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# Social Media Strategy Story + Unexpected Discoveries

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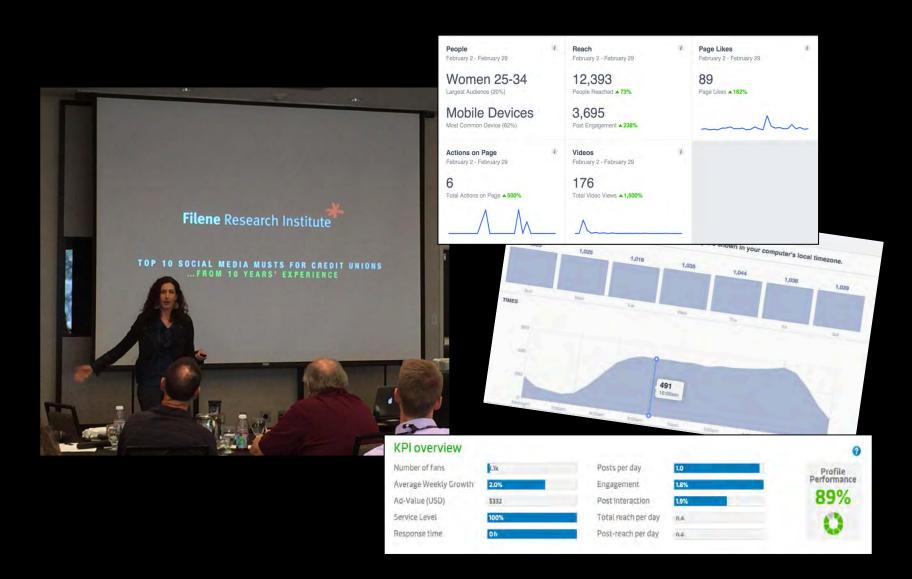
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# TAKING OUR OWN MEDICINE...





- → Make more people aware of Filene / our work.
- → Encourage more organizations to participate in Filene opportunities/events.
- → Drive more organizations to engage in Filene's programs which will transform consumer finance for the better.
- → Support all efforts of the organization to accomplish goals in smart and strategically-designed approaches.
- → Elevate Filene's expertise in social media strategy and execution



- → More frequent posting on social media
- → **Better execution** on existing / new platforms
- → More original content created
- → Showcase genuine Filene brand: resounding expertise, playful curiosity, precise creativity





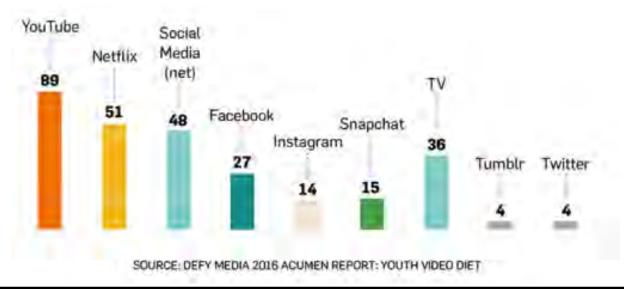
### 5 DIGITAL COMMUNICATION TRENDS:

- Employee advocacy/influencer programs builds huge trust among personal networks
- 2. Brands using internal social networks & social messaging apps All about collaboration, convenience, personalization (Ex; Slack, WhatsApp, Snapchat)
- 3. **Financial Services through social** P2P funding, accessing accounts through Facebook, crowdsourcing ideas/services
- 4. **Video is the new photo** live streaming becoming mainstream
- 5. Humanness still reigns supreme nothing beats real, authentic and genuine; listen to what the audience wants and simply deliver.
  Pro Tip: Use the data you have from your audience to better serve their needs

## TRENDS: THE POWER OF VIDEO

→ "Most of the content 10 years ago was text, and then photos, and now it's quickly becoming videos," said Mark Zuckerberg, justifying Facebook's aggressive push into the area. "I just think that we're going to be in a world a few years from now where the vast majority of the content that people consume online will be video."

#### The Video Sites Millennials Can't Live Without



## VIDEO EXAMPLES

- → How-to videos: <u>How to Get Pre-Approved for a Mortgage</u> (Seekers of "How-To" education is one of the biggest uses of YouTube)
- → Mission/Values driven videos: <u>Some Choices Matter</u>
- → Entertainment / Viral-factor' videos: <u>Save the Bros</u> (Organic Valley cooperative)
- → Education: <u>It's a Money Thing</u>



## **NEW & EMERGING AUDIENCES**

- Members / Customers / Communities
- Staff as Brand Ambassadors
- Media / Journalists / Influencers



## **IN-PRACTICE TIPS:**

First step to becoming a personal brand ambassador is...

## Profile Clean up:

- → Keywords / Bio
- → Photos
- → Links
- → Connections









## **IN-PRACTICE TIPS:**

- → Start talking with your network of friends, family, neighbors, communities, and groups on Facebook
- → Move on to Twitter— Share financial content and stories about your organization.
- → Connect and discuss with others on LinkedIn Find and join specific networking groups, learn, share, grow



#### STAFF AS AMBASSADORS

## **IN-PRACTICE TIPS:**

- → Use Images / Videos
- → Show Behind-the-Scenes
- → Create/Share How-to articles & videos
- → Blog about your passion for what you do (use LinkedIn)
- → Be a thought leader and financial expert for everyone in your digital (and non-digital) networks.



## REACHING NEW AUDIENCES: MEDIA

#### Journalists love twitter!

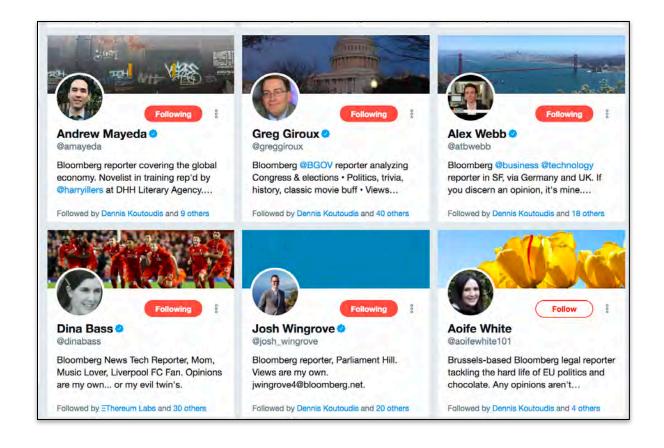
→ 88% say they find sources from the platform



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## **BEST PRACTICES FOR MEDIA CONNECTION:**

- → Search on Twitter for Journalists, bloggers and freelance writers who cover consumer finance topics, especially media in your community: Connect and introduce
- Offer, offer: Don't ask for anything in return offer to provide content, expertise, access to financial leaders, commentary from your subject matter experts for their upcoming stories.
- → Build relationships: Share their stories, tag their profiles and organizations.

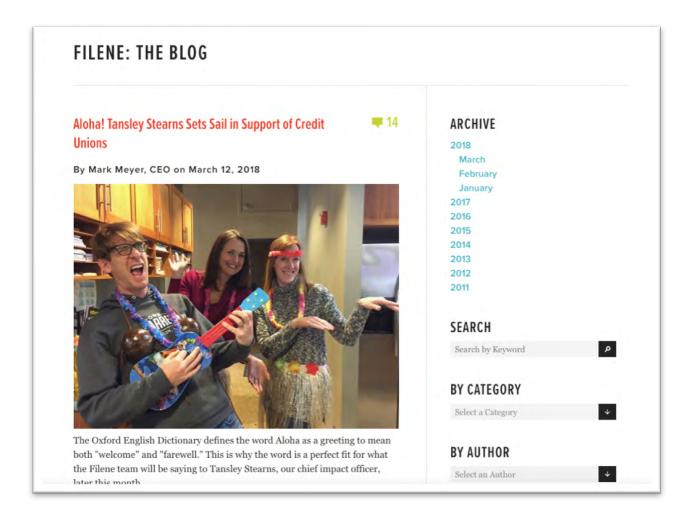
# **NEW CHANNELS TO EXPLORE**

- Blog
- Podcast
- New social tools, streaming
- E-Marketing automation tools





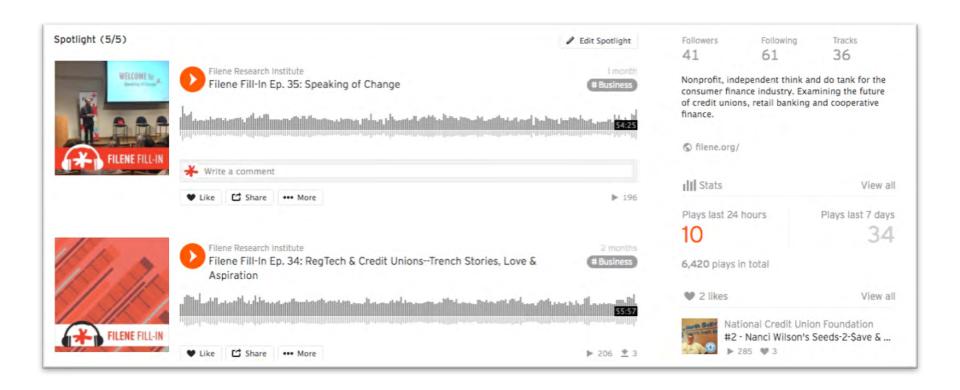
## #1 TRAFFIC DRIVER: BLOG



## BENEFITS OF BLOG + SOCIAL MEDIA

- → Drive traffic to website
- → Reach new audiences (through search engine hits)
- → Establish expertise on topic(s)
- → Convert readers to members; deepen member engagement
- → Enhance member trust / financial

## **EXPERTISE & PERSONALITY: PODCAST**



## BENEFITS OF PODCAST + SOCIAL MEDIA

- → Awareness, authority, expertise
- → Enhance trust and increase financial literacy authority
- → Capture new audiences: weekend listeners and commuters
- → Channel is less crowded than blogs in financial sector
- → Yet, growing trend increasing in popularity
- → Stickier engagement listeners stay on longer than a video (22 min. is average podcast length)

## STATE OF SOCIAL FOR FIN SERVICES

"Investing in a social strategy now is the single best way to future-proof your business for the years ahead."

- Hootsuite CEO Ryan Holmes

Challenge:	Solution:
Regulations and Compliance	Social Media Policy & Audit plan
Ownership and Execution	Education, Advisory Support: Assessment and Definitions
Resource / Staffing Concerns	Strategy and Content Plan
Maintenance / Changing Environment	Org-wide Buy-In / Support; Outside Expertise and Education



## **OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD**

- → Further legitimizing your digital capabilities as a business
- → Prepare to not be left behind the FinTech tide
- → The "new way of doing finance" is in the hands of consumers:

  Gone are the days of businesses deciding what people want —

  by staying close to the trends you can be first to be relevant

  and useful…and profitable

## **Q&A Wrap Up**



#### Type your question in the chat panel



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