# GERMANY

# **CLIMBS OUT**

MINDSHARE PERSPECTIVE FOR BRANDS





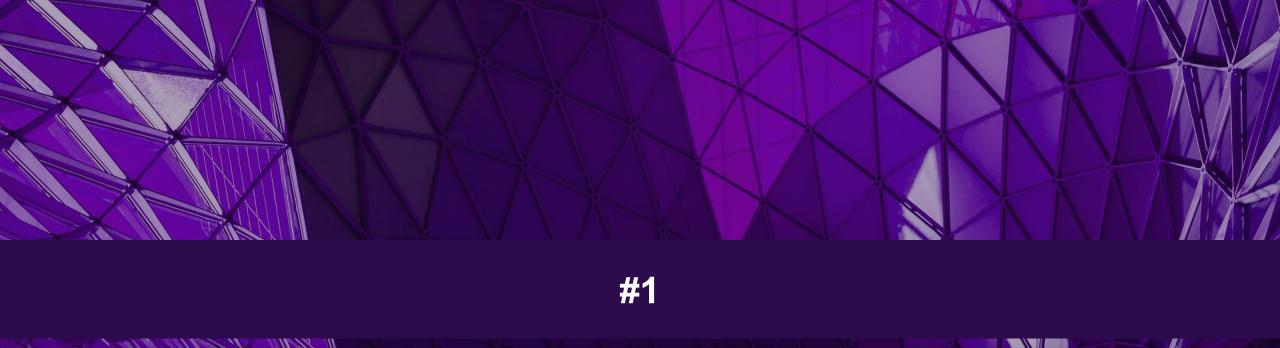
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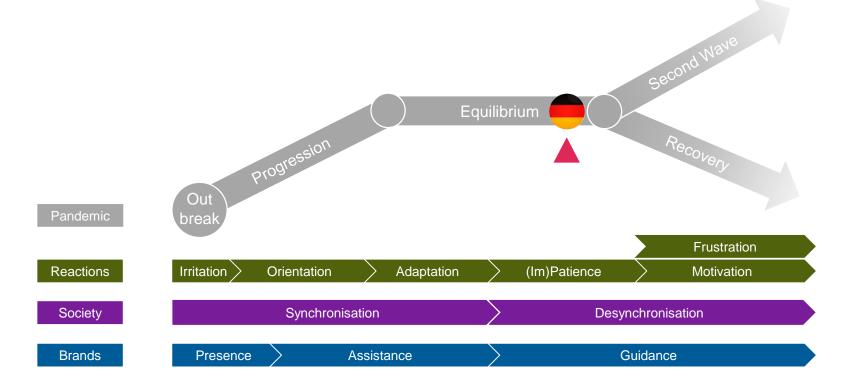
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## FINDING OUR WAY OUT



### BRANDS CAN GIVE GUIDANCE IN THE CURRENT SITUATION PANDEMIC PHASES AND REACTIONS



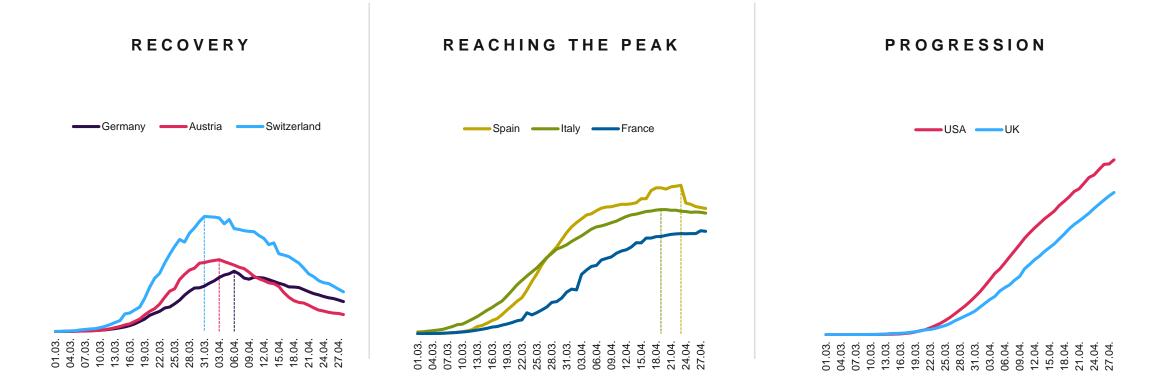


Merkel zu Corona-Lockerungen Keine "Öffnungsdiskussionsorgien" Stand: 20.04.2020 13:54 Uhr

Reopening dispute

## COUNTRIES ARE IN DIFFERENT PHASES OF THE PANDEMIC

## GERMANY IS ON A FRAGILE WAY OUT



Source: Worldometers.info, number of active COVID-19 cases, indexed at total population, own calculations

## GERMANY STANDS AT THE FOREFRONT OF PRE-LOCKDOWN MOVEMENTS

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Trend Mobility data sourced from the Apple Maps tool: Transportation type **Walking** 

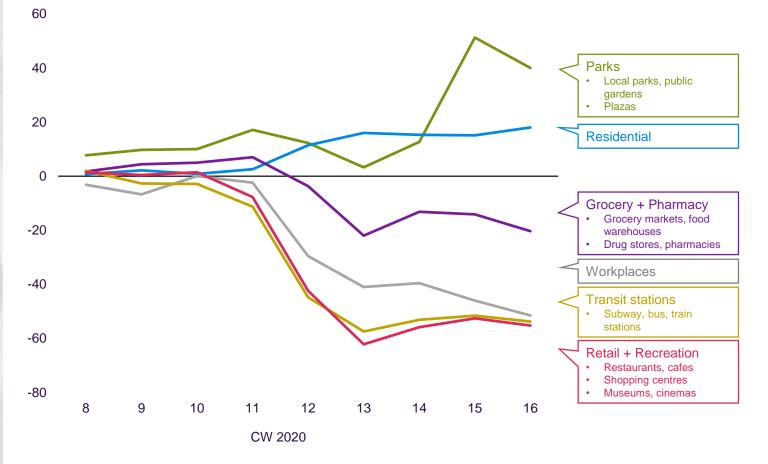
- After hitting a low point in cw 13 (March 23-29, week after announcement of lockdown) people in Germany are slowly getting out of their houses again
- The data also show the earlier lockdown for Italy, as well as the prolonged lockdown in markets such as Italy, Spain & France

#### 140 120 -Germany 100 Switzerland -USA 80 -UK Austria 60 -France -Italy 40 - Spain 20 0 3 17 15 16 CW 2020

Source: Apple Mobility Data, 2020, relative volume of directions requests compared to baseline volume on January 13th, 2020

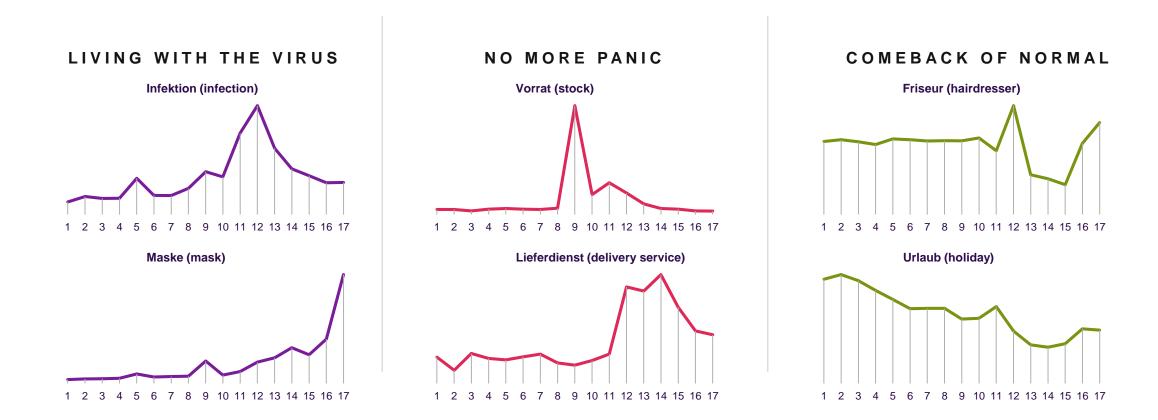
### PARKS SHOW HIGHEST GROWTH AS OOH DESTINATION CW 13 WAS THE FIRST RESET POINT BACK TO FREEDOM

- Mobility data sourced from the Google show visits of different locations
- CW 13 (March 23-29) showed lowest values for Retail+Recreation, Transit and Parks
- Nevertheless there is a constant trend to stay at home and less at work



Source: Google Covid19 Mobility Report, 2020, data for Germany, baseline is the median value during the 5-week period Jan 3-Feb 6, 2020.

### WE LEARN TO LIVE WITH THE VIRUS AND KEEP CALM

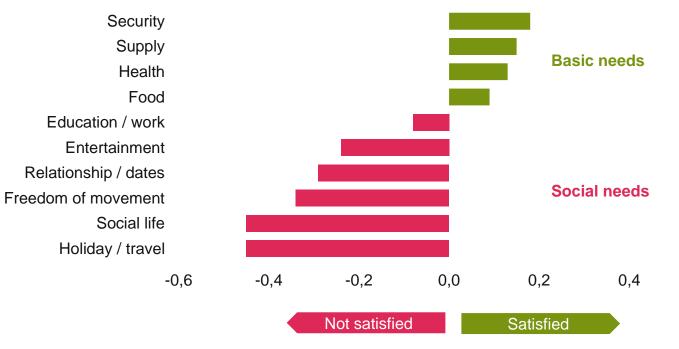


Source: Google Trends by cw 2020, data for Germany, max search volume = index 100, own calculations

### PEOPLE BECOME IMPATIENT ABOUT THEIR SOCIAL LIFE AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

#### Satisfaction with areas of life

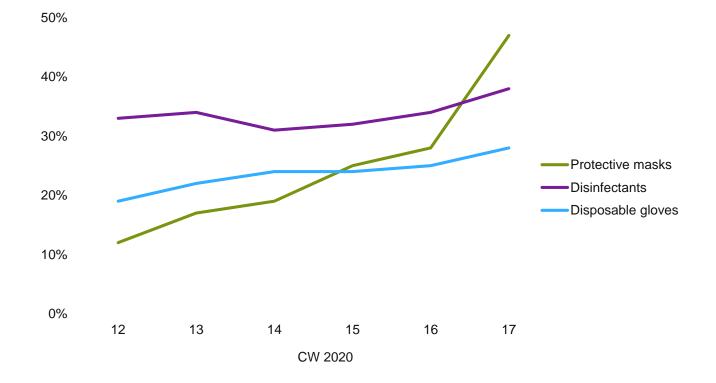
Change in mean values cw 17 (April 20-26) versus cw 12 (March 16-22) of 6 pt. scale (1 = not all satisfied, 6 = totally satisfied)



## DO WE SEE THE RISE OF NEW ACCESSORIES?

Protective equipment which is bought more

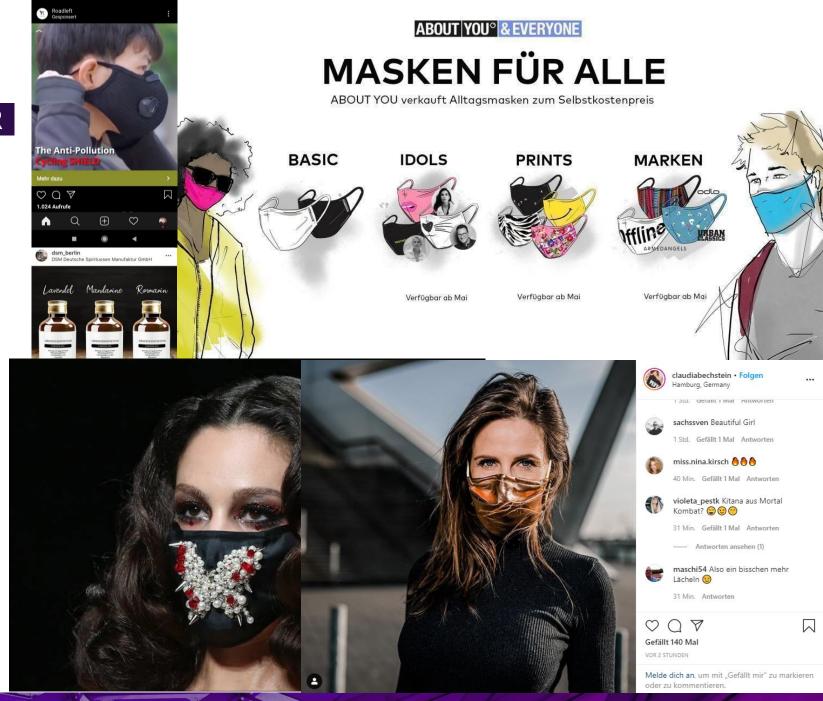
Top-2 of 6 pt. scale: Significantly bought more



Source: Appinio CoronaReport Welle 6, adults 16-65, own calculations

## FOLLOW THE BEHAVIOUR 'MASKS GO FASHION'

- · From hay fever/ covid to fashion trend
- After shown om the Mercedes fashion week or presented by German TV moderator the fashion platform ABOUTYOU is offering a huge variety of masks
- On Instagram social ads with no FC seem to flood the consumer



#### PRESSURE ON THE PIPE

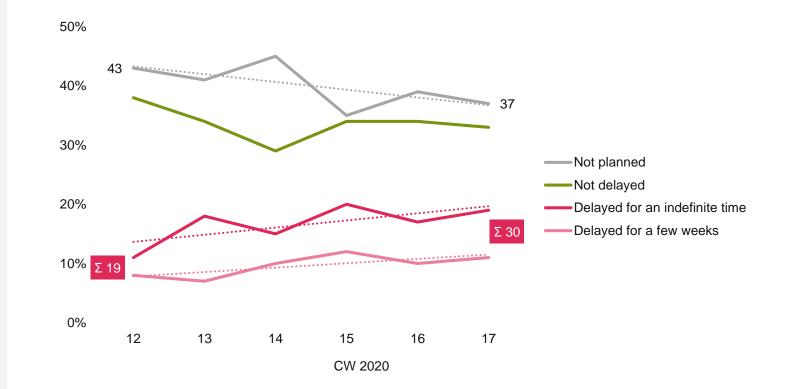
#### MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HAVE PLANS FOR MAJOR PURCHASES

#### Delay of major purchases

The number of consumers who do not plan any major purchase is in decline

The majority does not delay major purchases

But one in three consumers does delay major purchases



#### AS WE ARE ALL INCHING BACK TO NORMAL

#### GERMANY IS ONE OF THE EARLY MARKETS TO OPEN AGAIN

#### SOCIETY BACK IN MOVEMENT AFTER LOCKDOWN

People in Germany are slowly increasing their mobility again through driving & walking, though public transport is likely to stay behind

#### PEOPLE ARE KEEN TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE

Visits to parks is far above normal level Visits to grocery stores, public transport and recreation have reached the bottom line and begin to increase again



#### **BRAND OPPORTUNITY**

People will slowly find their way back to physical stores and look out for promotions

#### MAJOR PURCHASES WAIT FOR REALISATION

While buying behavior for day-to-day goods returns to normal, major purchases are delayed until there is more visibility about future developments



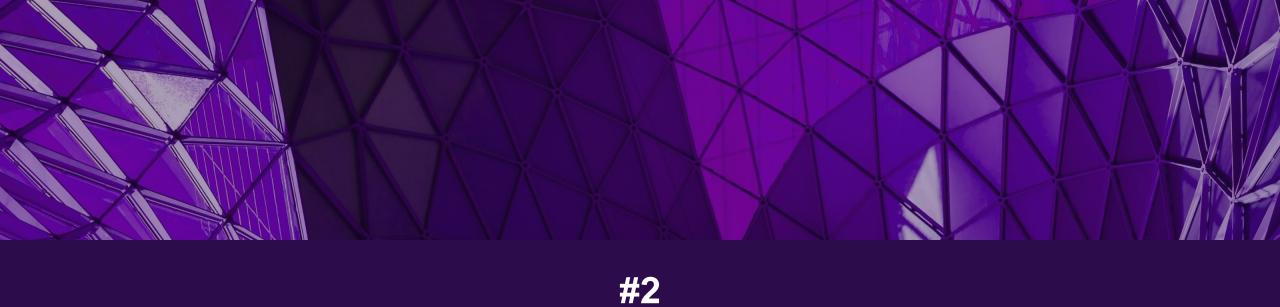
#### BRAND OPPORTUNITY

Give consumers a perspective how to put major purchases into practice



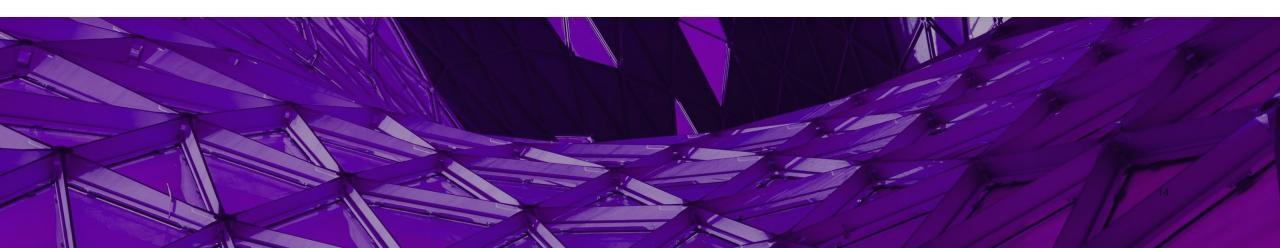
#### **BRAND OPPORTUNITY**

OOH advertising in key city hotspots will come back as valuable touchpoints



## A LOOK TO THE EAST

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## OPTIMISM HAS COME BACK CHINA AT THE EXIT OF THE PANDEMIC

China: Index versus world (17 countries)

Optimism, that own country will overcome the coronavirus

Impact on country's economy

Impact on personal / household finances

Concern about the virus in own country

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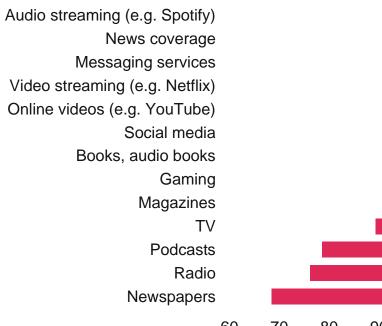
Source: GlobalWebIndex, Coronavirus Research, April 2020, internet users 16-64, own calculations

## TRADITIONAL MEDIA HAD ITS SHORT FLUTTER UP

China: Index versus world (17 countries)

Media consumption because of the coronavirus

Digital media consumption remains high, whereas traditional media go back to normal





Source: GlobalWebIndex, Coronavirus Research, April 2020, internet users 16-64, own calculations

## DON'T BE NORMAL

## **BE UP TO DATE AROUND THE TOPIC**

China: Index versus world (17 countries)

Approval of brand actions

Brand actions should still reflect the Corona situation, but content can also be more light-hearted Contacting customers (e.g. via email) to let them know how they are responding to coronavirus

Running promotions / offers / loyalty perks for customers

Running advertising which shows how they are responding to coronavirus or helping customers

Providing light-hearted content to entertain people

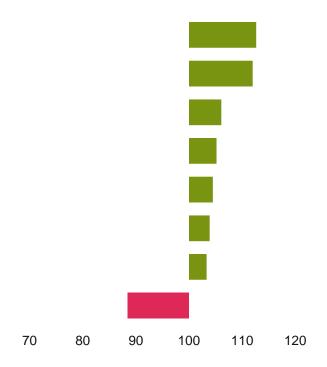
Providing practical information which help people to deal with the situation

Suspending their normal factory production to help produce essential supplies

Continuing to sell non-essential products via their websites

Running "normal" advertising campaigns (not related to coronavirus)

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## **GUIDANCE AND LIGHT-HEARTED CONTENT**

### CHINESE ADVERTISING DURING REOPENING PHASE

- Brand: Netease Yeation
- Category: Ecommerce & Lifestyle
- Channel: OOH
- **Message:** We want you to see this ad, but it is more important that you stay at home



## THE WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS LEARNINGS FROM CHINA

#### NEW OPTIMISM

Optimism to overcome the coronavirus and economy's recession

Need for advice for own financial situation

#### SHIFT IN MEDIA CONSUMPTION

Audio and video streaming remain on a high level

Ongoing news coverage

Social and traditional media swing back to normal

#### APPROVAL OF BRAND ACTIONS

Brand actions should still reflect the corona crisis and give guidance to consumers

But consumers are also more open to light-hearted content and appreciate distraction from the crisis

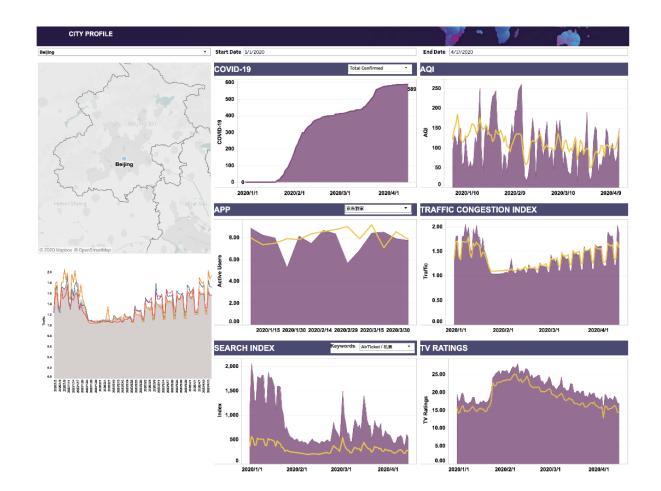




#### MANAGING A COMPLEX MARKET

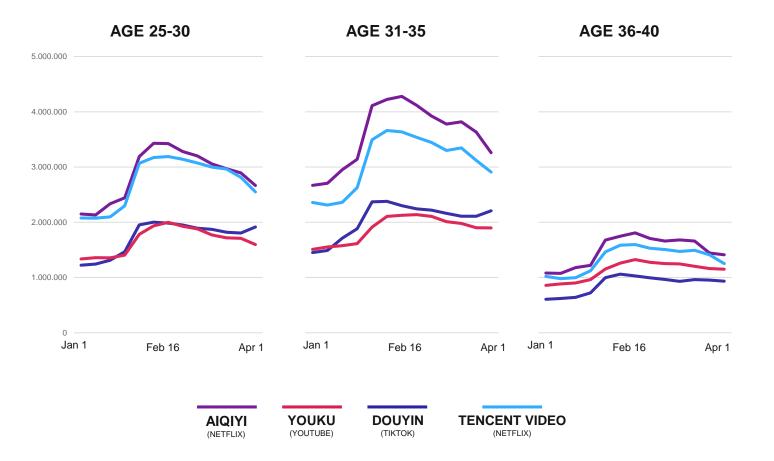
## TRACK THE COUNTRY ON ITS WAY BACK TO NORMAL

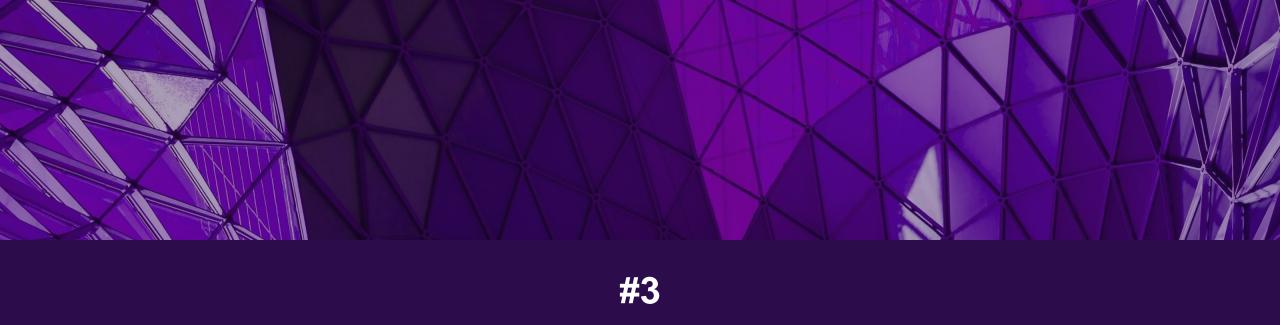
- With large differences between rural & metropolitan areas, China is a very complex market to analyze
- Additionally, getting reliable & automated access to data can be a challenge with APIs often not being available
- Despite, the team has brought together an informative dashboard of key indicators to support strategy



### PEOPLE HAVE ESTABLISHED A NEW VIDEO BEHAVIOUR

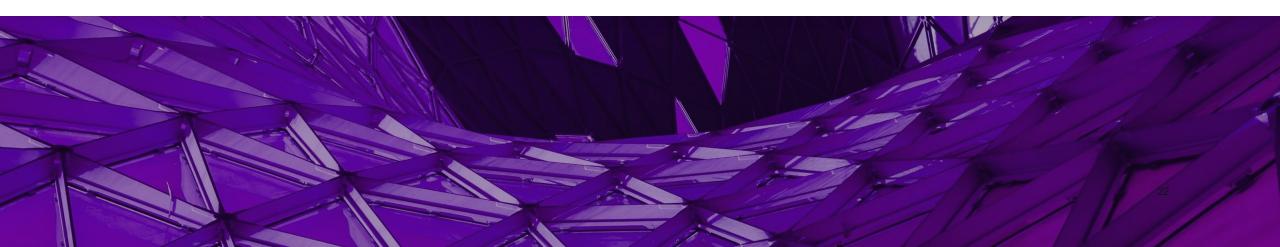
- Both long- and shortform video platforms are showing similar consumption patterns, with a sharp increase in usage after the lockdown
- Especially the longform platforms (Aiqiyi & Tencent Video) have seen dramatic upticks
- Despite a current slow decline, they are still above historic benchmarks





## **DIGITAL AD DEVELOPMENTS**

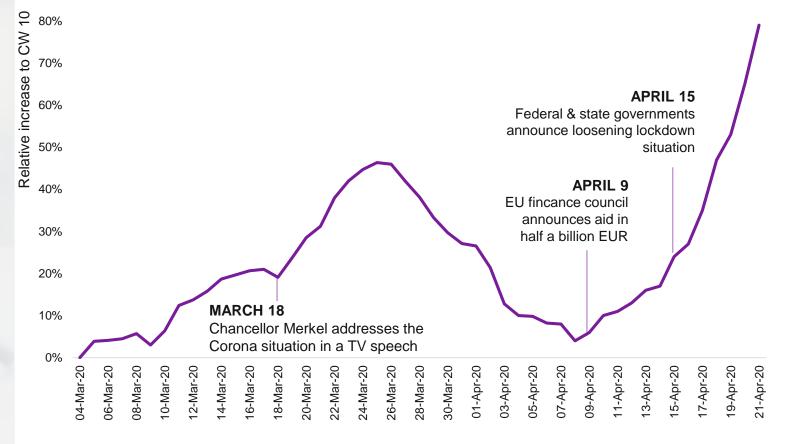
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#### AS PEOPLE ENGAGE MORE ONLINE WE CAN JUICE UP THE TARGETING PROFILES

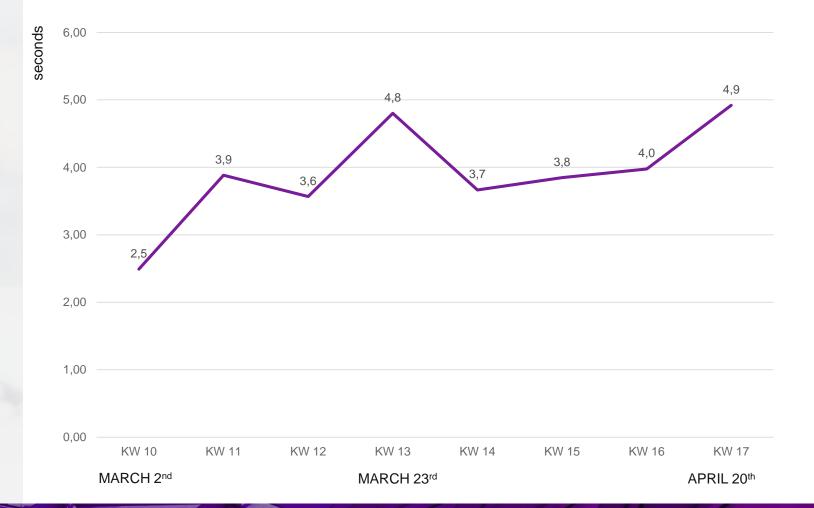
#### 90%

- The [M]Platform number 'Learnable Events per Digital ID' has strongly increased since the start of the COVID-19 crisis in early march
- Learnable Events are instances where people load websites with an [m[Platform cookie, which enables us to add data points to their digital ID
- The increase in Learnable Events is thought to be caused by the extended & more extensive use of the internet by people trying to learn more about the crisis situation, as well as having more free time on their hands



#### PEOPLE STARING AD ADS

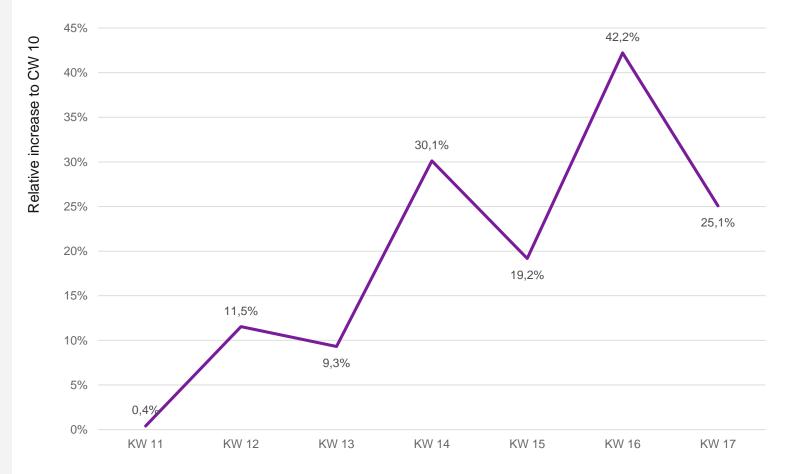
- The time between a served impression and a user click has nearly doubled from 2.5 to 5 seconds
- This indicates that users are more focused on the content than before



Source: [M]Platform Corona Performance Update. April 21

## AND TRANSFORM FROM CLICK AVOIDER TO CURIOUS BEINGS

- Across all campaigns & formats, clickthrough-rates have shown a steady increase, resulting in a willingness to click on a display ad much higher than before
- In combination with the additional time they spend online, the increased CTR indicates the engagement with online ads has increased



## IT'S TIME TO DEEPEN THE RELATIONSHIP THEY ARE ALREADY IN YOUR HOUSE

- Not only the ads work well, also the websites our clients are facing a great increase
- Across a broad client spectrum we observe a huge boost in impressions
- And people are giving themselves more time to explore the sites. Not only in the matter of duration but also in terms of pages they have browsed per visit



Source: Mindshare Clients in Google Analytic Suite CW 20.4.2020 vs CW 20.4.2019

#### **KEY OUTTAKES: DIGITAL PERFORMANCE IS UP AND**

#### CLIENTS CAN BENEFIT FROM INCREASED CONSUMER ATTENTION

#### PEOPLE SPEND MORE TIME ONLINE & EXPOSURE TIME INCREASED BY 97%

People are not only spending more time online, but also their attention to individual pages increased, resulting in more time spent with ads



#### THIS INCREASED TIME ONLINE IMPROVES DIGITAL-ID DATA BY 60%

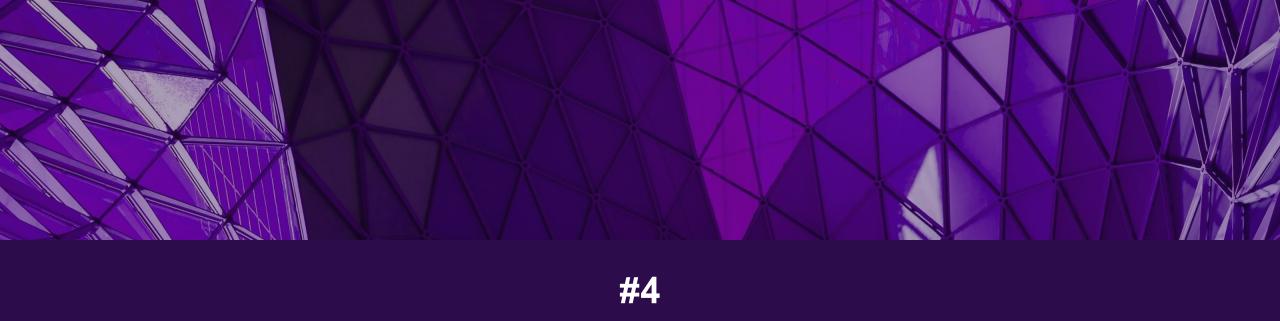
The increased amount of time that people spend online has led to more enriched Digital-IDs, improving our abilities to reach the right audiences with increased precision

#### CLICK-THROUGH-RATES ARE UP BY 25% ON AVERAGE

Whilst spending more time online, people are engaging more with online display advertising than before the crisis situation

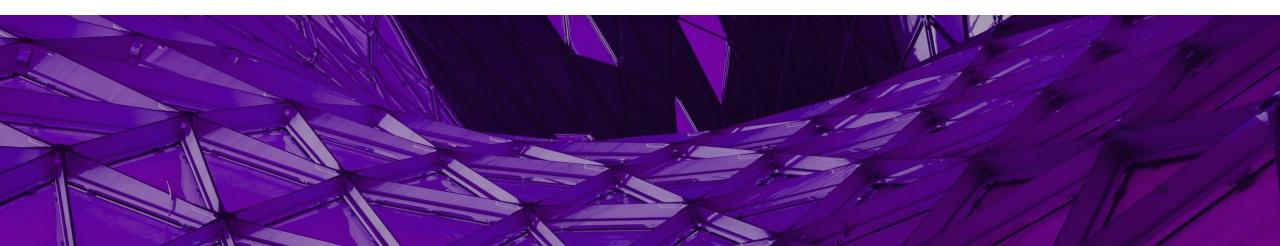


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## WHAT'S NEXT FOR BRANDS

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#### **KEY IMPLICATIONS**

### FOR BRANDS MOVING FORWARD

Guidance

#### Tracking

Give guidance in the opening phase (e.g. major purchase) and anticipate relevant touchpoints (e.g. OOH). Track behaviour changes in the course of the pandemic and adapt your approach to market. Deepen your relationship

Deepen your relationship to consumers with the help of digital data and consumer's extended presence on your own channels.



## WATCH OUT FOR THE NEXT EPISODE

