

150 Social Media Quick Tips

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Grow Your Following Tips

- 1. Target FB ads and posts to smartphone users. 66% of all social sharing originates from the Facebook iPhone App.
- 2. Post as your Facebook page at least once a day and remember that one unique, focused post is worth 10 mediocre, generic ones.
- 3. Before you post a tip on social media, say it aloud and imagine a specific person. Do you sound natural or "canned"?
- 4. Install the Facebook "Like" widget on your blog: http://wordpress.org/plugins/facebook-like-box-widget/
- 5. Use QR codes on your Facebook Page in your cover photo, a tab or even your profile photo or logo: http://goqr.me/
- 6. If your ads target people whose salary is \$75,000+, use Facebook since 73% spend their longest social networking time there.
- 7. According to Jeff Bullas, "YouTube mobile gets over 600 million views a day". What are you doing to pre-qualify viewers?
- 8. If your social network follower is all about enjoying an interest rather than mastering it, help him enjoy it more with your posts.
- 9. Make sure people can find you organically on Facebook by including your niche keyword in your URL (e.g. "pizza").
- 10. 71-82% access social media from mobiles so take that into account and make your FB posts short and sweet.
- 11. Use photos of single objects with strong contrast in your social media posts, to make sure they catch the eye on mobiles.
- 12. Nurturing relationships=growth: To achieve that on social networks, focus on 4 networks maximum (your highest-response ones.)
- 13. How to make posts shareable: Remember "People don't share facts. They share emotions" Oxford University Research
- 14. Which social network grew the fastest last year? Twitter, with a growth of 44% so keep on tweeting and retweeting!
- 15. Want to grow your fans? Comment on top industry leaders' social pages with

really helpful information.

- 16. 72% of internet users increasingly engage with social media in the 18-30-yearold bracket. What will this mean to you?
- 17. Combine social media and email campaigns with strong follow-up to become the go-to in your niche. (That's when fans recommend you!)
- 18. Want natural-sounding calls to action? Study six top industry leaders' social media pages and see how they do it. (Make notes!)
- 19. Want more local customers? Use your phone number when you customize your Facebook Page URL.
- 20. Actively write posts or provide links that solve your target follower's problems then ask her to share your tip.
- 21. Make social contacts feel happy, good or important, and they won't forget you. How did you do this today?
- 22. Consider using Facebook ads growth is up from 55% in 2012 to 75% in 2013 and 88% in the first quarter of 2014. Ask yourself "why".
- 23. In order to grow on social networks, you need to post shareable posts: It's that simple!
- 24. Create a catchword-of-the-day that triggers happy anticipation. Start your best social posts with it.
- 25. If you want to grow your following on social networks, put thought into what unique benefit of that network you can maximize.
- 26. 70% of all online marketers generated leads with Facebook last year (34% on Twitter) so keep your social networking consistent.
- 27. There are 8 types of Facebook ads to cater to 8 separate advertiser needs: Make sure you choose the right one.
- 28. Don't just spend regular time on social media: Blog regularly too, if you want to grow your following in both areas.
- 29. Plan regular guest blogging into your life then be sure to share news of your guest spots on social media.
- 30. Some experts prefer social media buttons at the top of each post. (Which placement works best for you?)



Engage Your Audience Tips

- 1. #1 Rule of engaging your audience on social media: visit daily and consistently.
- 2. To avoid the dreaded "goofy look" syndrome in YouTube thumbnails, begin each video with a great, branded opening screen.
- 3. "Engage" is just another word for "interact". Talk to individuals on social media. Have a conversation!
- 4. Find out what learning style your target audience possesses, and cater to it in your social post content types.
- 5. Test each media content type you use on social networks to see if one type brings strong interaction.
- 6. "The audience dictates what you do or don't change" Harvey Fierstein. Do you think this true for social networks?
- 7. Keep it positive and resist the urge to vent. People want to know YOU on Facebook: Not your problems.
- 8. What do you think is more important in social posting: Media type or content?
- 9. On any social network, keep it short. ("If you can't say your message in a sentence, you can't say it in an hour" Diana Booher)
- 10. Promoting posts gives you strong ROI, greatly increasing your chances that your important posts will be seen.
- 11. The more money you want to make from your social networking, the more you should invest in advertising and promoting.

- 12. Don't just send people from your social networks to your blog: For higher subscribe rates, send them to a tailored landing page.
- 13. Keep your social network friends interests foremost in your promotion and you'll keep them engaged.
- 14. "How much love inside a friend? Depends how much you give 'em" Shel Silverstein
- 15. The less you pay to promote on social networks, the more actively and widely you'll need to share.
- 16. "Social networks aren't about Web sites. They're about experiences" Mike DiLorenzo. (What do you do to create experiences?)
- 17. Show your social network audience tangible benefits of following your page: Sneak peeks, advance news and tips, gifts and info.
- 18. Are you acting on the fact that visual posts consistently out-perform text posts on almost every social network?
- 19. According to Reachcast, links posted between 8pm and 8am get the least clicks but that also depends on fan time zones.
- 20. Creating successful social network engagement consists of making your fans feel like you're feeding them chocolate.
- 21. If you want to build active engagement, it's better to cultivate fewer social networks than spread yourself too thin.
- 22. Study Facebook, Google and LinkedIn Pages to see exactly how your most successful competitors create engagement.
- 23. Use incentives such as contests and giveaways to help increase social media engagement but target these to your niche.
- 24. "Tis the privilege of friendship to talk nonsense, and to have her nonsense respected"– Charles Lamb. (Listen to and answer your fans!)
- 25. Try informal Facebook contests, like best photo-of-an-orange or favorite quote.
- 26. Be real on social networks but that doesn't mean "be stupid": Don't share stuff that your ideal fan doesn't care about.
- 27. Short posts see 25% more engagement and photos 39% more than text. Why? They present better on mobiles.
- 28. According to Reachcast, 92% of industry professionals have acquired customers or clients through Facebook. (Interaction is the key.)

- 29. When posting on your company Page, don't focus on your company's achievements unless your fan can really relate to this.
- 30. When posting on your company Page, makes sure your follower can relate to your company's "story".



Driving Traffic from Social Media Tips

- 1. To avoid the dreaded "goofy look" syndrome in YouTube thumbnails, begin each video with a great, branded opening screen.
- 2. Try out actiontags (hashtags that open pages to rewards you set) from Chirpify.com. (Remember to track their performance.)
- 3. Use YouTube annotations right within your videos to drive traffic to your landing pages (and put your URL at the start and end too.)
- 4. Ask your social media followers what they want you to blog about then do so quickly, and share the link.
- 5. When social media fans suggest topics, you have a better chance of using these topics to create strong signup gifts to place in tabs
- 6. If you really want to drive traffic to your landing pages from social media, don't become a link machine. Vary your post content.
- 7. Use Twitter Advanced Search to monitor your keywords for more targeted traffic.
- 8. Pay more attention to your social media keywords, if you want to attract the maximum amount of traffic.
- 9. Don't "hard sell" from Facebook: Make your choices appealing and irresistible in a social way (contests, tab gifts, etc.)
- 10. Make sure all your profile bios show what you can do for the person reading it -

and include an optimized landing page link

- 11. If your business is B2B, become active in relevant LinkedIn groups. Be useful there: Give feedback, share resources daily.
- 12. If you've been getting little traffic from Vine, it may be your link shortener. Bit.ly and Ow.ly will not work with Vine use TinyUrl.
- 13. If you use your personal profile for business, clean up your social media feeds by removing friends who spam.
- 14. Hold a contest on your blog and promote it in your social networks. Then hold one on FB using an app. Compare results.
- 15. When tracking your social media with Google Analytics, be sure to check mobile traffic behavior.
- 16. "25% of consumers who complain about products on Facebook or Twitter expect a response within 1 hour" Openforum.com
- 17. If you want to know how to drive traffic from social networks to your website, listen to the conversations and act on what you learn.
- 18. Identify buying keywords in your social media and monitor them. (Social media native metrics can help you do this, along with apps.)
- 19. Understand that keyword searches on each social media platform can differ. Ask yourself for each: "How does my audience search?"
- 20. To drive traffic from your social networks to your blog, let them know you can answer the questions they are really asking.
- 21. Make sure your strongest call to action and most important links are in your social media "About" sections and bios.
- 22. When creating social media profiles and Pages, ask yourself: "What do I want them to do?"
- 23. 99% of U.S. retailers upload videos to YouTube. What does that tell you and how do you make sure yours will be seen?
- 24. Experiment with interactive media to drive traffic to your website. Check to see if time of day or week affects response.
- 25. Try SurveyMonkey or PollDaddy for polls; Vine or Instagram for videos.
- 26. Pay attention to annual contests for things like social media apps, to see what your competitors (and customers) are using.
- 27. Set up a profile on Google+ if you haven't already done so and get into the

habit of updating social profiles regularly.

- 28. When posting to social media to drive traffic to landing pages, always check to see if you can kick your post up a notch.
- 29. Analyze your social media to website traffic. Which platform gives you the best response? Advertise on the winner.
- 30. To increase traffic, make sure your email marketing complements your social media posting and ads and vice versa.

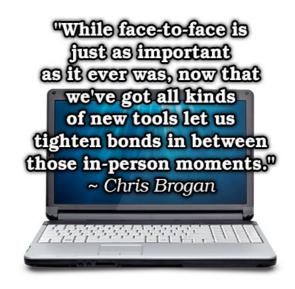
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Social Media Ad Tips

- 1. FB Sponsored Stories used to be the same as "Page Post ads" but are now different. Make sure you choose the right type.
- 2. Before you advertise on LinkedIn, make sure your Company Page is thoroughly optimized and filled in.
- 3. FB Sponsored Stories are displayed to your connections: Page Post ads display on all Facebook.
- 4. Twitter advertising is geared for larger companies. For the best self-serve options, try Facebook.
- 5. LinkedIn ads appear twice with text only and with text, photo and graphic (sidebar). How can you make the most of this?
- 6. Google+ is planning to launch "+Post" ads in 2014. Keep your eye on http://googleblog.blogspot.com/ for more.
- 7. Enrich targeted user experience with Twitter lead generation cards: https://dev.twitter.com/docs/cards

- 8. Be sure you clearly identify your advertising goals: Visibility, brand awareness, lead generation or sales?
- 9. Twitter advertising allows you to either choose the posts you want to promote or let them pick your top five.
- 10. FB Page Post ads can include text, video, graphics, events and links choose from feed or sidebar display.
- 11. LinkedIn now allows advertising for small companies as well as large (starting at \$10 per day): http://www.linkedin.com/advertising
- 12. Expect Twitter ads to blossom in 2014 better "broad match" targeting, lead generation cards and functionality.
- 13. Watch especially diligently for fee creep on LinkedIn self-serve advertising. Take the time to read all conditions.
- 14. Did you know that you can create a maximum of 15 ads per LinkedIn campaign for split-testing purposes?
- 15. Tag and track promoted social media to landing page URLs in Google Analytics: https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/1033867
- 16. Test each ad type you select on Facebook and compare the results. Which ad type performs best for you?
- 17. Try Twitter ads for targeting specific keywords: https://ads.twitter.com/login
- 18. Advertising on Facebook can increase your organic reach too (your feeds or page presented to more posts?)
- 19. Click on the Conversion Tracking link in your Twitter advertising dashboard menu to track ROI (real-time!)
- 20. LinkedIn ads perform well for service-based B2B companies: Twitter and FB have unique features for retail.
- 21. FB Promoted Posts are simply posts whose reach you pay to increase. (Choose your most successful posts.)
- 22. Did you know you pay per click for Sponsored Stories and Page Post ads but pay a flat rate per number of users for Promoted Posts?
- 23. Twitter ads allow you to target by keyword, gender, location or user device be sure to choose the best one for your goal.
- 24. The real key to Facebook advertising is choosing the right type of ad for the right job. Educated yourself on the differences.

- 25. Create video ads on YouTube (you need an AdWords account): http://www.youtube.com/yt/advertise/get-started.html
- 26. When using LinkedIn ads, it's important to know when your audience is present. (Costs vary at differing times of day.)
- 27. If you want more people to find you on Twitter, use Promoted Accounts in your advertising: Not Promoted Tweets.
- 28. Did you know that Facebook Paid Promotion ads don't allow for cost-per-click (CPC)?
- 29. You can advertise to people holding specific qualifications or positions with LinkedIn (e.g. to dentists or CEOs only).
- 30. With all social media ads, remember the basics: A strong call-to-action and an urgent reason to click.



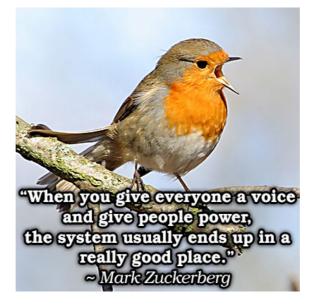
Big Social Site Tips

- 1. Google is the number one search engine on the web but did you know that YouTube is # 2? (And Google inflates its own numbers.)
- 2. Vine 6-second looping videos share to Twitter (who owns Vine). Instagram videos are 15 seconds with more share options.
- 3. Do you know the top three countries using Facebook? The U.S., Australia and the U.K. top the list. (Retweet.)
- 4. Developers, did you know that Google+ does not offer an API for posting? (Twitter and Facebook do.)
- 5. Firefox users, install the Twitter Search plugin to beef up your search:

https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/twitter-search/

- 6. Vine videos share to Twitter but you can simply copy your link and share to Facebook too.
- 7. Where do your YouTube video links convert better Google+, Twitter, Facebook or LinkedIn? Ask yourself why.
- 8. LinkedIn allows you to add 3 URLs to your profile: Twitter only 1 but you can manually add another within your bio space.
- 9. If your business involves design, you need to know that Google+ and Twitter allow you to post HD images. Facebook does not.
- 10. When comparing social networks using Alexa or Quantcast, remember that Google+ results combine ALL Google platform results.
- 11. Google+, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn allow you to filter and customize feeds. Many other currently trending networks do not.
- 12. Google+ and Facebook allow you to filter status updates. Twitter and LinkedIn do not, so you need to be selective in adding friends.
- 13. For B2B services, you may find LinkedIn more successful at converting than Facebook (which remains predominantly social).
- 14. Got an image to promote that is tall rather than wide? Use Google+ or Twitter you'll be penalized with FB's algorithms.
- 15. Twitter stock "plummeted" 24% in Feb 2014, Facebook soared by 63%. What does that say/mean to you?
- 16. 1 million advertisers; 25 million Facebook business pages= "a lot of untapped potential ad revenue", according to Mashable.
- 17. Facebook is meant for socializing and hanging out; Twitter and Vine for fast, raw updates. Which do you find most useful?
- 18. Did you know Facebook allows you to set 5 admin roles? Manager, Content Creator, Moderator, Advertiser and Insights Analyst.
- 19. Facebook users average 6.5 hours per month via desktop twice the rate of Google+ users. How can you use this info?
- 20. Google+, Facebook and Twitter all allow you to customize your profile but only Google+ allows animation within it.
- 21. Instagram is the perfect vehicle for brand storytelling: Vine for capturing moments; YouTube for developing your authority.

- 22. Only Facebook allows true private messaging: Google+, Twitter and LinkedIn all have restrictions based on connection.
- 23. While FourSquare far outnumbers Facebook in location metrics, Facebook allows you to target who you share your check-ins with.
- 24. Measure your Promoted Account response easily on Twitter with a chart-style graph of your growth, over time.
- 25. SproutSocial.com allows you to compare different networks instantly from one dashboard. There's a free trial so check it out.
- 26. Facebook Groups can be compared to Google+ Circles in that these features ensure members only see posts. Which do you prefer?
- 27. 3 reasons to go pro with LinkedIn: Who's Viewed Your Profile, Advanced Search and InMail.
- 28. While social media tools like SproutSocial provide stats, Crowdbooster shows who your most active fans are (and starts at \$9 monthly).
- 29. Edit the Settings in your Facebook Page Admin Panel to limit "posting ability" to admins only, if you want to super-control your feed.
- 30. Did you know Scoop.it and SlideShare are integrated, for easy content curation?



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