## Introduction to Social Networking



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#### Just how social is America?

#### AMERICANS ARE FOLLOWERS

Nearly half of all Americans are now members of at least one social network, double the proportion of just two years ago.

#### **OUT OF ALL AMERICAN ADULTS**



In 2008, only 26 percent of adults were on online social networks.



#### AMERICANS LIKE BRANDS

Four out of ten Americans on social media platforms (identified as frequent users) are following products, services and brands.



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#### Just how social is America?

#### AMERICANS ARE CONNECTED

Six out of seven American homes have broadband internet access.



9 OUT OF 10 AMERICANS ARE ONLINE.



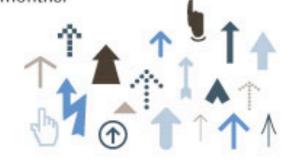
#### AMERICANS ARE HYPER-SOCIAL

Social media now reaches the majority of Americans 12+, with 52% having a profile on one or more social networks.



#### AMERICANS ARE HIGHLY INFLUENCED BY OTHERS

The purchasing decisions of 38 million 13 to 80-year-olds in the U.S. are now influenced in various ways by social media—up 14% in just six months.



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#### Social Media Strengths

- Brand building
- Humanizing your company
- Public relations
- Customer service
- Providing a stage for evangelism



#### Social Media Weaknesses

- Direct sales
- Long term strategy
- Can't set on autopilot
- Give up control of the conversation



#### Social Media Approach:



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#### Traditional Media Approach



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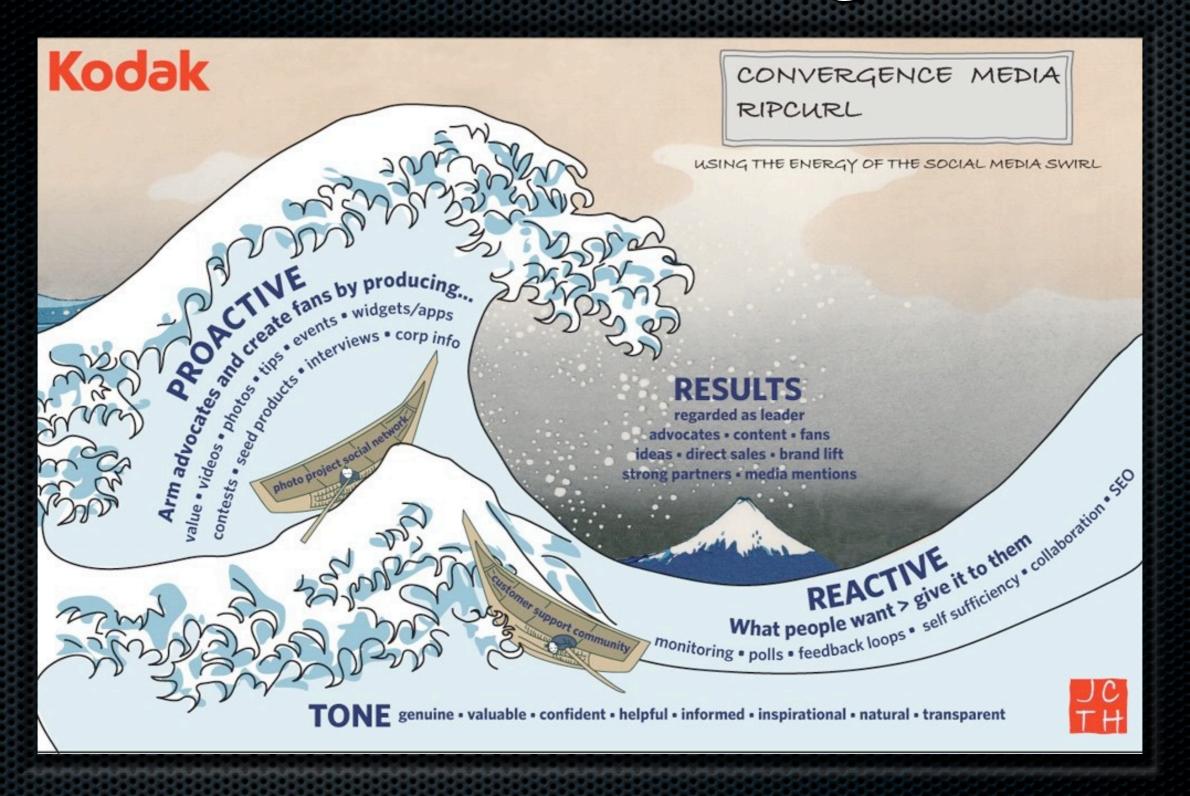
# Seth Godin Purple Cow

Selling to people who actually want to hear from you is much more effective than interrupting people who don't.

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#### Social Networking Plan



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Gary Vaynerchuk Crush It



## Don't get married to the platform. Content is still king.

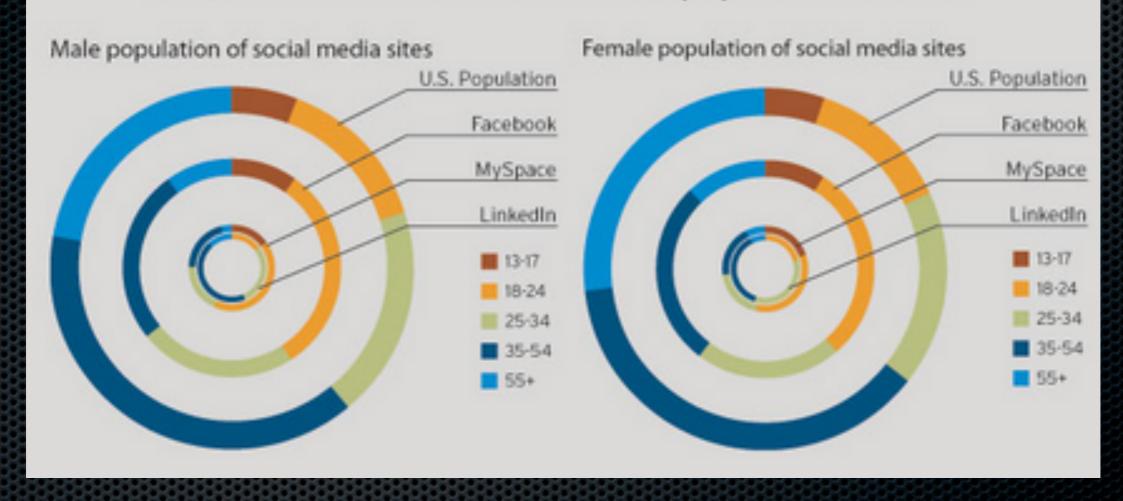
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#### Most Popular Sites

#### THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

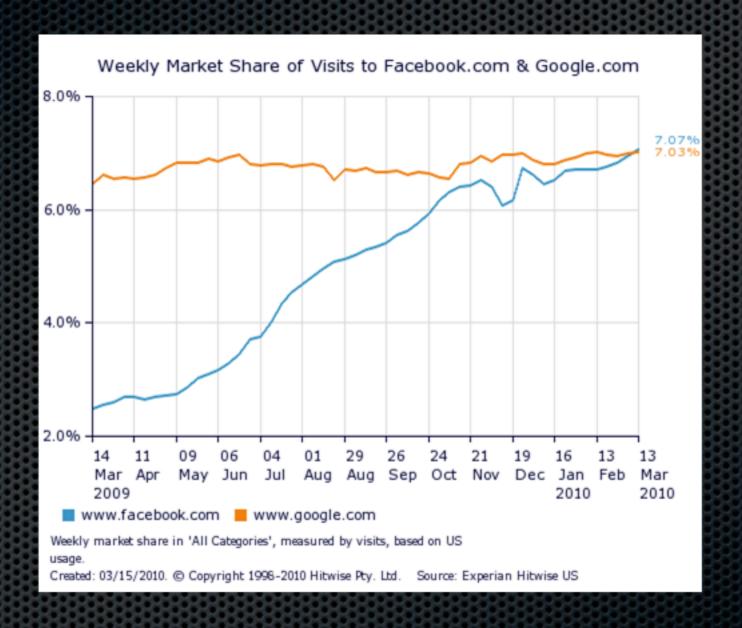
A breakdown of who uses the most popular social sites



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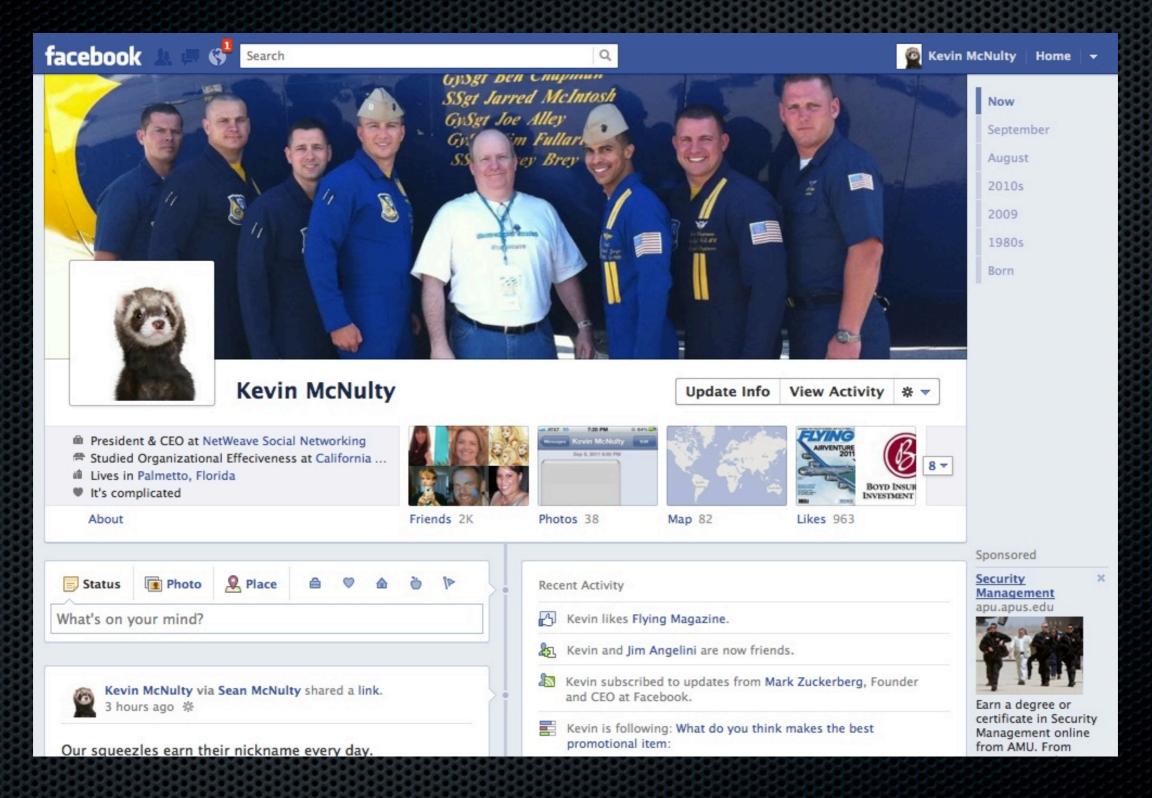
#### Facebook Surpasses Google



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#### Facebook



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#### Facebook

### Best medium if you want to establish a community.



#### Facebook



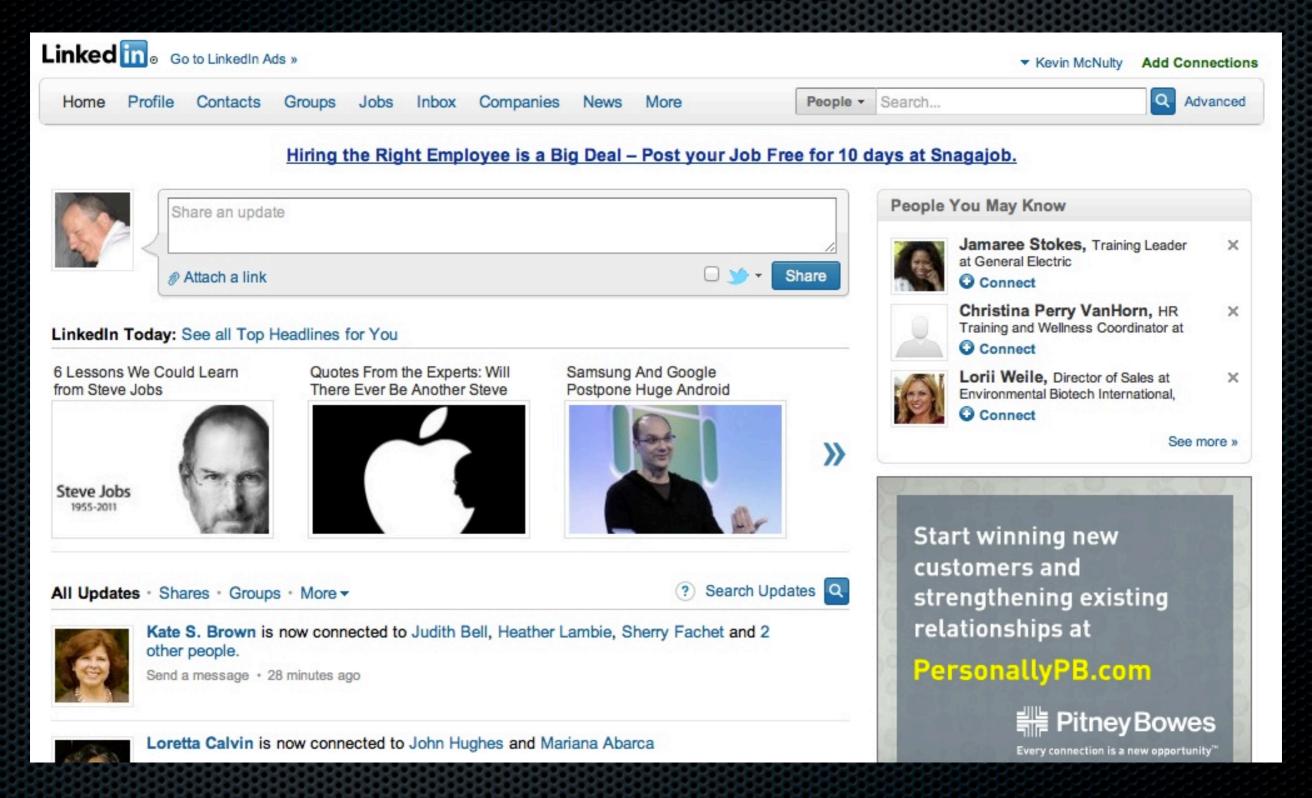


Profiles	Pages
personal	public
"friends"	"fans"
limited search index	full search index
5000-friend limit	no fan limit
one profile per person	no page limit
no businesses	businesses encouraged
one login	multiple page admins
some apps for profiles	MANY apps for pages

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#### LinkedIn



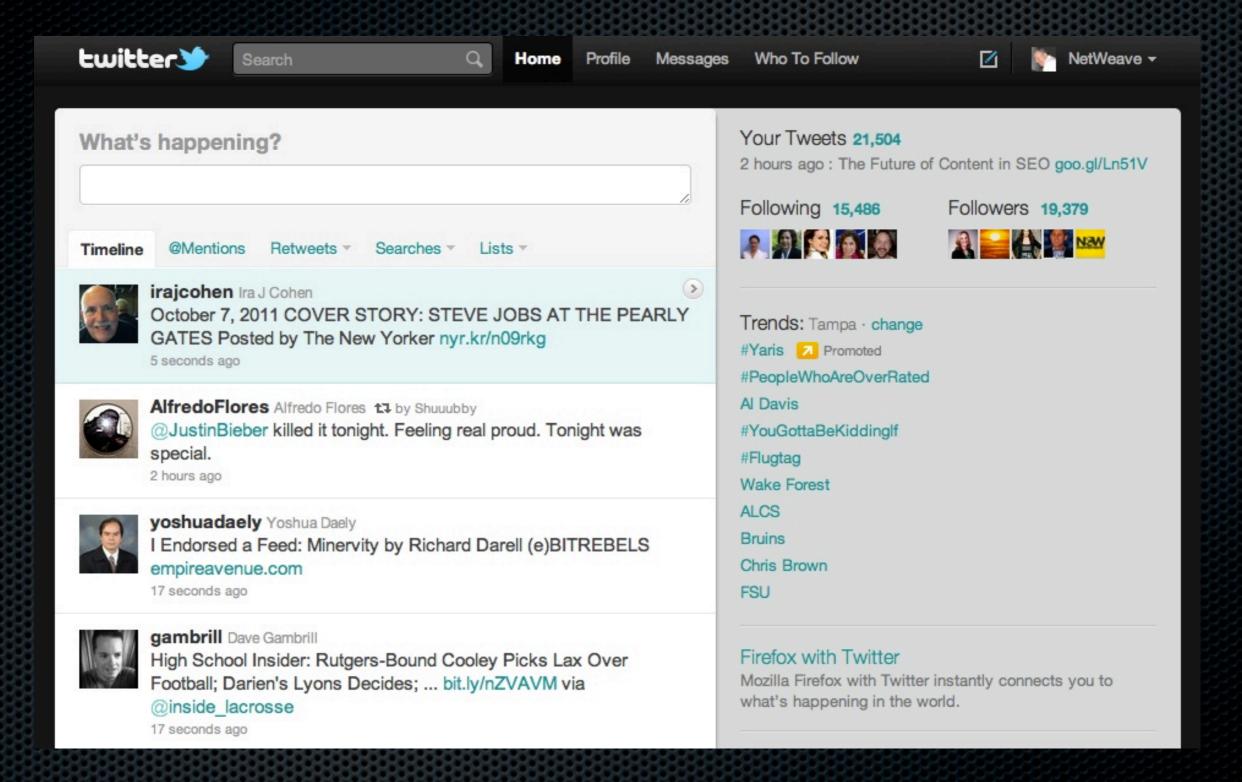
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#### LinkedIn

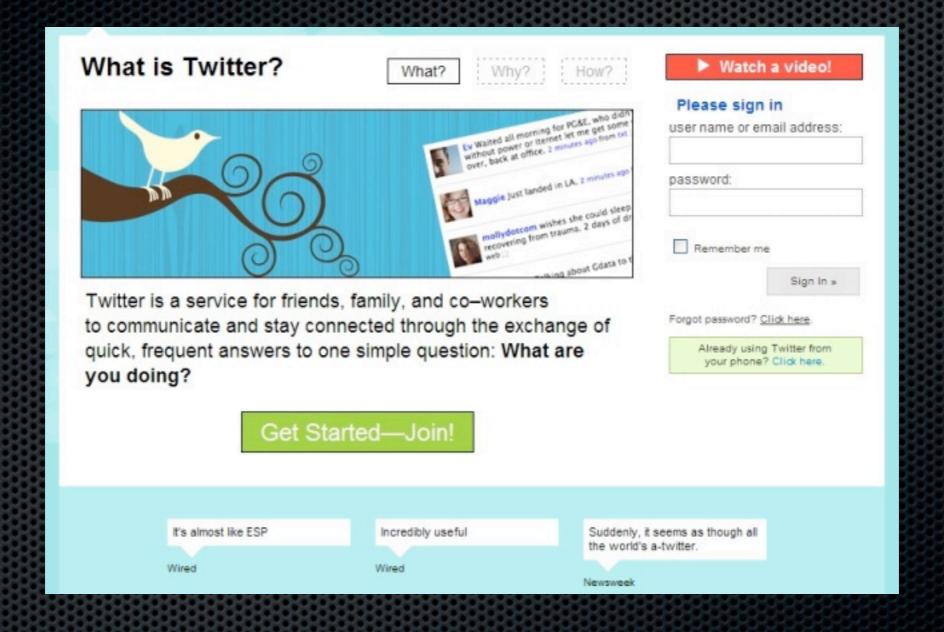
# Best medium if you want to connect to businesses or professionals.





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## Best medium for real time access to followers, news.



#### Getting Started

Top sites:

www.mashable.com • www.alltop.com

www.techcrunch.com

www.socialmediatoday.com

www.readwriteweb.com

Top bloggers:

Seth Godin, Chris Brogan, Guy Kawasaki, Steve Woodruff, Mack Collier, Mari Smith

