BRANDS FIRST, TECHNOLOGY SECOND: Why You Should Always Lead With Your Brand Strategy

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Everything you need to know to take your brand global. —Al Ries, author, *Positioning* and *The 22 Immutable Laws of Branding*



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Startups that End in "Ly," "Lee, Or "Li."



LACK OF FOCUS

OUTCOMPETED

75%-90% OF ALL START-UPS FAIL

INSUFFICIENT DEMAND

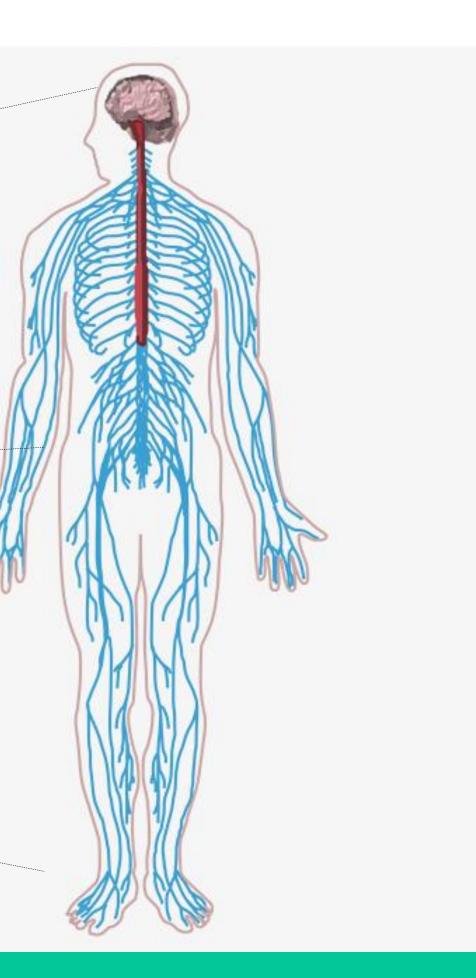


SYMPTOMS OF A BAD BRAND STRATEGY

LACK OF FOCUS

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WHAT WE WILL COVER?

1. WHY BRAND STRATEGY IS SO IMPORTANT? 2. HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY AND DEFINE YOUR

BRAND STRATEGY?

3. HOW TO BRING IT TO LIFE?

WHY IS BRAND STRATEGY SO **IMPORTANT?**

THE BEST, MOST SUCCESSFUL **BRANDS HAVE WELL-DEFINED BRAND STRATEGIES – A REASON** FOR BEING.







A BRAND'S STRATEGY/POSITIONING IS THE FOUNDATION THAT A BRAND IS BUILT ON

Creating a brand strategy after developing a product, is like pouring a building's foundation after you have already built the building



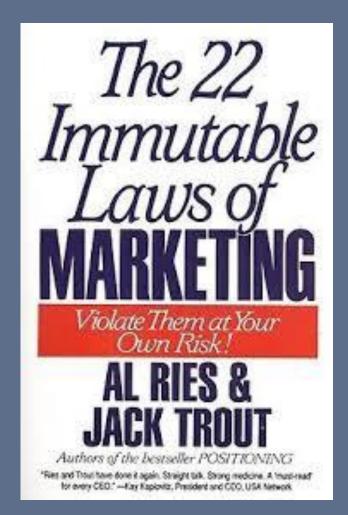


THE ESSENCE OF BRAND STRATEGY IS POSITIONING



Martial artists adapt their style by selecting a fighting stance that takes advantage of an opponent's vulnerabilities. In marketing, we call that "positioning." Brand builders select a positioning that gives consumers a clear choice versus the competition, so purchase decisions are not based only on price. It goes without saying that just being different is never enough. A strong brand positioning must be crafted and honed until it occupies a unique and meaningful space in the minds of the consumers – a space that cannot be easily replicated by the competition.

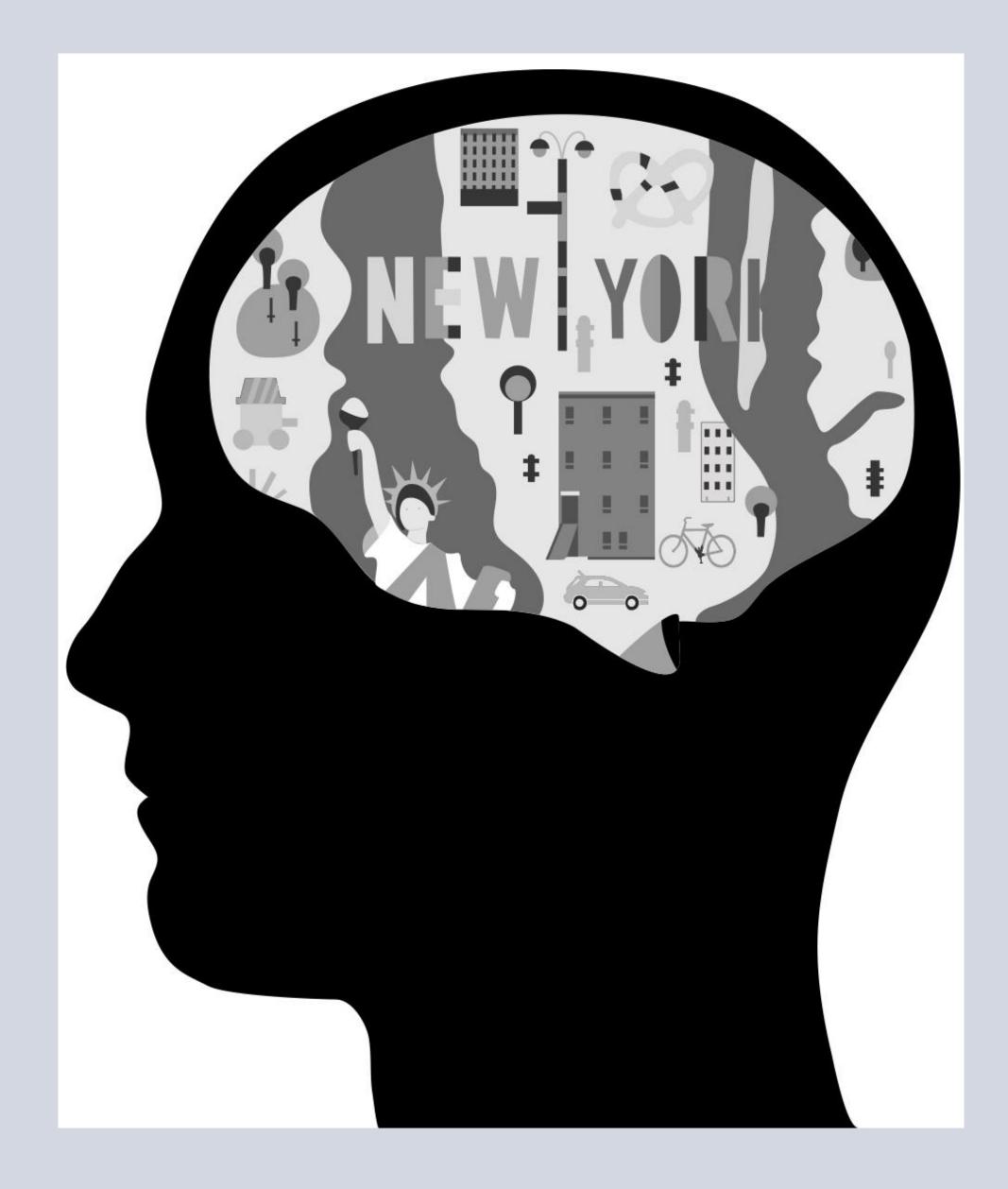
"All that exists in the world of marketing are perceptions in the minds of the customer"



The 22 Immutable Laws of Marketing by AI Ries and Jack Trout

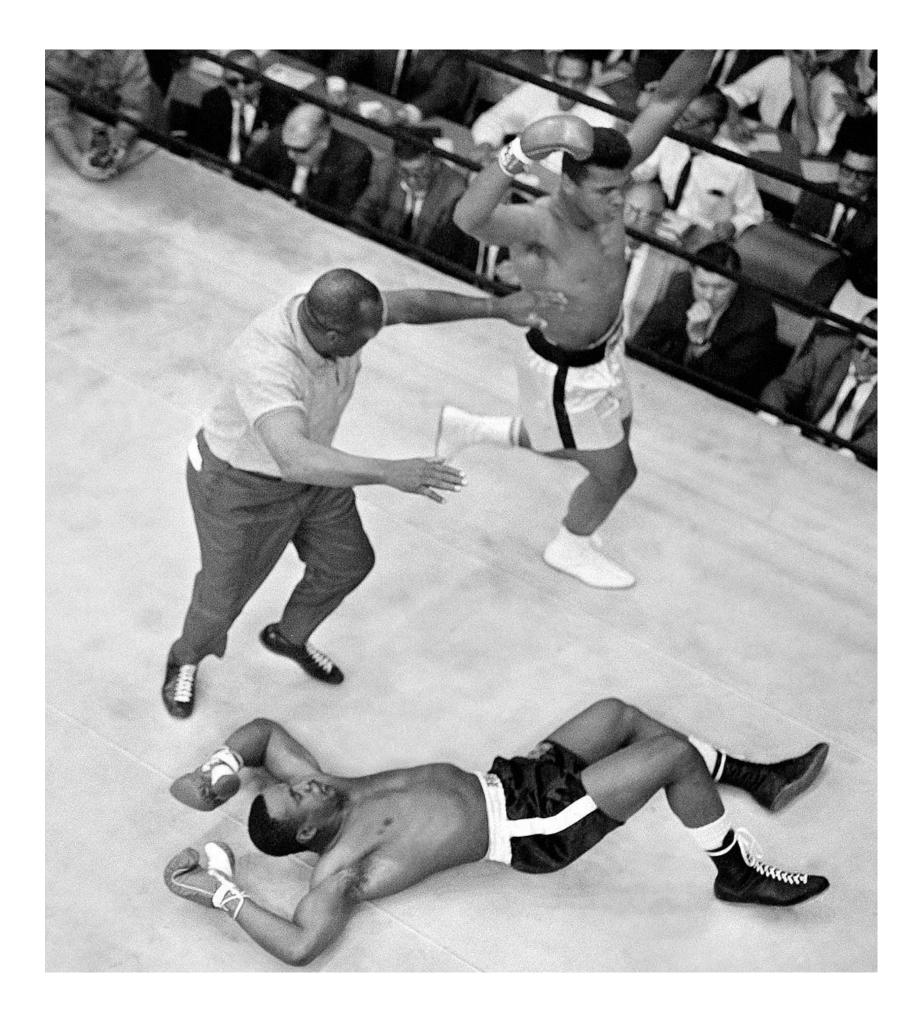


HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY AND DEFINE YOUR BRAND POSITIONING?

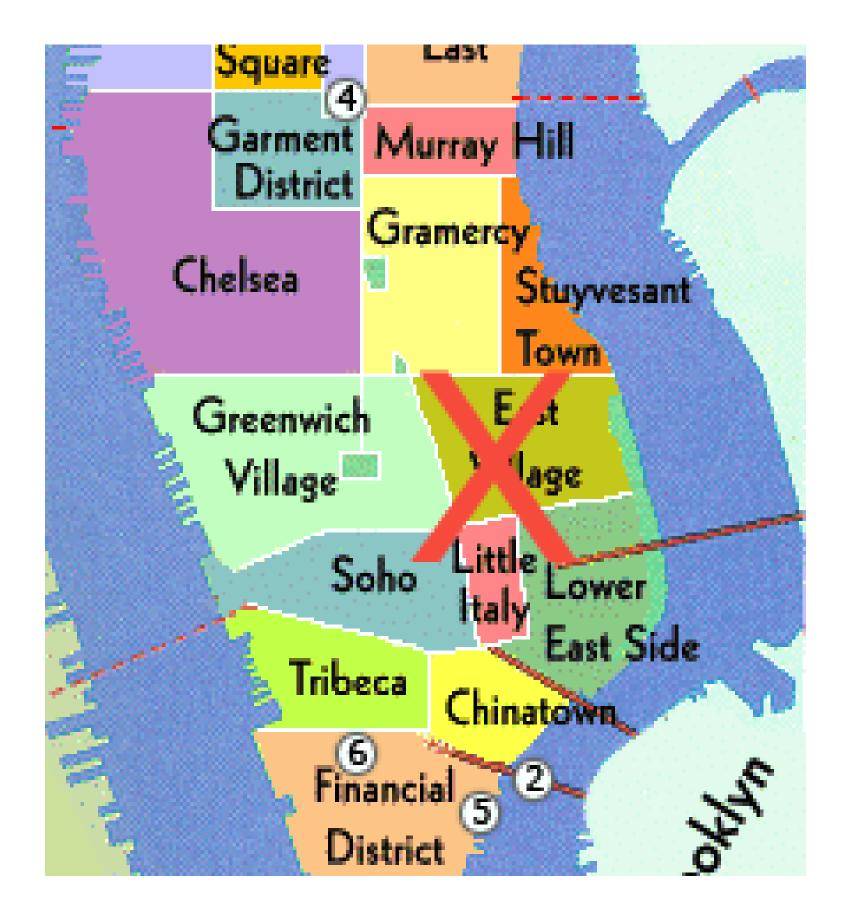


LOCATION, LOCATION,

A brand's positioning and strategy is always defined with respect to competition.



When picking a space, you have to consider who your neighbors are and what the neighborhood trends are.



Differentiate on attributes that consumers really care about and solutions that consumers would use to choose between brands -being different isn't enough.

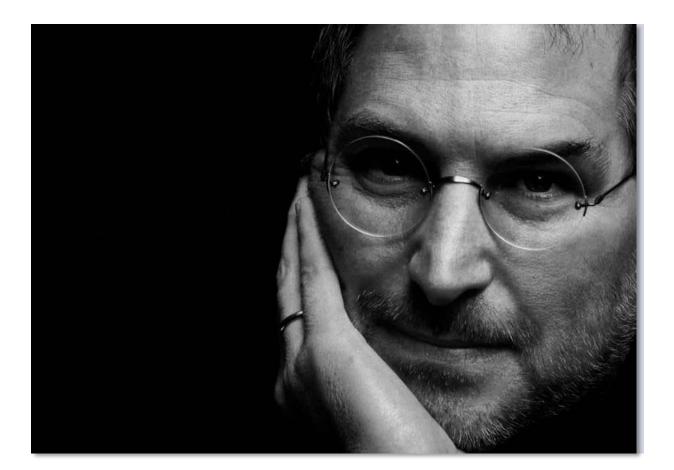




HOW TO BRING IT TO LIFE?

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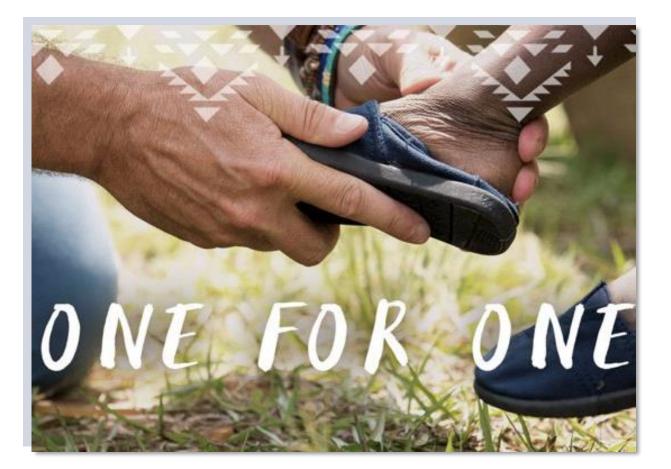




APPLE "Think Different"

"Connect to Opportunity"

LINKEDIN



TOMS' "One For One"





"a place where people can come to find and discover anything they might want to buy online"



"We save people money so they can live better."

WALMART



IKEA

"To create a better everyday life for the many people"

"IF YOU WANT TO STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD, GIVE PEOPLE A **REASON NOT TO** FORGET YOU."

RICHARD BRANSON

THANK YOU