







Why should you have people on your team who understand retro trends?

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# Driving Innovation with Talent

Data is Oil and People Are the New Solar





# Meaning is first revealed by identifying shared values.

Brand & Business	
PRODUCT	
PRICE	
PLACEMENT	
PROMOTION	
PROCESS	
PERSONALITY	
PURPOSE	
P R O M I S E	

People

VALUES

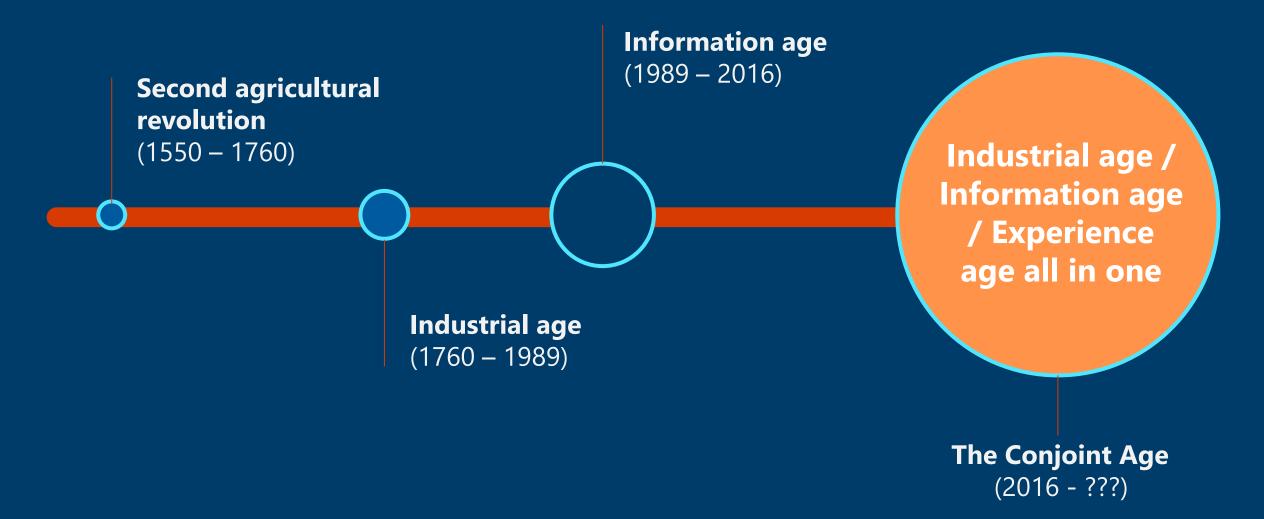
THE WORLD TODAY – MANY DIVERSE HUMAN EXPERIENCES



#### The Conjoint Effect

People, brands, celebrities and content creators are all converging at the same time, acting like each other and stealing each other's ideas, tricks, business models and content.

#### How did we get here?



#### The Main Metric of the next decade: Customer Experience Quotient (CXQ) =

[understanding the buyer journey] + [marketing performance based on that understanding]





### 100% have/plan to have Customer Journey Officer



#### 91%

High Performers have someone in their company designated as a lead in the efforts to understand and market to the customer decision journey. (Vs. 48% of lower performers)

**9%** Plan to hire in next 12 months



"We predict that CEOs will exit at least 30% of their CMOs for not mustering the blended skill set needed to drive digital business transformation, design exceptional personalized experiences, and propel growth."

- FORRESTER RESEARCH



#### Modern marketer skillset



#### IT professional

CMOs will allocate nearly a quarter (22%) of their budget to technology.<sup>1</sup>



#### Creative

66% of buyers won't make a purchase if digital content isn't personalized or optimized<sup>2</sup>



#### Data strategist

The number of enterprises with more than 100 terabytes of unstructured data has doubled since 2016.<sup>3</sup>

#### Behavioral Analyst

Only 32% of those companies have succeeded in analyzing that data in any actionable way.<sup>3</sup>

1 – Gartner CMO Spend Survey 2017-2018; 2 – Microsoft PSFK Retail Research 2018; 3- Forrester Research Inc., Predictions 2018: "The Honeymoon for Al is over. " November 2017



## Customer-centric

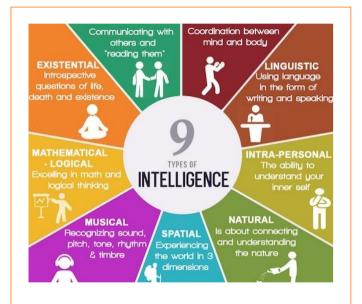
"Start with the customer and work backwards... obsess over customers". Three questions to ponder when thinking about talent...



#### Three ways to future-proof talent development



Ban Recruiting Averages



Strengthen Different Types of Intelligence

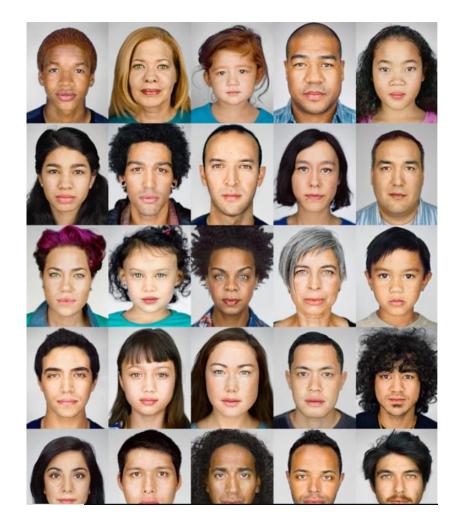


#### Study Culture and Trends

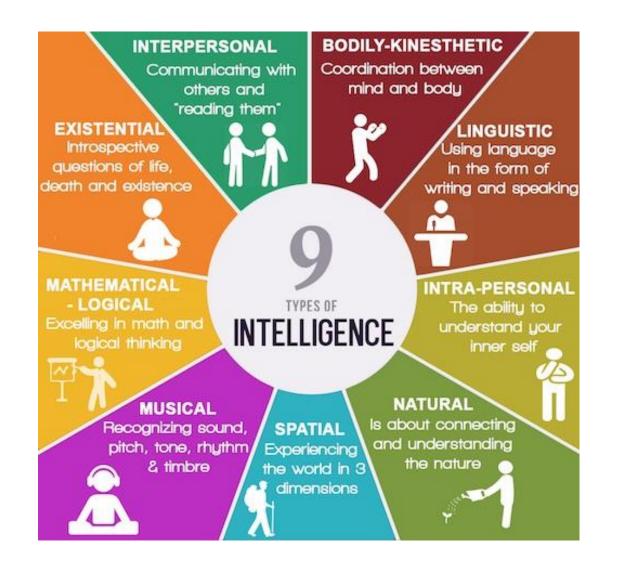


# 1. Hire without innate bias of what it means to be average constraining you

**Averages** are unhelpful and counterproductive measures for human factors. Hire for inclusivity, a person's human experience and flexibility.





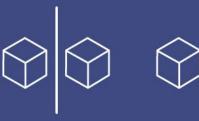


# 2. Hire different types of intelligence

**Intelligence** comes in more forms than what we measure in educational systems, e.g., mathematical/logical and linguistics.



#### The Basic Elements of CREATIVITY





TRANSFORM



СОРҮ

COMBINE

3. Hire people on your teams who understand retro trends

**Trends** are new connections made up of old parts. They are remixes and mashups of the past.



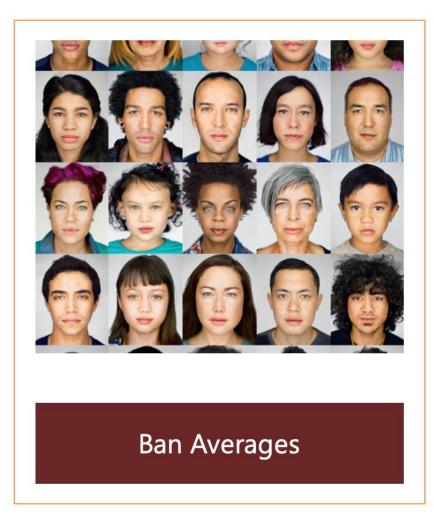
How will the Conjoint Age ban averages?





Everyone is living his/her/their personal creative experience

# Where do we begin to ban the average?





#### Understanding people



#### Nike is banning the average by aiming for the edge





#### Let's diagnose in <u>ban the average</u> mode





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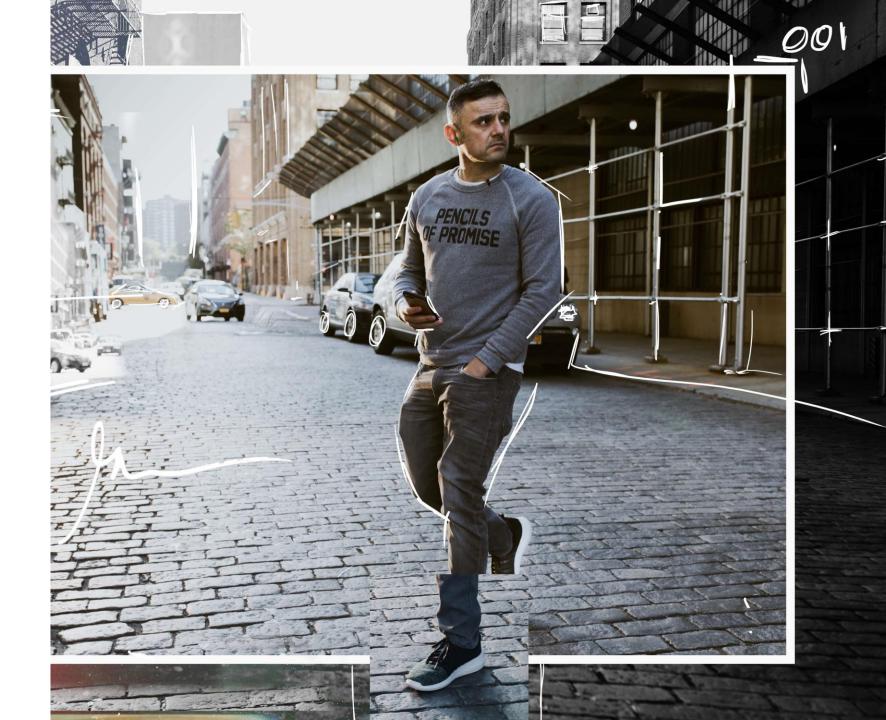
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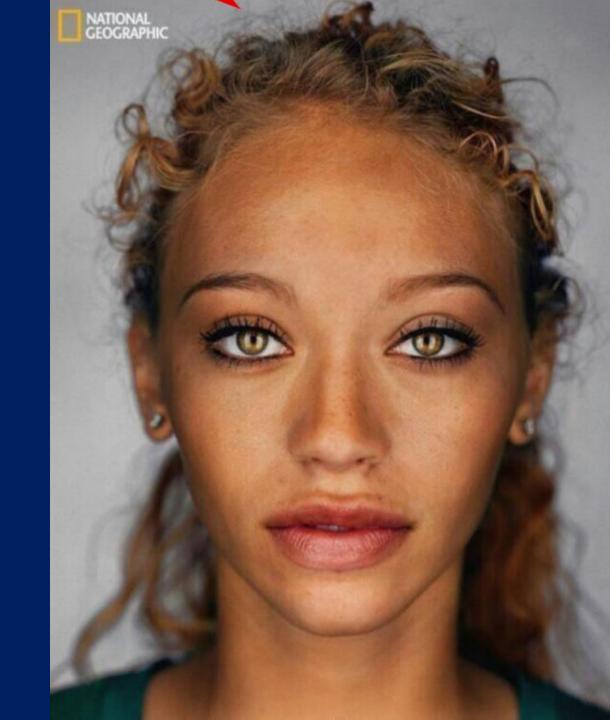
The United States Women's National Team



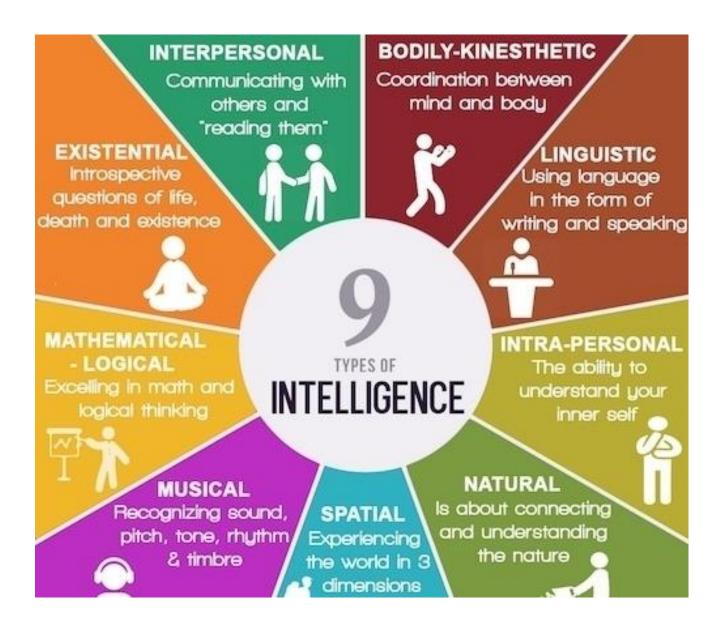
Dominant teams are populated with a surfeit of subcultures



#### Direct to Consumer brands don't target the average



# What types of talent intelligence become important in an automated world?





#### 15 of 75 human behavioral trends from past year



Culture & Consumer Behavior

Strategic Spectacle Muddled Masculinity Side Quirks





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Artificial Influence Retrotrust War on Brand



Fad Fatigue Extreme Uncluttering Deliberate Downgrading

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Enterprise Empathy Innovation Envy Robot Renaissance Economics & Entrepreneurship

Good Speed Overwealthy Passive Loyalty



#### **Deep Dive** Economics and Entrepreneurship

Passive Loyalty

What's the trend?

What if all loyal customers aren't as loyal as they seem?

As switching from brands becomes easier, companies reevaluate who is loyal, who isn't and how to inspire true loyalty. Does your in-house talent have intelligence to understand business blurs?









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### How does your talent communicate business blurs to customers?

Restaurant group Vetri Family sold to Urban Outfitters Inc.



### Creative talent should understand the past as much as the present.







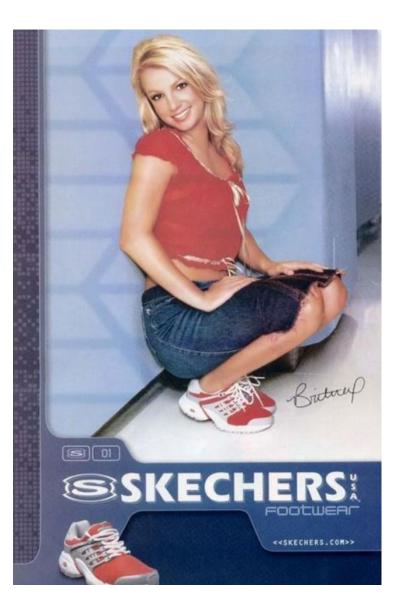
# 2018 daddy sneakers are a remix





### We think Kylie Jenner 2018 was stylishly innovative





### But Britney Spears did it before her in 2001



Who probably was inspired by Jerry Seinfeld...



VSCO Girls are all the rage because of TikTok and social media...

right?



### The Look and Its Origins:

## A remix/evolution of...

- Tumblr Girls (Mid 2000s)
- Valley Girls language (Mid 1980s)
- Scrunchies (Summer 1989)
- Oversized T-Shirts (Rave, Grunge and Version 2.0 1991-1995)
- Vans (Skate Culture 1978, remixed 1988)
- Friendship Bracelets (1980s)
- Birkenstocks (Hippie Part 2 Culture 1990-1995)
- Polaroid Camera (Fascination with Analog, Early 2000s)
- Metal Straws (Mate Straw South America)









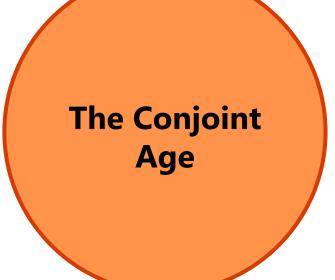
COPY TRANSFORM

COMBINE

# Vsco room inspo







#### NEW REPORT CITES SKYROCKETING GROWTH OF INTERNAL AGENCIES

By Adrianne Pasquarelli. Published on October 15, 2018.



JC Penney's internal agency handled its recent Shaq campaign. Credit: JC Penney

In news that's surprising to no one, in-house agencies are on the rise.

## Everybody's an "agency"



### Everybody's a "media company"

#### Amazon's threat of buying sports rights should freak out traditional media companies

- Amazon has placed a first-round bid for Disney's 22 regional sports networks.
- Amazon's presence could scare traditional media players like Fox into making a more aggressive bid.
- Disney's best strategy may be to keep Amazon around as a bidder while not ultimately selling the channels to the company.

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#### Journalists Are Leaving the Noisy Internet for Your Email Inbox

Casey Newton, who has covered tech for The Verge, joins a growing number of reporters who have started subscription newsletters at Substack, a three-year-old platform. Hire people who understand this isn't new because of pattern recognition...



Because we've been here before. (Anyone over 45 could tell you this)





Ban the Average

We Are Hiring For the Person Not Just Past Performance and Hard Skills





#### Remix and Mashup the Past

Understanding Retro Trends Leads to Better Creative





"Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible."

– Maya Angelou, Poet, Author, Civil Rights Activist

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