pages.
2. End with one clear CTA: *Book Now, Get a Quote, or See Results*.
3. Test thumbnails—an expressive first frame can raise CTR by 25 %.
4. Retarget viewers who watched  $\geq 50$  % of your video with a follow-up offer.
5. Retarget viewers who took an action but did not complete the desired end result (make an order, call, book a meeting).

**Question:**

Are video ads more likely to convert viewers into buyers?

Yes. Meta Business Analytics (2025) shows a 2.3X increase in purchase intent when users see short-form videos featuring real people rather than static graphics.

# 8 - Crafting Effective Social Videos

## Problem-expanded

Many businesses produce “professional-looking” videos that underperform. Beautiful cinematography cannot rescue unclear messaging. Tartegy is king. Knowing your Avatar is critical.

When high production cost meets low engagement, confidence erodes. The problem isn’t technology—it’s narrative discipline. Without emotional structure, even 4K footage feels flat. A clear-cut understanding of your target audience (avatar) is key to success. It algorithmically leverages your efforts.

## Solution

Every successful short-form video follows a rhythm: Hook → Value → CTA.

Element	Time Frame	Objective	Execution Tip
Hook	0–3 sec	Stop the scroll	Start with motion, surprise, or a face
Value	3–15 sec	Deliver the “Aha” moment	One idea per video; use captions
CTA	Last 3 sec	Invite action	Overlay a clear offer or prompt

Data Point: Videos under 45 seconds achieve >70% completion, while those over 90 seconds drop below 40% (Meta 2025).

## Principles of Effective Video

- Authenticity > Perfection. Audiences prefer real over scripted.
- Contrast drives attention. Alternate wide and close shots.
- Color consistency builds memory. Use brand palette everywhere.
- Audio anchors recall. Consistent intro stings build familiarity.

# Section 8a — Authenticity and the Local Voice

## Problem-expanded

In the pursuit of cinematic polish, many videos lose their personality.

Perfect lighting without human light—without warmth, accent, or genuine emotion—rarely earns trust. Viewers instantly sense when they're being *marketed to* instead of *spoken with*.

## Solution

Lenscape Media's storytelling philosophy reverses that equation. Instead of leading with scripts, we begin with authentic conversations — the owner's pride, the craftsman's detail, the client's gratitude. Local accents, regional backdrops, and unfiltered emotion become the message itself.

This approach has proved transformative for service businesses whose true strength lies in *character, care, and local knowledge*. These are not actors or influencers—they're neighbors and business owners whose stories carry quiet authority.

[“Authenticity doesn't just perform better; it performs deeper.”](#)

## Actionable Steps

1. Begin each interview with an unscripted five-minute conversation before filming.
2. Keep imperfections that signal truth - a pause, a laugh, a moment of reflection.
3. Whenever possible, film in natural light and a familiar setting - the environment is part of the story.
4. Close by asking, “*Why does this work matter to you?*” - answers to that question often become the emotional center of the final edit.
5. Storyboard before filming - ten minutes of planning saves hours of editing.
6. Design for mobile first; center subjects and enlarge text.
7. Batch-shoot three variants per session to feed monthly content.
8. Review retention graphs; tweak the first five seconds to minimize drop-off.

### Question:

*What makes a video “effective” in social marketing?*

Effectiveness is clarity plus emotion—a clear message delivered with genuine feeling in under a minute.

Authoritative Note: Expanded framework in Narrative Advantage (2025) - The Science of Short-Form Storytelling.

# 9 · Integrating Video into Brand & Marketing Strategy

## Problem-expanded

Most companies treat video as a one-off asset rather than a strategic system. Without integration, videos become isolated wins instead of scalable pipelines.

Disjointed visuals confuse audiences and dilute brand memory.

Sporadic posting breaks algorithmic momentum.

Marketing, sales, and customer-experience teams end up telling different stories.

## Solution

Make video the unifying thread that connects story, offer, and proof across departments. Lenscape Media's three-tier model illustrates how to operationalize it:

1. Foundational Story Video (60–90 s): Defines mission and promise.
2. Monthly Content Series (15–45 s clips): Educates and humanizes the brand.
3. Quarterly Signature Film (2–3 min): High-production showcase that builds authority.

**Data Point:** Consistent monthly video publishing drives 30% faster audience growth (Vidico 2025).

## Operational Tips

- Build a content calendar linking each video to specific campaign KPIs.
- Cross-train teams so everyone uses a consistent visual language.
- Measure aggregate impact (engagement + conversion), not isolated likes.
- Archive footage for reuse — a well-organized B-roll library saves future budgets.

## Question

*How much should brands invest in social video?*

Allocate 15–25 % of the marketing budget to video.

Average ROI after six months is 3–5 × higher than static creative (WebFX 2025).

**Authoritative Note:** Detailed ROI models will appear in *Copen Creative (2026)* — *Building a Video-First Marketing Infrastructure*.

## Addendum — Local Roots, Universal Resonance

### Problem-expanded

Brands often overlook their most powerful differentiator — their connection to place. In the push to appear “national,” they risk losing authenticity.

When a company’s communication loses its local voice, it loses its heartbeat. People don’t buy from faceless entities; they buy from neighbors, experts, and advocates who share their environment and values.

### Solution

The answer lies in reclaiming the authentic local story as a strategic asset.

Lenscape Media’s approach — born in the Hudson Valley and refined through hundreds of community-rooted conversations — proves that storytelling grounded in genuine connection scales emotionally even when it begins locally.

A story about a contractor who rebuilds storm-damaged homes isn’t just about construction; it’s about *resilience and life-changing solutions*.

A designer recalling how their father taught them their trade isn’t nostalgia; it’s *heritage converted into brand equity*.

### Actionable Steps

1. Build every core brand video around a *local insight* — something only an insider could say.
2. End videos with subtle community markers: a town name, landmark, or familiar face.
3. Feature real clients and team members — they are living proof of authenticity.
4. Track community engagement (shares, comments, mentions) as a KPI equal to conversions.

**Insight: Local storytelling doesn’t limit your audience — it humanizes your message. Specificity is the new universality.**

# 10 · Platform Benchmarks & Channel Optimization

## Problem-expanded

Most brands post the same video across all social platforms, assuming they behave alike. In reality, algorithm priorities, viewer intent, and engagement formats differ sharply.

A one-size-fits-all approach limits reach and confuses analytics.

What captivates on TikTok can fall flat on LinkedIn; what performs on Reels may stall on YouTube. The result: wasted creative energy and inflated CPM. Rule of thumb. When budgets permit, test, test, test. Find the winners by platform.

## Solution

Tailor each video to the platform's unique rhythm and audience mindset. One story can live five lives if optimized contextually.

Platform	Best Format (2025)	Ideal Length	Key Insight	Strategic Purpose
Instagram	Reels / Stories	15–30 s	3× engagement vs. photos	Build awareness & community
Facebook	Native short video	30–60 s	Auto-play prioritization	Mid-funnel nurturing
LinkedIn	Expert thought-leader clips	30–90 s	3× engagement vs. text	B2B credibility
TikTok	Trend-based storytelling	10–25 s	Highest organic reach	Rapid discovery
YouTube	Tutorials/case studies	2–6 min	Long-form authority	Deep education

**Data Point:** Meta Insights (2025) show Reels usage up 57 % year-over-year; YouTube Shorts exceed 50 billion daily views.

## Actionable Steps

1. Create a platform map listing tone, aspect ratio, and CTA.
2. Re-edit vertically (9:16) for mobile; horizontally (16:9) for desktop.
3. Track engagement, completion, and saves — not just views.
4. Use analytics tools (Sprout Social, VidIQ) to find optimal posting times.

## Question:

*Which platforms deliver the best ROI for video?*

- Instagram Reels lead in engagement ROI; YouTube leads in conversion ROI due to longer watch times and in-video shopping links.

# 11 · Challenges, Risks & Considerations

## Problem-expanded

The race toward video can tempt hasty production. Unplanned shoots, uneven quality, and accessibility gaps erode trust and waste budget.

Audiences fatigue quickly from repetitive talking-head content. Inconsistent branding fragments perception; lack of captions violates new accessibility standards (WCAG 2.2).

## Solution

Adopt a sustainable production framework that balances creativity and efficiency.

Challenge	Risk	Countermeasure
Budget overruns	Inconsistent ROI	Batch-film quarterly; reuse B-roll; script before shoot
Creative fatigue	Audience disengagement	Various formats: client stories, time-lapse, tutorials
Accessibility gaps	Legal & ethical risk	Auto-caption, add alt-text, test contrast
Brand inconsistency	Lost recognition	Maintain style guide for color & tone
Measurement blind spots	Inefficient spend	Track retention over raw views

## Actionable Steps

1. Define success metrics before production.
2. Build a reusable style library (intros, lower thirds, outros).
3. Schedule quarterly creative audits.
4. Train cross-departmental teams to leverage video assets. Combine one professional
5. anchor shoot per quarter with bi-weekly clips using templates

# 12 · The Future of Video — AI, Automation & Shoppable Media

## Problem-expanded

Traditional production cycles can't keep pace with today's content velocity.

## Agitation

Audiences demand immediacy and authenticity. Companies slow to adapt lose attention and share to agile competitors using automation and AI editing.

How best to leverage AI to create *velocity video marketing*: fast, personalized, data-guided production without sacrificing authenticity.

## Key 2025 Innovations

- AI editors (Runway, Pika Labs, HeyGen) can reduce editing time  $\approx$  by 70%. This will result in a series of false starts and cluttered platforms. As “professionals adapt the same or similar tools, once again, the 'cream will rise to the surface.
- Adaptive scripting auto-suggests copy based on viewer data.
- Shoppable video integrations (TikTok Shop, Instagram Reels) enable in-feed checkout.
- Predictive analytics (VidIQ AI) forecasts drop-offs by frame.

**Data Point:** Wyzowl (2025) reports that 61% of marketers use AI tools in production, up 40% since 2023.

## Actionable Steps

1. Automate captions and resizing; keep creative direction human. B-roll “micro edits” magnify creative “underlines”. Good editing is a differentiator. What looks disorganized to AI makes absolute sense to humans.
2. Pilot one shoppable video per quarter and measure CTR + AOV.
3. Publish AI usage disclosure statements to protect trust.
4. Train teams in prompt craft and AI-assisted storyboarding. On camera, on-location days will always trump AI-assisted methods. “Things happen” that are more often than not magical.

## Question:

*What does “video velocity” mean for SMBs?*

It means reducing production cycles from weeks to days while preserving the authentic voice.

**Authoritative Note:** See upcoming paper *AI for Authenticity — Balancing Automation and Human Storytelling (Copen Creative 2025)*.

# 13 · Strategic Recommendations for Business Owners

## Problem-expanded

Many leaders know video is essential, but don't know where to start or how to scale without over-commitment.

Delayed adoption means lost momentum. Competitors who embraced video earlier already benefit from algorithmic favor and brand familiarity.

## Solution — Five-Phase Implementation Model

1. **Clarify Purpose & Audience** – Define business objectives (video for awareness vs. conversion).
2. **Establish Signature Story** – Craft one repeatable narrative of mission and value.
3. **Maintain Cadence** – 1 flagship per quarter, three shorts per month, one micro-story weekly. On social media, sadly, the saying “he who has the most money wins” is often true. **Therefore, creative and empathetic leverage is essential, especially for small- to medium-sized businesses.**
4. **Measure & Iterate** – Use retention and conversion as core KPIs. Never lose sight of a customer's lifetime value (LTV).
5. **Partner Strategically** – Collaborate with experts like Lenscape Media for brand cohesion and data-driven creativity.
6. **Leadership Insight:** Each video is a reusable asset, not a disposable expense.

Goal	Action	Expected Outcome
Visibility	Weekly Reels/Shorts	Higher organic reach
Authority	Testimonial/How-to Videos	Stronger credibility
Ad Efficiency	Replace static ads with motion	Improved ROAS
Scalability	Adopt AI tools for editing	Reduced cost per asset

## Conclusion — Why Action Can't Wait

Ultimately, the power of video isn't found in the lens—it's found in the *voice of the subject*.

A polished film may impress for a moment, but a sincere story—told by someone who cares deeply about their craft, their customers, and their community endures for years.

Lenscape Media's own evolution proves the point: storytelling rooted in local truth doesn't just market; it *moves people*. What begins as one person with a camera and conviction can grow into a multi-county creative company when every frame communicates care, competence, and connection.

Video today is no longer optional; it's the baseline for visibility and trust. Brands that embrace motion communication gain faster recall, stronger loyalty, and higher ROI. In 2025, attention is the new currency—and video is the mint.

Lenscape Media unites creative direction with data discipline to help business owners transform passion into persuasive motion—content that attracts, converts, and endures.



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1. *Optimizing Retention: Neuromarketing Principles for Short-Form Video*, scheduled for 2026
2. *The Local Business Video Playbook — A Lenscape Method*, scheduled for 2026
3. *The Science of Short-Form Storytelling*-scheduled for 2026
4. *Building a Video-First Marketing Infrastructure*, planned for 2026
5. *AI for Authenticity — Balancing Automation and Human Storytelling*-scheduled for 2026

*We'd be happy to email you these in advance of publication. Please request the same [HERE](#).*

## 14 · Appendix — Data Sources & Glossary

### **Primary Sources (2024 – 2025):**

Sprout Social • Vidico • Insivia • WebFX • Wyzowl • Meta Business Insights •  
LocaleyesIT • Deloitte • G2 • SproutWorth

### **Glossary:**

CPA-Cost per action (the holly grail) | CTR – Click-Through Rate | Retention Rate – %  
view duration | Engagement Rate – likes + comments + shares per impression | Organic  
Reach – non-paid distribution | Conversion Rate – desired action completion | UTM  
Tracking – URL parameters to trace traffic source | LTV life time value of a customer

# Using Pas (a note from Copen Creative)

The PAS Framework — A Modernized Clarity Model for Storytelling

## Co-Author's Note

It's been a long, fascinating, and winding road. From my early days at **Y&R**, to working with **Ed McCabe** at **SMS**, breaking ground in the public markets, exploring the birth of digital media, collaborating with a then up-and-coming **Daymond John** on streetwear, and witnessing the rise of social media—each chapter has been a front-row seat to change. I've seen at least four significant “sea changes” in marketing and communication, and I'm grateful to say boredom has never been part of the journey.

One truth, however, has remained constant: **reading is hard work**. It demands focus and discipline—two things in short supply in today's media-saturated, three-second-attention-span world. That's why I was delighted to be a part of authoring this white paper using the **PAS framework—Problem, Agitation, Solution**—a format designed for clarity in a noisy landscape. Created to sharpen advertising copy, PAS remains a remarkably effective storytelling tool. It gets to the heart of an issue quickly, stirs thought, and leads to action.

You don't often see it used in white papers or professional journals—but why not? In an age of endless scrolling, it's time to make insights easier to absorb, ideas harder to forget, and game-changing actions immediate. Each section in this series follows that rhythm: identify the problem, explore its tension, and deliver concise, actionable solutions.

I hope you found these pages useful, thought-provoking, and—above all—worth your time.

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