The Effect of Ad Content and Ad Length on Consumer Response towards Online Video Advertisement

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Abstract - The research aimed to determine the moderating effect of advertisement (ad) length on the relationships between ad content and the intention of skipping, as well as ad irritation. The research attempted to fill in the lacuna in the academic literature on the said issue. In doing so, it examined consumers' responses towards the consumers' intention of ad-skipping and irritation. The experimental research utilized four video ads with varying durations and containing both entertaining and boring content, with long and short ad length. The research sample comprised 120 respondents spend at least more than 1 hour online. The research employed convenience sampling and the method of Univariate Analysis of Variance Linear Model. IBM SPSS Statistics was used for data analysis. The results reveal that the content and length of an online video ad have a direct effect on consumers' ad irritation and intention of skipping. The research concludes that the perceived entertainment of an online video ad significantly affects consumers' intention of skipping and ad irritation. Furthermore, the length of video ads has a major impact on their intention of skipping and ad irritation.

Keywords: ad content, ad length, consumer response, online video advertisement

I. INTRODUCTION

Ever since the introduction of the broadband internet and the widespread use of smartphones worldwide, especially during the mid-2010s, the number of internet users has soared. According to statista.com, as of October 2019, there were a total of 4,536 million internet users, an increase of 8% from 2018 to 2019. The number is expected to grow even higher with the current trend of global tech companies, such as Google, which has expanded their sphere of influence worldwide. One of the most common online activities is video viewing from such websites as YouTube. Purposes for this activity vary, ranging from entertainment to education. Anderson (2018) argues that watching videos on YouTube helps relieve stress or escape from stressful day-to-day activities. However, being exposed to too many ads cause irritation towards the ad (Zhou & Xue, 2019). Video platforms, such as Youtube, has created a method to reduce the ad irritation caused by providing the option to skip the video ad to hopefully reduce their irritation towards the video-sharing site and purchase intentions (Belanche, Flavián & Pérez-Rueda, 2017). On the other hand, irritated viewers are more likely to avoid these video ads by clicking on the skip-ad button. A recent research based on a nationally representative sample finds that about two-thirds of viewers skip in-stream commercials. Those who skip the ads are less likely to recall the brand or engage in search of advertising-related terms (Manatt, 2017; Pashkevich et al., 2012). Previous research have examined the effectiveness of an online video ad is on a video sharing platform. However, only a few research have pinpointed the factors to why viewers skip online video ads and lead to ad irritation. The research analyzes the effects of ad content on a consumer's ad irritation and intention of skipping ads when moderated by ad duration. The research helps the marketer adapt their video ad to be more favorable towards consumers. Furthermore, Ducoffe (1996) supports this by saying...
that the attitude a consumer gives towards an ad is also affected by the entertainment and irritation value of the advertisement. This affects a consumer’s intention towards the ad itself, which is a factor in consumer behavior and their response towards the ad.

Ducoffe (1996) develops three distinct factors that influence a viewer's attitudes towards online video ads. It proves that viewers' attitude towards an advertisement is determined by their perception of entertainment, informativeness, and irritation towards it. Informativeness is usually defined as the advertising's ability to give viewers information about alternative product options (Ducoffe, 1996). Scholars use these factors to identify how effective an advertising model is on various platforms, such as Facebook, for hotel reservations (Hamouda, 2018), Twitter (Murillo, Merino & Núñez, 2016), YouTube (Yang et al., 2018), search engine (Murillo, 2017), and others. It can be concluded that any uninteresting advertisement will be seen as irritating by consumers. Ducoffe (1996) mentions that entertainment triggers positive emotions for consumers when they watch an ad. Tsai and Men (2017) has found the entertainment value to be a factor to promote engagement of an advertisement with consumers. Entertainment attributes have a positive effect on the creation of advertising value (Hamouda, 2018; Núñez-Barriopedro et al., 2019). Advertising needs to entertain its consumers as it is believed that it can increase the effectiveness of the message as it can help catch consumers' attention (Goodrich et al., 2015) and generate a positive attitude of the viewers (Puwandhi, 2019).

There has been plenty of research regarding the correlation between the length of an ad and its effects. However, only a few have tackled the correlation between the length of an ad and its content (Song et al., 2020; “MRC cross-media”, 2020). The most effective ad duration comprises six-seconds (Fleck, 2018). Jones (2016) finds that fifteen-second ads lead to the highest level of brand recall compared to thirty-second and longer ads. This is proven true as 40% of all online video ads have a fifteen-second duration, making it the most common video ad format (Krizelman, 2019). Short ads, which last around 6 seconds, are also preferred by brands as they realize that long ads are bothering customers in general. Also, customers' tolerance for these long ads is getting shorter and shorter each passing day ("Why you should be", 2017), resulting in these ads being perceived negatively (Herhold, 2018). However, consumers also feel annoyed towards ads that are too short (Goodrich et al., 2015). Based on these findings, consumers poorly receive thirty-second mandatory ads called "pre-roll" ads with regards to purchasing intention. Instead, it can be assumed that it will cause irritation and a higher intention to skip, as today's viewers are likely to find ads with a length of 30 seconds or longer to be too long for an online video ad (Wasserman, 2020). Even though ads that last for too long are received negatively by consumers, when the main purpose or objective of the ad is to persuade consumers or to attract consumers to their brand, then ads that last longer are much more effective to deliver the message (Li and Lo, 2015). On the other hand, the perceived length of an ad may be subjective to different viewers (Gesenhues, 2014); thus, figuring the ideal length for a video ad may prove challenging. Campbell et al. (2017) find that consumers tend to find pre-roll ads or online video ads that play before their chosen video content to be much more intrusive than regular online video ads. This can perfectly describe the feeling of advertising intrusiveness, which negatively affects consumers' attitudes and intentions (McCoy et al., 2017; Redondo et al., 2018; Park et al., 2019) and lead to ad avoidance (Chung, 2020). Hence, intrusiveness in an ad can have a strong impact on marketing outcomes for marketers. As the length of an ad increases, waiting time will be longer, and thus perceived intrusiveness and irritation should rise as well.

Entertaining itself can be defined as being funny and enjoyable. It is an important factor in regard to an ad regardless of its form, as it can affect the perceptions of the value the advertising has (Hamouda, 2018) and further supported by Mahatmavidya and Yasa (2020) that entertainment is an important factor when customers see ads. When an ad has a very high entertainment content, it is very humorous, and can find a relatable way of delivering the advertisement to the customers, it is much easier for consumers to understand and enjoy it (Giao and Vuong, 2020; Dehghani, 2016). This also lures consumers, as with the help of entertainment, they can feel enjoyment and fulfill their needs for enjoyment, emotional release, as well as a pleasure to experience the stories as unforgettable ones. It is mainly because consumers usually expect to see interesting and entertaining values from these ads, which normally involves a unique execution (such as its interactivity, appeals, and experience) on how they deliver the ad (Zhang and Mao, 2016). Nevertheless, this kind of ad will mesmerize and retain the consumer's attention, encourage involvement, and take the stories in the ad with them. A previous research shows that entertaining ads are found to provide enjoyment and fun (Shareef et al., 2018). By reversing this logic, it is assumed that the ads that are neither entertaining nor boring will make consumers feel irritated. The relationship between ad content and ad irritation appears strongest when the ad length is long. In contrast, the ad irritation appears lowest when the ad length is short. Ad length thus has a moderating effect on ad irritation.

The feeling of annoyance and irritation tends to happen when consumers feel that they have less control and freedom over the choices that they can make or have (Amarnath & Jaidev, 2020). This is true regarding online advertising that appears on video streaming websites and other social platforms. Ducoffe (1996) states that consumers will be irritated with ads when it is perceived as annoying, offensive, or manipulative. As such, the perceived intrusiveness of an online video ad will cause consumers to feel irritated towards them. Several research in the past also have found
issues related to advertising irritation (Kim, 2018; Jeon et al., 2019; Youn and Shin, 2019; Kempers, 2020). One of the many reasons for the occurrence of ad irritation is related to the characteristics of native advertising, which is a form of ad that matches the form and function of the platform it appears in (Youn and Kim, 2019). These kinds of ads have proven to create a strong negative perception from consumers, such as feelings of obstruction, restrain, irritation, and cluttering, which leads to the consumers wanting to avoid these ads even more. Although the perceived irritation from advertising may differ from everyone, some individuals may not consider ads that are irritating to others to be irritating as it still makes sense to them not to consider it ridiculous, much more irritating (Warren, Barsky & McGraw, 2018). Cho (2004) supports this fact by pointing out that irritated viewers are highly likely to avoid commercials by clicking the skip-ad button. Seyedghorban et al. (2016) also found that when a consumer is faced with obstructions to their goals, has bad experiences towards ads, and perceived ad clutter will lead to ad avoidance on the internet customer's cognitive, affective, and behaviors towards it. Multiple research have studied advertising avoidance both in a traditional media environment and the online media environment (Huh et al., 2015; Vohra and Bhardwaj, 2019). One of the many reasons that consumers avoid an ad is when they feel that the advertising is not relevant to them (Li and Huang, 2016) or when the advertising is perceived as being obstructive (Jung et al., 2016). Other research have suggested that the negative perception the ads received from users stems from the belief that these users feel their privacy on the internet is gone. The consumers believed that they are being targeted and tracked by these ads when they encounter an ad without their consent (Lee and Hong, 2016). Therefore, consumers will avoid advertising whenever possible (Dodoo & Wen, 2019).

A survey at Statista also shows that 32% of the U.S. total consumers agreed that video ads on YouTube are very annoying (“Share of consumers”, 2019). This could explain the consumers' feeling of ad irritation and the high intention of skipping ads. They will do anything to avoid the video ad, which is stopping them from reaching their goal. Concerning this, ads that cannot be skipped regardless of duration are the most hated type of video ads (Willner, 2018), as it can generally be agreed that no customer would like to wait (Hardisty & Weber, 2020). However, it can be assumed that the perceived entertainment value of an ad will highly affect a customer's attitude and intention of skipping ads when they find it entertaining, regardless of the length of the ad.

A delay to a consumer's desired content can be perceived as anticipation. When a consumer is anticipating a future positive outcome, it can be called savoring (Chun et al., 2017). However, when a negative feeling is perceived while consumers are anticipating a positive outcome (e.g., seeing an online video ad before watching a chosen content), it is called impatience. As such, it can be considered that the intention to skip ad and ad irritation comes from a consumer's impatience to view their chosen content. As the length of an ad increases, the waiting time will increase. Thus, perceived intrusiveness and irritation should also increase. With the increase of ad irritation, people will likely have more intention to skip the ads. This leads to viewers clicking on the "skip-ad button" as a form of "avoidance" or "escaping" the source of irritation (Campbell et al., 2017). Benes (2018) also supports this as 65% to 90% of consumers will skip video ads as soon as the option to do so is available.

Petrovici (2017) finds that consumers always perceive ads on the internet to be disruptive and considered to be an obstacle. The ads disrupt them from enjoying their chosen content, and this is further supported by a survey on YouTube, Google's video-sharing platform. The survey shows that the biggest complaint on Youtube content is the in-stream commercials (Pashkevich et al., 2012). Depending on the consumer's perception, video advertising that lasts for more than 15 seconds is irritating and is deemed too long, while those that last for 15 seconds or less are more acceptable and less irritating (Gesenhues, 2014). As stated previously, the entertainment value of an ad will make it much more enjoyable to watch, thus leading to a lower intention of skipping ads even when the length of the ad is deemed to be extended. This creates a relationship between ad content, and the intention of skipping ads becomes strongest when the ad length is long. Therefore, when the length of the video ad is perceived to be short, consumers will feel less irritated and thus have less intention to skip the ad. Based on the previous research, it can be hypothesized that the length and content of an ad can affect the intention of skipping ads and the irritation of a viewer towards it.

II. METHODS

Hypotheses are tested through an experiment utilizing actual scenarios to see if the hypotheses are true. A website is prepared to accommodate a real video streaming experience similar to YouTube and four ad videos with varying criteria.

Several manipulation checks surveys are conducted prior to the main experiment to ensure the participant perceived, comprehend, and reacted as expected of interest contained within the independent variable (Hoewe, 2017). Four separate manipulation checks are prepared, each with the four variables in them, to ensure that there is no comparison and bias from the participants. Each manipulation check is distributed to different individuals without overlapping the different manipulation checks. 40 participants are gathered to proceed with the manipulation checks. The manipulation checks and the main experiment are conducted in a video streaming website similar to YouTube. The manipulation checks were conducted from May 11th, 2020 to May 13th, 2020, and then...
the main experiment was proceeded from May 14th, 2020 until May 16th, 2020. Using a convenience sampling method, the experiment and survey are conducted online using a Google survey to determine the participants' behavior and preference regarding online video ads. The link to this survey is posted on our social media. These individuals are eligible if they use the internet regularly or spend at least one hour browsing the internet daily. According to Cohen et al. (2007), experimental methodologies require at least 15 participants. However, 30 respondents are tested for each condition. A factorial design is used with two independent variables and two dependent variables, creating a 2x2 between the subject. Therefore, a total of 120 participants is gathered for this experiment. The data are analyzed with SPSS using Univariate Analysis.

The research aims to prove and show the importance of the relationship between ad content in an online video ad with the intention of skipping ads and ad irritation of the consumers. The research model is presented in Figure 1. The questions used to determine the measurement of irritation are adopted from a 5-item scale of perceived irritation (Li, Edwards & Lee, 2002). Participants agree that the ad that they watched is: (1) irritating, (2) phony, (3) ridiculous, (4) stupid, or (5) terrible, on a 5-point scale anchored by "Strongly disagree" (=1) and "Strongly agree" (=5). In measuring the intention of skipping ads, the research adapts the measurement from Shehu et al. (2016).

The duration and content of an ad affect viewer's intention of skipping ads and ad irritation. Thus, the hypothesis of this experiment is:

H₁: When an ad content is boring, consumers will be more irritated if the ad length is long compared to the shorter ad length.

H₂: When an ad content is boring, consumers will more likely have a higher intention of skipping ads if the ad length is long compared to the shorter ad length.

The criteria have two categories, ad content (entertaining and boring) and ad length (short and long). To support this purpose, manipulation checks have previously conducted to determine our hypothesized criteria. Four different video ads have been collected to support four criteria, in which boring ads are ad videos with awful and unclear humor. In contrast, entertaining ads are ad videos with funny or catchy humor. Two ad lengths are also considered the short and long ones. Furthermore, video ad can be detailed as provided:

Video 1:
Criteria: Entertaining and long
Title: McDonald's 2011 Straws Commercial 30 Seconds
URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X18o6FkNuSc

Video 2:
Criteria: Boring and long

![Figure 1 Research Model](attachment:image.png)

Notes: (a) Experiment 1; (b) Experiment 2

Figure 1 Research Model
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As a result of the manipulation checks, four different video ads are the same perception and will be used for the main testing. The prepared website will act similarly to YouTube with videos which attracts viewers. Participants can access the videos through a direct link to a video, which will direct them to the ads. After each session, there will be questionnaires that they have to fill and answer about the details of their experience and their irritation about the ads, if any. To ensure that each condition receives the same number of respondents, the number of respondents is monitored to a certain threshold. After each condition has met its required number of samples, the condition will be adjusted and changed to another video ad. Each respondent are collected by sharing them a link to the experiment website and questionnaires on social media, such as Facebook and Instagram.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The criteria used for this research’s demographic information include gender, age, occupation, and educational level. While the psychological information is gathered, the observation also covers the time they spent online and whether they use AdBlock. The gathered data are provided in Table 1, which also includes the frequency and percentage of the responses. The majority of the respondents are 71,1% male, 54,5% of the respondents are under 24 years old, with 24,8% of their latest education level being bachelors. The age range of respondents may result from how accessible the internet is now due to the widespread use of technology, such as smartphones. The highest occupation among the respondents is employees at 39,7% and students at 31,4%, which may have stemmed from the fact that many employees and students work and study very closely to their computers and gadgets, allowing them to have more time surfing the internet or watching online videos compared to entrepreneurs and other jobs. The fact that 71,1% of them spend more than three hours on the internet supports this result.

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The research utilizes SPSS software and Cronbach's Alpha Value to determine the reliability of its research results. To be classified as reliable, the values must be greater than 0,7 (Nunnally, 1978). Based on this reliability test, our results have passed the reliability test. A factor analysis is conducted to confirm each validity and each category's value, which must be 0,5 or greater. Based on the data in Table 2, each value's factor loading has passed the minimum mark of 0 Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO), which also indicates a good value 0,844. It can also be observed that the alpha value is 0,917 on all five items, which pass the minimum value. Aside from Ad Irritation, the research does not implement a validity test for the intention of skipping ads, and due to its value of only having one variable and it is impossible to conduct a validity check on it.

To analyze the hypotheses, the Univariate Analysis of Variance Linear Model is used to examine each dependent variable's mean value. These dependent variables are ad irritation and intention of skipping ads. Based on Table 3, the results of the means are labeled as Content and Length. In order to answer our hypothesis, the significance (Sig) value must be below 0,005.
In Figure 2, based on the video ad's ad content, consumers are more irritated when they are exposed to long ads with either boring or entertaining ad content. However, they feel much more irritated when the ad content is boring. If both ad content and ad length are combined, as listed in Table 3, ad content and ad length exceed the significance value, which means that our first hypothesis is not supported. This result contradicts Shareef et al. (2018), which find that entertaining ads can provide enjoyment and fun when being received. Seyedghorban et al. (2016) suggest that the consumers will tend to feel irritated towards the ads and will want to avoid the ad. Especially when a consumer is faced with an obstacle that prevents them from reaching their goal, perceives negative feelings towards ads, and rather sees it as an ad clutter.

The intention of skipping ads is also checked to answer the second hypothesis, as shown in Figure 3. Consumers tend to skip ads when it is boring. However, the intention of skipping ads is significantly lower when the ad is entertaining with a shorter length. This aligns with statement by Belanche et al. (2017), where an entertaining short online video ad will cause consumers to have a lower intention of skipping. This may stem from the habit and attitude that consumers have towards in-stream ads in general. When a consumer is irritated towards an ad, they will immediately decide to skip it by habit. Based on Table 3,

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![Figure 2 Mean for Ads Irritation](image)

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Sig value: < 0,005
when both ad content and ad length are combined, the significance value is below the maximum. Thus, $H_1$ is supported. Therefore, when tackling ad irritation and intention of skipping ads, advertisers should minimize the ad length to prevent ad avoidance. When the ad length is between 15 seconds and 30 seconds, our experiment shows that shorter length ads are less irritating. In contrast, when respondents are exposed to longer ads, they feel more irritated. Gesenhues (2014) suggests that the feeling of irritation felt by most consumers is a result of them having to wait and sit through for the duration of the in-stream commercials. This causes them to feel irritated, thus, more likely to skip or avoid these commercials by clicking the skip-ad button present (Cho, 2004; Edwards et al., 2002). As such, shorter ads with a high entertainment value will be more acceptable. On the other hand, when the ad length is deemed to be short, consumers show a lower intention of skipping. This may relate to our previous statement; if consumers are given a reason to wait, they would be less irritable, and when the entertainment content of a video ad is deemed adequate, consumers will show a lower intention of skipping the ads.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the experiment results, it can be concluded that ad content insignificantly affects a consumer's ad irritation. Although several research show that ad irritation has been proven invalid (Murillo et al., 2016; Hamouda, 2018), it is proven that in the context of an online video ad, ad irritation has a negative influence on consumers' attitudes (more or less 28%). Entertainment or enjoyment can be described as a feeling where consumers are invested and engaged in the stream of feelings from the characteristics and sensory cues that seek fun, which are arousing and enjoyable (Pee et al., 2019).

However, the research shows that the entertainment element is not a significant factor in online video ads. Based on our experiment, an ad's content has not taken a significant role to make people skip our video ads instead of seeing them. However, when video ads are entertaining and the length is short, people tend to watch the ads. Moreover, the respondents tend to skip the ad regardless of whether the ad is boring or entertaining. This aligns with previous research by Doodoo and Wen (2019), which suggested that consumers will avoid advertising whenever possible.

As such, the research would be able to contribute to the theoretical discussion of the impact of ad irritation and intention of skipping by examining two factors that are unique to online video ads: the ad content and ad length. As shown in the current research, the different combinations of these two attributes can reduce or increase the ad irritation and intention of skipping ads. After conducting the analysis, more companies have developed their marketing strategies even around online video ads. This includes ads in social media, video sharing or streaming websites, and more.

As for how a company approaches and places their product or brand in different platforms such as in online media, this may benefit the company compared to using a traditional advertising media. The reason is that it could integrated brands with its environment that enables consumers to have a high involvement with the brand and real-time constructive brand image (Vashisht & Sreejesh, 2015). The research shows that online advertising is a useful tool to increase a customer's awareness about a particular product, service, brand, and the market. By using online video ads, as it can deliver interaction, information and is easily accessible. Dehghani et al. (2016) state that entertainment itself is an independent variable that could have a significant and positive influence on the perceived value of an ad for a customer. As seen in the previous discussion, consumers will still have a high intention of skipping ads due to the ad length whether it is entertaining or boring. This is supported by the previous research, which suggests longer ad video will keep or stall users away from their supposed goal for a set period, potentially making the consumers perception of the ad to be negative and see the ad as being intrusive, which then affects the consumer's attitude and intention towards the ad (McCoy, 2017). Furthermore, the intrusive nature of an ad can be seen as the ad interrupting the fluent flow of a media environment where such advertising appears in (Jankowski & Lewandowska, 2017).

The research shows that advertisers should highlight the importance of having short ads as the main aspect of online video ads. This is to prevent the intention of skipping ads and ad irritation. Therefore, it could be challenging as an ad is supposed to not only be short but also deliver the message effectively. There are two limitations concerning this research and its experiment. First, as this experiment is done on a website that have been specifically prepared for it, there is a possibility that the consumers may react differently. Another limitation that this research is that the nature and characteristic of the ad will also be different, depending on the product or service advertised in online video ads. The research mainly focuses on food and beverage ads, so consumers' responses towards different products from different industries or services may also differ.

Several suggestions are provided for future research to tackle this issue. One of them is the use of ad during the experiment, as the ad's content may have affected the participants' intention of skipping ads. For future research, it is suggested the video ad is limited to only using two contents with different lengths to determine whether the same ad would have a different result (i.e., one soda ad with two different lengths). Additionally, there might be different results based on the type of ad (i.e., food & beverage, products & services). Thus, the result may vary depending on the product category. To be more specific, a consumer's
level of involvement depends on the product category and may result in different results and behavior (Cruz, Leonhardt & Pezzuti, 2017). A positive correlation might occur when a certain degree of consumer involvement correlates with the ad’s effectiveness (Soliha & Widyasari, 2018). More in-depth research may be needed to determine measurements to accurately examine the intention of skipping ads in online video ads. Factors such as consumers’ habits and the chance that they may have seen the ad prior could influence their intention of skipping the ads. Future researchers may implement an eye-tracking method to see how long a consumer focuses on the ad before feeling irritated or show intentions of skipping. This may help examine the kind of entertainment value that is effective for consumers.

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