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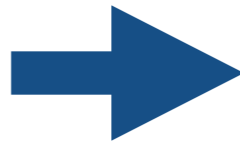
# The DIGITALIZATION of Place: disruption & counter strategies

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Shopping centers, stores and entertainment venues all have in common that they need consumers to leave their homes to visit a physical *Place*.



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2002



2007

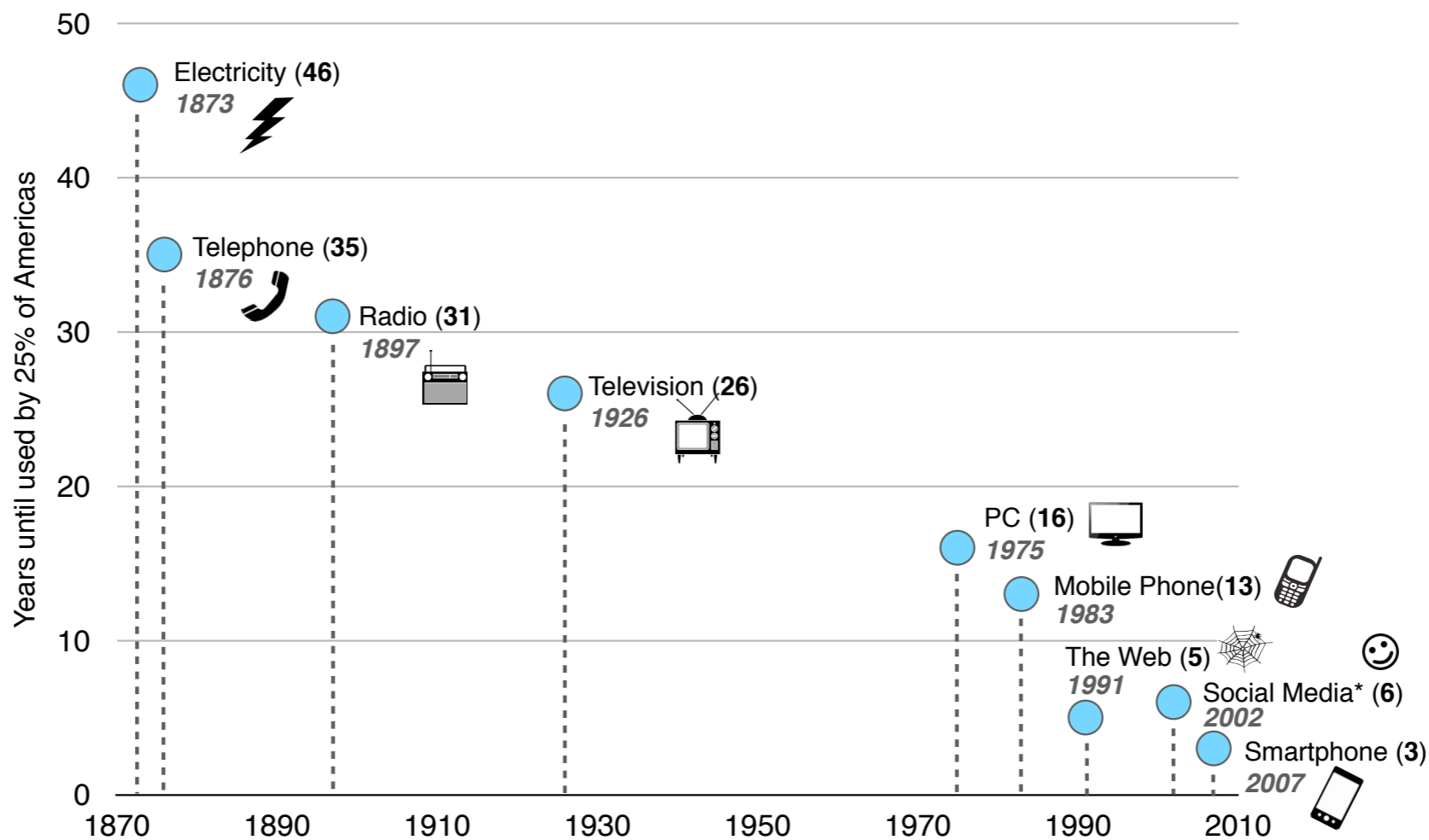
## Triple DIGITAL Revolution



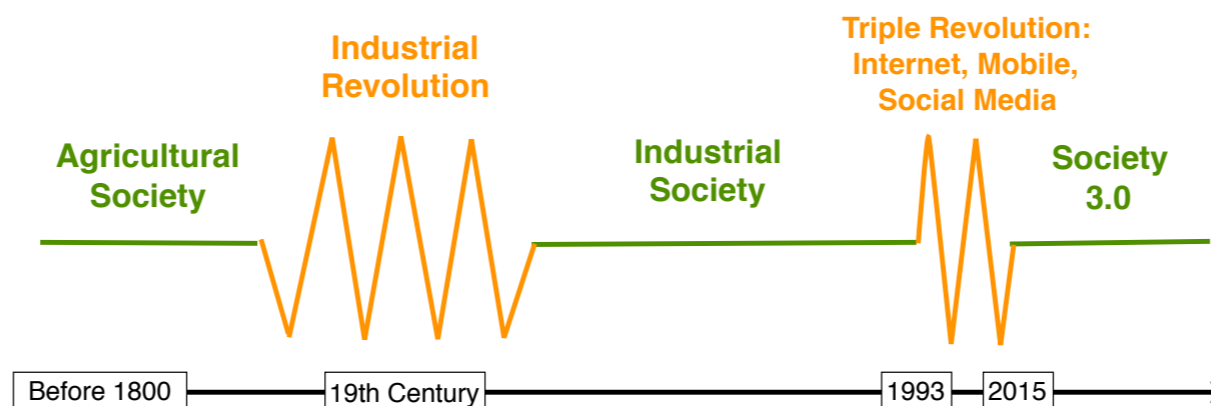
St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican, Rome, Italy

# Accelerating speed of technology adoption

Years until technology is used by 25% of American Population



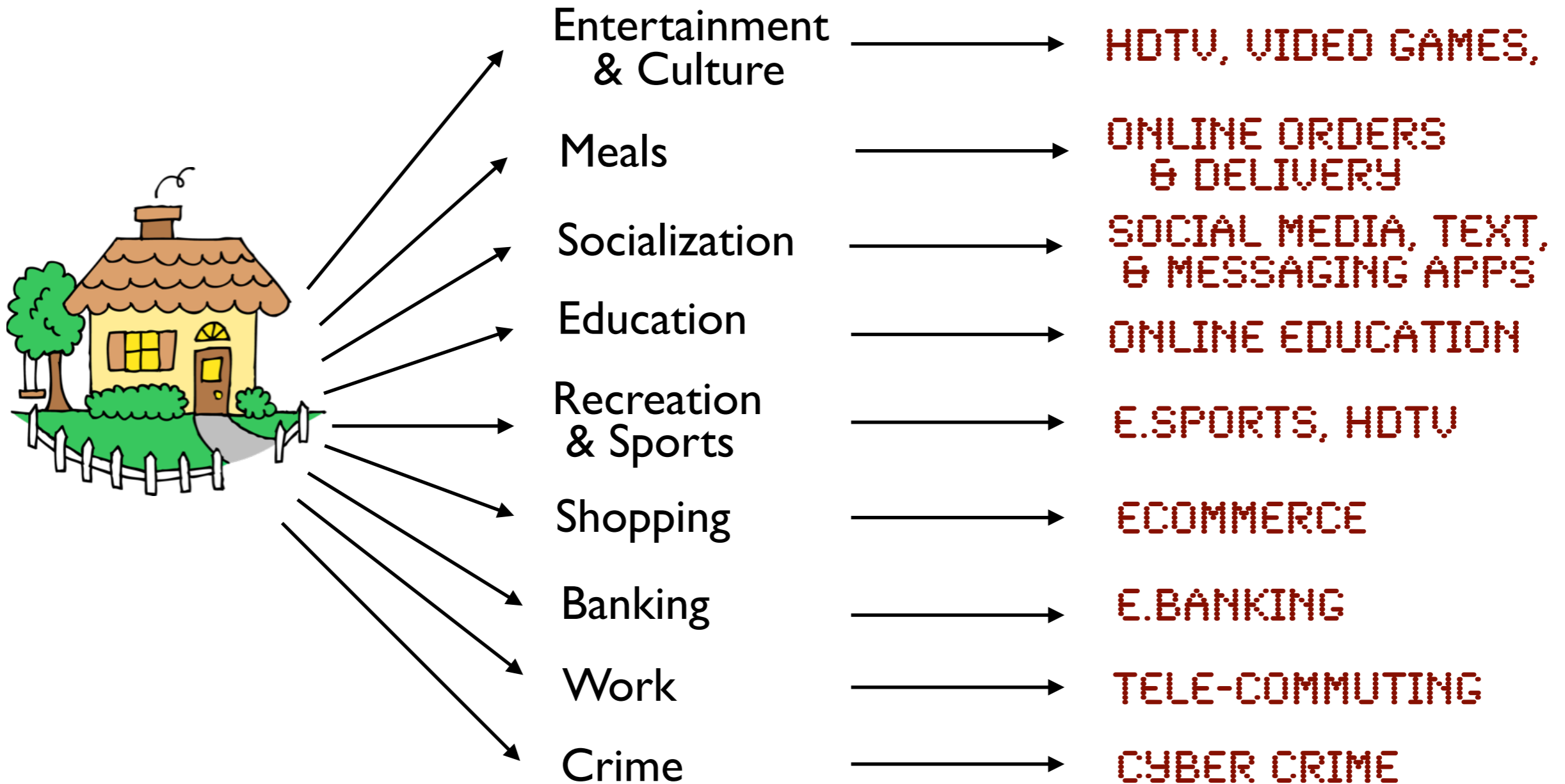
Source: singularity.com, Nielsen.com and White Hutchinson Leisure & Learning Group  
 \* Friendster launched 2002, Facebook launched 2004



# DIGITALIZATION of Place

## Reasons to Leave Home

## DIGITAL DISRUPTION



It's fast getting to the point where we hardly ever have to leave our homes.

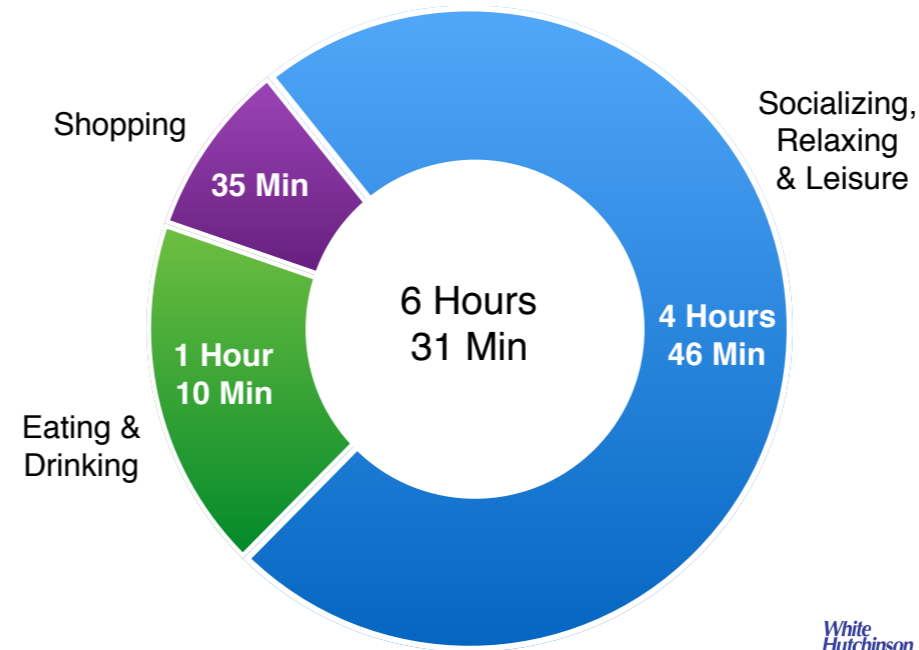


There are three ways to track the longitudinal trend of the digitalization of *Place* - time spent, participation (percent of population or per capita participation) and spending.

# It's a zero-sum game

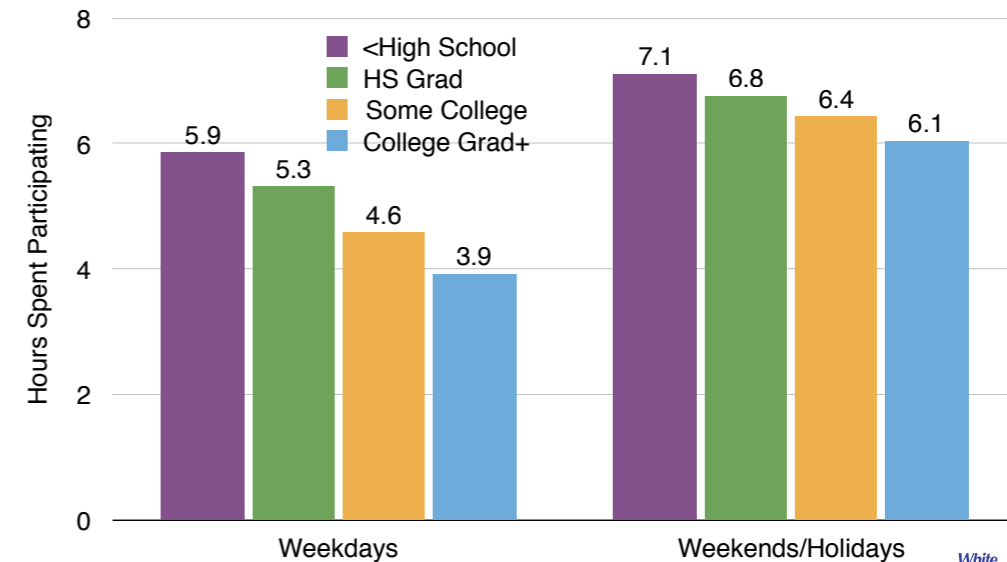


Time spent on an average day, 2014



Source: American Time Use Study

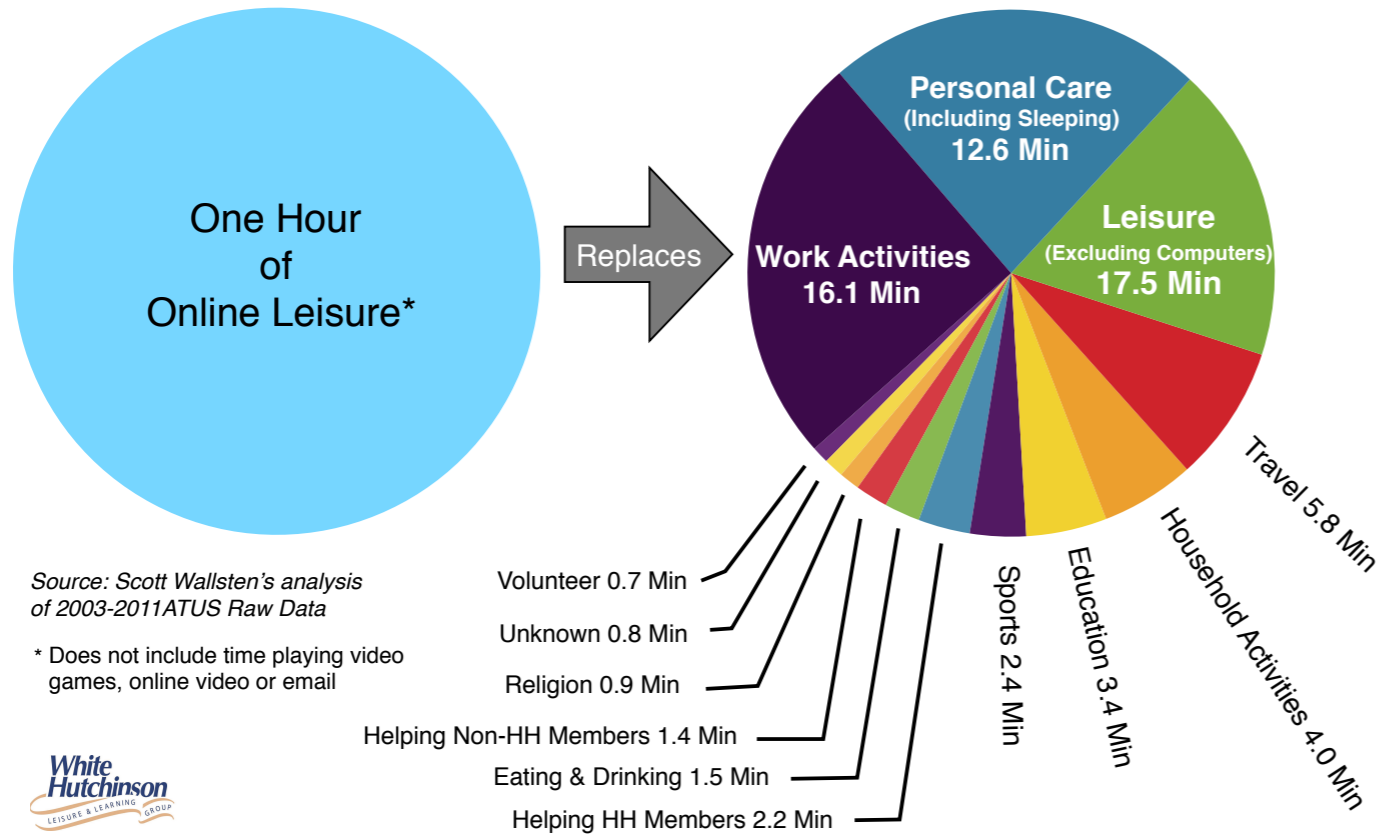
2014 average time spent in leisure and sports activities by education



Source: U.S. Department of Labor American Time Use Survey

Higher socioeconomic adults have the least amount of time. Saving time is often more important than cost. Time is the new luxury.

Every Hour of Online Leisure Crowds Out (Replaces)  
this many Minutes of Other Activities

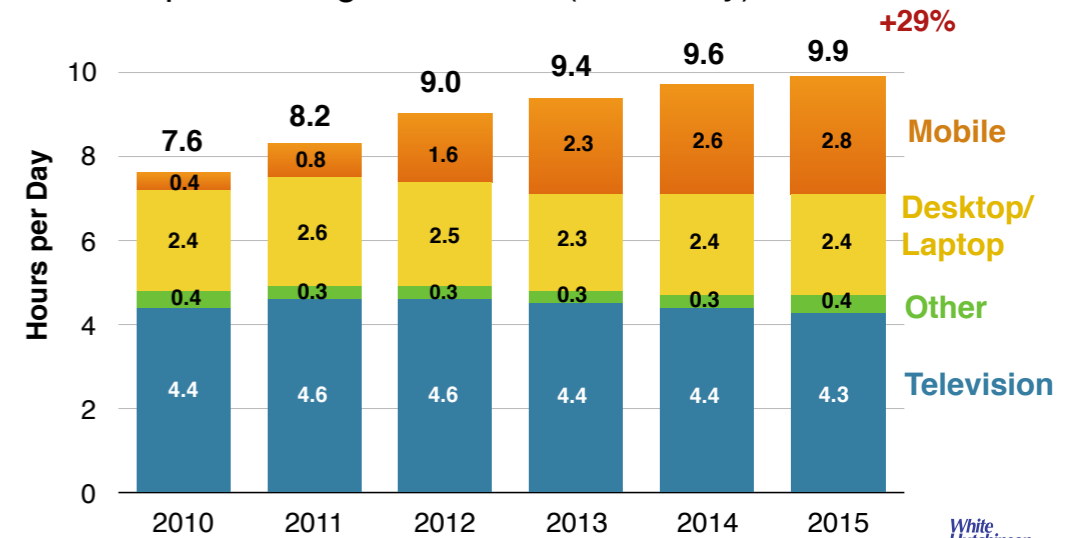


Source: Scott Wallsten's analysis of 2003-2011 ATUS Raw Data

\* Does not include time playing video games, online video or email



Time spent on digital screens (hours/day)



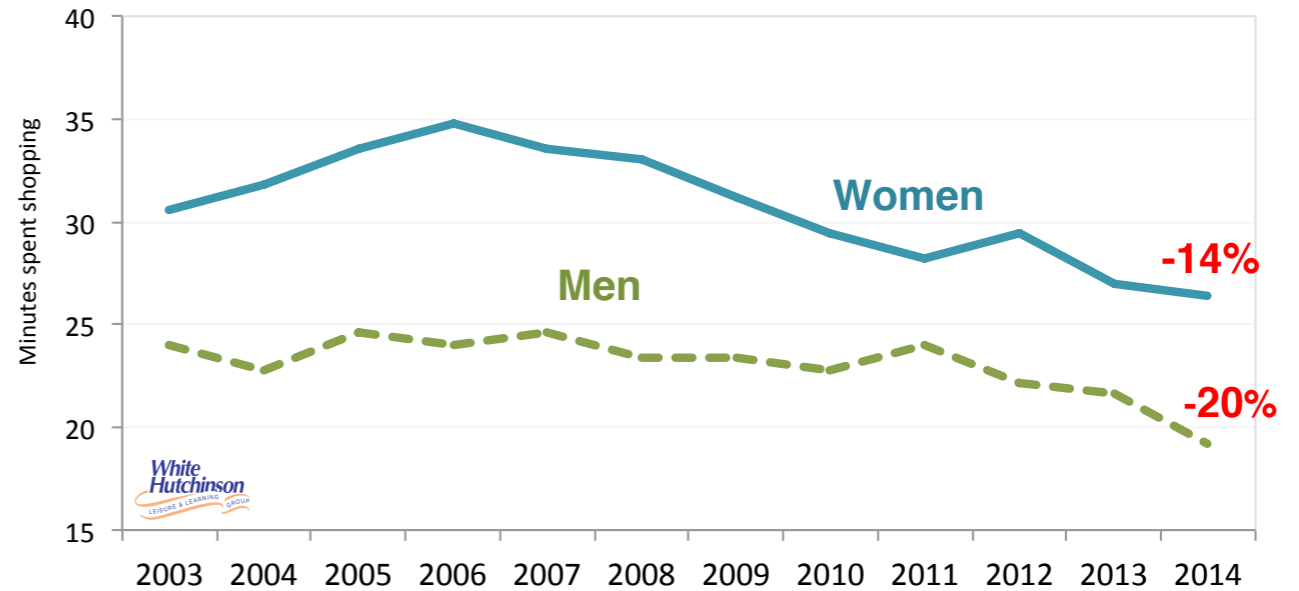
Source: eMarketer. Ages 18+ USA total time spent including multitasking



The time we spend in the digital world takes away, crowds out, the time we spend with physical activities in the physical world, including visiting physical *Places*.

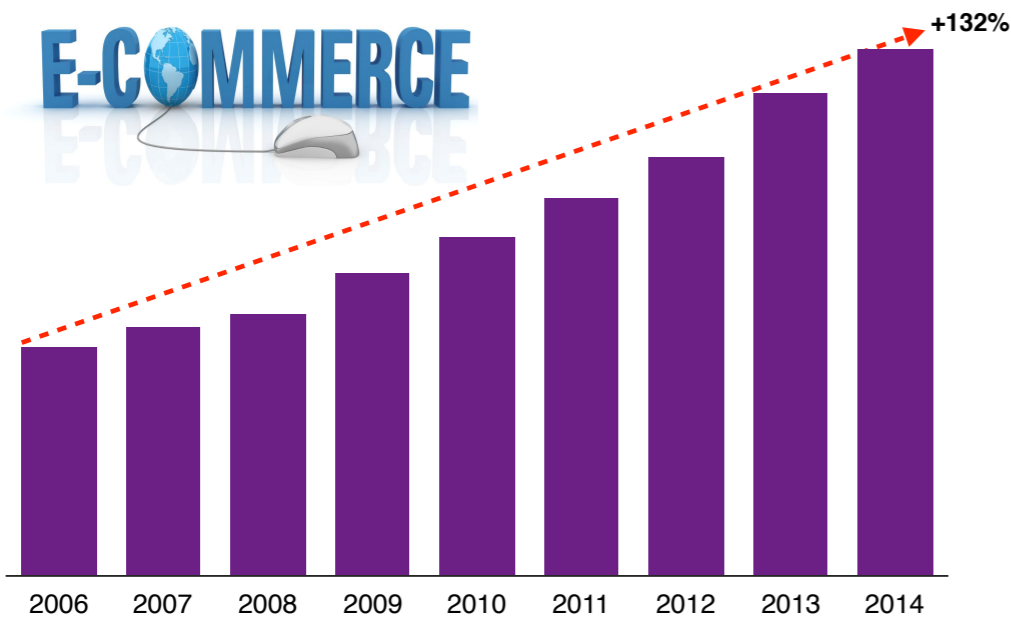


Minutes spent shopping on an average day for non-grocery items (including travel)



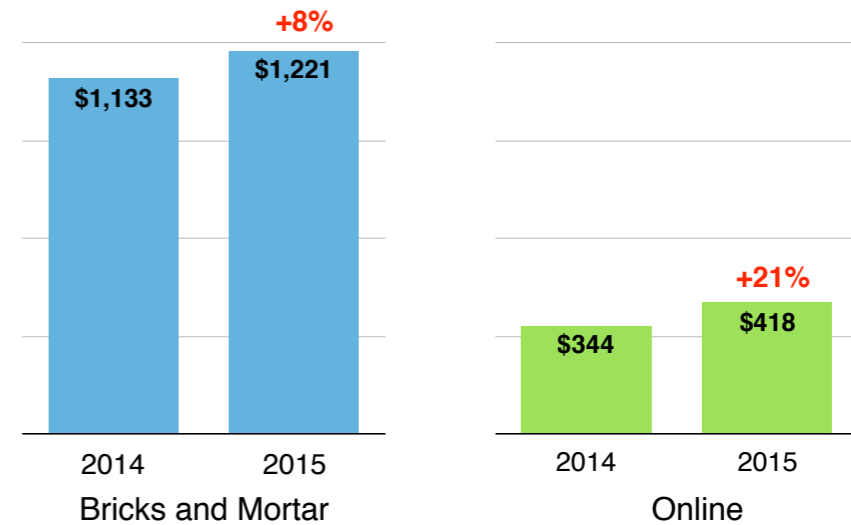
Source: American Time Use Survey, ages 15+

Percent of discretionary retail sales



\*Retail Spending not including Motor Vehicles, Gas, Groceries, Health and Personal Care, and Food and Beverage  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau Retail Sales Report and E-Stats

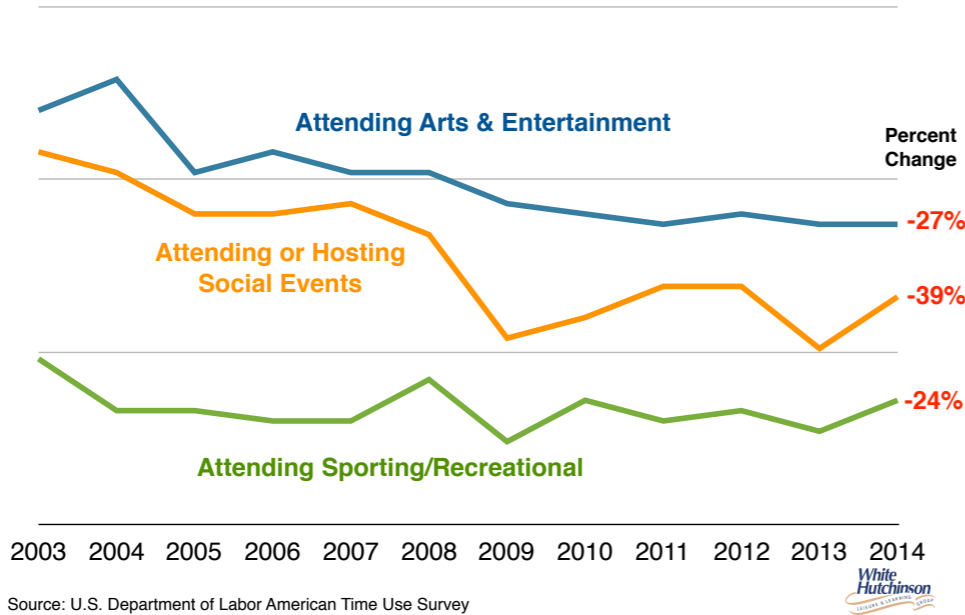
Average holiday spending per buyer



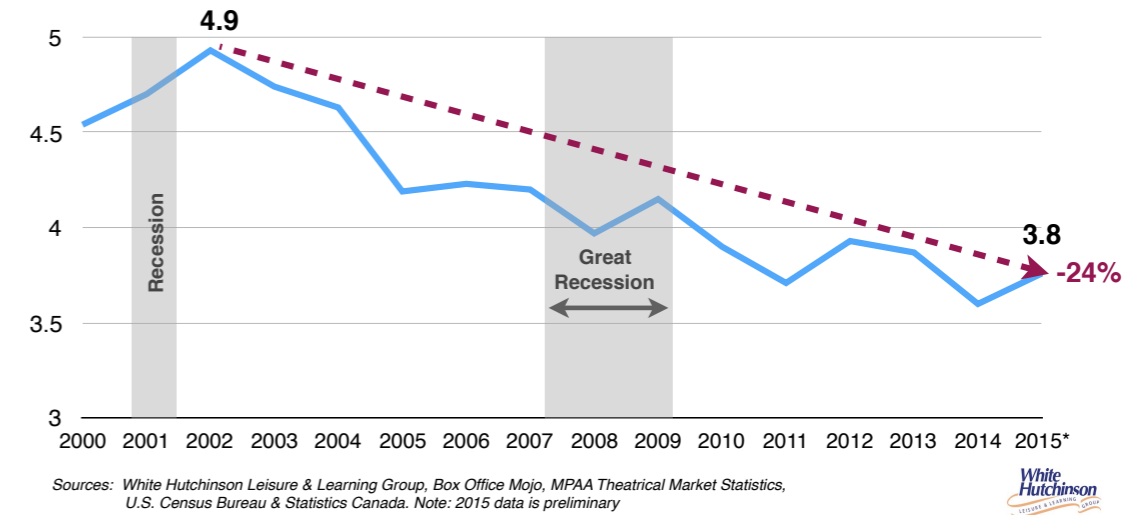
source: NPD Group/Checkout Tracking Time periods: 11/2/14-12/27/14, 11/1/15-12/26/15

We're spending less and less time shopping at bricks-and-mortar stores and an increasing amount of our spending on stuff is shifting to the digital world.

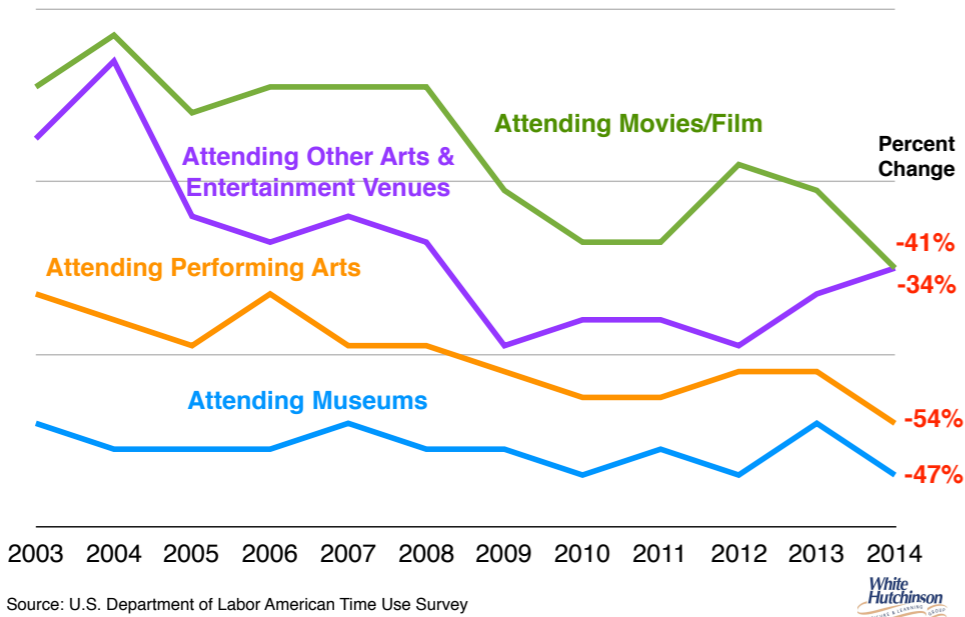
Percent of U.S. population age 15 and older participating in selected leisure activities on a typical day



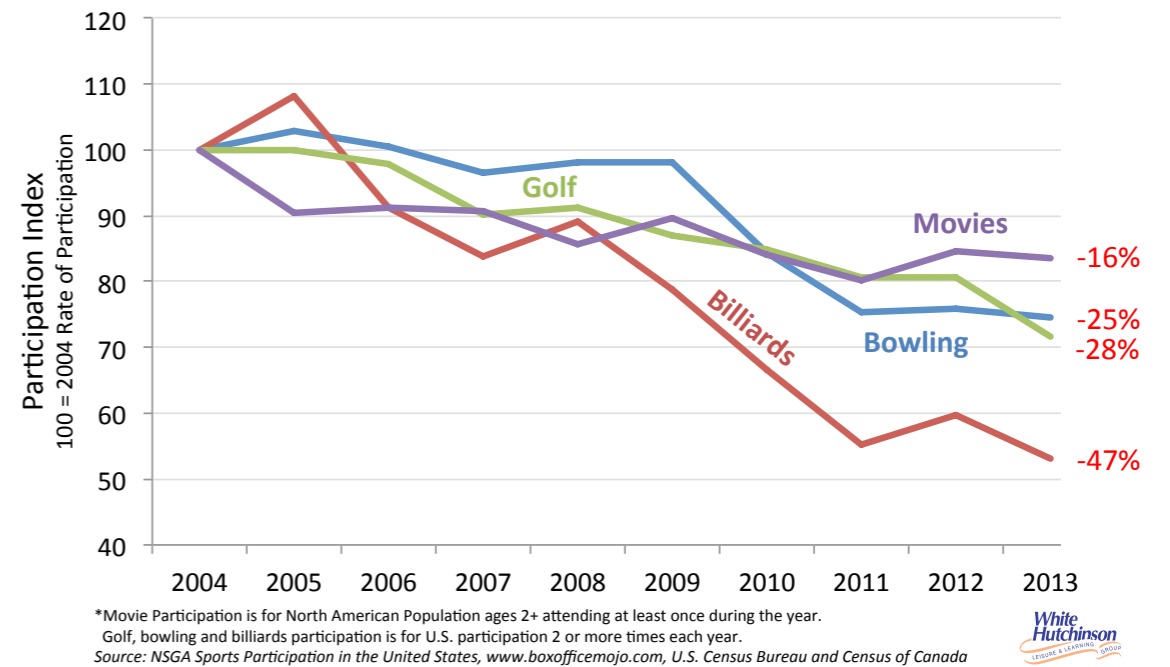
North America cinema annual per capita attendance



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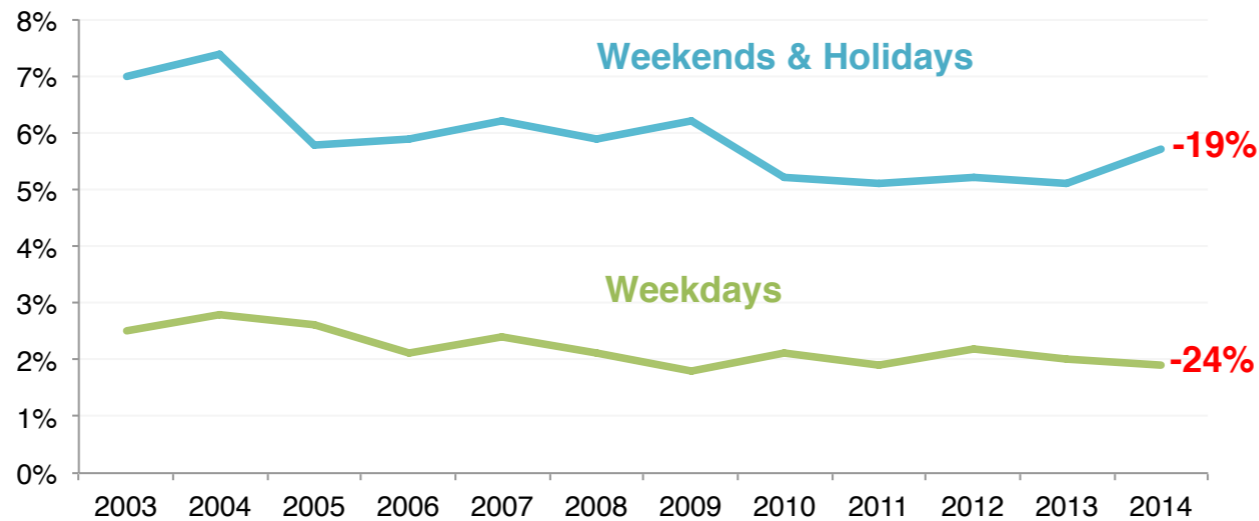
Participation Index of by U.S. Population Ages 7+\*



Participation in all types of location-based leisure activities is on a long term decline. At cinemas, not only is per capita attendance down since 2002, but revenues adjusted for inflation are down by 8%.

# Participation

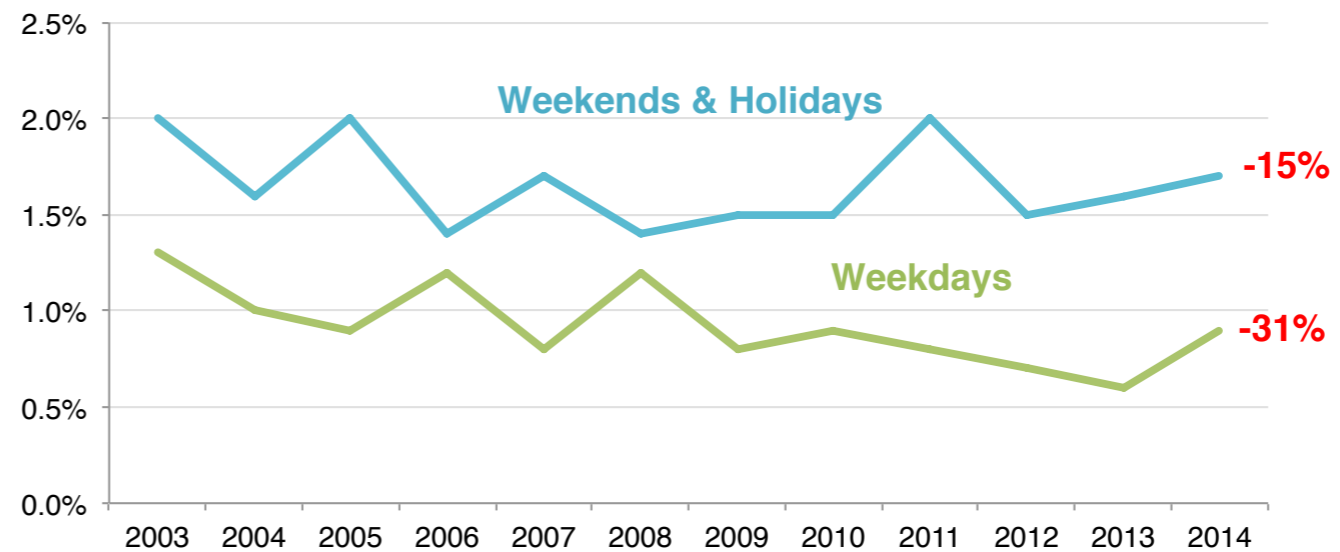
Percent of population 15+ who participated in out-of-home entertainment on average day



Source: American Time Use Survey



Percent of population 15+ attended a sporting event on average day



Source: American Time Use Survey

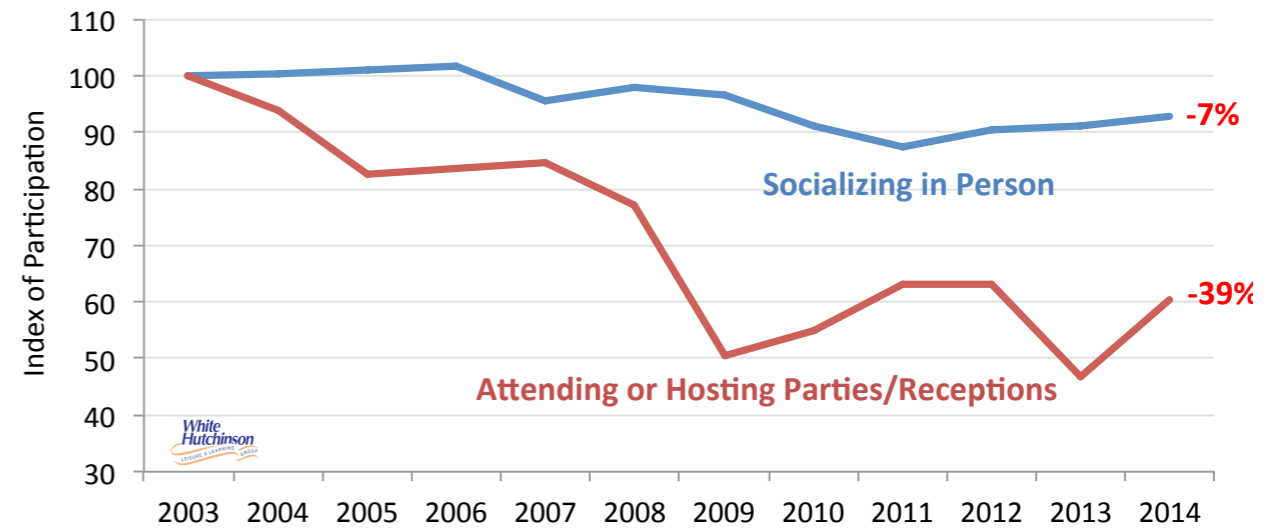


The greatest declines in participation in entertainment (includes arts & culture venues) and attending sporting events is taking place on weekdays.

# Socialization

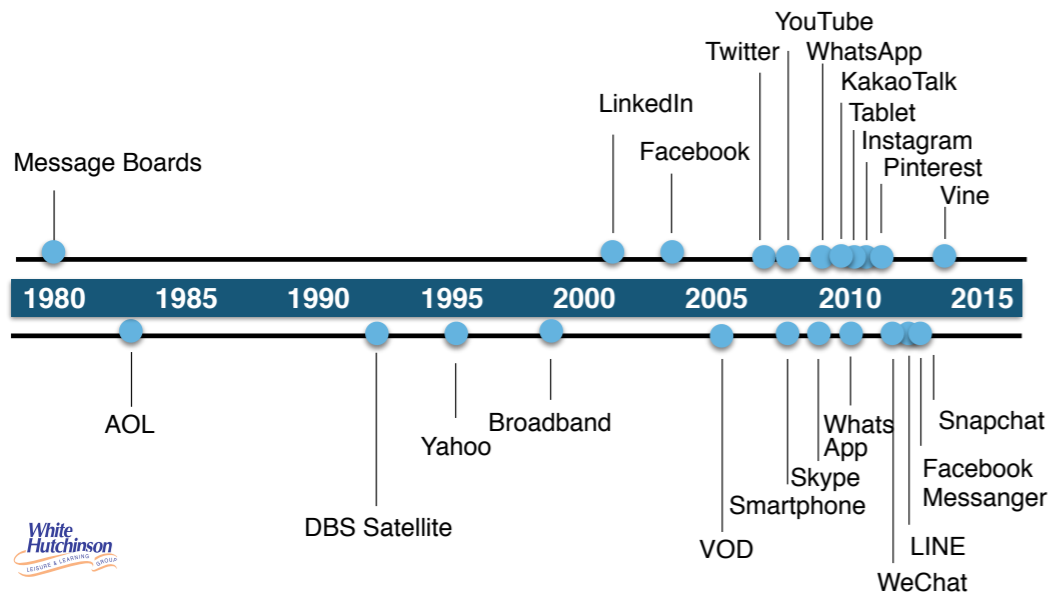


Index for percent of US population participating on typical day (100=2003 Participation)

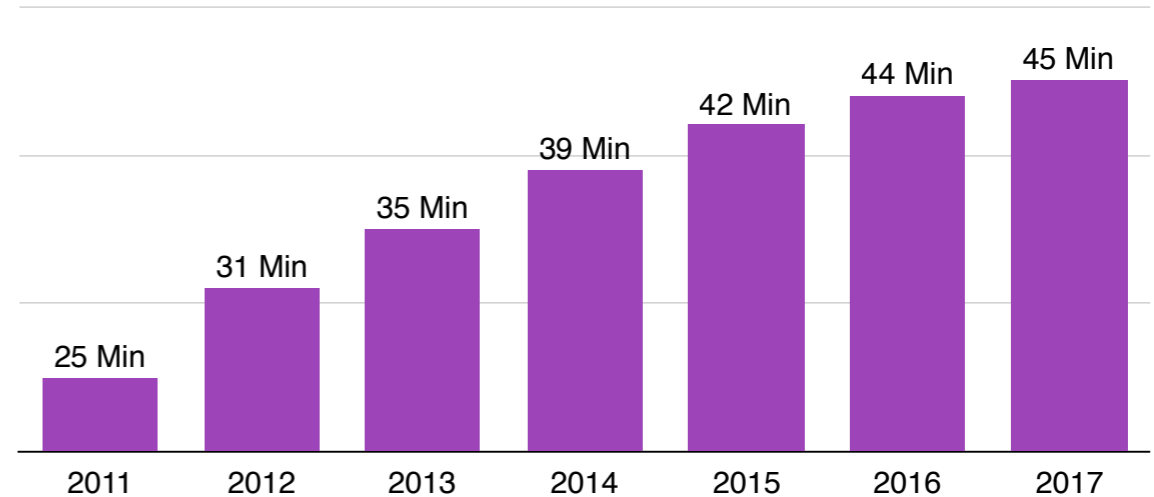


Source: U.S. Department of Labor American Time Use Survey

The growth of digital social connectedness options

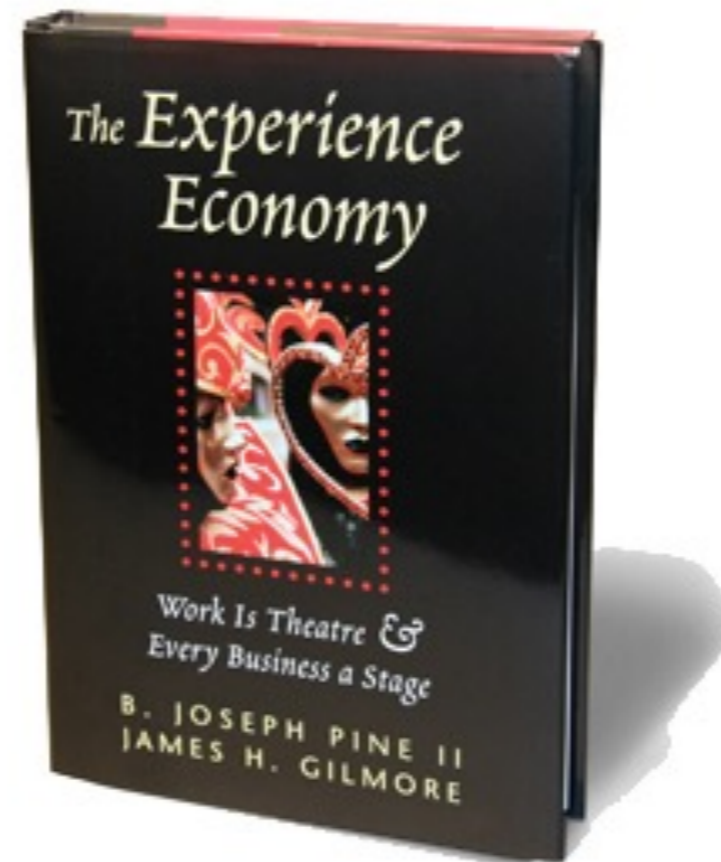


Average time spent per day on social networks by US adults



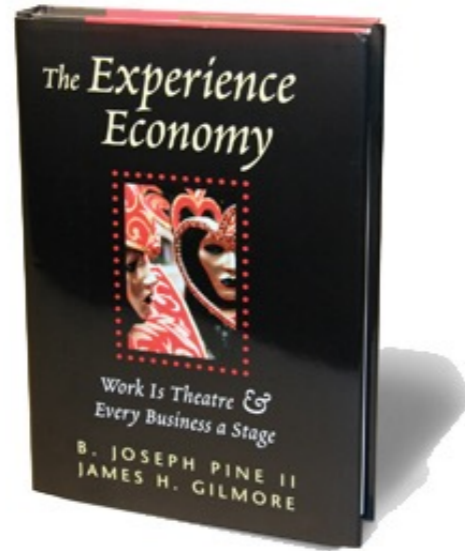
Note: ages 18+; Time spent with each medium includes all time spent with medium regardless of multitasking  
Source: eMarketer, Oct 2015

With so many ways to socialize on our screens, we're spending less and less time socializing in person and at physical *Places*. On average we now use our gadgets eleven hours each day including multi-tasking time.

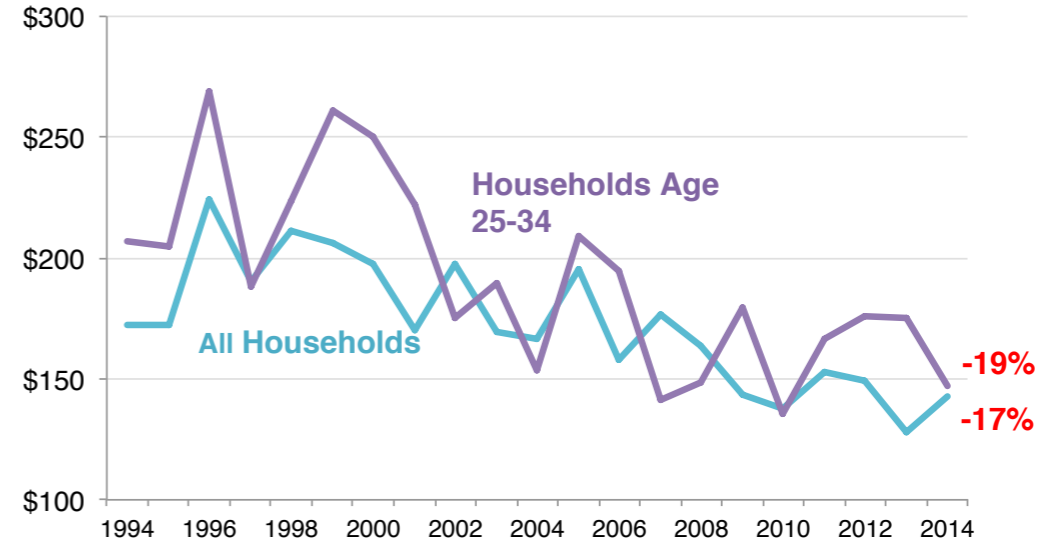


It was 17 years ago when Joe Pine and James Gilmore introduced us to the experience economy. Back then they discussed experiences at physical *Places*. They didn't anticipate that experiences would take place less and less in the physical world and more and more in the digital world.

# Spending



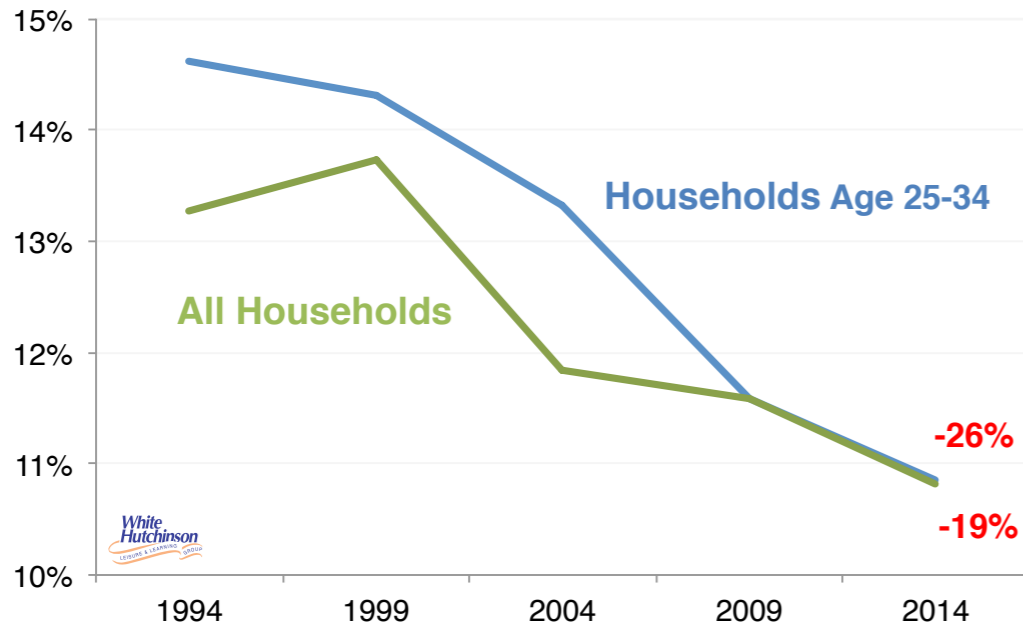
Average annual spending on sports, recreation and exercise equipment in 2014\$



Source: U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Expenditure Survey

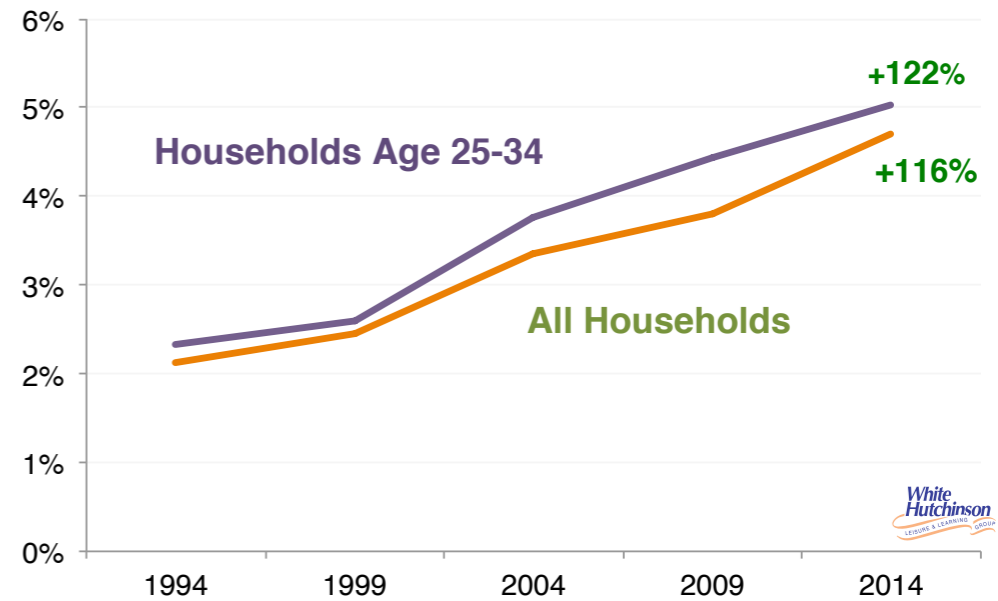


Spending on "stuff" as a percentage of household income



Source: U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Expenditure Survey

Spending on digital as a percentage of household income

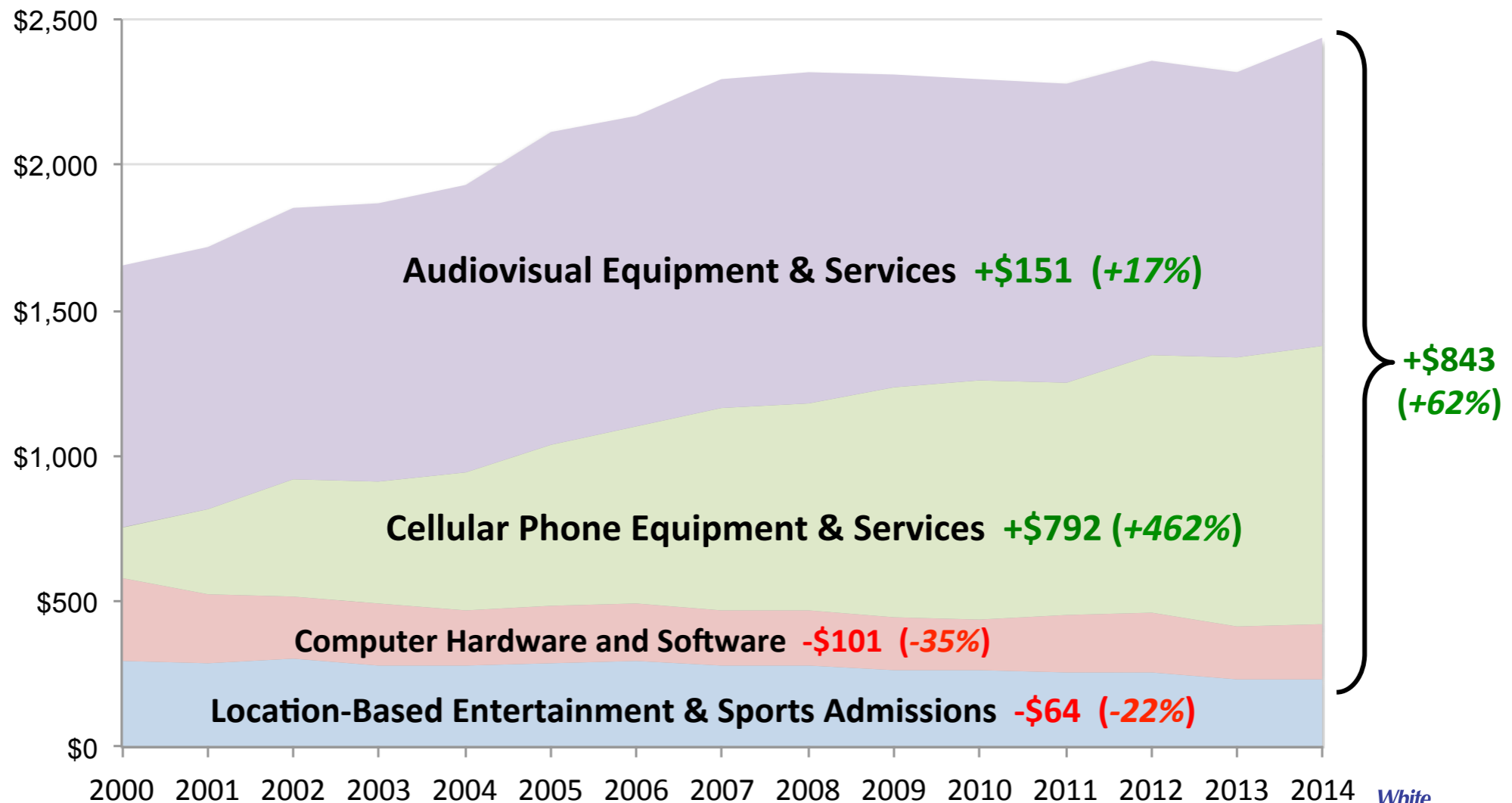


Source: U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Expenditure Survey



We're now spending less and less on stuff, even stuff that facilitates experiences. Our experience spending is shifting to the digital world.

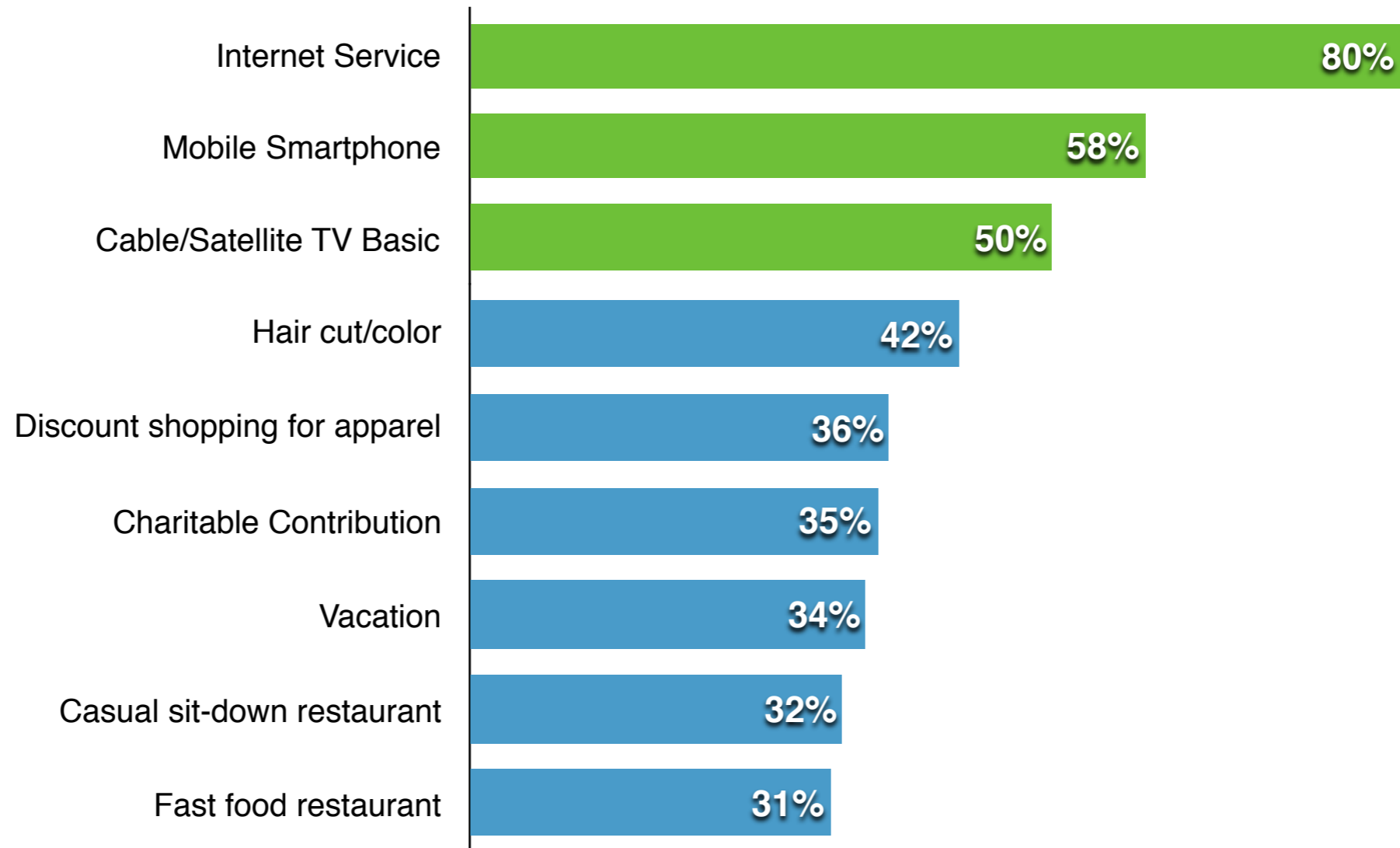
## Household average annual expenditures (2014\$)



Source: U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Expenditure Survey

Out-of-home entertainment, cultural, arts and sporting *Places* are losing out to spending for experiences in the digital world.

Given the current economic situation, what can't you live without/consider to be untouchable?



Source: Prosper, Monthly Consumer Survey, December 2015

# The Fidelity Trade-off



HIGH  
FIDELITY



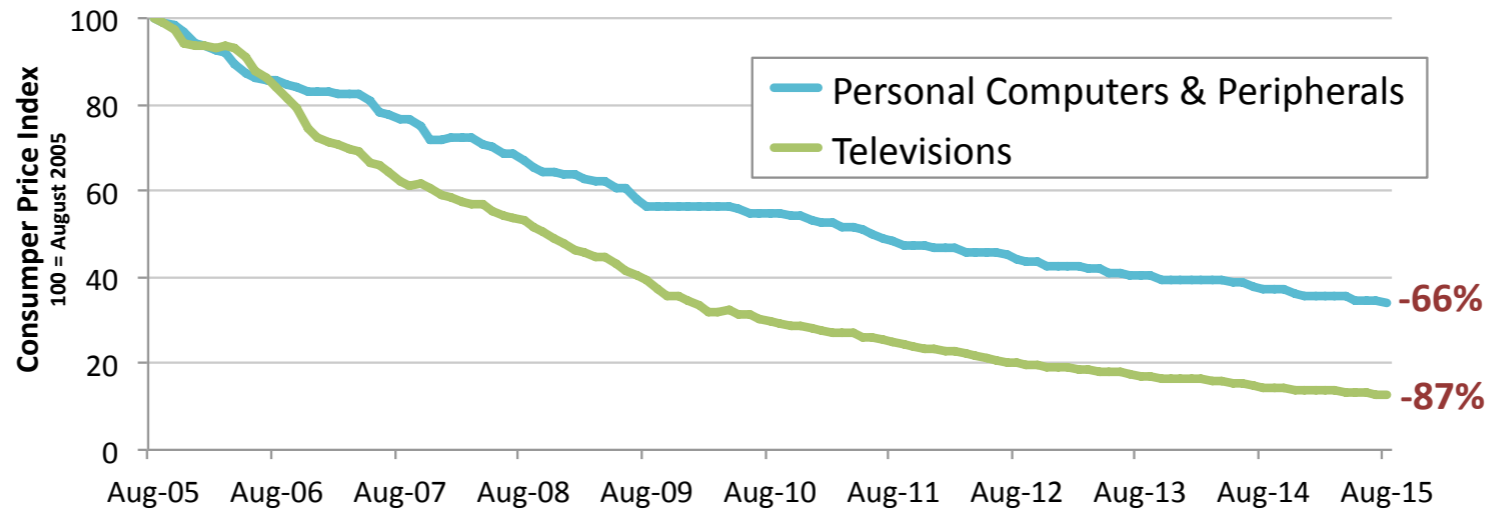
Fidelity  
Belly



High  
Convenience

This is a framework for understanding these trends and strategizing on how to compete. Consumers make decisions on two key dimensions - *Fidelity*, the quality of the experience, and *Convenience*, the ease of access in time, money and effort. As digital options improve in *Convenience*, it moves older options into the *Fidelity Belly*, the last place you want to end up. MP3 music, due to its increased *Convenience*, displaced music CDs. At the same time, at the other end of choices, we have *High Fidelity* music concerts.

Consumer price index for televisions and personal computers & peripherals



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Videos		Video Rentals	
<b>Star Wars VHS (1982)</b> <b>\$191</b> 	<b>Star Wars Blu Ray</b> <b>\$20</b> 	<b>Video Rental (1985)</b> <b>\$5/day</b> 	<b>Netflix Streaming</b> <b>\$.33/day</b> 
1 Video		Unlimited Videos	
Video Games		Mac Computers	
<b>Pacman for Atari 2600 (1980)</b> <b>\$72</b> 	<b>Pacman 256 Endless Arcade for iPhone</b> <b>Free</b> 	<b>Apple II (1977)</b> <b>\$7770</b> 	<b>27" iMac</b> <b>\$1799</b> 
1MHz Processor 4Kb Ram 5.25" Floppy		Retina 5K Display 3.2Ghz Processor 8Gb RAM 1 Tb HD	

In our accelerating experiential economy, our personal digital screen technology is constantly increasing in Convenience. As it does, the Fidelity of real world experiences has to increase to compete - what is known as the tech-effect.

# Trade Off - The Fidelity Swap

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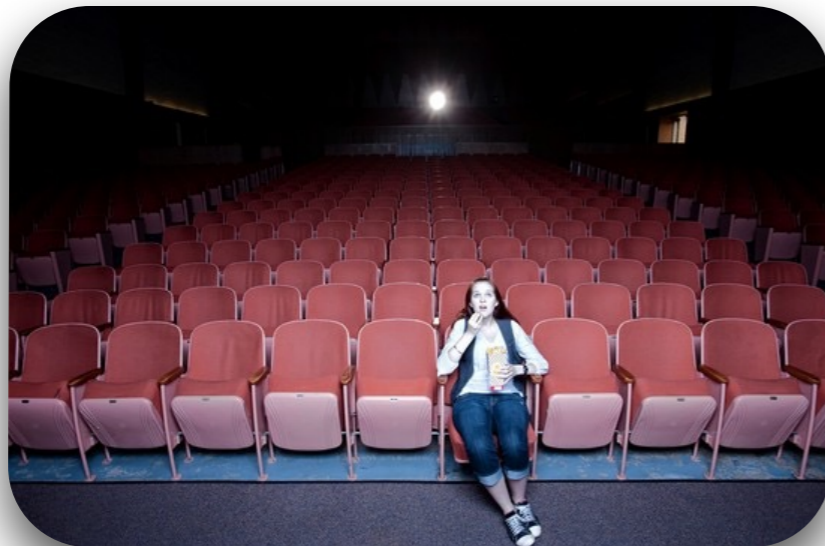
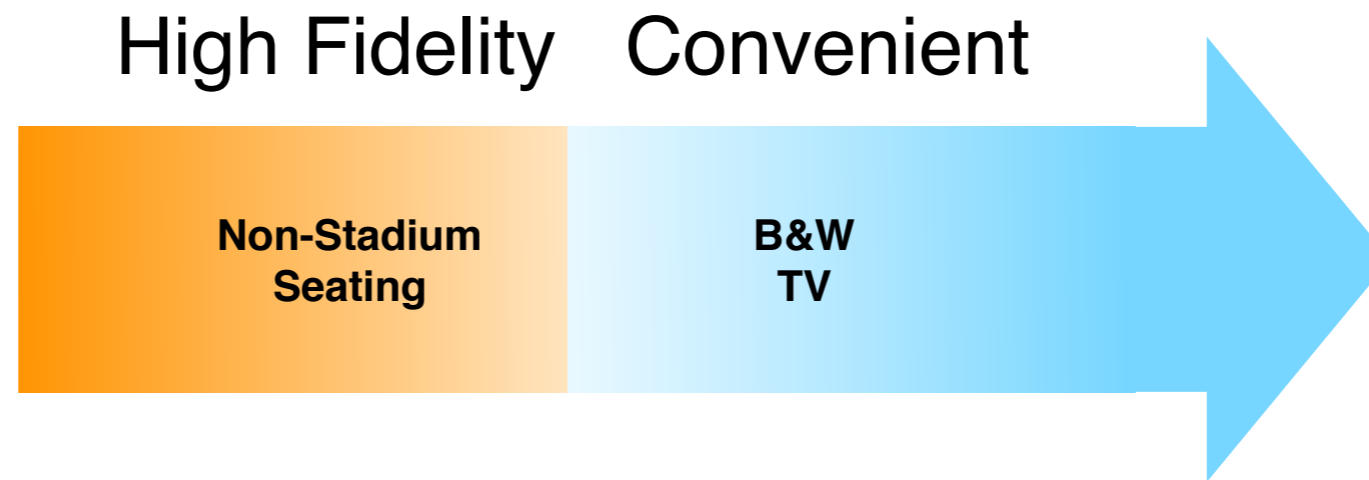


Fidelity  
Quality of the Experience



Convenience  
Ease of Getting & Paying

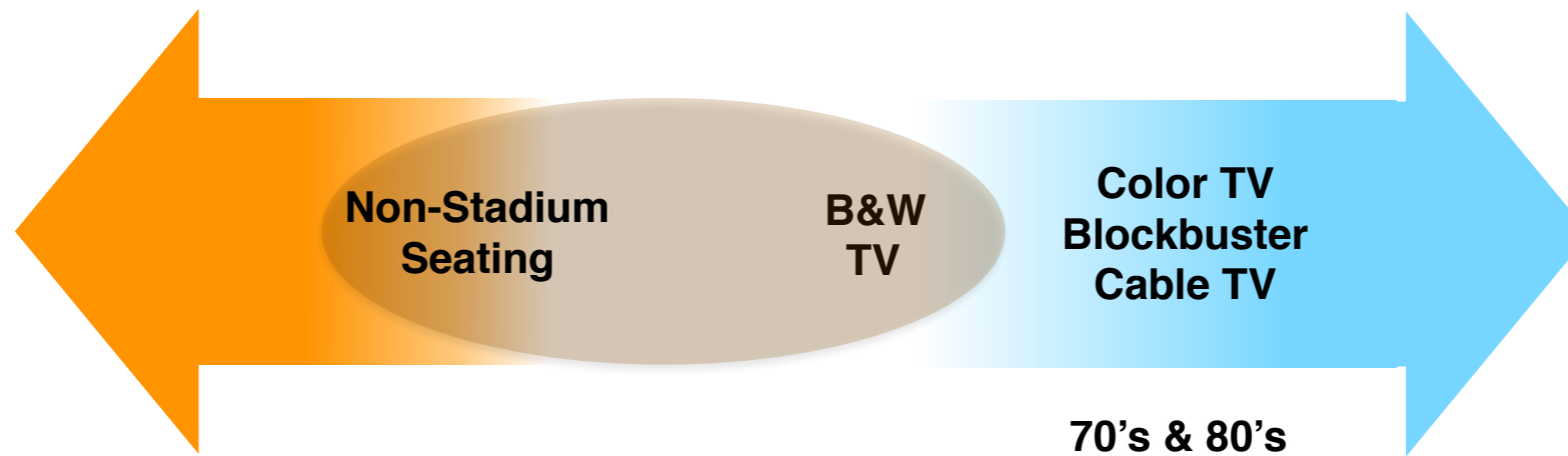
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The tech-effect in the cinema industry is a good example of the Fidelity Trade-Off.

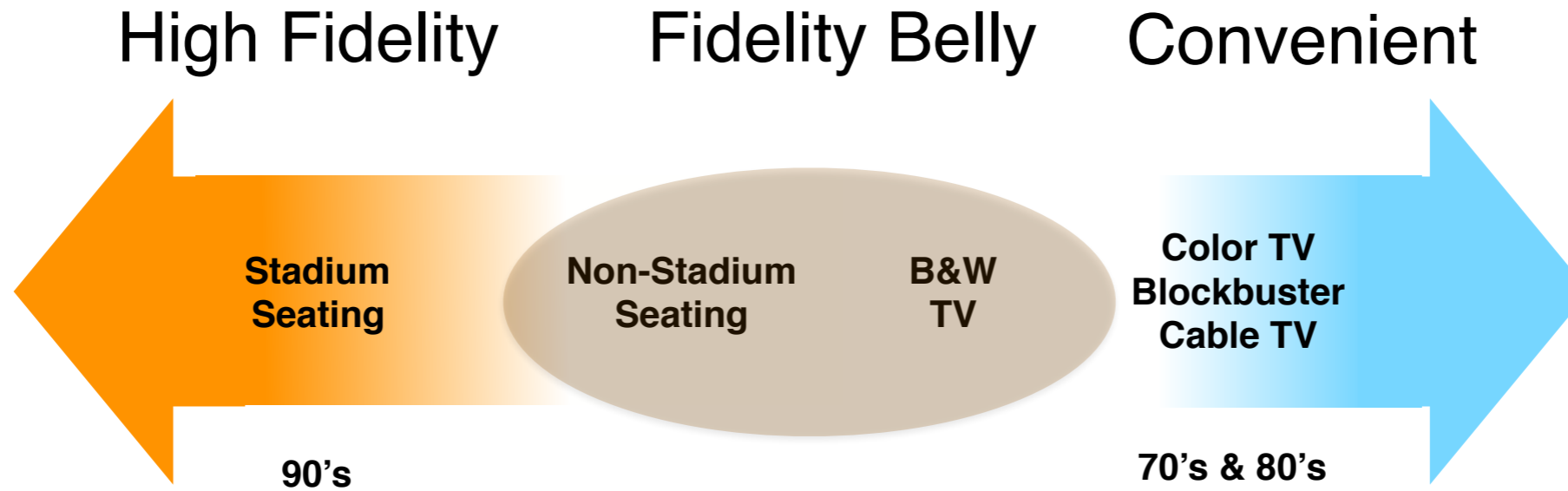
# The Fidelity Trade-off

High Fidelity    Fidelity Belly    Convenient



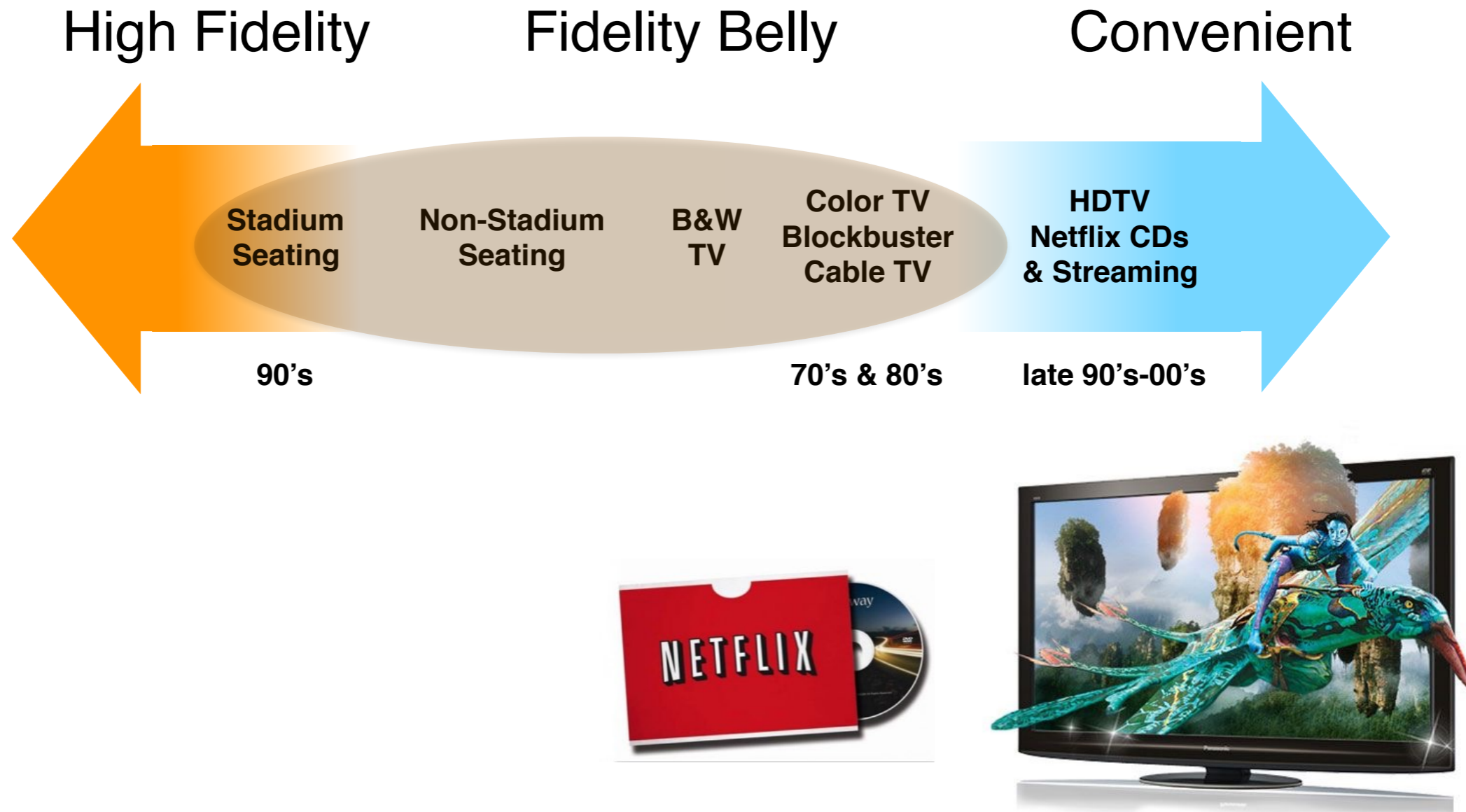
As in-home digital entertainment options grew more Convenient, the old style theaters started to fall in the Fidelity Belly.

# The Fidelity Trade-off



So to better compete and raise the Fidelity of moviegoing, cinemas introduced stadium seating.

# The Fidelity Trade-off



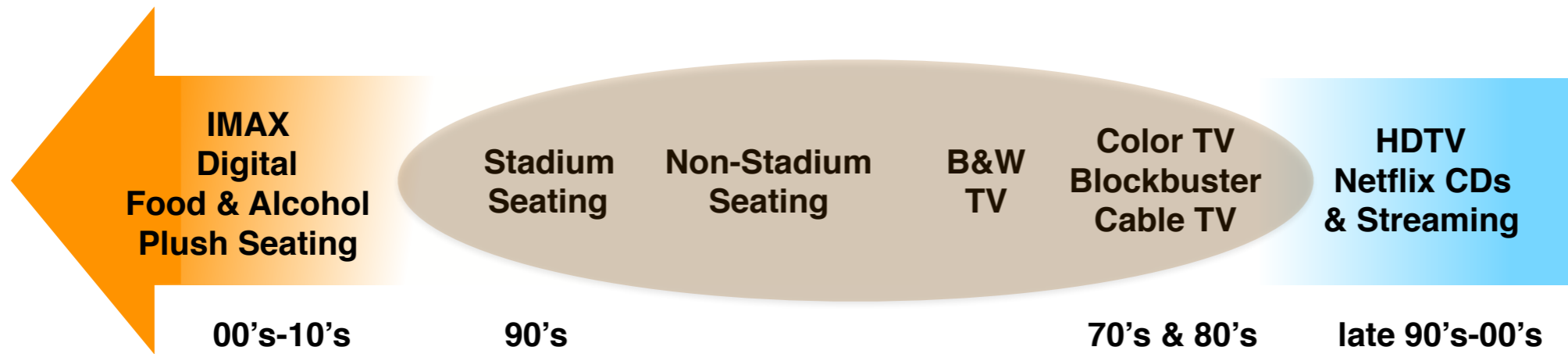
But the tech-effect continued with improved *Convenient* digital entertainment at-home options, once again shifting the moviegoing experience into the Fidelity Belly.

# The Fidelity Trade-off

High Fidelity

Fidelity Belly

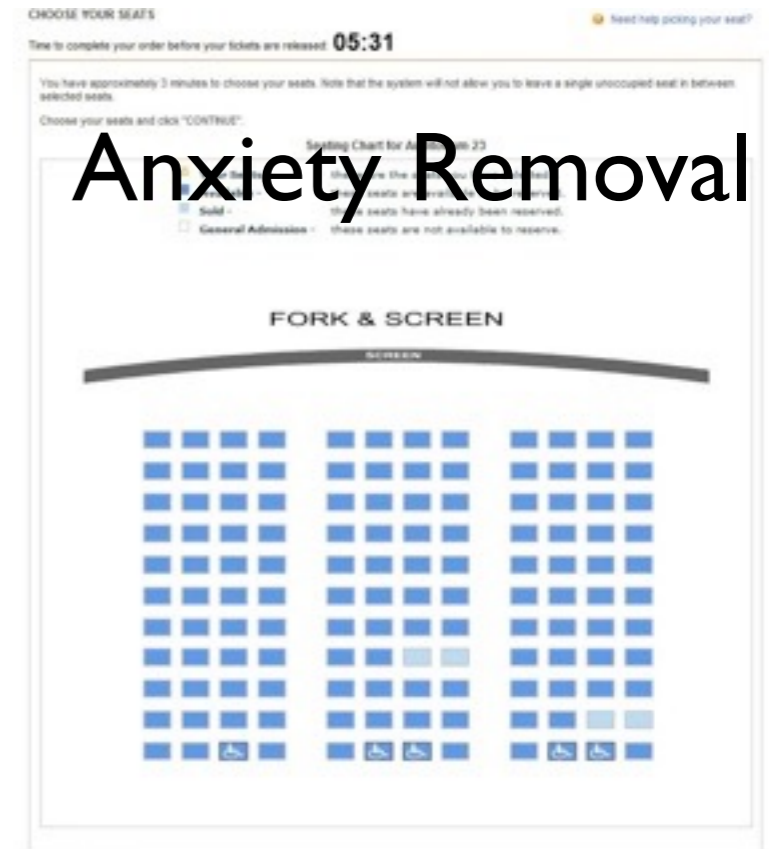
Convenient



Nothing improves the Fidelity better than the social element. To stay competitive with Convenient at-home digital options, cinemas today are introducing plush lounge seating and food and beverage, both in the theater as well as before and after the movie, increasing social options and allowing consumers to save time by combining a meal and a movie in one trip.

# Raise the Fidelity of the Experience

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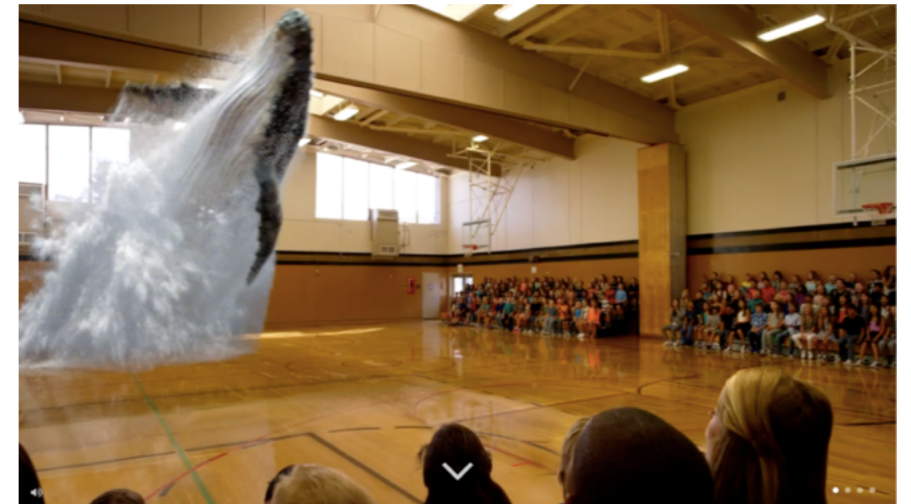
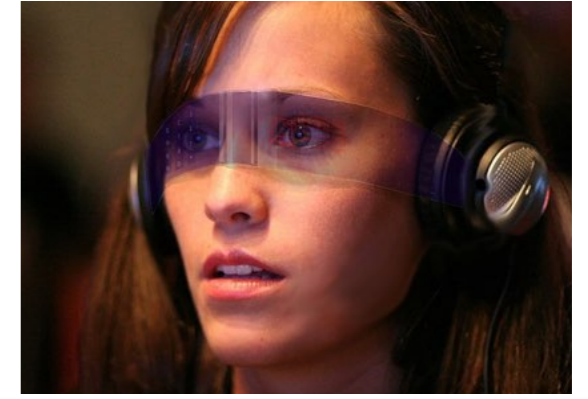


Decreased # seats by 64% = Attendance up 80%



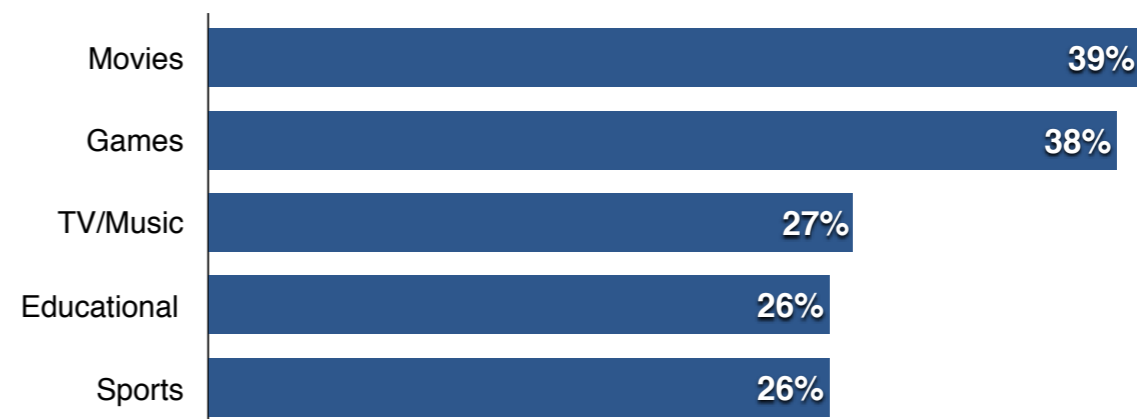
+ increase per capita F&B

The fast emerging new digital competition is virtual and augmented reality. It is already here and will probably be mainstream within five years. Major companies are investing billions to make it a reality as the next computing and social platform. It dramatically raises the Convenience of the at-home digital experience for everything, as it brings people and real world *Places* into the home. You no longer have to visit them to experience them.





Types of virtual realty content that internet users in Western Europe\* and the US are interested in watching/experiences, Oct 2015

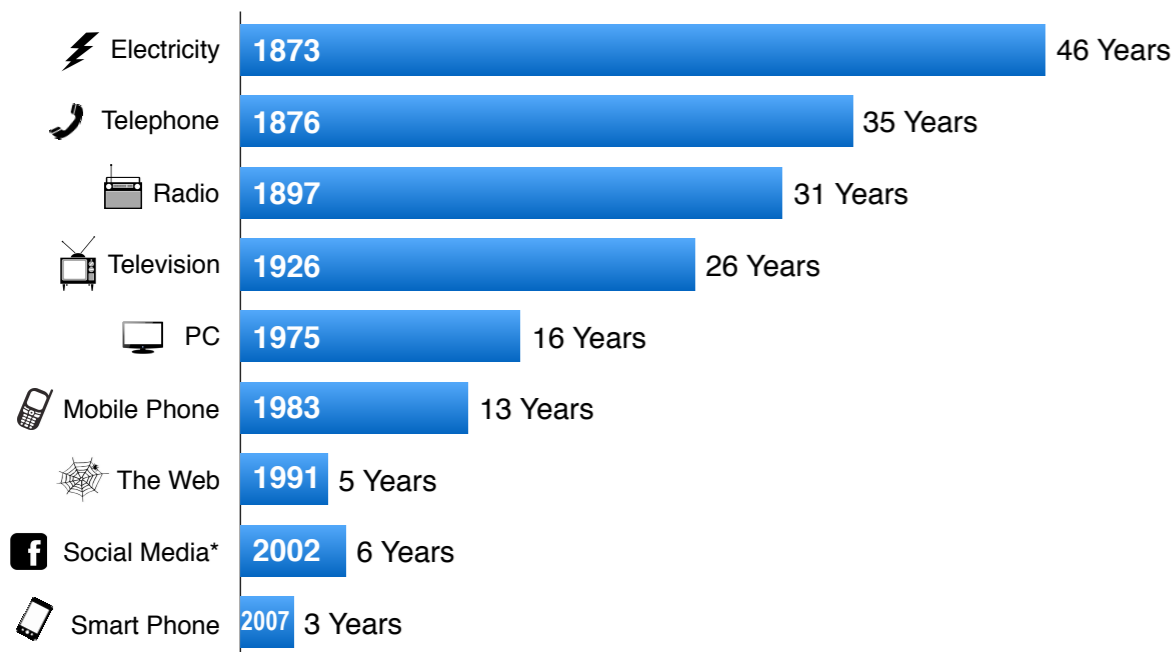


Source: Futuresource Consulting, "Virtual Reality: Niche or Mass Market?" as cited in press release, Feb 4, 2016  
Ages 16+ (n=2,998)  
\* France, Germany and UK



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US internet users who are interested in virtual reality October 2015

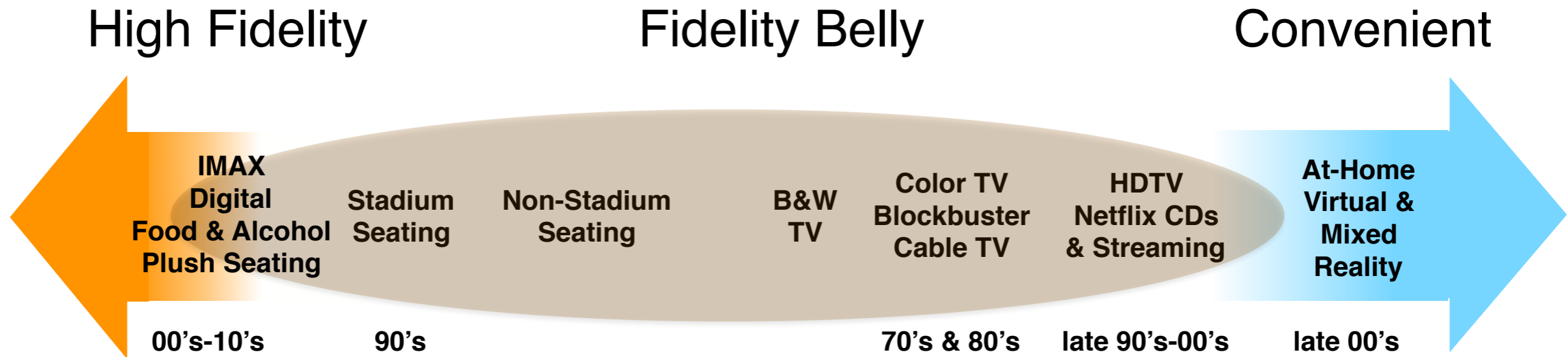


Source: Greenlight VR "Virtual Reality Consumer Report October 2015" conducted by Touchstone Research, Nov 6, 2015



# People of all ages are interest in using virtual reality

# The Fidelity Trade-off



Virtual and augmented (mixed) reality, with its increased Convenience, could shift today's improved moviegoing experience into the Fidelity Belly.



# The Fidelity Trade-off

High Fidelity

Fidelity Belly

Convenient

ATOM  
App

IMAX  
Digital  
Food & Alcohol  
Plush Seating

Stadium  
Seating

Non-Stadium  
Seating

B&W  
TV

Color TV  
Blockbuster  
Cable TV

HDTV  
Netflix CDs  
& Streaming

At-Home  
Virtual  
Reality

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00's-10's

90's

70's & 80's

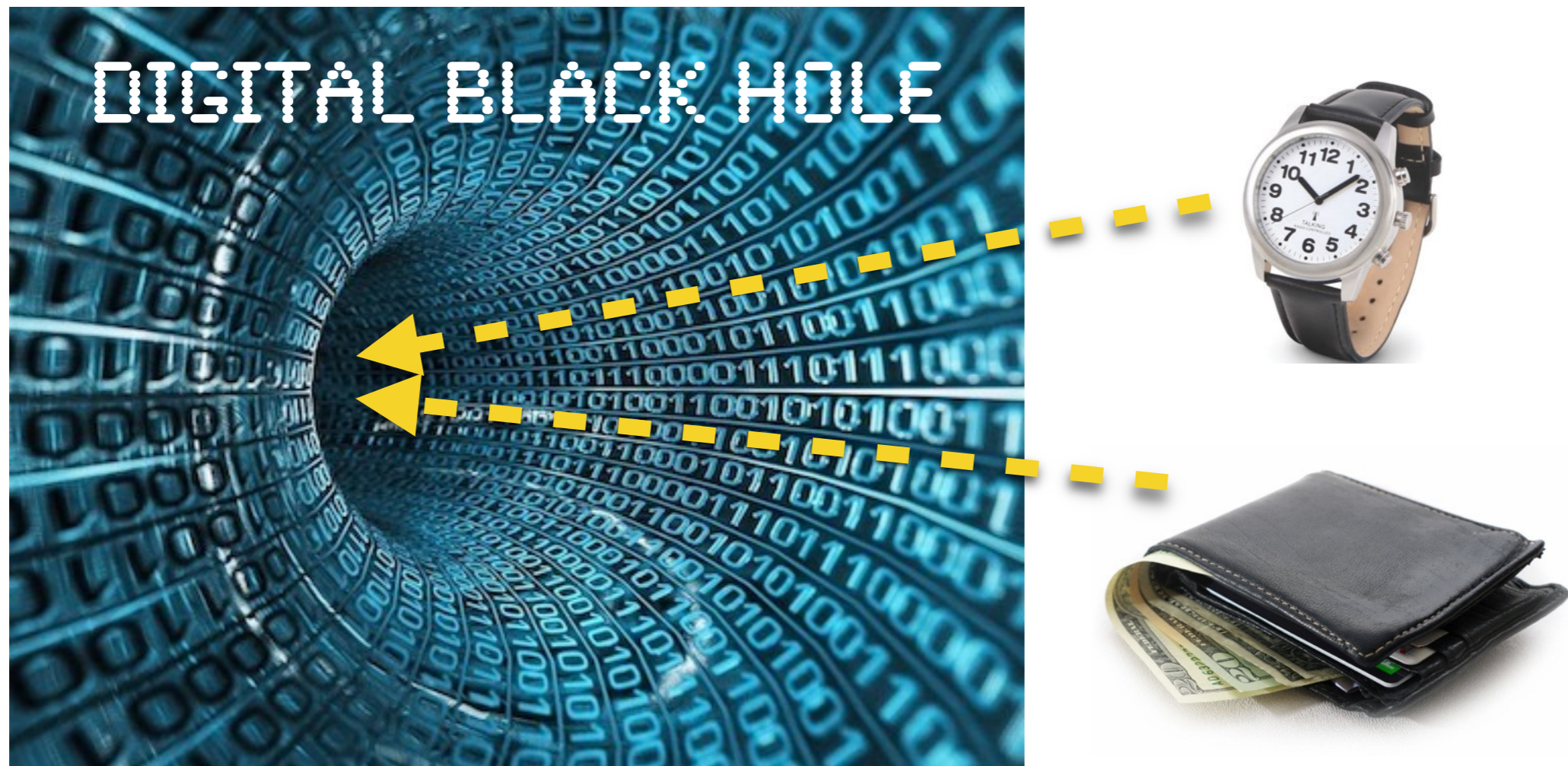
late 90's-00's

late 00's



So what will cinemas do to raise their Fidelity to counter the tech-effect of virtual and augmented reality? Could the new Atom App be a possible answer by facilitating more social moviegoing get togethers among friends?

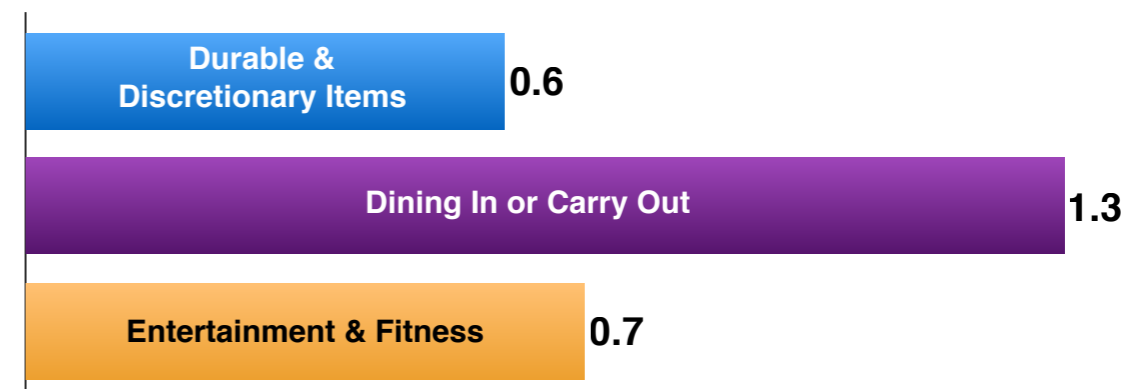
We are in the mist of a profound disruptive and transformative shift from physical to digital leisure, commerce and socialization and it's happening far faster than most people in location-based businesses realize.



Don't allow your business to get sucked into the digital black hole of Digital Darwinism.



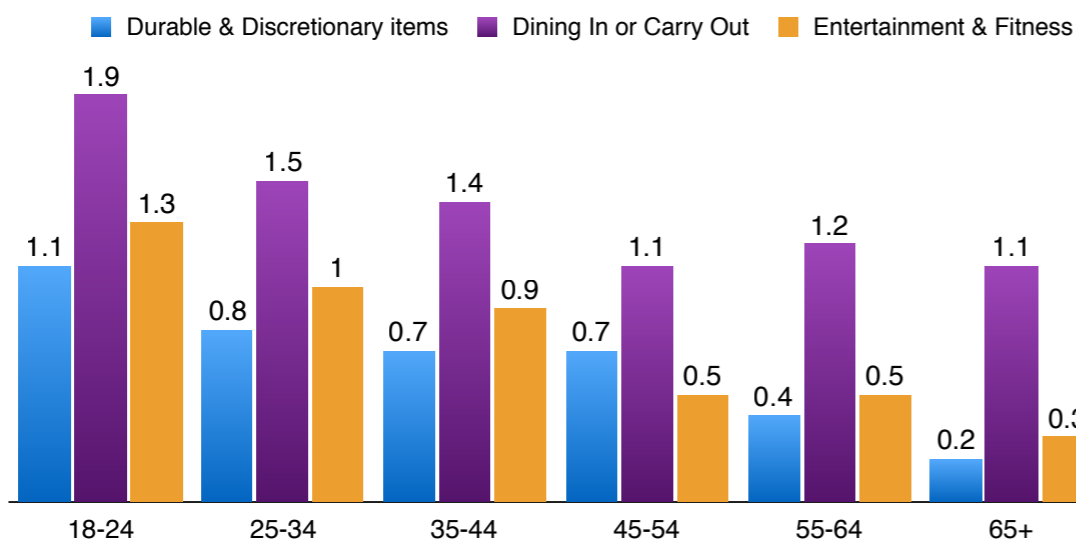
Weekly shopping center visits per week\* all ages



\*Among individuals who visited a shopping center for that specific good or service at least once a week  
Source: ICSC Survey Nov 30-Dec 2, 2015 (n=1,010)



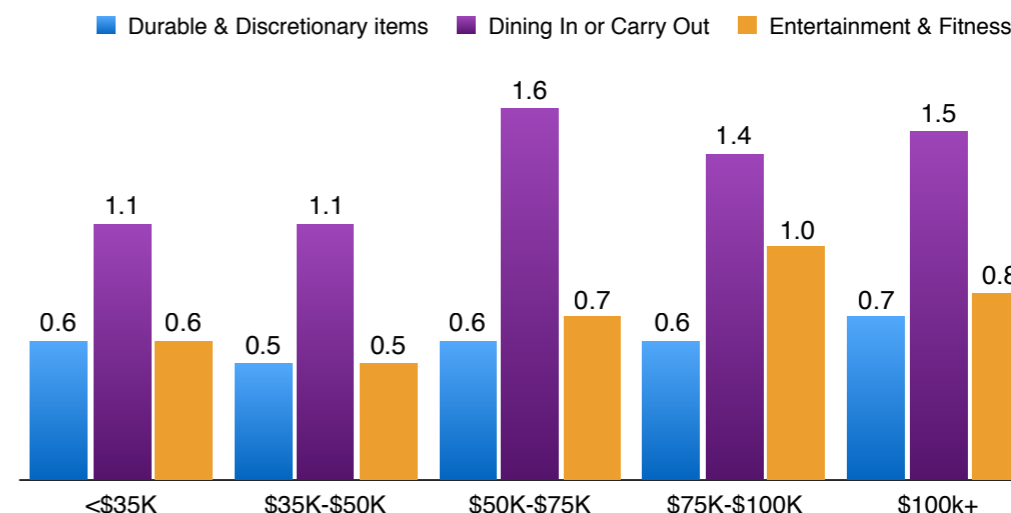
Weekly shopping center visits per week\* by age



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Weekly shopping center visits per week\* by income



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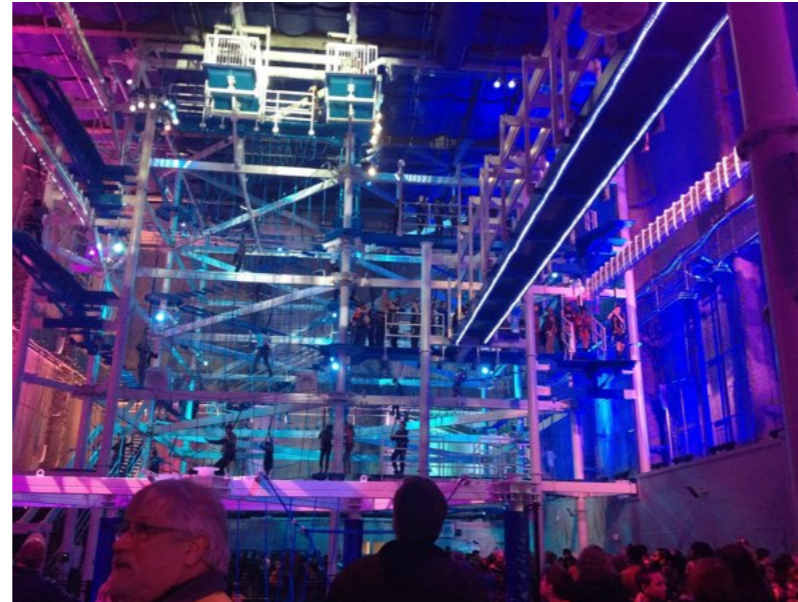
Brick-and-mortar shopping centers are no longer primarily (if at all) used for durable/discretionary shopping. Now, they are also used for entertainment and socialization. That is what drives the most visits.

# Experiential Retail



Many retail stores are adding entertainment and experiences to raise the Fidelity of visiting.

# Experiential Retail



Jordan's Furniture has a 60' tall ropes course. Bass Pro Shops has bowling amongst other entertainment. Some stores host birthday parties.

ENTERTAINMENT  
EXPERIENCE  
EVOLUTION

# Food & Beverage

Higher quality dining and drinking, as a very social activity, is being added to retail, shopping and entertainment venues to increase the appeal and Fidelity of visiting.

## URBAN OUTFITTERS



# Shopping Center Experiences



Shopping center developers need to shift their paradigm from creating shopping places where they lease stores to creating experience places. Developers need to take more entertainment out of the store box and incorporate it into the public areas to create experience Places with theater and a very appealing sense of place. The most innovative developers will get in the business of developing and operating entertainment to differentiate their centers from the ones that only lease to entertainment tenants.

# Shopping Center Experiences



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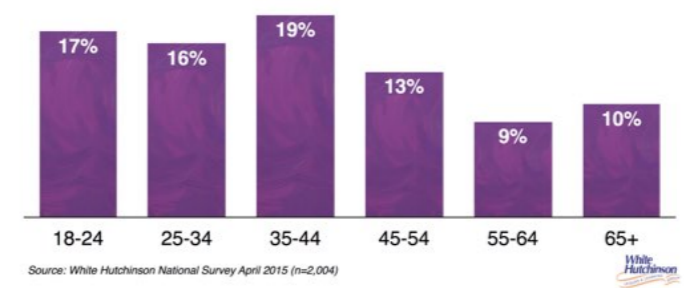


Two great examples of malls that brought the entertainment into the public areas.

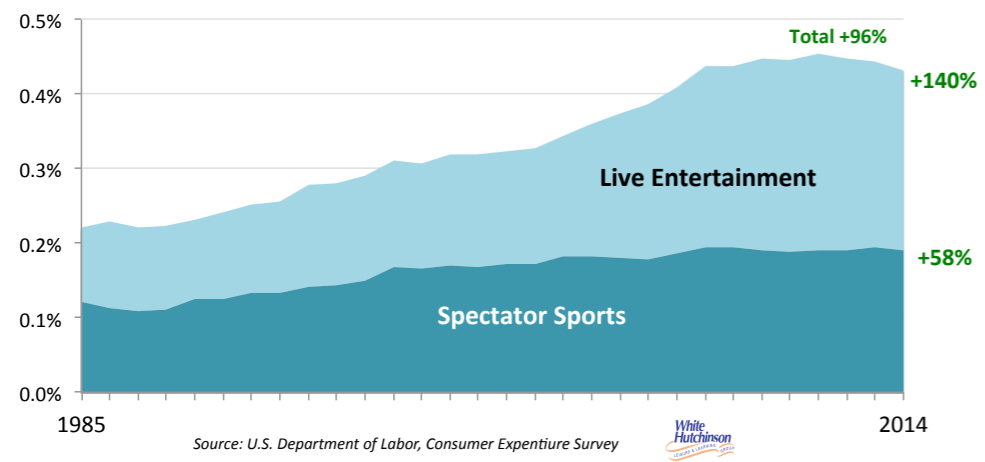
# Live & Limited Time Events



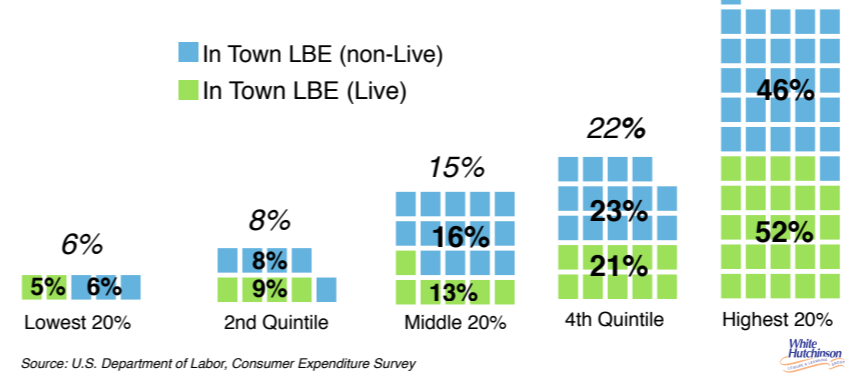
Percent of Adults in Each Age Category that Attended a Festival January 1- April 25, 2015



Percent of total household spending 1985-2014



2014 average annual household community-based entertainment spending by quintiles of household income  
Each Square = \$5



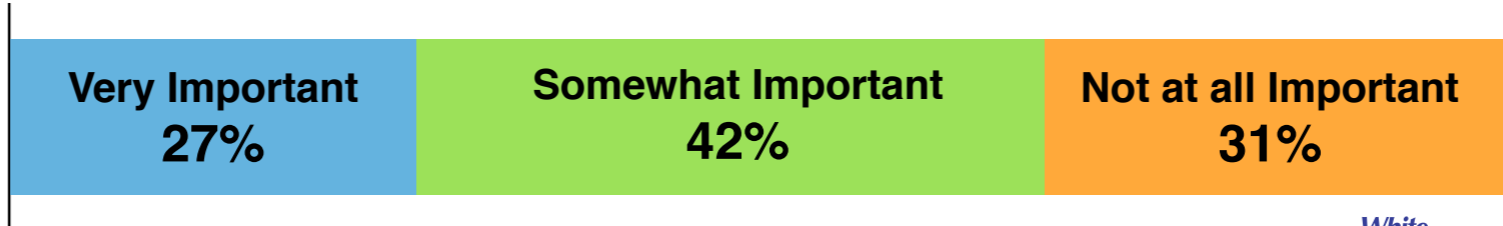
Live, limited time and special events have great appeal to bring people out of their home to physical *Places*.

# Social & Environmental Responsibility



One of the projects our company is currently producing

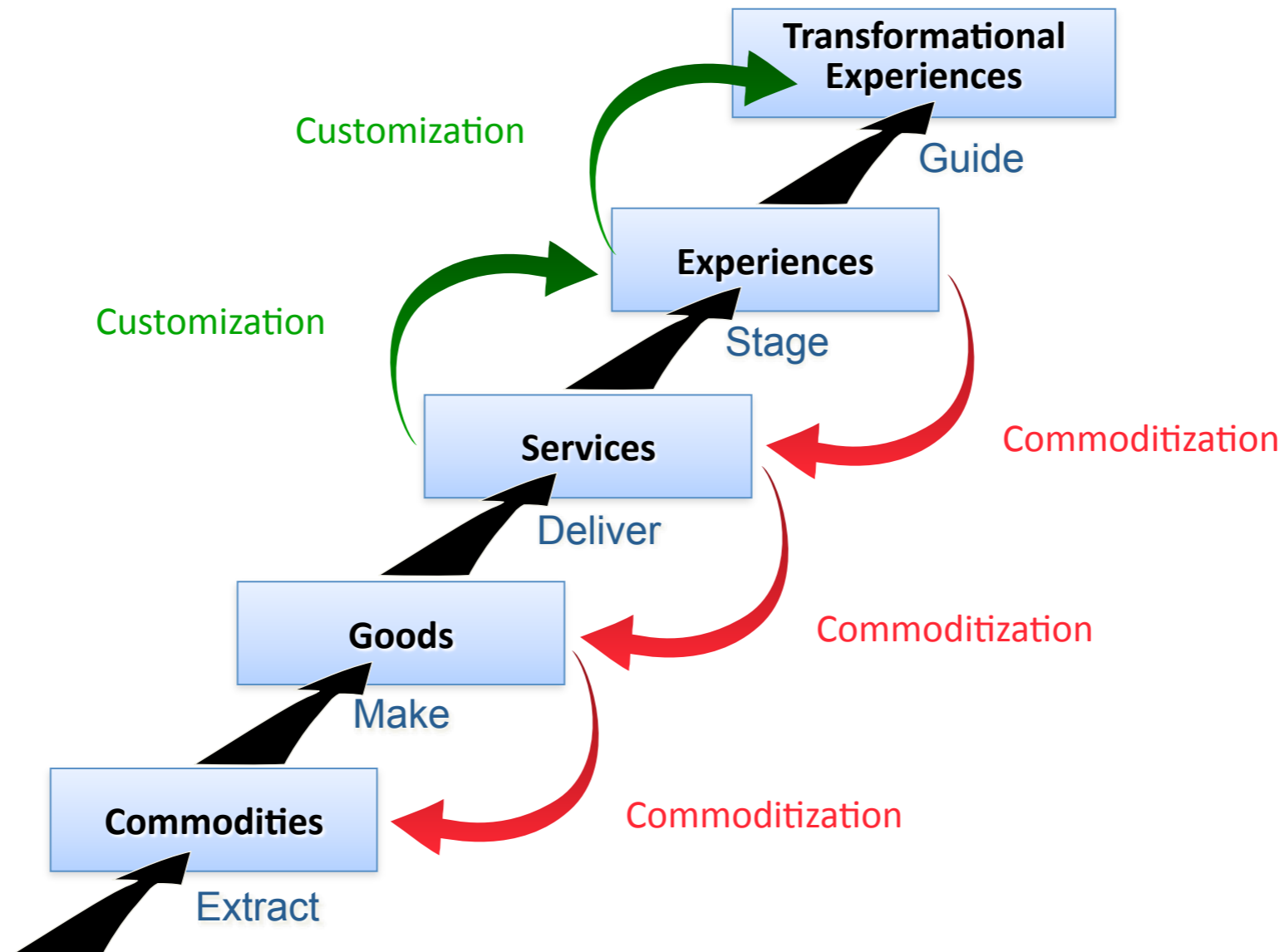
How important to you are a company's social consciousness and overall kindness in choosing where to shop and what to buy?



Source: CivicScience, U.S. Adults

Companies that demonstrate a sense of social & environmental responsibility as good citizen brands stand out in the world of increasingly undifferentiated and commoditized goods and services.

# The Progression of Economic Value



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Source: B. Joseph Pine II and James H. Gilmore, The Experience Economy: Work Is Theatre & Every Business a Stage, (Boston: Harvard Business School Press, 1999), p. 22.

Higher socioeconomic consumers, the college educated ones, are seeking transformational experiences. They place much higher value on teaching brands and venues where they learn something.

## Take-aways

- ☑ The *Places* where we do things is shifting from out-of-home physical *Places* to the **DIGITAL** world.
- ☑ Location-based businesses are now competing with the consumers' living rooms and their **DIGITAL** connections to the physical, social and virtual worlds .
- ☑ Consumers' time and money is shifting from the real world to the **DIGITAL** world.
- ☑ As the **DIGITAL** world continually gets move *Convenient*, out-of-home physical *Places* need to offer increasingly *Higher Fidelity* experiences to stay competitive. This is a never ending and rapidly accelerating challenge.
- ☑ The next major technology with increased **DIGITAL Convenience** is virtual and augmented reality. It will be very disruptive.
- ☑ Consumers are increasingly preferring to conduct business with socially and environmentally responsible companies and *Places*.
- ☑ Dining and drinking, social experiences, transformation experiences and live, special and limited time events enhance *Fidelity* and attract consumers to visit out-of-home physical *Places*.

Some of our articles and white papers that discuss topics relevant to my presentation you might find of interest:

[White paper: The Evolution of Socialization. Our Social Behaviors are Changing, and with it the Need to Go Out \(pdf\)](#)

[New School Consumers are Flocking to Eatertainment Restaurant & Old-School Game Venues](#)

[A Paradigmatic Shift; the Entertainment is now Secondary](#)

[Virtual & Augmented Reality - the Ultimate Disruption of Place](#)

[Uptick in Cinema Attendance; High Fidelity Wins](#)

[Importance of Live and Limited-Time Events](#)

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## Randy White, CEO

Randy is a specialist in the feasibility, design and production of location-based leisure, entertainment, eatertainment and edutainment venues. His company has worked for over 500 clients in 33 countries, including work with shopping centers and malls on integrating entertainment concepts into their mix.

Prior to repositioning the company in 1989 to work predominately in the leisure/entertainment industry, White Hutchinson was active in the retail/commercial real estate industry as a real estate consultancy specializing in workouts/turnarounds of commercial projects. In his early career, Randy managed a real estate development company that developed, owned and managed 2.0 million square feet of shopping centers and mixed-use projects. Randy holds the designations of CRX (Certified Retail Property Executive) and CSM (Certified Shopping Center Manager) from the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC).

Over 100 of Randy articles have been published in leading entertainment/leisure magazines. Randy was featured on the Food Network's *Unwrapped* television show as an eatertainment expert, quoted as an entertainment/edutainment center expert in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Time* magazine and received recognition for family-friendly designs by *Pizza Today* magazine. One of the company's projects was featured as an example of an edutainment project in the book *The Experience Economy*. Randy is the editor of his company's *Leisure eNewsletter*, he blogs and tweets.

Randy has been a featured keynoter and speaker at numerous shopping center and entertainment industry conferences throughout the world. Randy is presently a co-Regent and presenter at the 13-year-old *Foundations Entertainment University*.



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