



#### **Turn Your Brand Into a Lifestyle**

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# WHAT IS A LIFESTYLE BRAND?

#### LIFESTYLE:

associated with, reflecting, or promoting an enhanced or more desirable way of life for an individual, group, or culture.

#### **BRAND**:

a public image, reputation, or identity conceived of as something to be marketed or promoted

Source: Merriam-Webster



# WHAT SUCCESSFUL LIFESTYLE BRANDS DO:

 They know their customers on an extreme level.

 They seek to build community and be purpose driven.

• They **avoid selling** for selling's sake. The brand sells itself.





# **KNOW YOUR CUSTOMERS**

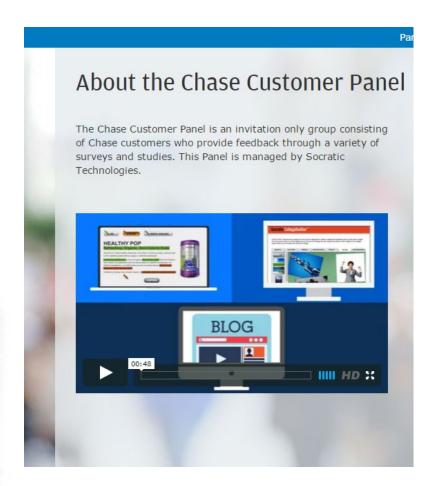
#### Get To Know Your Members Better



SOURCE: YOUTUBE



SOURCE: CHIME BANK



SOURCE: MYFICO FORUMS



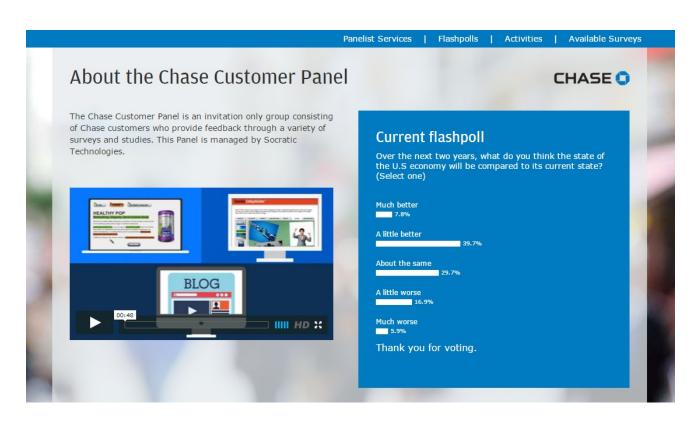
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- Make it a priority to get out and meet with your members.
  - Use the interviews as real-life and relatable member stories.
  - Take the feedback and improve.
- No excuses, get out there.



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- Create a panel of advocates.
- Use social and email surveys to gather more intel.
- Combine data and utilize it.



# SHOWCASE YOUR PURPOSE

#### 6 IN 10 YOUNGER CONSUMERS CLOSELY CONSIDER A COMPANY'S ETHICAL VALUES AND AUTHENTICITY.

SOURCE: ACCENTURE









## TAKE A CONSULTATIVE APPROACH

# DON'T MARKET A PRODUCT, MARKET A LIFESTYLE









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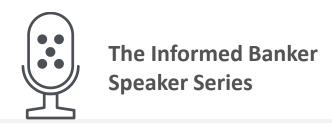
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### Q&A Wrap Up



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