## Business Breakout Social Media for Consulting Firms







# CLIMB THE CHARTS: TOP REASONS YOUR FIRM SHOULD BE UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA & HOW TO DO IT

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### **AGENDA**

- What is Social Media?
- Top 4 Reasons You Should Be Utilizing Social Media
- Organizing Your Strategy
- Social Media Channels
- Tools
- 8 Steps to a Successful Social Media Program
- Measure Your ROI
- Industry Samples





What is Social Media?

### SOCIAL MEDIA DEFINED

"Form of electronic communication (websites for social networking and micro-blogging) through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages and other content."

Creates opportunities, establishes an online presence for your brand.

Social Media is the new Marketing

Also known as "SoMe"

## VALUE OF SOCIAL MEDIA



Networking with people within your niche

Help you develop your online brand and increase exposure

Build active communities and jumpstart campaigns

Build profile across multiple channels, position your firm as knowledge experts



# TOP 4 REASONS YOU SHOULD BE UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA

## SEO (SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION)

Improve website ranking
Increase site traffic

Boost visibility



## 2 PEER PRESSURE

Don't be left behind Competition is using it



## 3 EDUCATION

Teach people about our industry

Share who you are

Communicate information about your projects

Remain on top of industry news, trends & best practices

Get to know your clients



## 4 CONNECT WITH EMPLOYEES

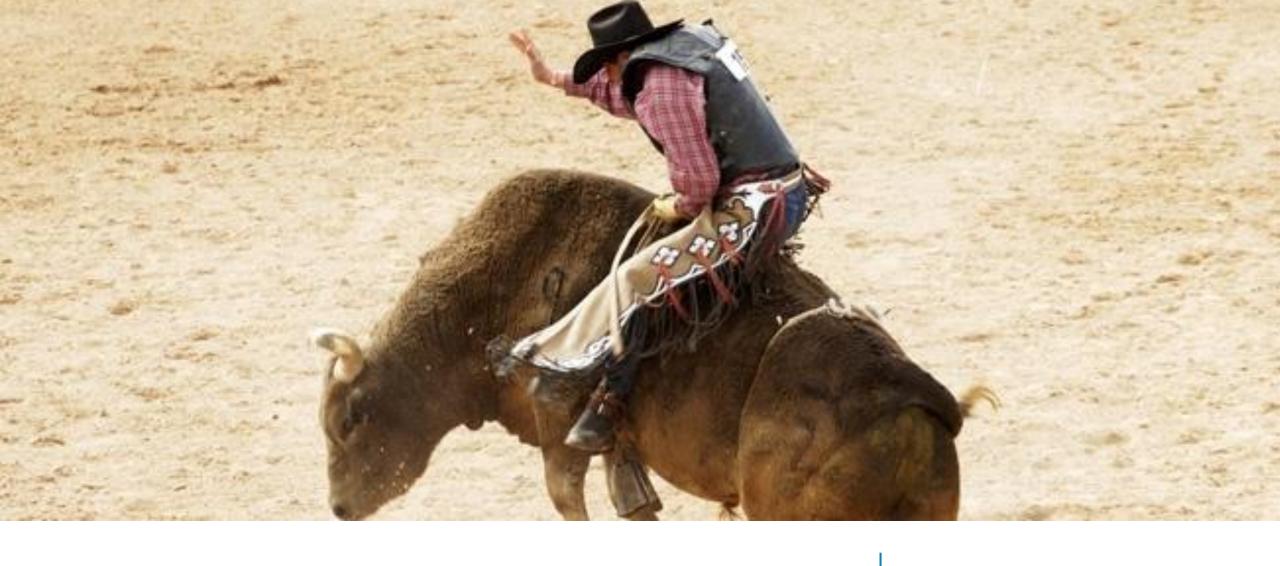
Promote employee engagement

Create community spirit

Communicate recognition

Encourage brand ambassadors





## ORGANIZING YOUR STRATEGY

## DEFINING YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY

What are your goals?

Who is your target audience?

Which metrics decide your success?

Which social channels are most appropriate?



## SHAPING YOUR ONLINE BRAND



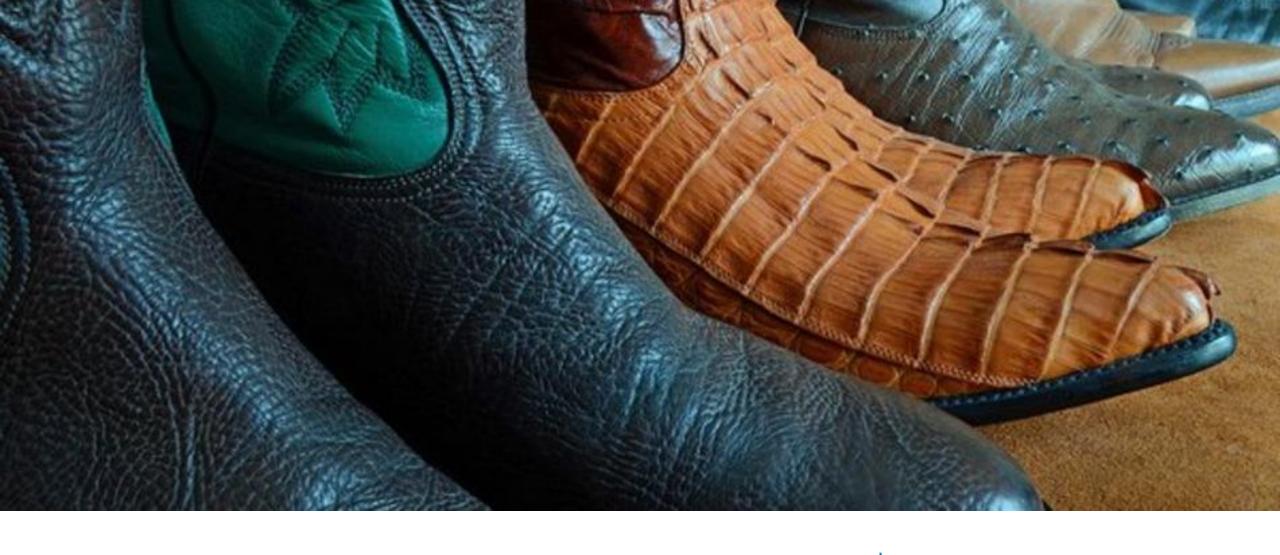
Brand yourself and firm as an expert and establish credibility

Educate and inspire your audience

Be honest and true to your core values

Create "ripples" and make a lasting impression

Become an influential member within your network



## SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

### BUILDING YOUR BRAND BY CHANNEL

Make your **Facebook** content newsfeed-worthy

Rock the **Twitter**sphere

Inspire your Brand's **Pinterest** Boards

Capture the moment on your **Instagram** 

Wow your Professional Followers on Linkedin

Promote your Thought Leadership on your **Blog** 



## **FACEBOOK**

Over 1.59 Billion active monthly users on Facebook and 1.038 Billion active daily users

Catch all social networking site for community building

Employers and employees actively inspect future opportunities on Facebook

Can engage audience with updates and corporate culture



## **FACEBOOK**



#### TIME OF DAY

1 pm most shares
3 pm most likes

Highest level of activity between 9am & 7pm



#### **BEST DAYS TO POST**



#### **MUST USE TOOLS**



www.fanpagekarma.com www.getcompass.co www.Adespresso.com/academy



#### **TIPS & TRICKS**

Ask people to share your post directly Share a variety of relevant content

### **TWITTER**

Over **320 million active monthly** users on Twitter and **100 million active daily** users

Easy-to-use microblogging technology (140 Characters) makes it easy to publish content and build a following

Trending topics/hashtags (#) originated on Twitter and provide ample opportunities to increase a brand's visibility

Tweets including images have 5x the engagement

Share up-to-the-minute news

If not retweeted, you aren't providing value



## **TWITTER**



#### TIME OF DAY

1 pm most retweets 12pm & 6pm highest click-through rate (CTR)





www.bitly.com www.tweriod.com



#### **BEST DAYS TO POST**





#### **TIPS & TRICKS**

@mentions influencers that are included in your contentRT (Retweet) and engage

### LINKEDIN

Over 414 million users on Linkedin and 100 million active monthly users

Known as the world's largest B2B social networking site

Company and group pages provide opportunities for networking and knowledge sharing

Helps manage professional relationships, grow business network and connect with prospects



## LINKEDIN



#### TIME OF DAY

9am to 5pm



#### **BEST DAYS TO POST**



#### **MUST USE TOOLS**



Linkedin Company Pages Linkedin Groups Linkedin SlideShare



#### **TIPS & TRICKS**

Connect Keep profile up-to-date

## **PINTEREST**

#### Over 100 million users

3<sup>rd</sup> largest network in the U.S.

Photo sharing platform

Highly visual images and interesting videos can go viral

#Hashtags and pertinent keywords increase visibility

Use thematic boards to organize your pins - articles, project photos, etc.



## **PINTEREST**



#### TIME OF DAY

Pin 8-11pm Peak Time 9pm



#### **BEST DAYS TO POST**



#### **MUST USE TOOLS**



www.tailwindapp.com www.ifttt.com/pinterest



#### **TIPS & TRICKS**

Share on group boards Share original pins

## YOUTUBE

YouTube is the world's largest video sharing site with more than 1 billion users on the site

More popular search engine than either Bing or Yahoo

Easy to share content across other channels Share client testimonials, project tours, etc.



## YOUTUBE



#### TIME OF DAY

Post 12pm-3pm Avoid 5pm -6pm



#### **BEST DAYS TO POST**



#### **MUST USE TOOLS**



www.tubemogul.com www.tubechop.com www.keywordtool.io/youtube



#### **TIPS & TRICKS**

Create an "end card" at the end of each video to point views to other videos you have done

## **INSTAGRAM**

**400 million monthly** users and 75 million daily users

Cross-platform photo sharing channel

Commemorate big moments with a visual press release

Tap into timely events by sharing relevant images

Share compelling video in 0:15 or less



## **INSTAGRAM**



#### TIME OF DAY

Peak Time 3-4pm



#### **BEST DAYS TO POST**



#### **MUST USE TOOLS**



www.schedugr.am www.iconosquare.com www.crowdfire.app



#### **TIPS & TRICKS**

Tag industry influencers in your posts when relevant Encourage engagement

## CONTENT MARKETING WITH BLOGS

Position yourself as an expert in your field by producing fresh content

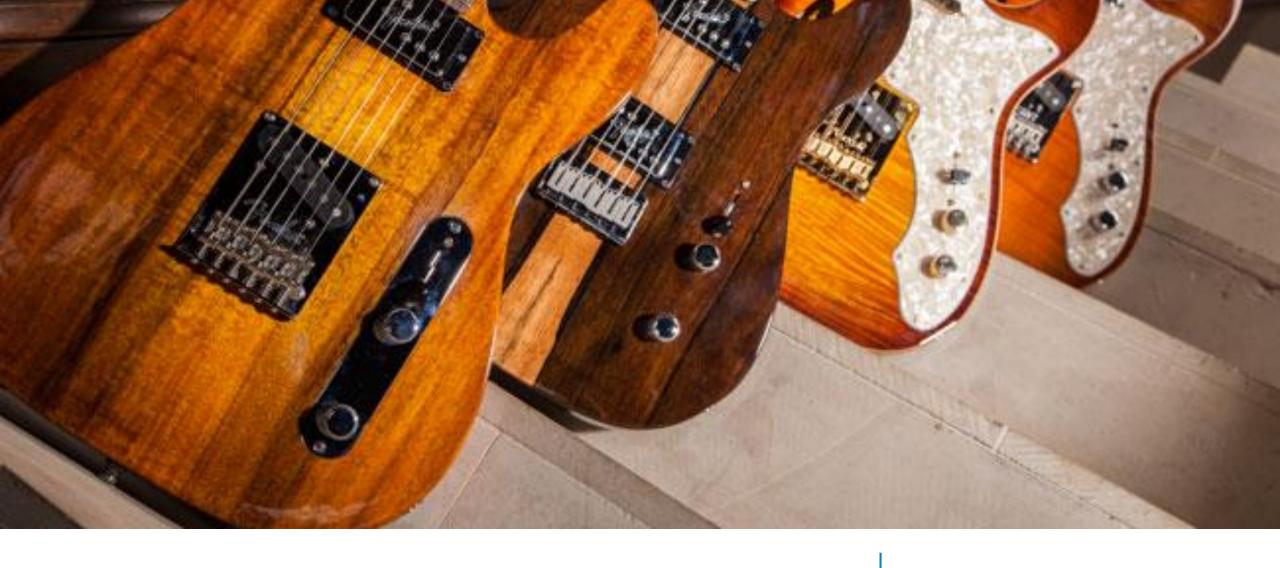
Create a central platform for your online brand – connect all social media profiles

Build an interactive community by encouraging users to subscribe and comment

Easy to set up

Most time consuming platform





TOOLS

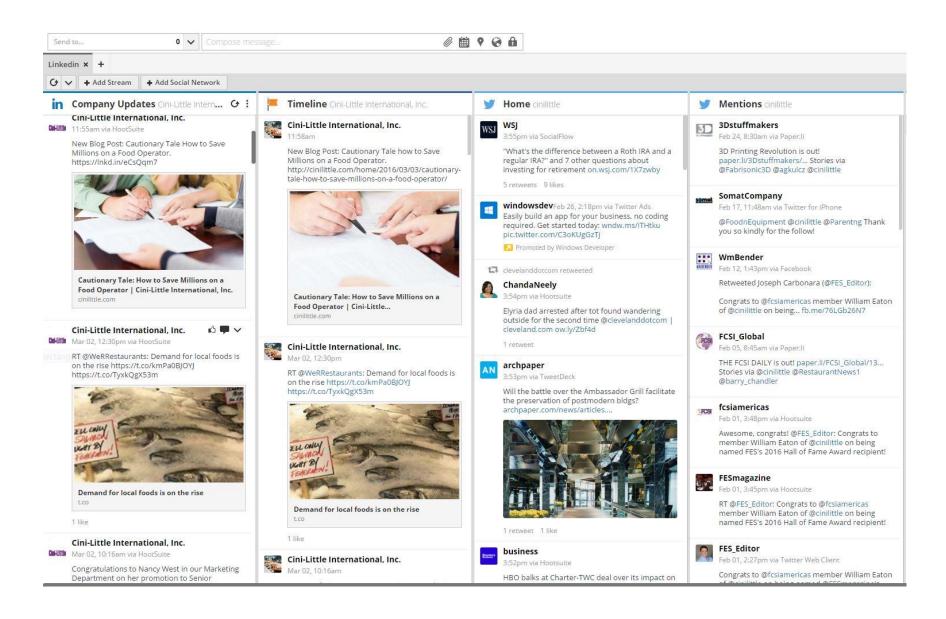
## PUBLISHING & ANALYZING TOOLS

Variety of tools that can be used for reporting and content publishing

- HootSuite: social media management system
- Cyfe: all-in-one dashboard that helps monitor and analyze data across all channels
- Sprout Social: tool that helps monitor, respond, measure and collaborate to ensure smarter and faster communication



## TOOLS



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#### SPROUT SOCIAL Reporting

#### GROUP REPORT from February 21, 2016 - March 6, 2016

@perkinswill_LON	perkinswill_DAL	perkinswill_PHL	PerkinsWill_UD	Perkins+Will	
@FreelonDesign	perkinswill_HOU	perkinswill_SEA	@perkinswil_HNL	_	
@perkinswill_NY		perkinswill_SF	perkinswil_BR		
@perkinswill_ATL	perkinswill_MIA	PerkinsWil_DC	perkinswil_ONT		
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@perkinswill_CHI	perkinswill_NC	perkinswill_PR	@perkinswill		

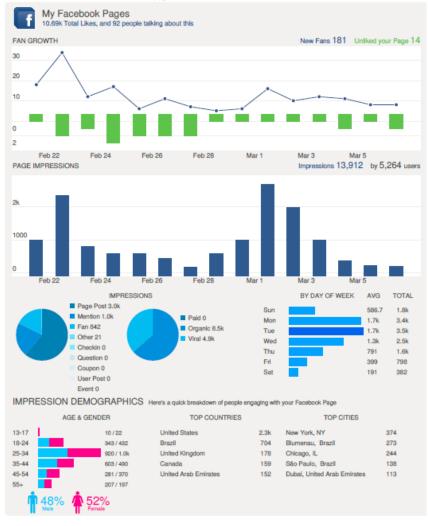
#### GROUP STATS across all Twitter and Facebook accounts

Incoming Messages	471	$\sim$	612 INTERACTIONS /\/\
Sent Messages	168	$\sim$	BY 430 UNIQUE USERS /
New Twitter Followers	834	~	1,159,859 POTENTIAL REACH
New Facebook Fans	181	\_	1,159,659 FOTENTIAL REACH / V

#### TWITTER STATS across all Twitter accounts



#### FACEBOOK STATS across all Facebook pages





# 8 STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL MEDIA PROGRAM

## S.M.A.R.T. GOALS

#### Specific | Measurable | Accountable | Realistic | Time-bound

- Brand Reach
- Brand Engagement
- Lead Generation
- Sales
- Social Responsibility



## THEME AND CONCEPT

### Primary message and desired audience reaction.

- Relate to an existing service or product?
- Call to action?
- What digital destination?



## 3 AUDIENCE

### Identify target audience, preferred social channels and motivators.

- Who makes up your audience by channel?
- What are their interests?
- Which channels for what messages and goals?



## CREATIVE & VOICE

### Bring the concept to life with creative copy across channels.

- Branded hashtag?
- Branded templates?
- Working with agencies and vendors?
- Available budget and approvals?
- Necessary visual content?



## ENGAGEMENT & RESPONSE

### Build a flexible plan that accommodates fluctuating demand.

- What is your call to action?
  - Tweet chats/Ask the experts forum
- How do you respond to your audience?
- How do you amplify your channels with influencers?



## 6 TIMELINE

### Develop a launch timeline and content calendar.

- Time to create copy and visuals
- Schedule for updating content
- Identified contributors and resources



# **MEASUREMENT**

### Reporting process to track KPIs.

- Web analytics and dashboard
- Keywords and trackable URLs
- Measuring success
- Make tweaks to improve metrics



# 8 REFINE

### Continually innovating each channel.

- Is message resonating?
- Which tactics are working?
- Do internal processes need tweaking?





MEASURE YOUR ROI

### GETTING A HANDLE ON SOCIAL ROI

Brand Goals

#### Goals

Awareness

Positive sentiment

Relationships

Loyalty

#### **Metrics**

Engagement

Discussion

Sentiment

Sharing

Revenue-Linked Goals

#### Goals

Informing prospects
Inciting behavior
Picking up leads

Increasing sales

**Metrics** 

Traffic driven

Desired behavior

Number of leads

Conversion volume

### BRAND-LEVEL SOCIAL GOALS

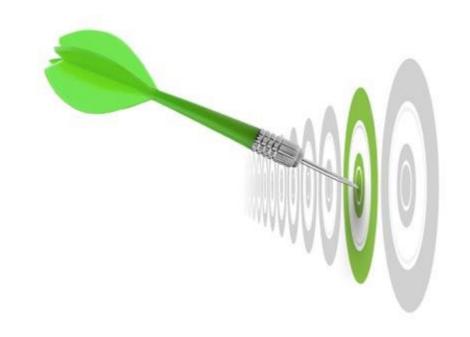
Increasing brand awareness and visibility

Strengthening brand image

Growing positive brand sentiment

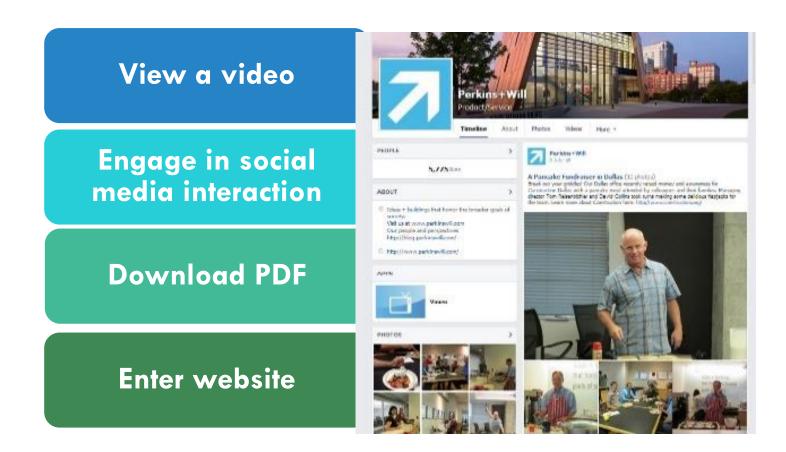
Increasing client involvement with the brand

Building relationships with influencers





### SET YOUR CONVERSION GOALS



## TRACK CONVERSIONS

**REACH** 

Tracked within social media platform

TRAFFIC Getting visitors to your website

**LEADS** 

Ratio of leads coming from each referring site



**CUSTOMERS** customers

Track the number of leads that become actual

# TRACK CONVERSIONS

	Firm 1	Firm 2	Firm 3	Firm 4	Firm 5	Firm 6	Firm 7	Perkins+Will
Twitter	1,122	49,000	29,300	2,716	6,310	44,700	49,000	51,562
Facebook	16,786	12,078	8,359	3,505	2,927	78,311	78,287	7,284
LinkedIn	36100	70810	49141	9847	8524	32973	26558	37763
	3343 followers, 126				305 followers, 69 posts,			798 followers, 47 posts, May
Instagram	posts, July 2014	posts, August 2014			July 2013		posts, August 2012	2013
Vimeo	64 Videos	40 Videos	4 videos	no videos	L	19 videos Well-developed channel -	No channel	120 videos (80 public)
		937 subscribers, 166				2,821 subscribers, no uploads in last three		67 subscribers. Fitness
YouTube	No channel	videos, divided into three subgroups				months, four playlists (projects, press, careers,		

## 3

## ASSIGN MONETARY VALUE TO EACH CONVERSION







### MEASURE TOTAL BENEFITS BY CHANNEL

Collect incoming traffic and conversion numbers by site

Create a spreadsheet that correlates that data to the total monetary value of those conversions











DOWNLOADS	BENEFITS = \$1.00 x Total Downloads
7,284	\$7,284
37,763	\$37,763
51,562	\$51 <b>,</b> 562
10,000	\$10,000
106,609	\$106,609

## DETERMINE TOTAL COSTS

Add up promotional account fees, labor costs and expenses by social media channel

	FEES	LABOR HOURS	LABOR COST (\$50/HR)	COST PER CHANNEL
f	\$500	400	\$2,000	\$20,500
in	\$135	500	\$2,500	\$25,135
3		150	\$750	\$ <b>7,</b> 500
<b>o</b>		300	\$1,500	\$1 <i>5</i> ,000
	\$635	1,350	\$6,750	\$68,135

### ANALYZE RESULTS AND IMPROVE



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BENEFITS	COSTS	ROI
\$7,284	\$20,500	-64%
\$37,763	\$25,135	50%
\$51,562	\$ <b>7,</b> 500	587%
\$10,000	\$1 <i>5</i> ,000	-33%
\$106,609	\$68,135	56%



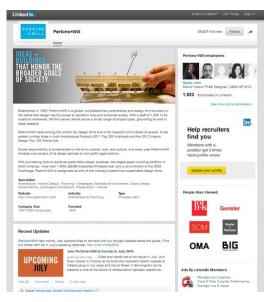
## INDUSTRY SAMPLES



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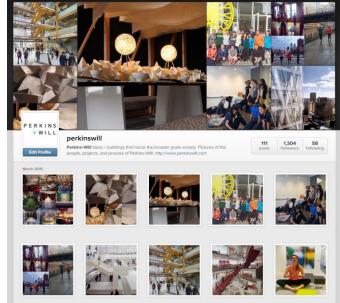






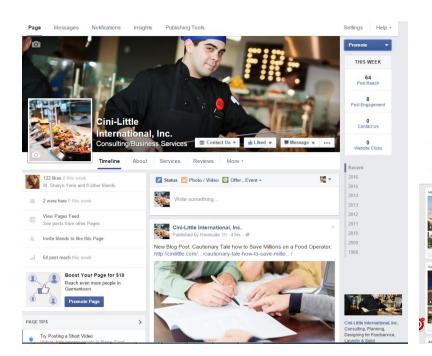














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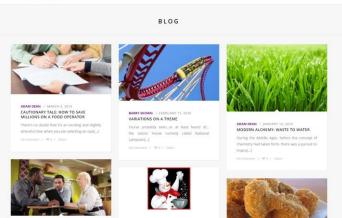
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## DISCUSSION