

FTC v. Meta

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Assignment

Analyze the competitive effects of Meta's acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp

More specifically:

- Assess monopoly power relevant to the conduct
- Assess whether Meta has harmed competition through the acquisitions

Economic Framework

1. Examining whether the firm possesses monopoly power
2. Examining whether the firm's acquisition harmed competition:
 - a. Is the acquisition likely, by eliminating the target as a competitive constraint, to preserve the firm's monopoly position?
 - b. Are competition and consumers harmed by the elimination of the competitive constraint?
 - c. Are there procompetitive effects of the acquisition, dependent upon the acquisition for their achievement, that are large enough to prevent the competitive harms?

Opinions

1. Meta has monopoly power over personal social networking services in the United States and has held monopoly power throughout the relevant period.
2. Meta's acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp harmed competition and consumers of personal social networking services in the United States.

Opinion 1: Meta Has Monopoly Power Over Personal Social Networking Services in the United States and Has Held Monopoly Power Throughout the Relevant Period

Opinion 1: Roadmap

1.1 – Key evidence and concepts

- Nature of Meta's product offering
- Distinct demand for friends and family social networking product
- Monopoly power in a zero-price context
- Network effects and norms, and their implications for customer substitution
- Competition is not symmetric

1.2 – Economic evidence of monopoly power

- Indirect evidence (market definition, market shares, and entry barriers)
- Direct evidence (high profits, profitable increases in ad load and other quality reductions, price discrimination)
- Import of other activities on Facebook and Instagram

1.3 – Responses to Meta's arguments

1.1 – Key Evidence and Concepts

The Relevant Product: Friends and Family Social Networking (“Person Social Networking Services”)



Mark Zuckerberg

“We built Facebook to help people stay connected and bring us closer together with the people that matter to us. That’s why **we’ve always put friends and family at the core of the experience.** Research shows that strengthening our relationships improves our well-being and happiness.”

Facebook Post by Mark Zuckerberg
(Jan. 11, 2011)

Distinct Demand for Friends and Family Social Networking

Kevin
System
(Instagram)



“Q. Was sharing one’s life with friends and family through photos a core use case of Instagram?

A. Yes.”

Kevin System Trial Testimony
(Apr. 22, 2025)

Bradley
Horowitz
(Google+)



“Q. Did Google intend one of Google+’s core use cases to be connecting users with their friends and family?

A. Yes.”

Bradley Horowitz (Google+) Testimony
(May 17, 2023)

Dave Morin
(Path)



“Path is the personal social network that is the best way to share life and stay connected with family and friends.”

Path’s iOS App Store Description
(January 1, 2013)

This Distinct Demand Is Large and Important



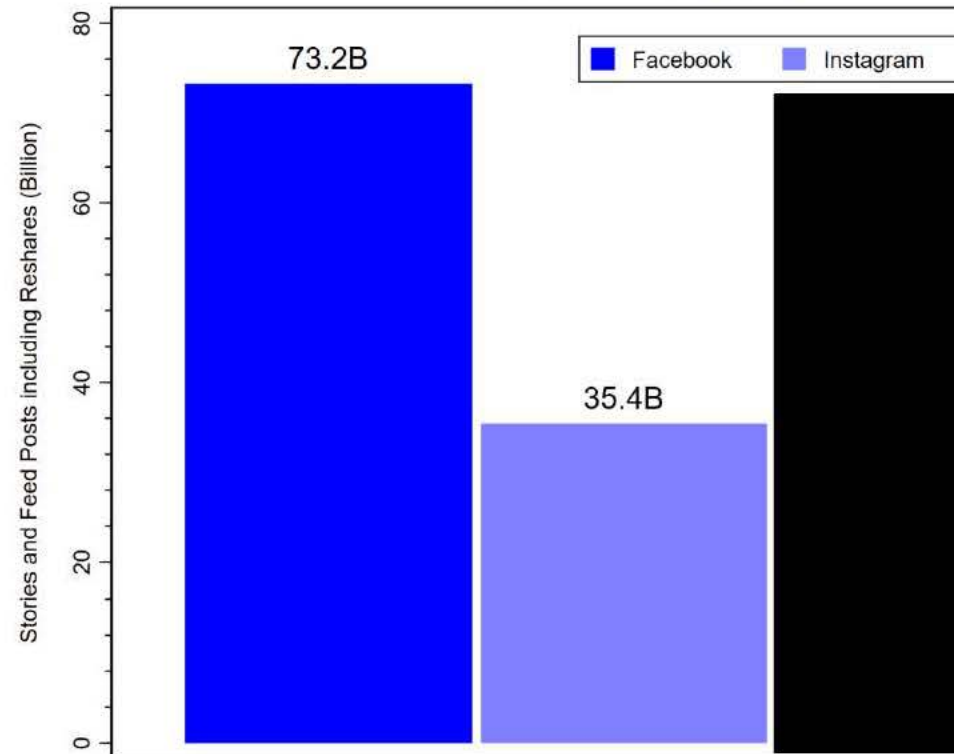
139m users posted
100m users posted original
broadcast posts
78m users left birthday posts
45m users posted Stories posts



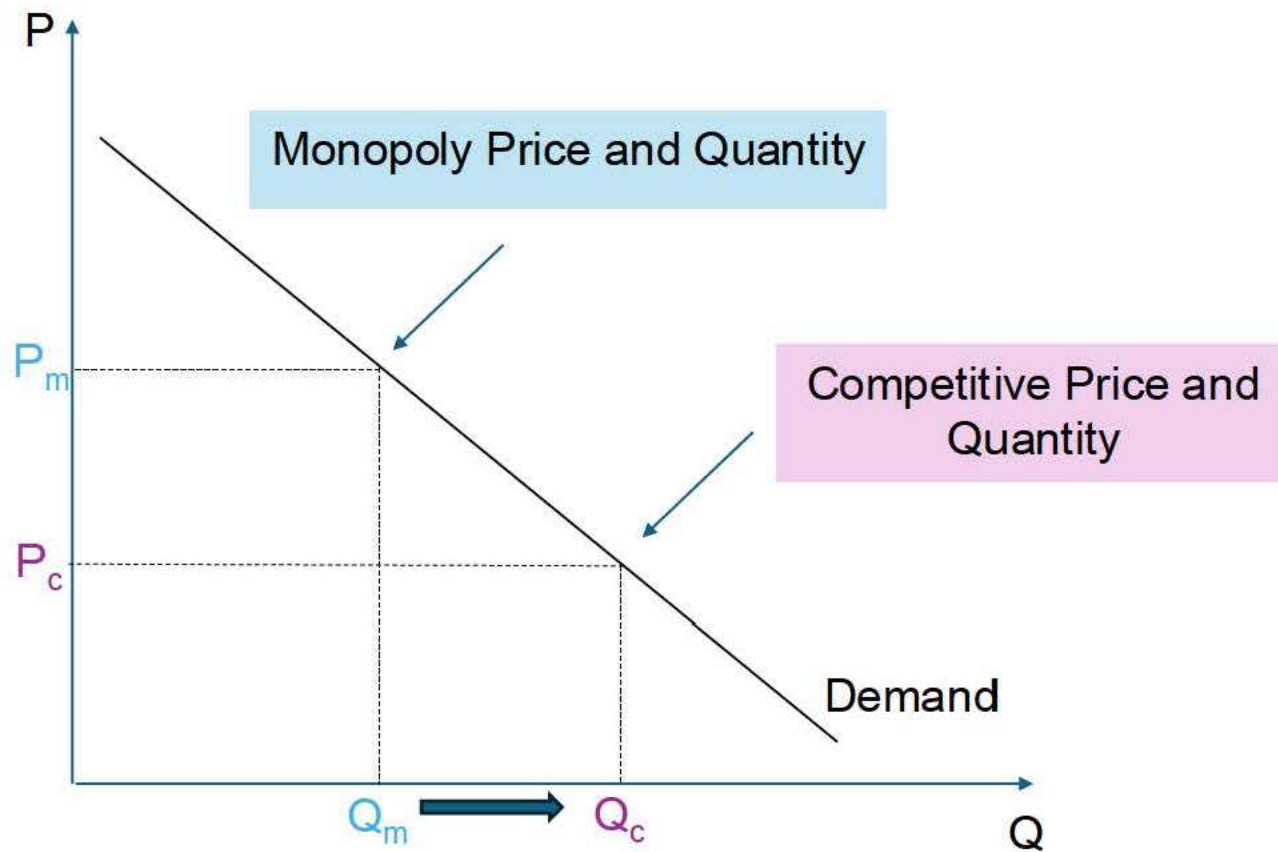
106m users posted
63m users posted photos in
Stories
59m users posted photos in Feed
56m users posted videos in
Stories

Data are monthly averages over the period of Jan. 2021 to
June 2022 for the United States.

Stories and Feed Posts
2021, United States

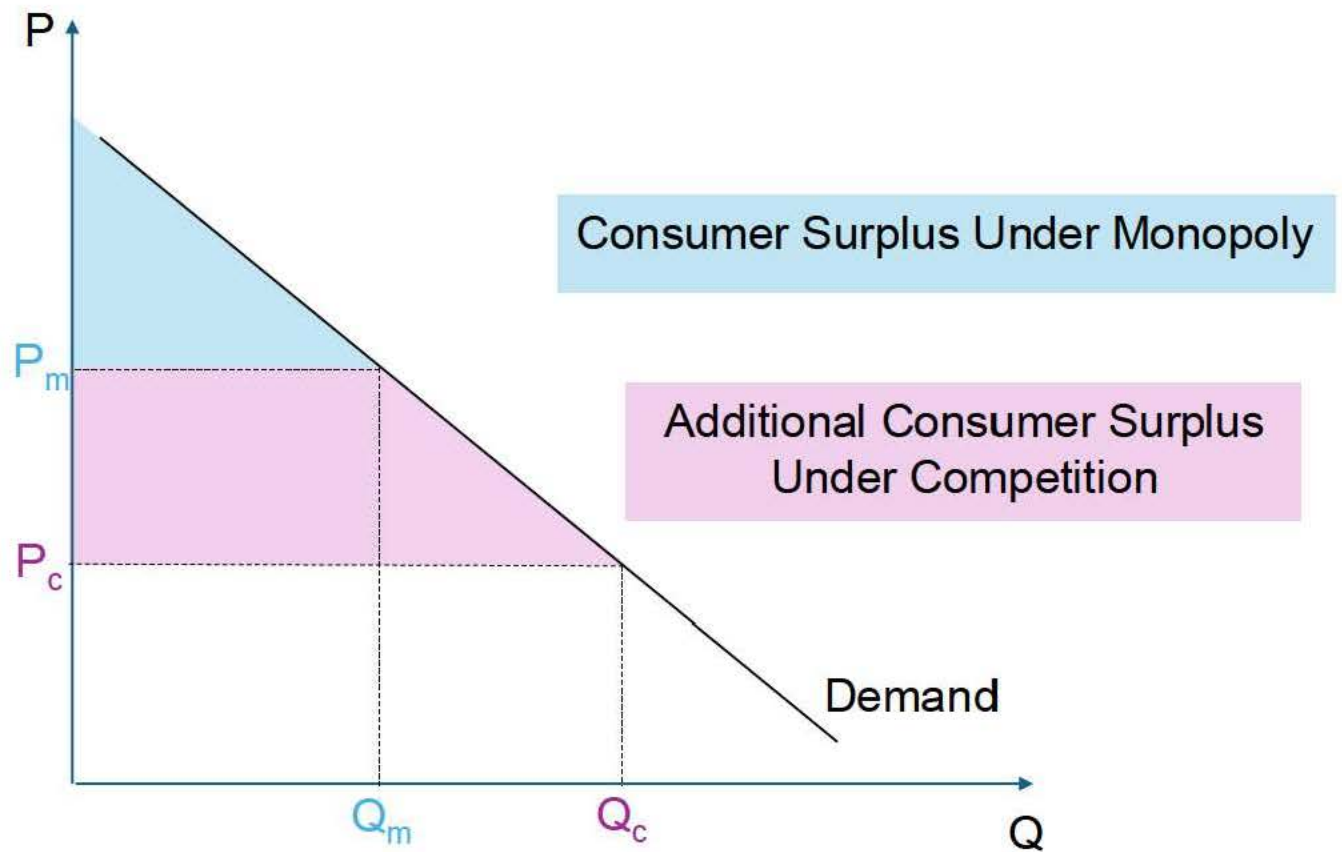


Competition Increases Output



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 12-16, 154-161, 790-799.

Competition Increases Consumer Surplus



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 12-16, 154-161, 790-799.

Monopoly Power for a Zero-Price Product

- Monetary price of \$0 does not signal a lack of market power.
- Quality dimensions for PSN services
 - Level of ad load
 - Volume of data collected and privacy practices
 - Friends-and-family content
 - Reliability, integrity, ease of use, and other customer service attributes



“[Google+] will have the same impact on us as competition has in every industry – **we will have to be better to win, our margins may go down over time, we will no longer be able to make as many mistakes and hold onto our core users.**”

Email from Sheryl Sandberg to Meta Employees
(July 15, 2011)



PSN Apps Are Characterized by Strong Network Effects



“User growth precedes user engagement. It is not until **all your friends are on the network** that you can really enjoy the benefits with associated greater engagement.”

Meta Document: “Facebook Secret Sauce”
(Nov. 11, 2008)



“In building social software, there is a network effect. Favorite feature on FB is hard to copy (**all my friends are there**).”

Bradley Horowitz (Google+) Talking Points
(May 13, 2010)

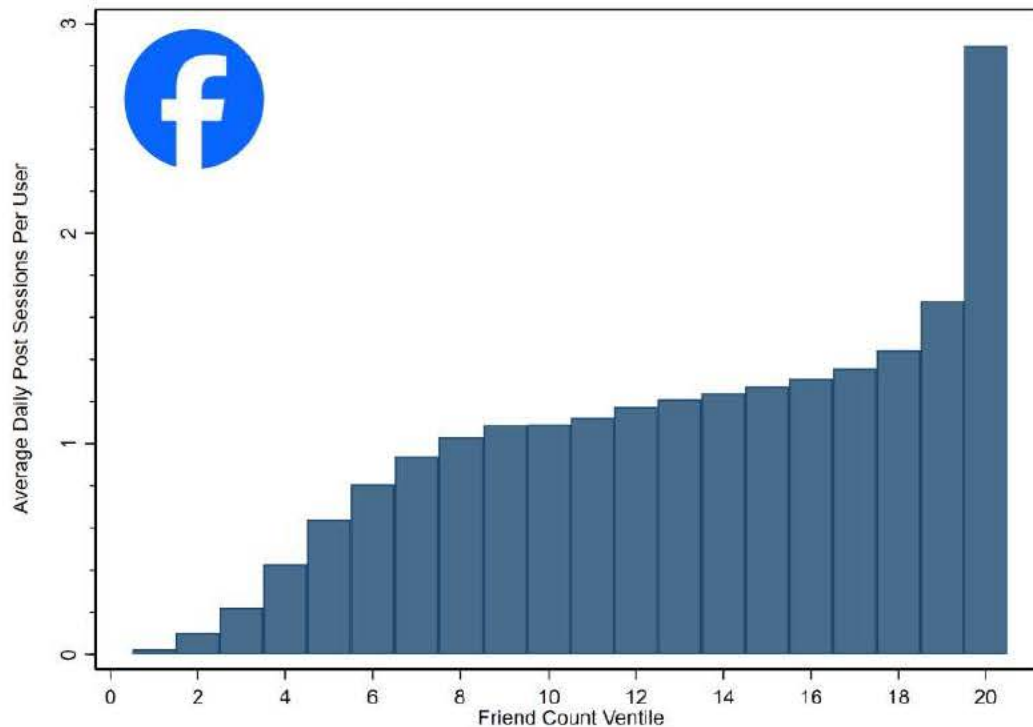


“Getting in front of consumers and building **network effects is what builds the staying power of a network** so that someone can’t just come along and found another Instagram or a copycat. If you are able to grow it quickly, then you can have those network effects and that staying power and then you can figure out the advertising stuff after.”

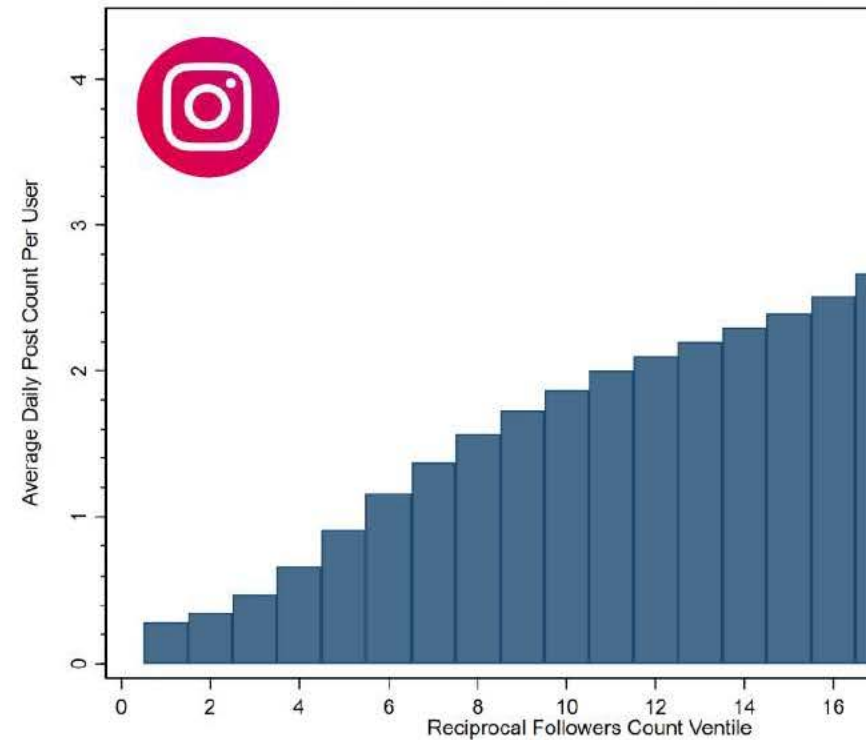
Kevin Systrom Trial Testimony
(Apr. 22, 2025)

PSN Apps Are Characterized by Strong Network Effects

Facebook Average Daily Post Sessions Per User
by Friend Count Ventile



Instagram Average Daily Post Count Per User
by Reciprocal Followers Count Ventile



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 3, 5.

PSN Apps Are Also Shaped by Norms



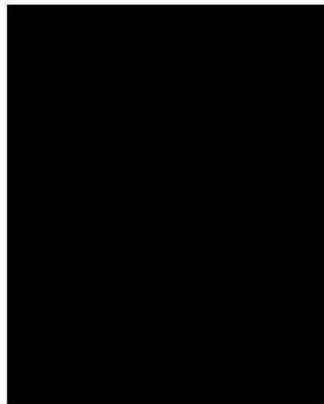
“You can use stories on Facebook to share everyday moments with your friends and followers.”

Facebook Help Center, “Stories” (July 21, 2018)



“Instagram Stories has become the place to express yourself and share everyday moments. With Close Friends, you have the flexibility to share more personal moments with a smaller group than you choose.”

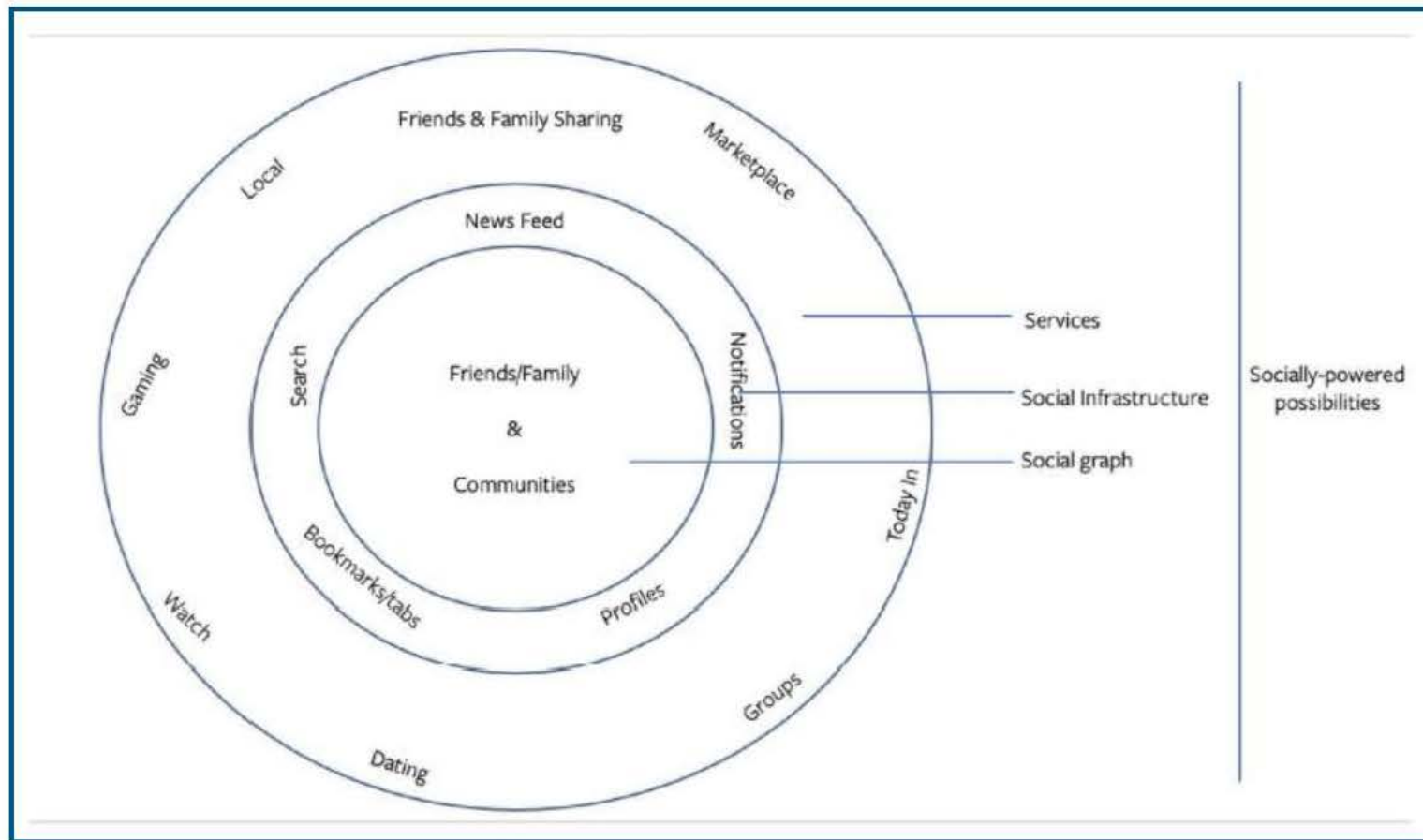
Instagram Blog, “Curate Instagram Stories for Close Friends Only” (Nov. 30, 2018)



YouTube Document: “██████████ post mortem for YT 2022 planning” (Nov. 4, 2018)

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 235, 275, 510, 529; PX0730 at -001; Instagram Blog, “Curate Instagram Stories for Close Friends Only” (Nov. 30, 2018), <https://about.instagram.com/blog/announcements/curate-instagram-stories-for-close-friends-only>; PX13495 at -001.

Competition Is Not Symmetric: Meta Incorporated Other Activities into Friends and Family Social Networking Experience



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Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 265-272; PX3575 at -001.

Competition Is Not Symmetric: Meta Incorporated Other Activities into Friends and Family Social Networking Experience



Adam Presser (TikTok)
Trial Testimony
(Apr. 30, 2025)

TikTok Does Not Offer Friends & Family Sharing

“Q. Is it still the case today, as we sit here, as it was in 2024 that in your view, Facebook and Instagram are focused on users’ interactions with existing friends and family, whereas TikTok differs from them in that respect?

A. Yes.”

Meta Encroaches on TikTok’s “Turf”

“Q. I mean, given the fact that Meta launched an Instagram Reels view appears to look similar to TikTok think that Meta competes with TikTok by fast following or innovating?

A. I think it’s one of the ways that they compete with us. I think they have essentially looked at the product experience that we have offered that’s been recently successful, and have built a version of that into their existing product.”

Competition Is Not Symmetric: Meta Incorporated Other Activities into Friends and Family Social Networking Experience



Aaron Filner (YouTube)
Trial Testimony
(Apr. 17, 2025)

YouTube Does Not Offer Friends & Family Sharing	Meta Encroaches On YouTube's "Turf"
“Q. And does YouTube shorts facilitate engagement with friends and family you know in real life? A. There is no features facilitating friends and family communication on shorts. Q. And on long-form video, is there currently any features that facilitate connection with friends and family on long-form videos? A. Not that I’m aware of.”	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] YouTube Document: “[REDACTED] post mortem for YT 2 planning” (Nov. 4, 2022)

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 501; Filner Trial Tr. (Apr. 17, 2025) at 164:14-21; PX13495 at -001.

Competition Is Not Symmetric: Meta Incorporated Other Activities into Friends and Family Social Networking Experience



Julia Roberts (Pinterest)
Trial Testimony
(Apr. 28, 2025)

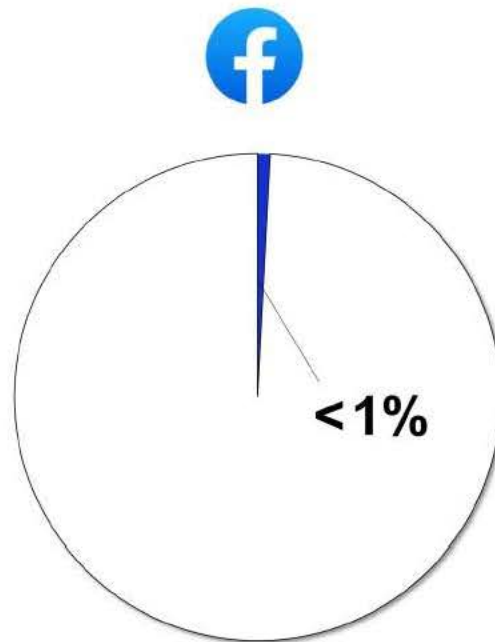
Pinterest Does Not Offer Friends & Family Sharing	Meta Encroaches On Pinterest’s “Turf”
“Q. How about for sharing and keeping up with friends and family? Is that a common use on Pinterest? A. No.”	“Q. This is describing Meta launching new features that encroach on Pinterest’s core product; is that right?” A. Yes Q. In your time at Pinterest, have you seen Facebook or Instagram launch new features that encroach on Pinterest’s core product? A. Yes.”

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 486; Roberts Trial Tr. (Apr. 28, 2025) at 58:1-3, 61:6-15.

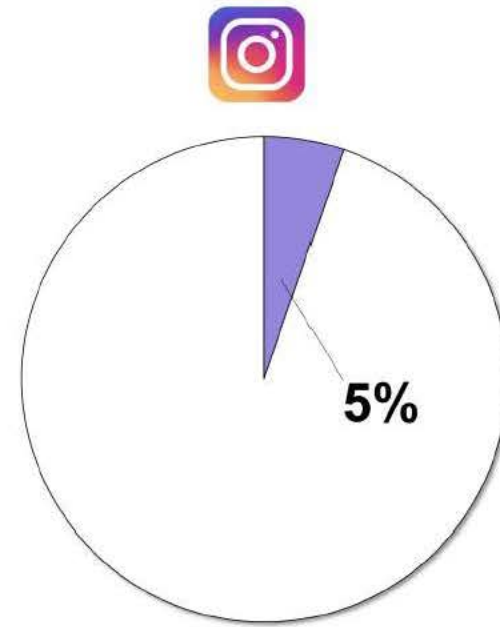
Facebook and Instagram Are Firmly Grounded in Friends and Family U

Daily Active Reels Users Not Using Feed or Stories

April 24-30, 2022, United States



Facebook



Instagram

Note: Feed use defined as at least 30 seconds on Feed.

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 656-659, Appendix Exs. C-45, C-47.

Competition Is Not Symmetric: Price Discrimination



Privacy Policy

Here's the information we collect:

Your activity and information you provide >

Friends, followers and other connections >

App, browser and device information >

Information from partners, vendors and other third parties >

Meta Privacy Policy
(Last accessed Mar. 7, 2025)



“Types of content, including ads, you view or interact with, and how you interact with it”

“Apps and features you use, and various actions you take in them”

“The time, frequency and duration of your activities on our Products”

Competition Is Not Symmetric: Price Discrimination

Introducing “SALT” (Smart Ad Load Techniques)

	Technique	Technique Description	FB Status	IG Status
Personalized Ad Load	Sensitivity-based	Personalize ad load based on users' sensitivity towards ads (how much do we expect a user's topline organic metrics to regress if we increase their ad load) as predicted by an ads sensitivity model we trained and built. e.g. Decrease ad load for users who are very sensitive to ads and increase ad load for users who are less sensitive to ads.	FB found UDV to be strongly correlated with user ad sensitivity so implemented a version of sensitivity-based adload using UDV (see next row). We are continually looking into other user signals (e.g. ad engagement, content consumption, etc) that we can use to predict ad-sensitivity.	Launched engagement-positive version for Feed in Apr'20 to win back organic impressions and Feed TS while keeping EBR neutral. Revenue-positive versions are in testing for Feed.

“Personalize ad load based on users’ sensitivity towards ads (how much do we expect a user’s topline organic metrics to regress if we increase their ad load)”

Meta Document: “Introducing ‘SALT’ (Smart Ad Load Techniques)” (2020)

1.2 – Economic Evidence of Monopoly Power

Economic Evidence of Monopoly Power

- **Direct evidence** focuses on the features and conduct of the firm itself. It includes evidence of persistent high profitability and profitable increases in price or reductions in quality.
- **Indirect evidence** evaluates a firm's competitive significance within a well defined relevant antitrust market. Persistently high share in a relevant anti market, protected by barriers to entry and expansion, indicates monopoly power.

1.2 (A) – Relevant Market: Personal Social Networking Services in United States

Market Definition: Hypothetical Monopolist Test

- **Approach:**

- Start with a candidate market and consider a “hypothetical monopolist”: a single firm with control of all producers of the product
- Ask: would the hypothetical monopolist profitably set lower quality, compared to the nearest quality level of competition
- Use the best available qualitative and quantitative evidence to evaluate this question

- **Here:**

- Would a single firm controlling Facebook, Instagram, and other PSN apps profitably set a lower quality, compared to competition

Relevant Market: Personal Social Networking Services in the United States

- **Nature of the product:** online means for people to connect and maintain relationships with friends, family, and other personal connections in a shared social space (“friends and family sharing”)
- **Market participants:** apps (“PSN apps”) that have core use and functionality for maintaining relationships and sharing with friends, family, and personal connections in a shared social space
- **Geographic scope:** United States

Notable Characteristics of PSN Apps

- **Core Use** for sharing and maintaining relationships with friends and family
shared social space
- **Core Functionality**
 - Social graph connecting users to friends and family
 - Shared social space (e.g., feed) used for sharing with friends and family

Core Use: Ordinary Course Recognition



“Family and Friends is our core use case and the one that has contributed most to our core social assets.”

Meta Presentation: FB App Leadership Mtg
(Mar. 28, 2019)



“IG is first and foremost about connecting with friends and family”

Meta Document: Checkout Press Narrative
(Mar. 18, 2019)



“We used this framework called jobs to be done where you try to figure out what job effectively is your product serving for your customer. You try to make it better at that.”

Keith Coleman Trial Testimony
(Apr. 28, 2025)



“Q. Today, what is the core use case of YouTube?
A. The core use case of YouTube is watching video.”

Aaron Filner Trial Testimony
(Apr. 17, 2025)

Market Definition: PSN Apps

Leading PSN Apps



Facebook



Instagram



Snapchat

Smaller and Foreign Apps



Defunct Apps



PSN Apps Serve Distinct Demand for Friends and Family Sharing

	Core Use for Friends and Family Sharing	Social Graph of Friends and Family	Shared Social Space for Friends and Family Sharing
	Yes - “Family and Friends is our core use case and the one that has contributed most to our core social assets.” [1]	Yes – “[W]e should continue to leverage social graph (e.g., family and friends, community) as FB’s superpower” [2]	Yes - “From Home, you can see what your connections are Feed and in Stories” [3]
	Yes - “IG is first and foremost about connecting with friends and family” [4]	Yes - “[T]he social graph on Instagram . . . would be referring to the accounts that you follow I do think that would probably be a subset of all of your actual relationships in real life.” [5]	Yes – “Feed and Stories are where people want to see content from their friends, family, and those who are closest to.” [6]
	Yes - “When you have a minute in your day and are curious about what your friends are up to, you can jump into their experience.” [7]	Yes – “Q. Does Snapchat have a social graph? A. Yes. Q. Has Snapchat always had a social graph? A. Yes.” [8]	Yes – Snap developed Stories “we heard from our community that they wanted a way to communicate with their friends at once.” [9]
	Yes [10]	Yes [11]	Yes [12]

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 206, 207, 209, 235, 269, 275, 280, 290, 292, 317, 319; [1] PX3006 at -008; [2] PX3007 at -002; [3] PX0797 at -006; [4] PX3005 at -001; [5] Mosseri Dep. Tr. (Mar. 29, 2023) at 256:16-257:13; [6] PX12542 at -003; [7] Ellis Hamburger, Snapchat’s Next Big Thing: ‘Stories’ That Don’t Disappear, THE VERGE (October 3, 2013); [8] Andreou Dep. Tr. (May 3, 2023) at 181:18-183:2; [9] Andreou Dep. Tr. (May 3, 2023) at 196:11-198:5; [10] Weinstein Dep. Tr. (Apr. 28, 2023) at 365:17-365:18; [11] Weinstein Dep. Tr. (Apr. 28, 2023) at 273:5-273:22; [12] Weinstein Dep. Tr. (Apr. 28, 2023) at 276:19-277:21.

Other Social Media Apps Are Not Reasonable Substitutes

Other social media apps lack core use and functionality for friends and family sharing

1. No norm and use for personal sharing; actively contrary norms
2. No social graph of friends and family
3. No shared social space used for friends and family sharing

Entertainment Consumption Apps



YouTube



TikTok



Twitch

Interest-Based Network Apps



X (Twitter)



Reddit



Pinterest

Specialized Social Networking Apps



LinkedIn



Nextdoor



StumbleUpon

Substitutability Depends on Core Use



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

YouTube Document: "[REDACTED] post mortem for YT 2022"
(Nov. 2022)



"Lots of people use Twitter. It's very public. And I think it – that serves a purpose really well. That makes it a good place to see what's happening in the world [T]hat **model is probably a large reason why people don't use it to see what their friends and family are doing** because for that they might want a more private space."

Keith Coleman (Twitter/X) Testimony
(May 16, 2023)



"Interest-centric platforms like Reddit and Twitter face the challenge that their communities are often **built around pseudonymity, so unclear on fit with coexistence of friends at scale.**"

Email from Meta Employee to Testimony
(July 2022)

Substitutability Depends on Core Use



“Q. And it may not be easy for a social network like LinkedIn that is primarily used for professional interactions to convince users to start thinking of LinkedIn as a place to post personal updates, photos and videos. . . . Is that an accurate statement?

A. Yes.”

Kumaresh Pattabiraman (LinkedIn)
(Apr. 28, 2025)



“Q. Based on your experience of Strava, do users share non-fitness related content on Strava?”

A. I haven't really seen that to be the case. . . .

Q. Do users typically post -- typically use Strava to share baby pictures?

A. Only if the baby is in a stroller during a run. . . .

Q. Why not?

A. At the end of the day, the atomic unit of Strava is the activity, so it's all about fitness. And while you can post other stuff, it just doesn't seem as relevant as -- again, a run with a baby is very interesting.”

Mateo Ortega (Strava) Trial
(Apr. 28, 2025)



YouTube: Not a Reasonable Substitute



Aaron Filner (YouTube)
Trial Testimony
(Apr. 17, 2025)

“Q. Today, what is the core use case of YouTube?”

A. The core use case of YouTube is watching video.”

“Q. And does YouTube facilitate connection with friends and family as a part of its service?”

A. It’s not its focus. You can subscribe to anyone who has a channel, and those people may know each other, but that would be incidental.”

“Q. And does YouTube have a social graph based on friend and family connections?”

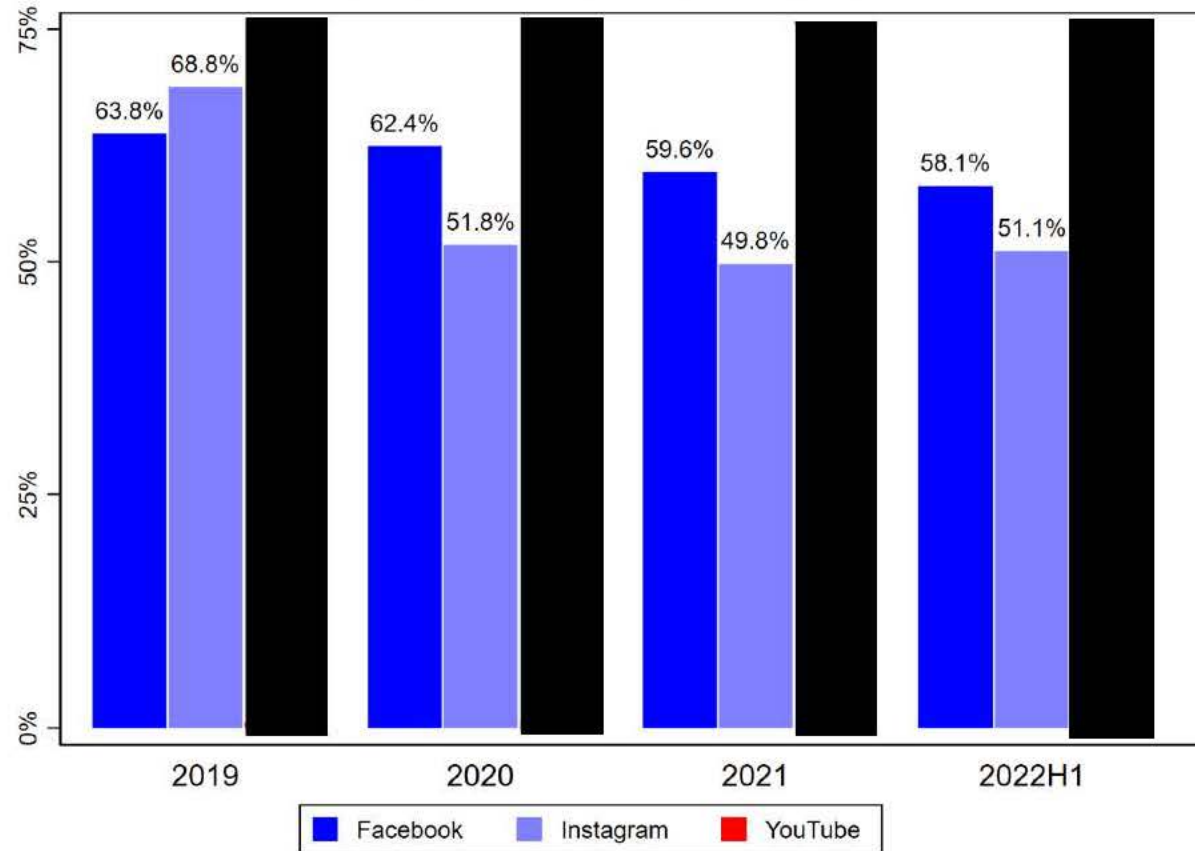
A. It does not.”



YouTube: Not a Reasonable Substitute

Share of Monthly Active Users That Post

January 2019 – June 2022, United States



Note: January 2019 – June 2022 (Facebook and Instagram), July 2019 – June 2022 (YouTube), United States.
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 524, Ex. 28.



TikTok: Not a Reasonable Substitute



Adam Presser (TikTok)
Trial Testimony
(Apr. 30, 2025)

“Q. Why do TikTok’s users use its product?

A. I think our users use the product because they find it to be a **very entertaining, enriching, enlivening experience**. Ultimately everything we do is to create that joyful, creative experience.”

“Q. Is it still the case today, as we sit here, as it was in 2024 that in your view Facebook and Instagram are focused on users’ interactions with existing friends and family, whereas TikTok differs from them in that respect?

A. Yes.”

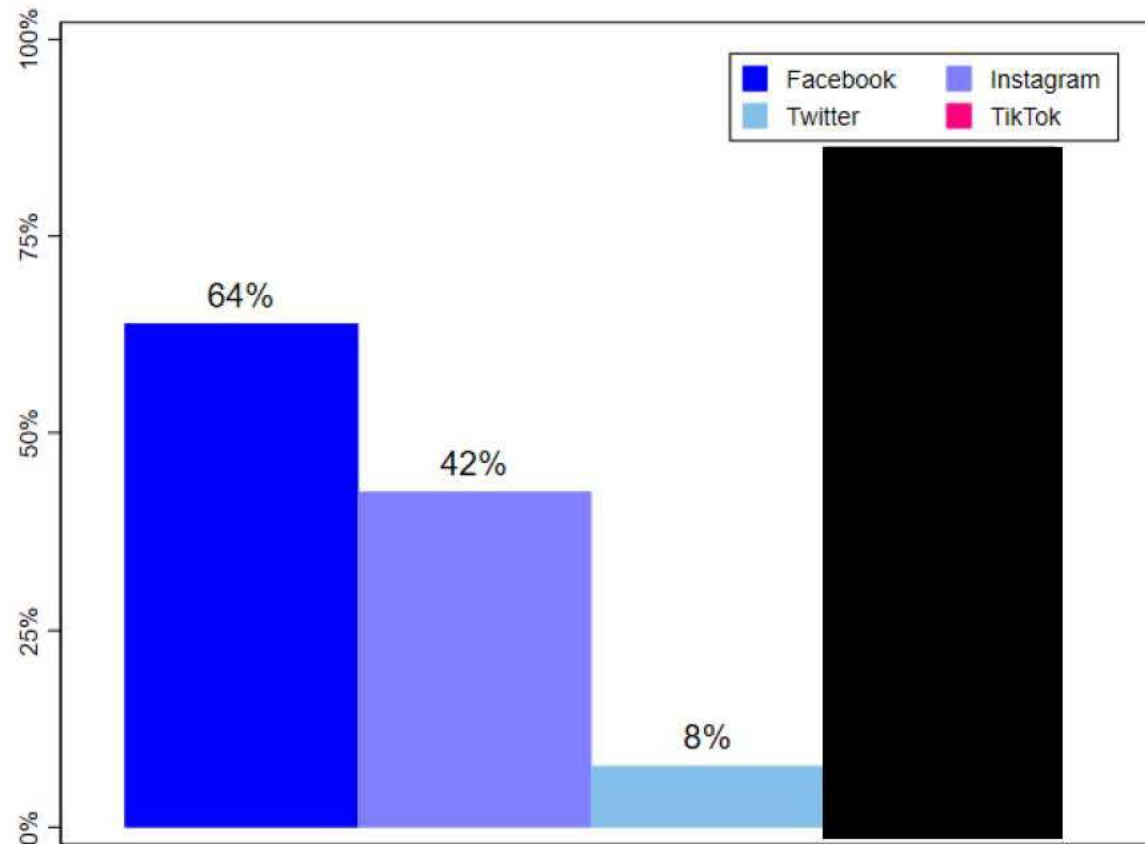
“Q. What features do you have in mind as core differentiated features that distinguish TikTok from Facebook and Instagram?

A. I think **TikTok has really been built on the concept of a content graph interest graph**. So a user will experience essentially their portfolio of interest in content. . . . I think of Instagram and Facebook as really being built on the social graph, which is really essentially having the foundation be the network of contacts or people that you know, and then content is essentially built on top of that.”



TikTok: Not a Reasonable Substitute

Share of Friends (or Reciprocal Connections) in Total Connections
January 2022 to June 2022, United States

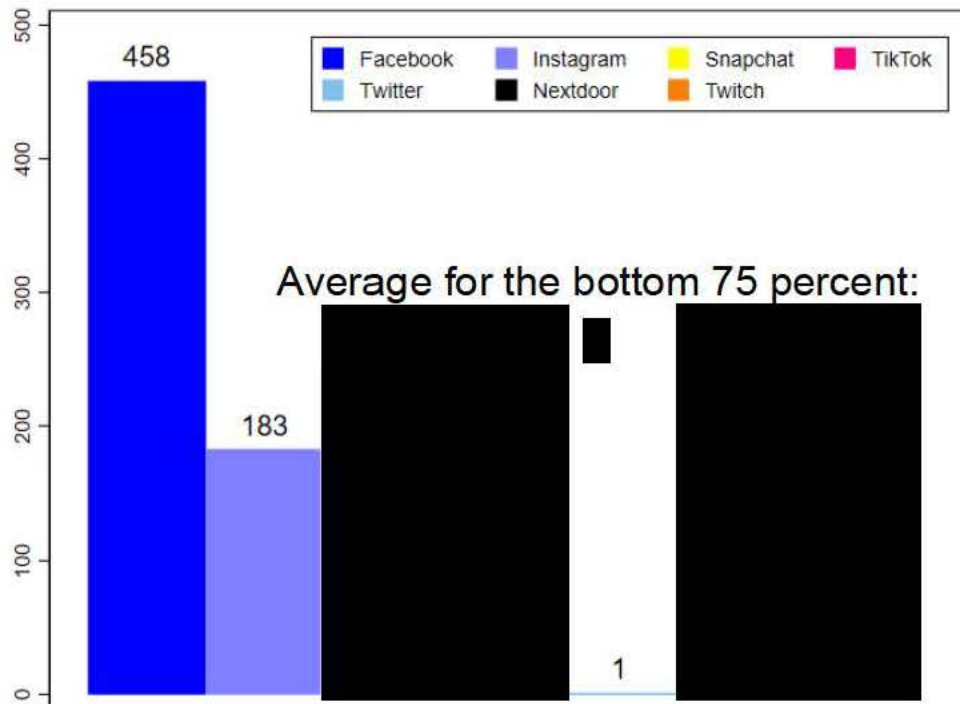


Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 21.



TikTok: Not a Reasonable Substitute

Average Number of Friends (or Reciprocal Connections) Per User
January 2022 to June 2022, United States



Reciprocal Connections: Facebook and Instagram as Multiple TikTok

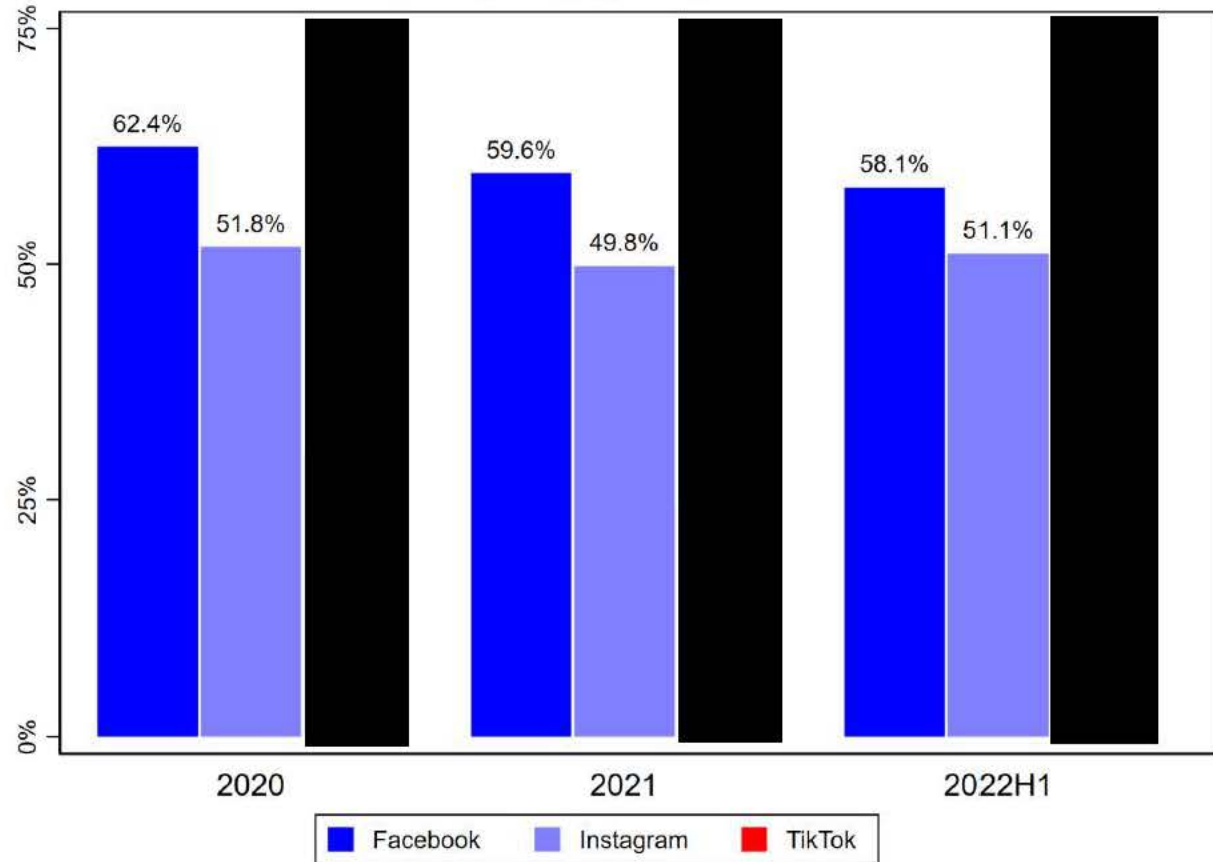
		2025
Facebook		15 x
Instagram		4 x

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 548, Ex. 20; Presser Trial Tr. (Apr. 30, 2025) at 57:16-19.



TikTok: Not a Reasonable Substitute

Share of Monthly Active Users That Post
Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 29.



TikTok: Not a Reasonable Substitute

Engagement on TikTok by Surface

United States, April 2023

Watch Time

Likes

Comments



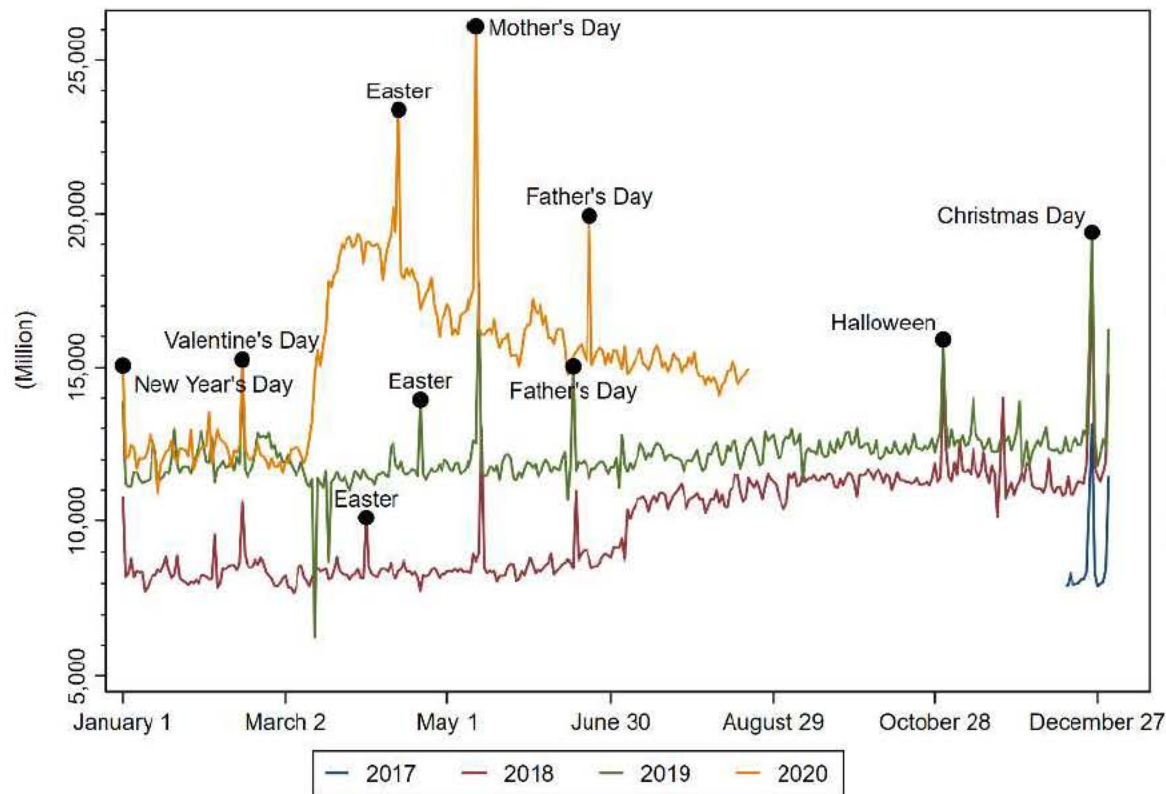
■ For You Page ■ Follow Page ■ Friends Tab

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 547; TIKTOK-SD-00000022.

PSN Apps See Spike in Usage on Friends and Family Holidays

Facebook Meaningful Social Interaction Score (Excluding Messages)

Daily data for December 15, 2017 to August 19, 2020, United States



Cultural Moments on Snapchat

Cultural moments provide us with a unique growth opportunity to allow us to connect with our users and celebrate their culture.

Natural Conversation Starters

Holidays give users a reason to connect with friends and family.

Meeting Users Where They are in Their Life

We see organic engagement and DAU uplifts during important cultural moments.

Unique

Snapchat personal celebration

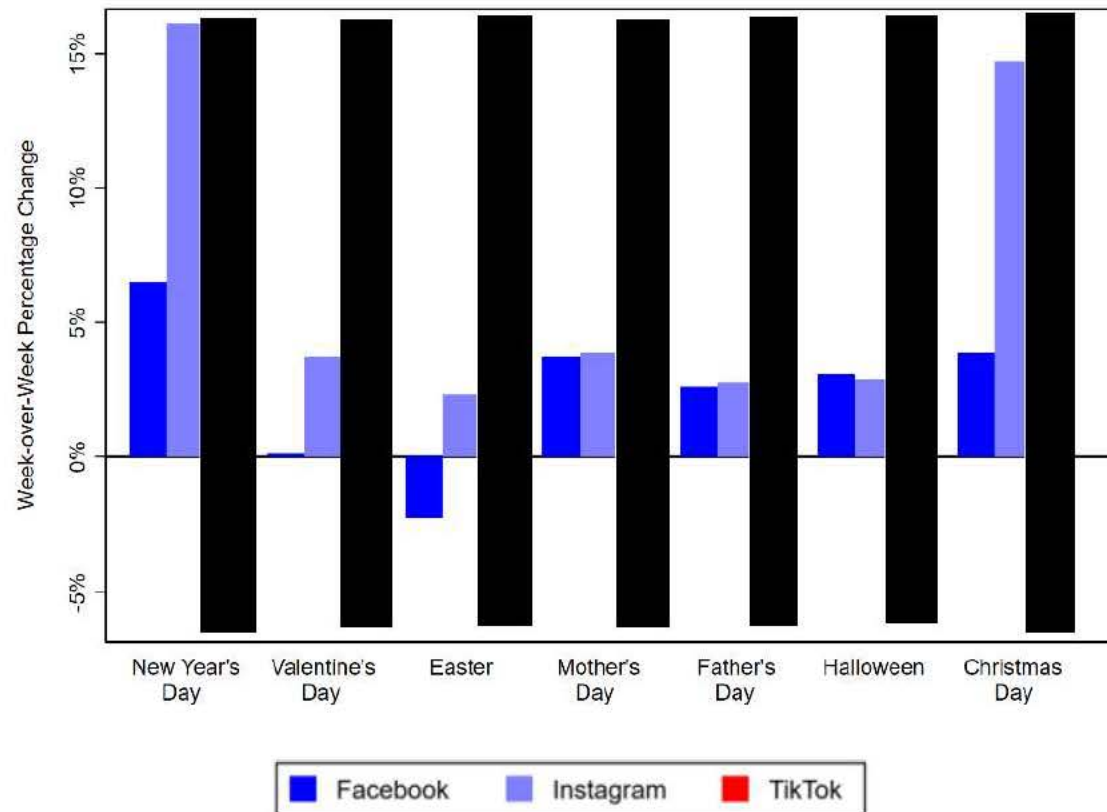
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Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 18; PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at ¶ 326; PX7094 at -079.



TikTok: Not a Reasonable Substitute

Week-over-Week Changes in Time Spent on Friends and Family Holidays
Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok



Note: Data spans various years for each platform.
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 30.

Other Apps Lack Core Use and Functionality for Friends and Family Sh

	Core Use?	Social Graph?	Shared Social Space?
Specialized Social Networking Apps	Specialized Social Networking	Social Graphs of Specialized Connections	Broadcast Sharing of Specialized Content
Interest-Based Network Apps	Interests	Interest Graphs	Public Sharing of Interest Content
Entertainment Consumption Apps	Entertainment	Content Graphs	Public Streams of Video Content

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at § 3.2.2.4.

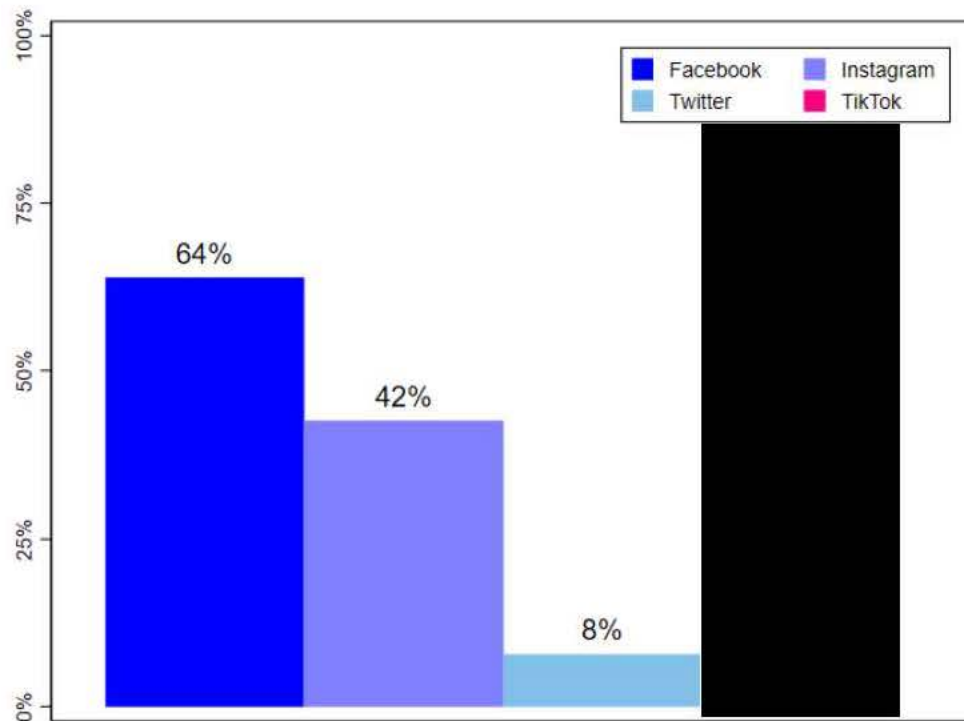
Other Apps Lack Core Use and Functionality for Friends and Family Sharing

		Core Use of Friends and Family Sharing?	Social Graph of Friends and Family?	Shared Social Space for B Sharing with Friends and Family?
Specialized Social Networking Apps	LinkedIn	Professional Social Networking	No – Professional Connections	No – Feed of Professional Content
	Nextdoor	Proximity-based Social Networking	No – Neighbors in a Local Neighborhood	No – Feed of Local Content
	Strava	Fitness Social Networking	No – Athletes	No – Feed of Athletic Activity
Interest-Based Network Apps	Twitter	Public Discussion	No – Public Figures Following	No – Public Town Square
	Reddit	Community Conversations	No – Anonymous Subreddits	No – Public Discussion Forum
	Pinterest	Visual Discovery	No – Taste Graph	No – Virtual Pin Board
Entertainment Consumption Apps	YouTube	Video Entertainment	No social graph	No – Public Video Publishing
	TikTok	Video Entertainment	No – Content Graph	No – “For You” Public Video Feed
	Twitch	Live Video Entertainment	No social graph	No – Public Video Stream

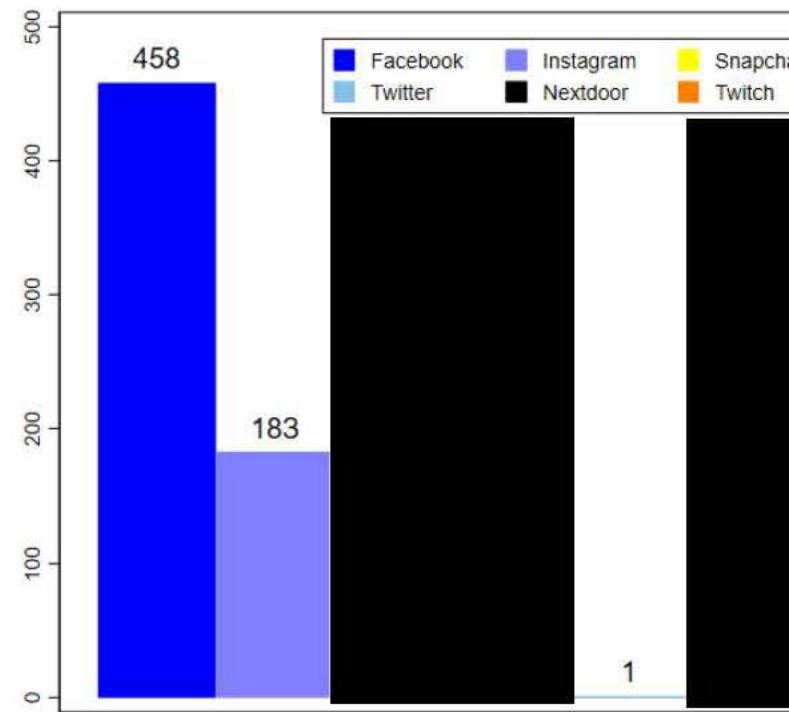
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at § 3.2.2.4; see Appendix A for citations.

Other Apps Lack Core Use for Friends and Family Sharing: Reciprocal Connections

Share of Friends (or Reciprocal Connections) in Total Connections
January 2022 to June 2022, United States



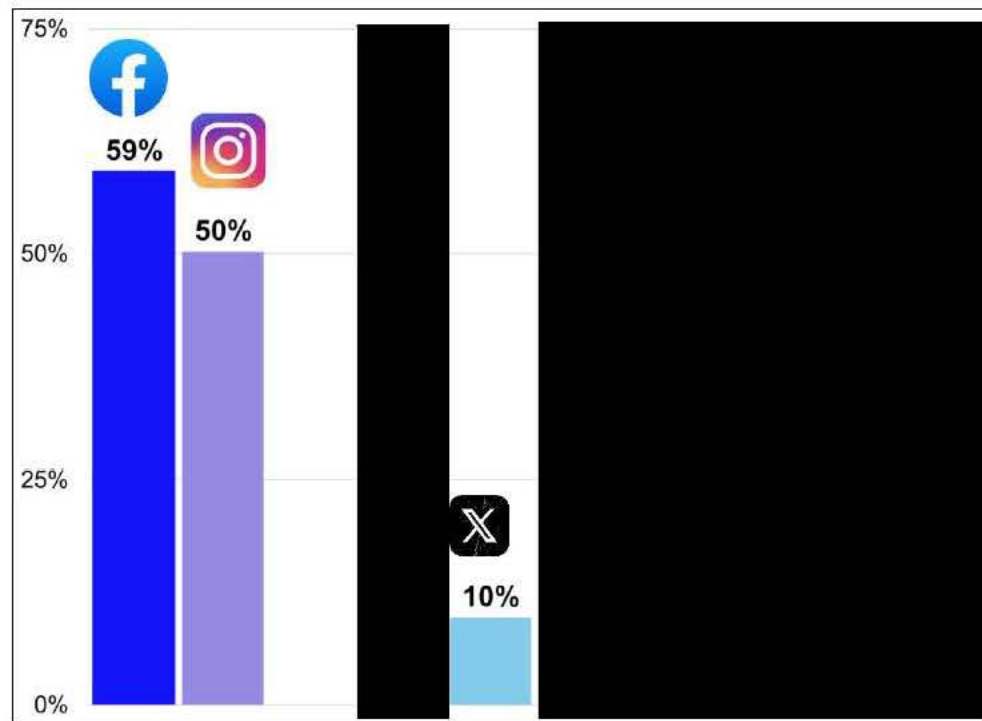
Average Number of Friends (or Reciprocal Connections)
January 2022 to June 2022, United States



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 20, 21.

Other Apps Lack Core Use for Friends and Family Sharing: Posting Participation

Share of Monthly Active Users that Post
PSN and Non-PSN Apps
January 2021 – June 2022, United States

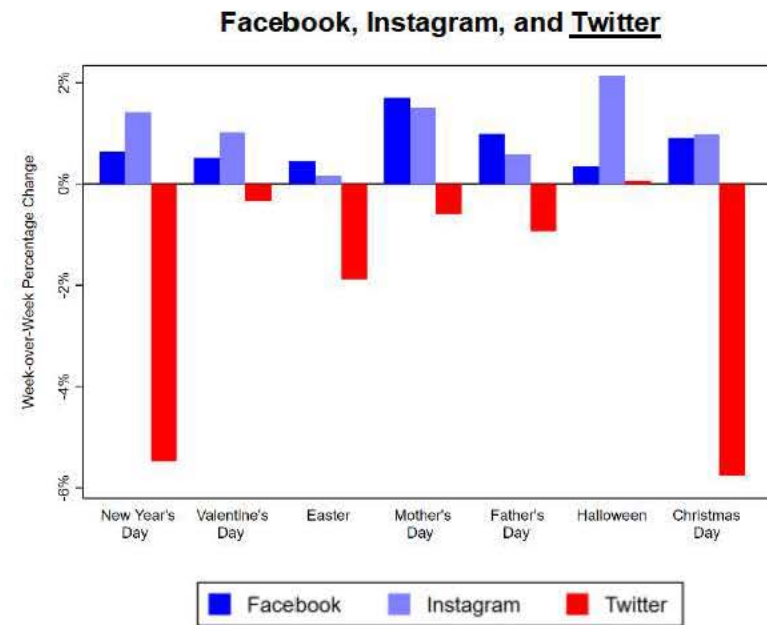
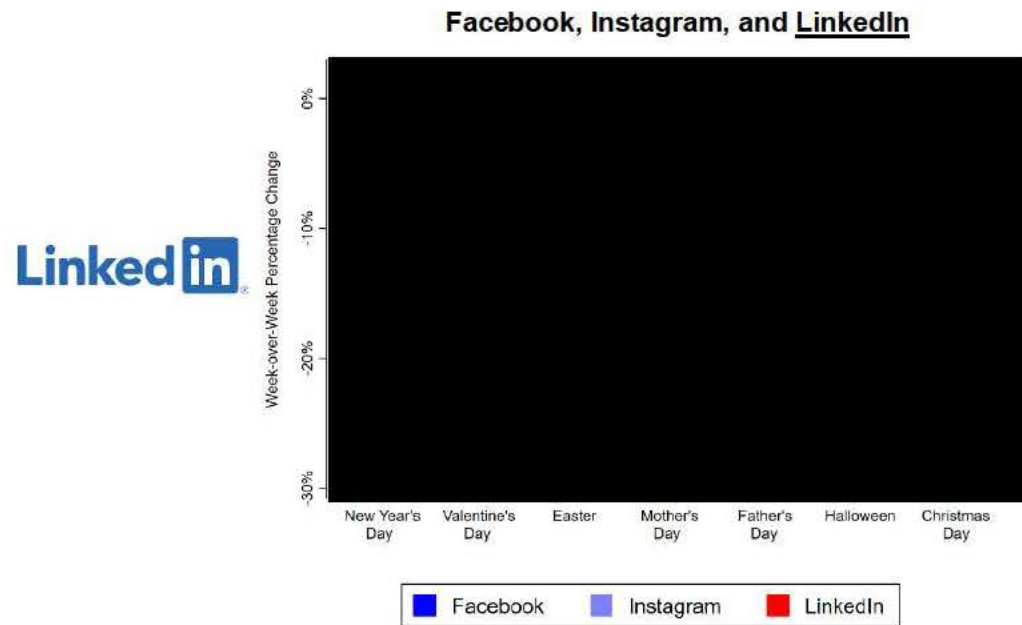


Note: Data for LinkedIn is worldwide.

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 22; DX1307 at 37.

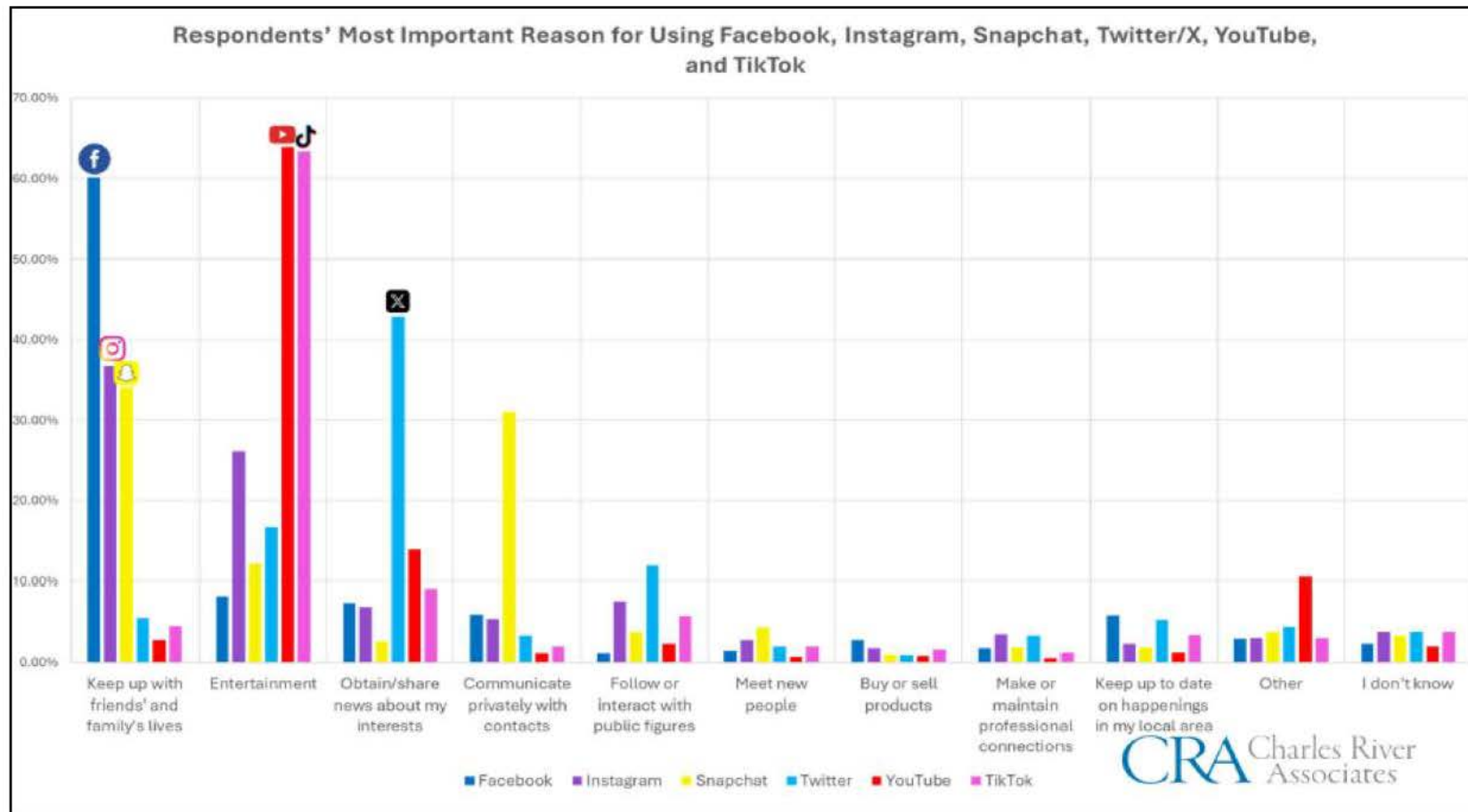
Other Apps Lack Core Use for Friends and Family Sharing: Holiday Usage

Week-over-Week Changes in Daily Active Users on Friends and Family Holidays



Note: Data spans various years for each platform.
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 23, 25.

Surveys Indicate Distinct Core Uses: PSN Apps vs. Other Apps



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 468, 527, 554; PX9006 (Malkiewicz Report) at Schedule 4.

Mobile Messengers Are Not Reasonable Substitutes

Mobile messengers are a distinct product offering, serving a distinct form of demand:

1. Private messaging of one-to-one and one-to-few
2. Direct immediate communication
3. Different contacts



Facebook
Messenger



WhatsApp



iMessage



Google
Messages



Signal

Mobile Messengers Are Designed and Used for Private Communication

	Core Use	Social Graph?	Shared Social Space?
Mobile Messengers	Private Communication	Contact Lists Rather Than a Social Graph of Connections Between Users	Limited or No Feed or Broadcast Capabilities



Ronak Shah (Apple)
Trial Testimony
(Apr. 29, 2025)

“Q. Are you aware of Apple ever offering . . . this sort of broadcast feature or feed function to its Messages application in the past?

A. No

Q. Does Apple build its Messaging product around a social graph?

A. No.

Q. Why hasn't Apple built its Messaging product around a social graph?

A. Messages isn't about . . . discovering new people. It's about communicating with the people that are in your life that you know, and so we've been focused on making that a great experience, not on user discovery or a social graph.”

Mobile Messengers Are Designed and Used for Private Communication



Will Cathcart
Trial Testimony
(May 7, 2025)

- “Q. Over 90 percent of messages sent on WhatsApp are sent between one WhatsApp user and one other WhatsApp user, correct?
- A. Roughly, yes.
- Q. Those types of communications are called one-to-one messages, right?
- A. Yes.”



Javier Olivan
Trial Testimony
(Apr. 29, 2025)

- “Q. And you recognize that in a way, the difference [between Facebook Blue and WhatsApp] was only ranking?
- A. No. I mean, that’s not quite true. . . . [I]t doesn’t do profiles with rich information. It doesn’t do things like Marketplace. It does do at the time things like status or like really broadcast. . . . There was no way to add friends inside WhatsApp other than you had to add a contact in your address book to be available.”

PSN Apps and Mobile Messengers Serve Distinct Demand



Facebook/WhatsApp
Responses to EC Questions
Regarding WhatsApp
Transaction (2014)



Matthew Leske
(Google) Testimony
(Apr. 21, 2023)

“From a user’s perspective, a social networking service is not a substitute for a consumer communications service (or vice versa). Users of consumer communications services want to exchange urgent messages with a specific recipient or a small group of their inner circle.”

“Q. Did you consider the services offered by **Hangouts** to be different than the services offered through **Google+**?

A. Yes.

Q. In what ways were they different?

A. **The fundamental value proposition** for an end user for Hangouts was **ability to message specific people.**

“So the fundamental promise for a messaging platform to the end user sending a message, is that message will get delivered to that end user or fail. We don’t make that same promise for what we would call a social networking product in Google+ at that time.”

PSN Apps and Mobile Messengers Serve Distinct Demand



Javier Olivan
Trial Testimony
(Apr. 29, 2025)

“Q. You consider messaging and sharing via an app like Facebook to be related but **offering different values for users**, right?

A. **Yes.**”

“Q. For certain types of things, it’s more efficient to share them on Facebook than with friends in your experience?

A. I think **if I wanted to announce that I just bought a new dog to all my friends and everybody I know, Facebook is very effective**. I post it on my time, and it will show on the feeds of everyone that is my friends and can see about my content.”



Chris Daniels
VP of WhatsApp
Testimony
(Jan. 19, 2023)

“Q. Did the WhatsApp and Facebook team have different guiding principles?

A. I don’t know if the guiding principles were different. The implementation was different. I mean, **WhatsApp and Facebook are, like, very different things**. So what – like, Facebook is a social network where people are posting all sorts of content that they want their friends and potentially as many people as possible to see. And WhatsApp is a messaging app. So I think the privacy philosophies, yeah, **I do think they’re quite different, because they’re completely different user experiences with different intentions by the users when they post.**”

Mobile Messengers Are Not Suited for Friends and Family Broadcast Sharing



Jacob Andreou (Snap) Testimony
(May 3, 2023)

“Q. So today why might a user choose to create a story rather than send the same content as a Snap?

A. . . . Our users often use Stories as a much more subtle way to kind of get this message that they have created with the Snap in front of a large group of people. And it invites the people that care enough to reply to reply, but they go to reply privately in a one-to-one basis. **Whereas if they were to do this in a group chat, everyone would be subjected to a push. Everyone would come into the chat. And then like the one person who has a response would say something, and it would be very unusual for the other 98 people to be watching this exchange from the sidelines.**”



Dan Rose (Meta) Testimony
(Mar. 9, 2023)

“Facebook Messenger was designed for people to communicate with their friends on Facebook. So that was a different group that you could message using WhatsApp. For example, **you might have your plumber in your address book on your phone, but you might not be friends with your plumber on Facebook.**”

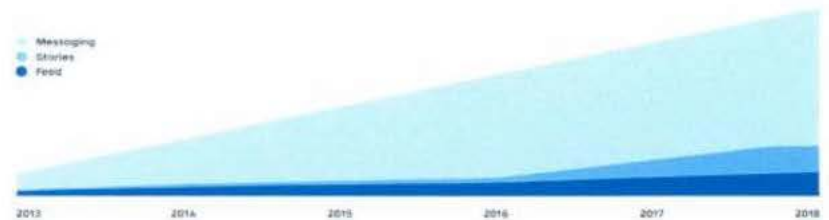
Meta Claim: “Friends and Family Broadcast Sharing Is Shifting to Messaging”

The world is shifting to Messaging First

Public sharing will always be very important, but people increasingly want to share privately.



The trend is that people are spending more time in messaging apps than in feed apps.



Time spent is driven by growth in private conversations and private sharing. Growth of images shared privately vs. publicly, shown above.

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Meta Board Presentation: “Messaging” (Feb. 13, 2020)

Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal Report) at ¶¶ 303-307; DX-652 at p.6.

Meta Views Messaging as Complementary to Friends and Family Broadcast Sharing



Email from [REDACTED] to Peter Deng (Apr. 26, 2012)

“By providing the best private communication channel where people choose to share the important news in their life first, we can make it very easy to share that content with all your friends when you’re ready. **Mobile messaging can be made the ultimate entry point for the larger Facebook experience.**”

Understanding
Content Anchored
Conversations



“Messaging and friend broadcast sharing are often closely integrated, signaling **both play complementary roles in friend focused conversations.**”

Meta Market Strategy Presentation
(July 19, 2018)



Will Cathcart Trial Testimony
(May 7, 2025)

“Q. And it shows images shared on messaging growing from 2013 to 2018, correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And it also shows image shares on Stories and Feed growing from 2013 to 2018, correct?

A. Yes.

Q. What that means is that public broadcast sharing and private messaging can contribute to the use of one another, right?

A. Yes. . . .”

Meta Views Messaging as Complementary to Friends and Family Broad Sharing



“FB and WA are complementary One Feed app and one messaging app can win.”

Email from Naomi Gleit to Alex Schultz, Javier Olivan, et al.
(Jan. 28, 2020)



Mark Zuckerberg

“There are many countries where WhatsApp is the leading messaging service and Facebook is the leading social network”

Email from Mark Zuckerberg to Chris Cox and Alex Schultz
(Feb. 14, 2020)



Javier Olivan

“Q. In your experience, feed-based consumption services like Facebook, Blue and Instagram kind of coexist with messaging services, right?”

A . Yes. That’s what we have seen.”

Javier Olivan Trial Testimony
(Apr. 29, 2025)

Meta Has Referenced Increase in Private Sharing for Years



“Direct has grown to insane heights over the past couple years in terms of MAP and sends.”

Email from Kevin Systrom to Ad...
(A...)



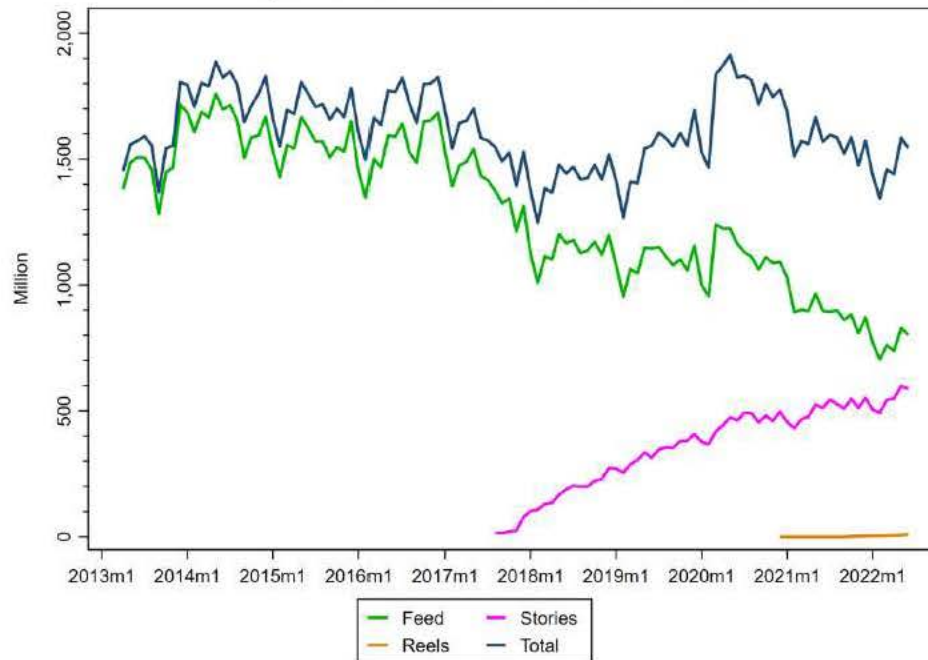
“Public sharing will always be very important, but people increasingly want to share privately.”

Meta Board Presentation: “Messaging” (Feb.)

Broadcast Sharing Has Remained Robust Over the Last Decade

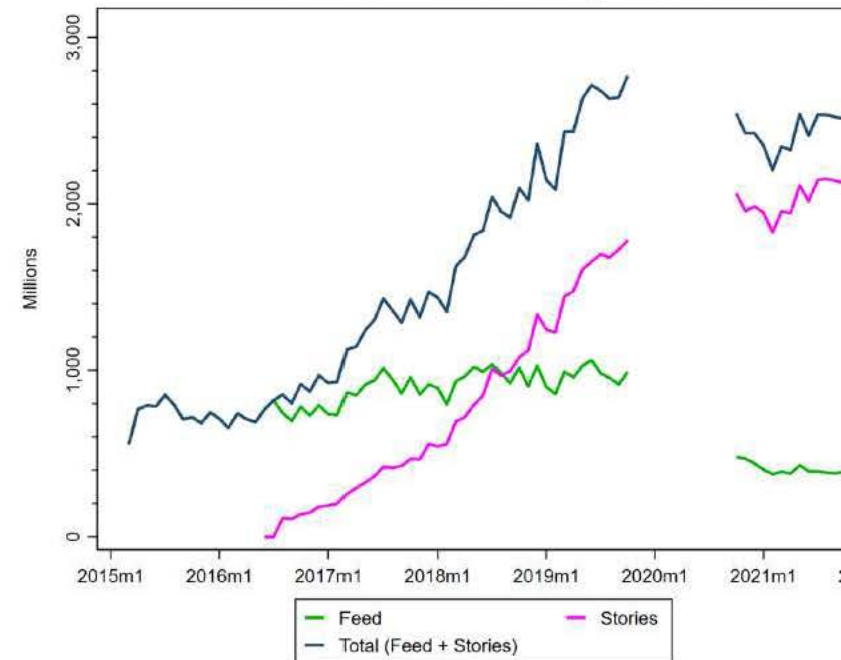
Facebook Original Broadcast Post Sessions

April 2013 – June 2022, United States



Instagram Feed and Stories Posts

March 2015 – June 2022, United States



Note: Instagram feed data for the United States are unavailable in the period December 2019 through August 2020, and incomplete in November 2019 and September 2020.

Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal Report) at Exs. 7, 8.

1.2 (B) – Import of Other Activities

Other Activities: Not a Unique Circumstance



***United States v. Google
LLC (2023)***



***Federal Trade
Commission v.
Sysco Corp. (2015)***



***Federal Trade
Commission v. W
Foods Market, Inc.***



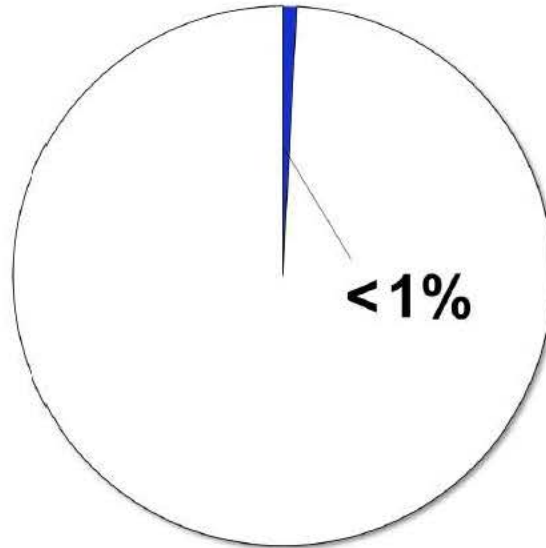
Other Apps Have Not Constrained Meta's Exercise of Monopoly Power

1. Facebook and Instagram are firmly grounded in friends and family sharing.
2. Other apps are not substitutes for friends and family sharing.
3. Direct evidence confirms that other apps do not discipline Meta's exercise of monopoly power.

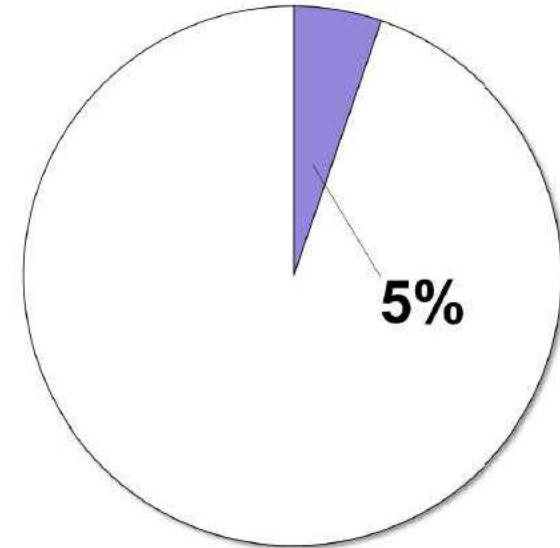
Facebook and Instagram Are Firmly Grounded in Friends and Family U

Daily Active Reels Users Not Using Feed or Stories

April 24 - 30, 2022, United States



Facebook



Instagram

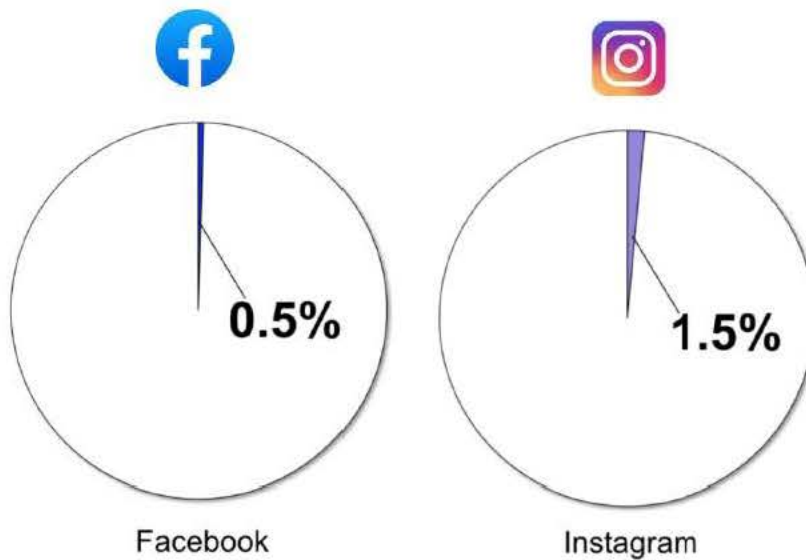
Note: Feed use defined as at least 30 seconds on Feed.

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 656-659; Exs. C-40 to C-47.

Facebook and Instagram Are Firmly Grounded in Friends and Family U

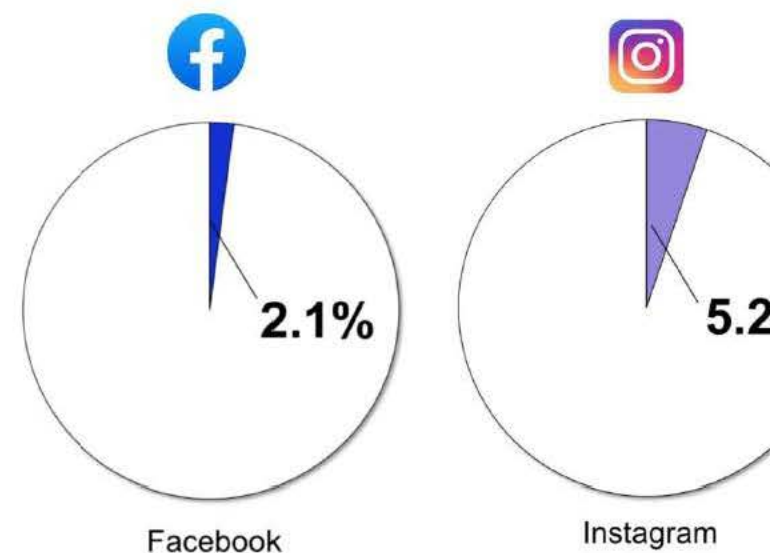
Active Users Without Friends or Accounts Followed

April 24 - 30, 2022, United States



Active Users With 10 or Fewer Friends or Account

April 24 - 30, 2022, United States



Note: The percentage of active users without friends or accounts followed reflect the fraction of user-days without friends or account followed. The data includes for which information on user demographics, time spent, and ad impressions is available, and time spent is not zero.

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 61, 63.

Facebook and Instagram Are Grounded in Friends and Family Sharing



This is a screenshot of a complex spreadsheet titled "Meta Long-Range Planning Spreadsheet (Sept. 2022)". It contains multiple columns and rows of data, likely representing various metrics and projections for Meta's platforms.

"Discovery Engine goals will be achieved primarily by **expanding the pie of Feed VPVs and not necessarily at the cost of Friends and Family content distribution.**"

Meta Long-Range Planning Spreadsheet (Sept. 2022)



"**Lesson: Recs should not displace friends and family content** . . . Today, recommendations on IG are displacing valuable connected content. We will establish strict regression budgets to protect it, especially if it comes from friends and family."

Instagram Presentation on Recommendations (Aug. 2022)

[x1] Analytics Outline: MZ IG Deep Dive - 100%

Section 1: App Overview

Current Top-Matter

	Meta	IG
Discovery		
Feed		
Stories		
Reels		
Direct		
Search		
Shopping		
Live		
Video		
Audio		
AR		
VR		
AI		
Security		
Privacy		
Compliance		
Legal		
Public Affairs		
Partnerships		
Marketing		
Brand		
HR		
Finance		
Operations		
Infrastructure		
Product		
Engineering		
Design		
UX		
Research		
Analytics		
Reporting		
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Partners		
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Local		
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Country		
City		
Neighborhood		
Street		
Block		
Apartment		
House		
Building		
Complex		
Area		
Zone		
District		
County		
State		
Nation		
World		

"The two main jobs that people hire Instagram for are catching up with friends and being entertained. **Our friend use case remains resilient**, driven by healthy growth in Direct & Stories."

"**Friend content is sticky and increasing in share of overall consumption on IG**, with Stories being the destination for consuming content from friends."

Meta Document: "MZ IG Deep Dive" (Oct. 25, 2022)

Video and Other Formats Play a Distinct Role on PSN Apps



Mark Zuckerberg
CEO of Meta

“[T]here are some fundamental formats in social media like Feed, Stories, and now I think this Reels short-form video format, that **will take on different characteristics**. . . . [T]he kind of discussion that you might have in a feed on Twitter or on Pinterest are different from what you would do in Facebook or Instagram, even given a relatively similar format.”

Mark Zuckerberg, Meta Q4 2021 Earnings Call (Feb. 18, 2022), <https://www.meta.com/events/2022/02/18>.



Adam Mosseri
Head of Instagram

“**We’re going to bring your friends to the Reels tab on Instagram**. . . . So when you go to the Reels tab you’ll see a few friends in the right. And if you tap on that pill, you end up with a dedicated feed of Reels that your friends have liked **We’re doing this because we want Instagram to be not just a lean-back experience**, but a participatory one, a social one, one where you actually explore your interests with your friends.”

Adam Mosseri, Instagram Post (Jan. 17, 2025), https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE7eV_zxh.

Video and Other Formats Play a Distinct Role on PSN Apps



“On Facebook, consumers most want [to] interact with Reels from, and create reels for, close friends and family. . . . While it’s important to build unconnected ecosystem to meet users expectation for FB Reels, we should continue to leverage family and friend social graph as FB’s superpower to build differentiated Reels experience for users.”

Meta document: “Facebook Reels recommended target audience”
(Jan. 12, 2022)



“How do the entertainment and close friends jobs intersect? There is something magical that happens within the overlap of these two spaces -- instead of coming to Instagram to turn your mind off, which is a common mode on TikTok, people come to Instagram to participate and share. We believe the intersection of the entertainment and close friends jobs is the ultimate differentiator of our app.”

Meta document: “Instagram Differentiation”
(Mar. 29, 2022)

Meta's Other Activities Support Friends and Family Sharing



Adam Mosseri
Head of Instagram

“There are really two jobs: one, connecting you with friends; and two, helping you explore your interests **those two things are symbiotic . . . these things are about connecting with your friends over your interests . . .** it’s part of our core identity to connect people with friends, and we don’t want to undermine that”

Adam Mosseri, Instagram
(July 9, 2020)

Competition Is Not Symmetric: Meta Incorporated Other Activities into Friends and Family Social Networking Experience



Adam Presser (TikTok)
Trial Testimony
(Apr. 30, 2025)

TikTok Does Not Offer Friends & Family Sharing

“Q. Is it still the case today, as we sit here, as it was in 2024 that in your view, Facebook and Instagram are focused on users’ interactions with existing friends and family, whereas TikTok differs from them in that respect?

A. Yes.”

Meta Encroaches on TikTok’s “Turf”

“Q. I mean, given the fact that Meta launched an Instagram Reels view appears to look similar to TikTok think that Meta competes with TikTok by fast following or innovating?

A. I think it’s one of the ways that they compete with us. I think they have essentially looked at the product experience that we have offered that’s been recently successful, and have built a version of that into their existing product.”



TikTok: Not a Reasonable Substitute



Adam Presser
(TikTok)

“[U]sers use Facebook to connect and network with friends and acquaintances. TikTok is used as an entertainment platform. Users use it predominately to view, create, and share creative, humorous, or inspiring short video content.”

“Q. Since the friends tab was released in 2022, would you say that from TikTok’s perspective, it has been successful?”

A. No, not really.

Q. As you sit here today, do you have an estimate of the current percentage of video views or time spent that occur within the friends tab?

A. It’s also very miniscule, very, very small.

Q. How small if you had an estimate, sir?

A. About 1 percent.”

Presser Trial
(Apr. 30, 2025)

“Complete Replacement”: Google+ and Path



Q. “You would agree that **Google+** and Facebook competed head to head to address a friends sharing use case in 2011; right?

A. Yeah, I mean, I think even more broadly than that . . . [T]hey also had a lot of different features and were launching a lot of different features for people to share and kind of connect in all different kinds of ways . . . I think that they really were trying to be a **complete replacement** for everything we were doing with Facebook.”



Q. “You would agree that **Path** had a social graph that was focused on close friends sharing; right?

A. Yes.

Q. And you would agree that during the time period of early 2012, **Path, Google+, and the Facebook application all competed to offer United States users the use case of online sharing with friends**; right?

A. Yes.”



Mark

Mark Zuckerberg Trial Testimony
(Apr. 14, 2025)

1.2 (C) – Direct Evidence of Monopoly Power

Direct Evidence of Monopoly Power

1. **Sustained high profits:** Meta has earned persistently high profits
2. **Ad load:** Meta exercises substantial market power over users in setting ad load
3. **Price discrimination:** Meta targets inelastic demand
4. **Quality:** Meta has allowed quality to decline
5. **Cambridge Analytica:** User responses show lack of alternatives

Meta Revenue and Income Are High and Increasing

Dollars in billions	2024	Q1 2025
Family of Apps Advertising Revenue	\$160.6	\$41.4
Cost of Revenue (firm-wide)	\$30.2	\$7.6
Gross Profit	\$130.5	\$33.8
<i>Gross Margin</i>	<i>81.2%</i>	<i>81.7%</i>
Family of Apps Income from Operations	\$87.1	\$21.8
<i>Operating Margin</i>	<i>54.2%</i>	<i>52.6%</i>

Note: Meta's Forms 10-K and 10-Q do not report cost of revenue for Family of Apps specifically. The table above shows Meta's firm-wide cost of revenue. Q1 2025 firm-wide revenue of \$42.3 billion reflects an increase of 16% compared to Q1 2024, attributed to an increase in advertising revenue. Source: PX0715 at -61, -75, -87, -101; Meta Q1 2025 Form 10-Q at 6-7, 13, 26, 28, 37-40.

Meta Has Earned Sustained High Profits



Kevin Hearle (FTC)
Trial Testimony
(Apr. 24, 2025)

“Q. So comparing Meta’s internal rate of return to its cost of capital, what did you determine about Meta’s profits?
A. I concluded that Meta has been highly profitable as an enterprise since its inception.”

**Meta’s Annual
Weighted Average
Cost of Capital**

10%



**Meta’s Average Annual
Rate of Return**

36 - 41%

Meta Sets Ad Load to Maximize Profits, Not Engagement

In setting ad load, Meta faces a tradeoff: an increase in ad load increases revenue (for a given level of usage) but also decreases engagement



“In general, an increase in ad load is predicted to decrease user engagement.”

Meta’s Narrative Response to FTC’s Civil Investigative Demand
(Sep. 30, 2019)



“Meta thus seeks to optimize ad load to maximize revenue gains and minimize impact on user engagement.”

Meta’s Response to FTC’s Interrogatory
(Feb. 21, 2020)

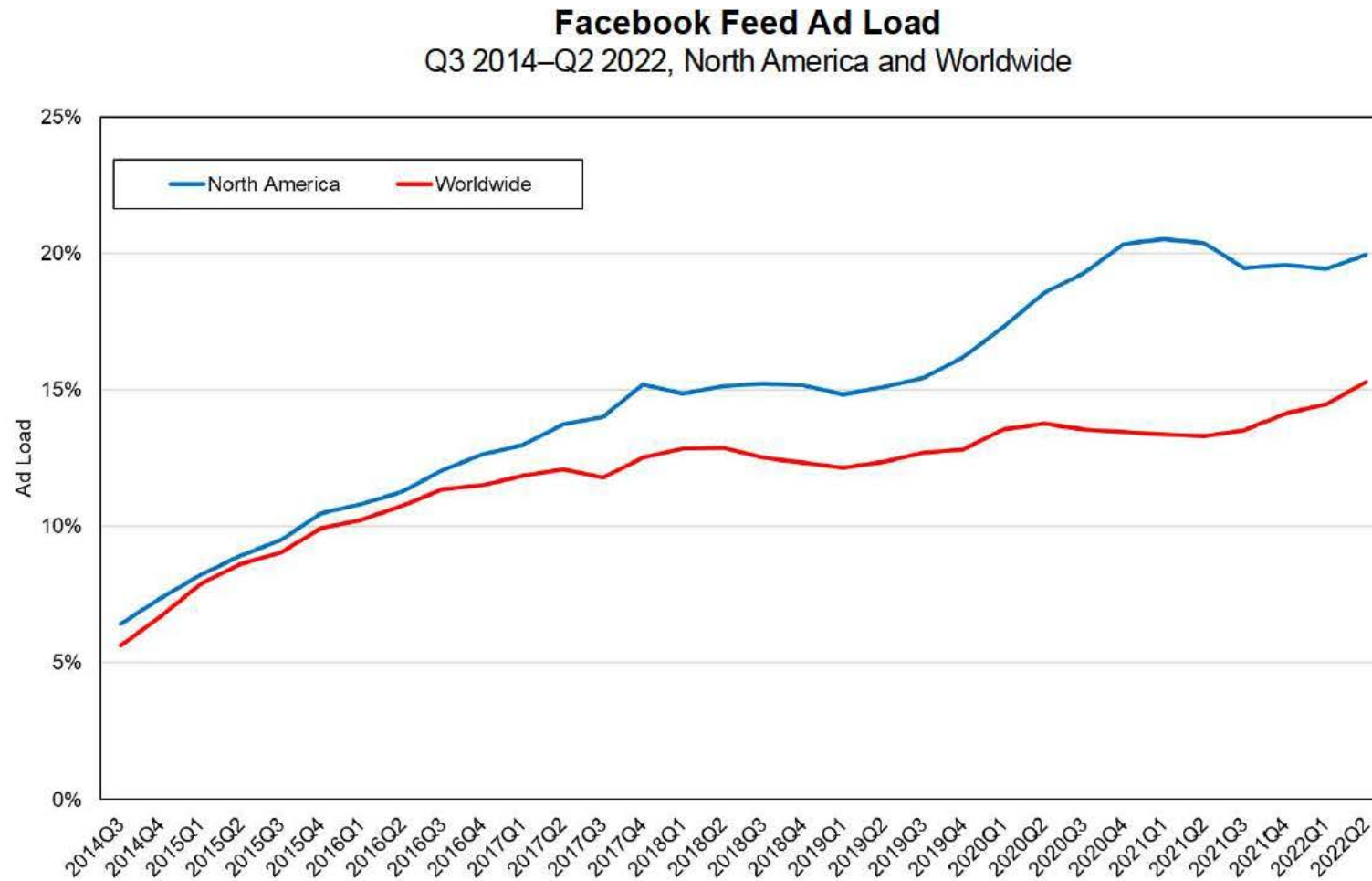


“[W]e also want to make sure that we don’t degrade the experience by putting in too many ads and offputting people because they’ll leave and they’ll go to other services and they’ll go to the competition.”

Adam Mosseri Testimony
(Mar. 29, 2023)

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at § 3.3.2.2; Meta, Response to the August 27, 2019 Civil Investigative Demand Issued by the United States Federal Trade Commission, at 8 (Sep. 30, 2019); PX10295 at -011; Mosseri Dep. Tr. (Mar. 29, 2023) at 273:19-24.

Meta Has Profitably Increased Ad Load Over Time

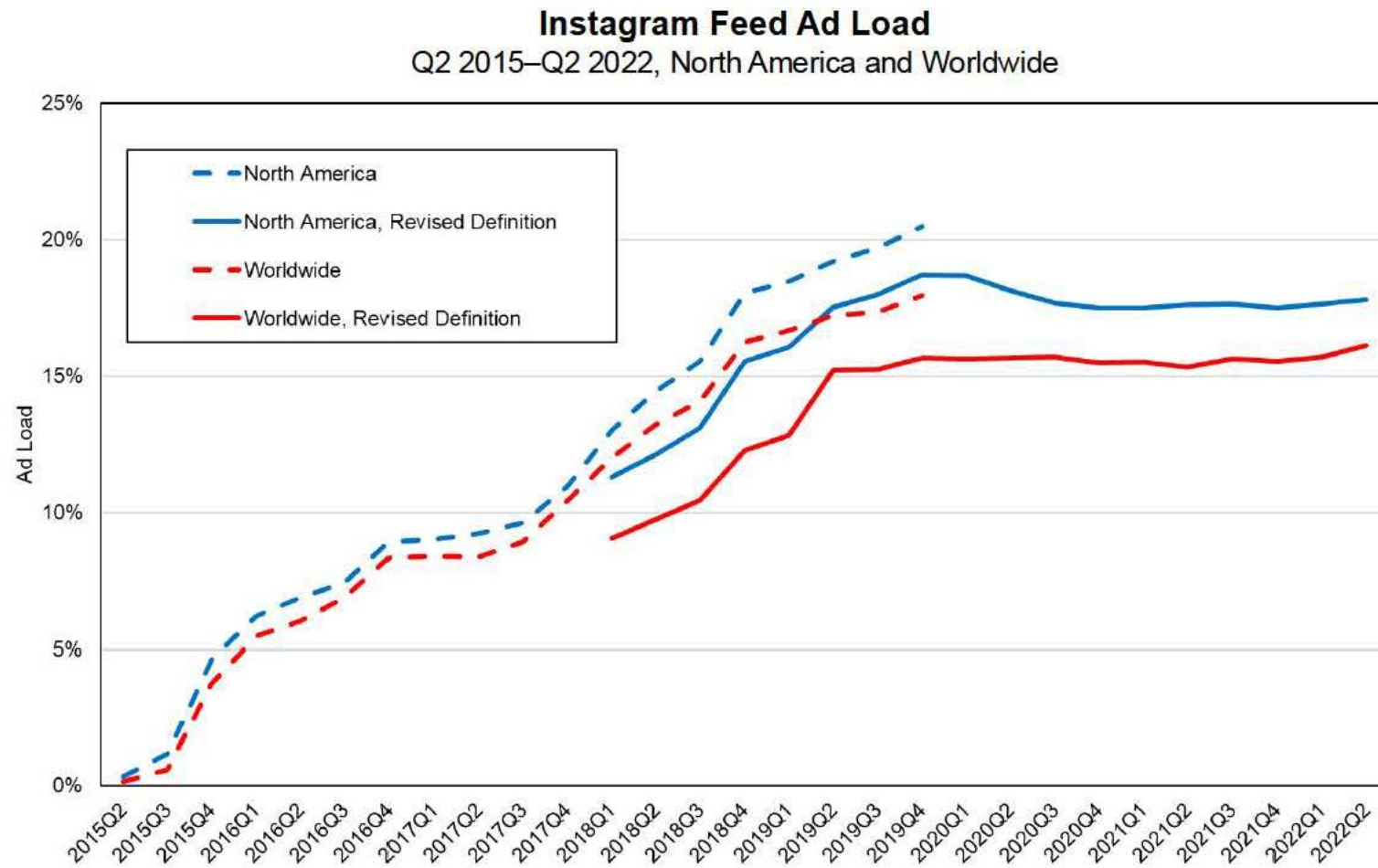


2014 Q3:
2022 Q2:
2023 (Jan.):
2025 (Jan.):

Note: See report notes for explanation of how ad load is measured for each surface.

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 718, Ex. 53; FTC-META-012468454, FTC-META-014039755.

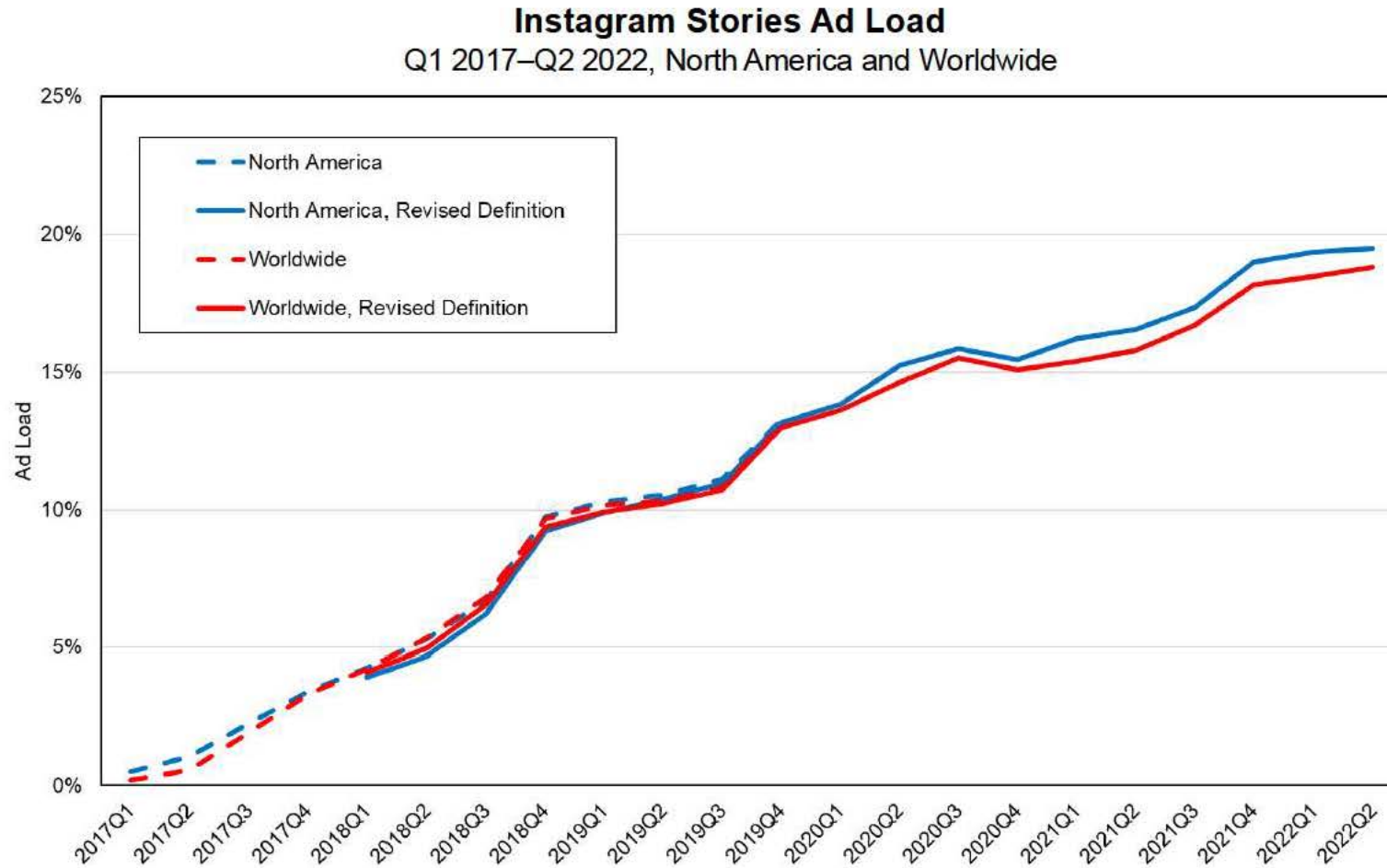
Meta Has Profitably Increased Ad Load Over Time



2015 Q2: 0
2022 Q2: 17

Note: See report notes for explanation of how ad load is measured for each surface.
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 719, Ex. 54.

Meta Has Profitably Increased Ad Load Over Time



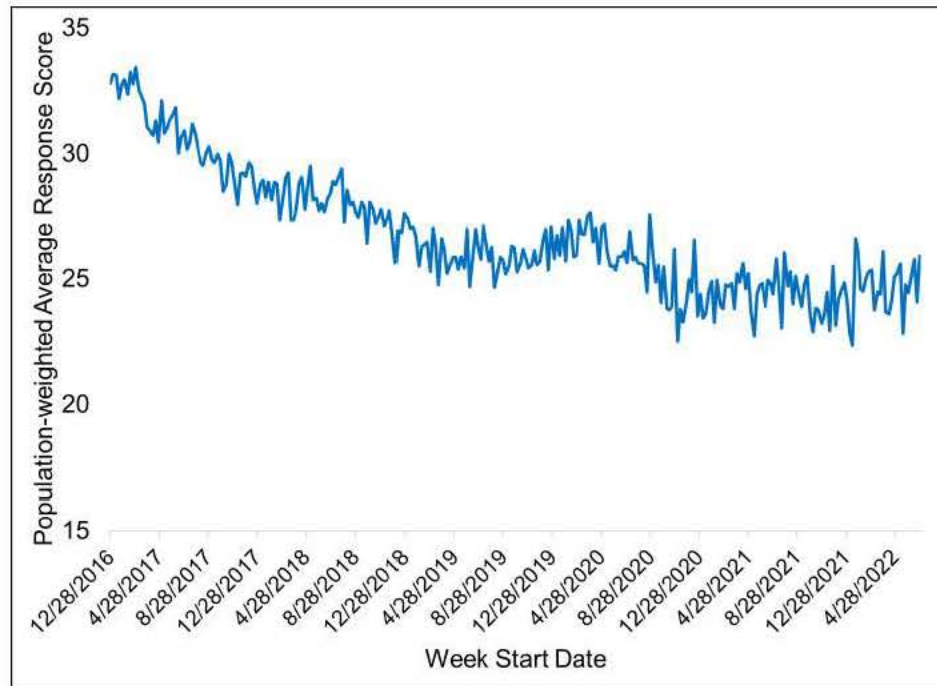
2017 Q1: 0
2022 Q2: 19

Note: See report notes for explanation of how ad load is measured for each surface.
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 719, Ex. 55.

Meta's Ad Load Increases Are a Reduction in Quality

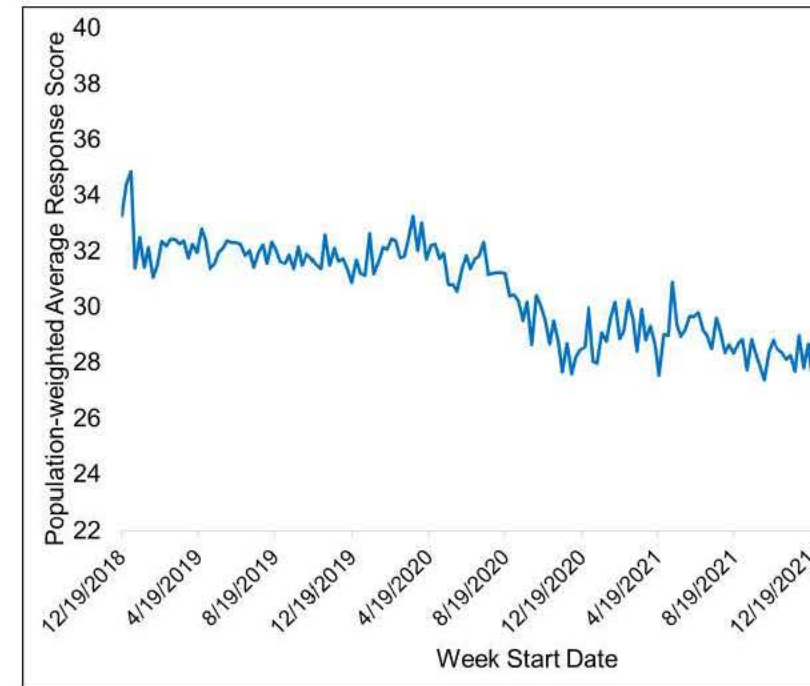
CACTUS Survey: "Too Many Ads on Facebook"

December 2016–June 2022, United States



Instagram Ad Sentiment Survey: "Too Many Ads on Instagram"

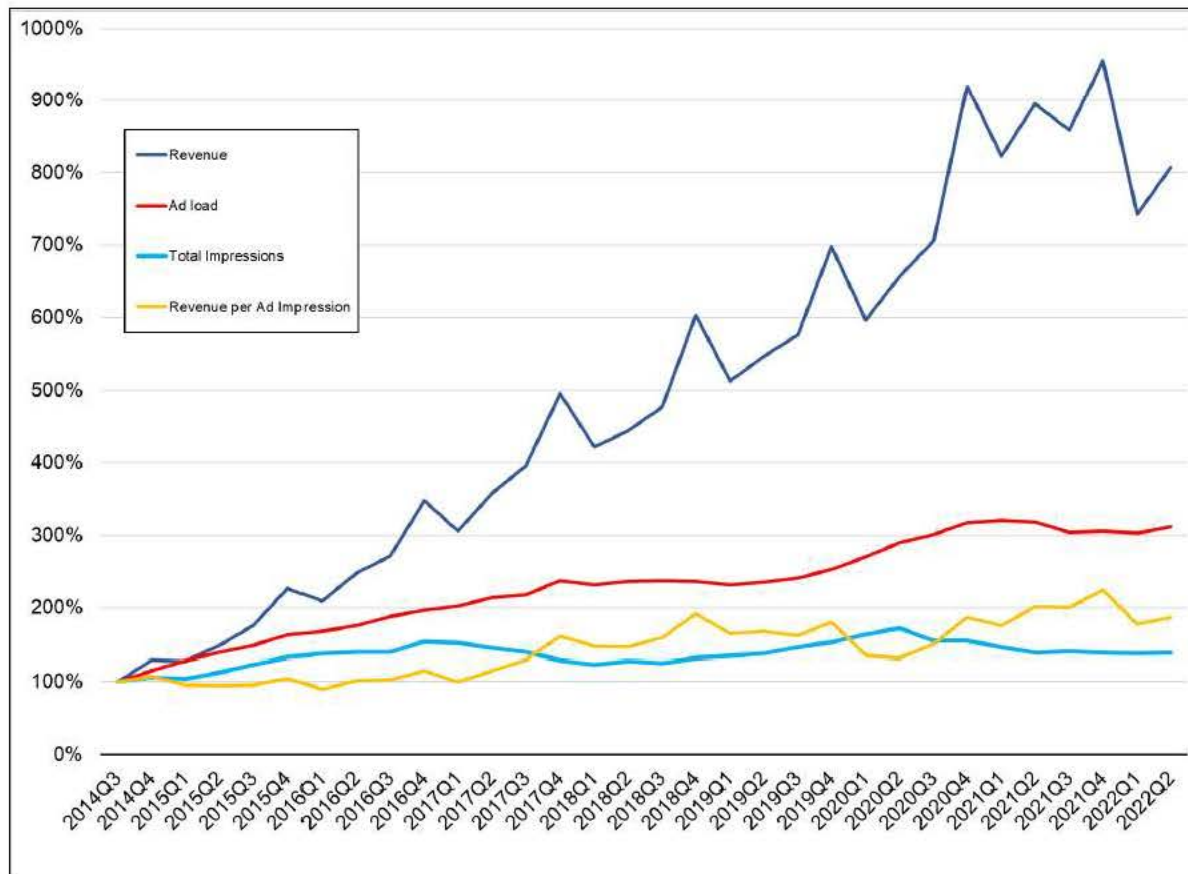
December 2018–June 2022, United States



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 70-71.

Meta Has Profitably Increased Ad Load Over Time

Components of Facebook Mobile Feed Ad Revenue
Q3 2014–Q2 2022, North America



Increase from Q3 2014 to
North America

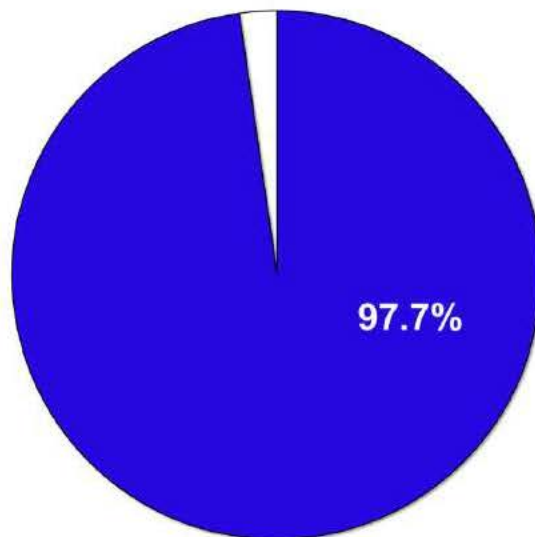
Revenue	
Ad Load	
Revenue per Ad Impression	
Total Impressions	

Note: 3Q 2014 = 100%; see report notes for explanation of how ad load is measured for each surface.
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at § 3.3.2.3; Ex. 56.

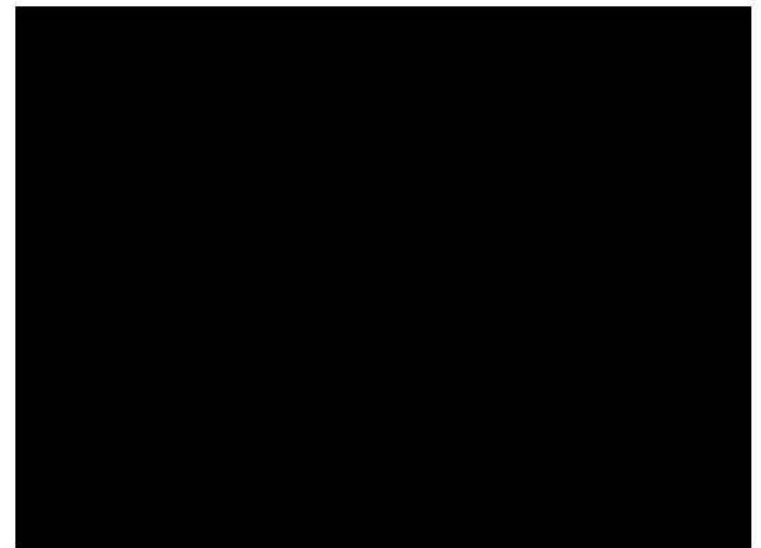
Meta's Revenue and Profits Arise from Surfaces Most Focused on Friends and Family Content

North America accounted for 44% of Meta's \$164.5B worldwide revenue in 2024, of w

**Ad Revenue as a
Percentage of Total Revenue**
North America, 2024



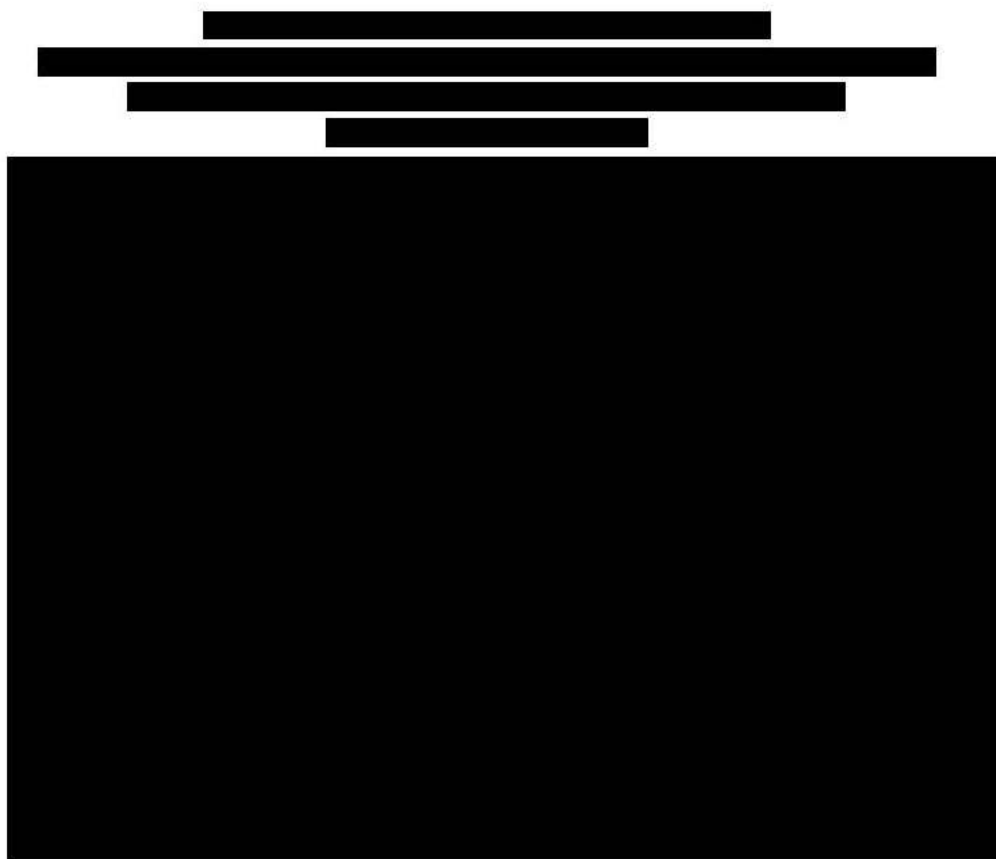
**Facebook Mobile Feed, Instagram Feed, and Instagram
as a Percentage of Ad Revenue**
North America, 2022 H1



Note: Facebook Stories accounted for [REDACTED] of worldwide ad revenue in 2022 H1.

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 52; PX0715 at -87, -101; FTC-META-011921400; FTC-META-003310472; FTC-META005915454.

Meta's Revenue and Profits Arise from Surfaces Most Focused on Friends and Family Content



Note: Instagram Feed is compared to other Instagram surfaces excluding Instagram Stories. Instagram Stories is compared to other Instagram surfaces excluding Instagram Feed. Facebook share of time spent and impressions is based on data for the U.S. in January 2023. Instagram share of time spent and impressions is based on data for the U.S. in February 2023. Ad revenue is based on data and estimates from the U.S. in January 2023.

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) "Exs. 7, 35-37, 52-58, 81-82, C-51-C-53.xlsx"; PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) "Ex. 6.xlsx"; Carlton Report Production, "U.S. Digital Ad Revenues by Company and Platform"; "U.S. Instagram Share of Imp and TS on Content from Non-Creator Reciprocal Follows.xlsx".

Meta's Ad Load System Sets a Higher Ad Load for Users with More In-App Demand

Personalized Ad Load	Sensitivity-based	Personalize ad load based on users' sensitivity towards ads (how much do we expect a user's topline organic metrics to regress if we increase their ad load) as predicted by an ads sensitivity model we trained and built.
Personalized Ad Load	User traits-based	Personalize ad load based on users' historical behavioral traits such as ad like-through rate, ad click-through rate, scroll rate, etc.

Meta Document: "Introducing 'SALT' (Smart Ad Load Techniques)" (2020)

"Q. And Meta's ad load algorithms operate such that ad load on Facebook and Instagram varies from user to user, right?

A. Yes, ad load varies from user to user."

"Q. And Meta's ad load algorithms consider the negative impact that ads have on how much a user engages with Facebook and Instagram as a separate variable in setting a user's ad load, right?

A. . . . [I]t would probably be using a variety of signals to try to predict if there might be a negative impact on engagement for some user."

John Hegeman Trial Testimony (May 1, 2025)

Meta's Ad Load System Sets a Higher Ad Load for Users with More In-Stream Demand



Updating the Needy User Rule Motivation

Currently we don't show ads for needy users and this business logic was set more than 3 years ago to protect new and less active users as they will be more likely to leave Facebook if we show them ads. Needy users are defined as those with friend count < 20 && L28 <= 26 and this rule has not been refreshed or re-evaluated since its launch. The current implementation, while

Meta Document: "Updating the Needy User Rule"
(Jan. 15, 2024)



"Needy user is a term that Meta uses to refer to a user that is new, stale, or of going stale. . . . Meta aims to recommend high-quality accounts and content to needy users to increase their engagement with its services. Needy and other types of users may have different custom auction settings, which may lead to those users seeing larger gaps between ads than other users"

Meta's Response to FTC's Interrogatory
(Feb. 2, 2024)

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) § 3.3.2.4; FB_FTC_CID_07049337 at -337; PX10295 at -015.

Meta Varies Ad Load on Facebook By Age



"FAM recently did an analysis of **sessions cost of ads** on critical cohorts. We observed that teens and Young Adults (YA) have a -6.1% and -3.1% drop in sessions hurt respectively on sessions in US/CA and WE (Western Europe), where the drop is **disproportionately high**. . . . [B]y **reducing ad load by 80% for teens and 50% for YA**, we can recover +3.2% and +1.2% sessions for these cohorts respectively"

Email from Facebook App Monetization (FAM) Team Head to Mark Zuckerberg
(Apr. 1, 2014)



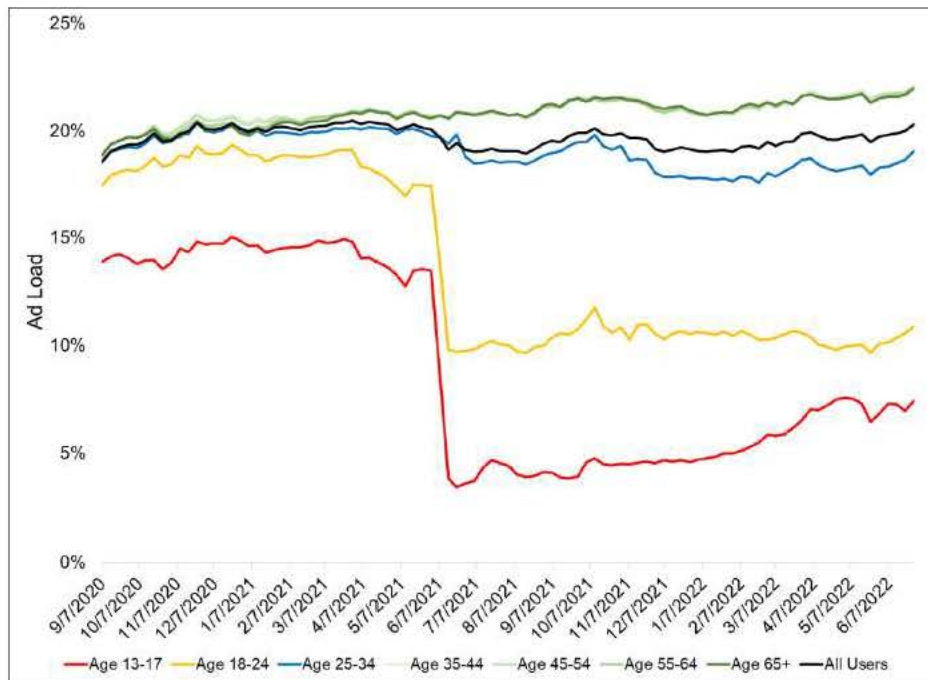
Mark Zuckerberg

"If we've found that these demographics are disproportionately sensitive to ads, then there must be some demographics that are disproportionately insensitive to ads. Why wouldn't we consider increasing ad load for these people as part of this?"

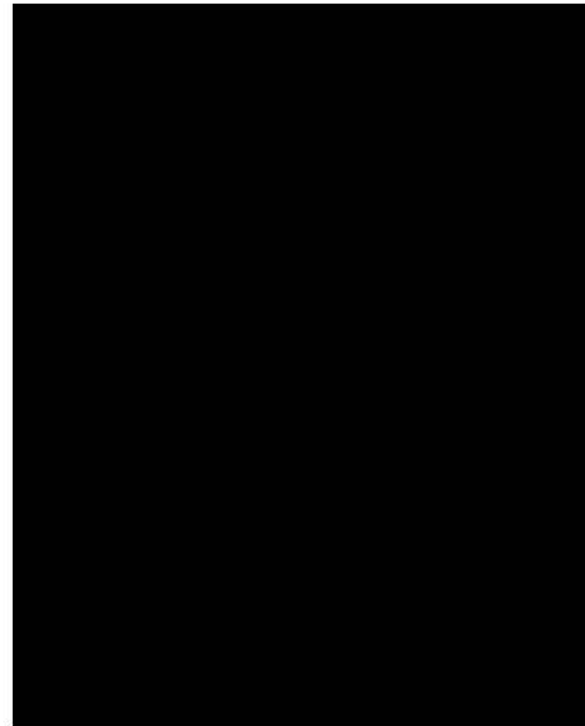
Reply from Mark Zuckerberg
(Apr. 1, 2014)

Meta Varies Ad Load on Facebook by Age

Facebook Mobile Feed Ad Load
September 2020–June 2022; North America



Facebook Feed Ad Load by Age
January 2025; United States

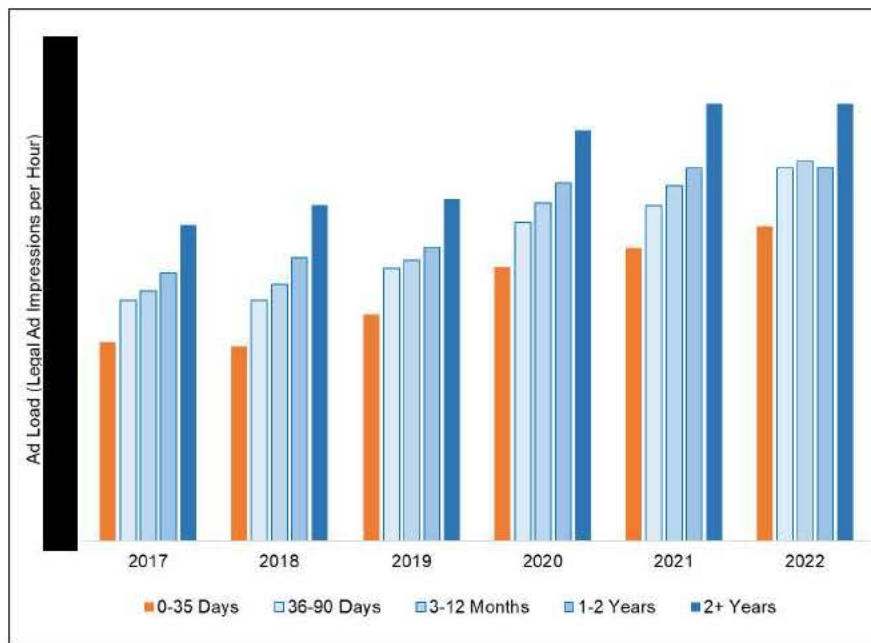


Note: Ad load reflects ad impressions as a percent of total impressions.

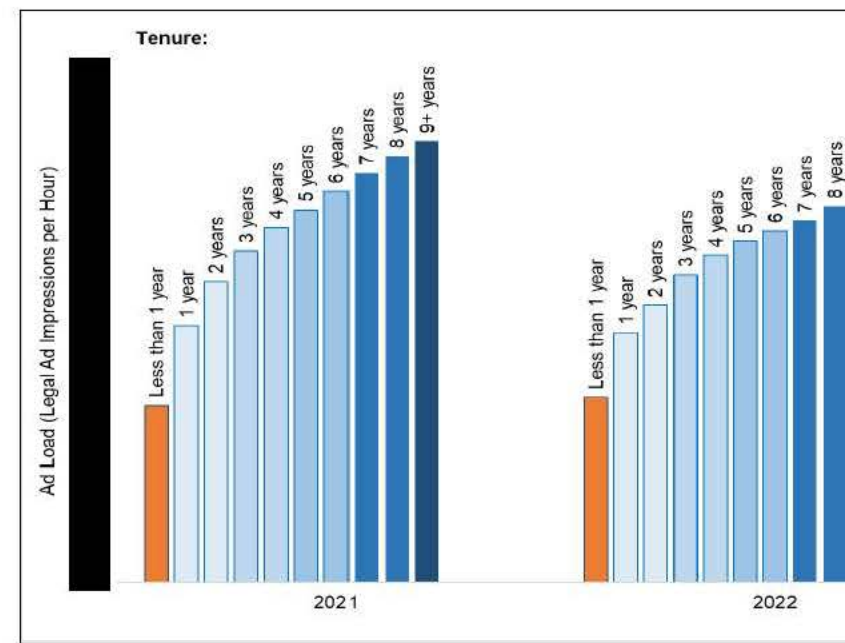
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 59; FTC-META-014039755.

Meta Varies Ad Load on Facebook and Instagram by Tenure

Facebook Ad Load by Tenure and Year
2017–2022, United States



Instagram Ad Load by Tenure and Year
2021–2022, United States



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 62, 64.

Meta Price Discriminates Based on Demand for Friends and Family Sh

US Young Adults and the
social networking ecosystem
(2019 data)



Meta Presentation: "US Young Adults and the Social Networking Ecosystem" (2019)

"[O]lder adults are even more likely [than young adults] to say connecting with family and close friends is the main reason they use FB."

Meta Presentation: "US Young Adults and the Social Networking Ecosystem" (2019)

2019 tenured users US
summary stats



Meta Presentation: "2019 Tenured Users US Summary Stats" (May 14, 2021)

"Tenured cohorts users reports connecting with family/close friend, connecting with more distant friends, and sharing photos as main reasons to use FB more often than newer cohorts"

Meta Presentation: "2019 Tenured Users US Summary Stats" (May 14, 2021)



"Users newer to Instagram are less likely to report a 'Friends & Family' intent"

Meta Presentation: "Instagram Intent" (Nov. 16, 2021)

Meta Underinvests in Friends and Family Sharing



"I worry that we've gotten over-focused on [group & community content] at the expense of defending/growing the friend market as much as we can"

Message from John Hegeman to Meta Executives
(Feb. 6, 2022)



"Friend sharing continues to be a big asset for Facebook, but we're not investing as much in it. . . . How do we resolve the issues that Stories (in all apps) are an engagement lever but are consistently under-invested in?"

Meta Document: "PG [Product Group] Leads Dinner"
(Jan. 19, 2022)



"I believe that we've gotten meaningfully less effective at two critical use cases for people on Facebook:
- I have a few minutes to spare and I'd love to use that time to check in on what my friends and family are up to . . .
- I want to share what I'm doing, thinking, or interested in with the people I care about."

Will Cathcart Workplace Post (June 15, 2018)

Meta Has Profitably Reduced Other Dimensions of Quality: Privacy and Data Collection

“Privacy is #1 response when people are asked what part of FB they want improved (% giving this answer is increasing; correlates with low CAU)”

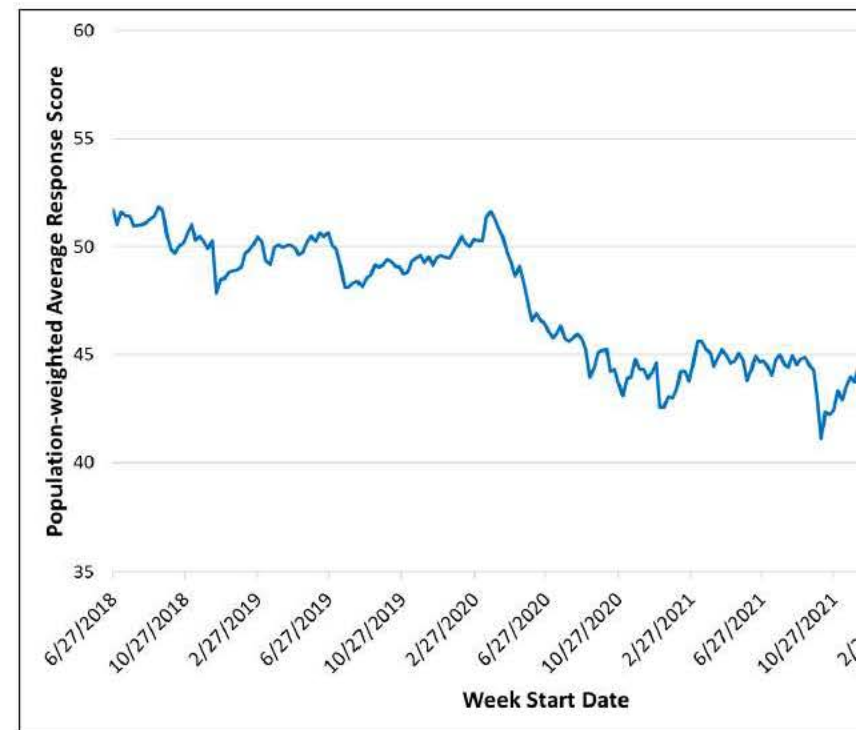
“Privacy controls are the top 1 or 2 user concerns in the largest countries.”

“Privacy concern is the top product reason people don’t use FB.”

Meta Presentation: “Privacy Defense”
(July 31, 2015)

Main Tracking Survey: “How much control do you your personal information on Meta's apps and p

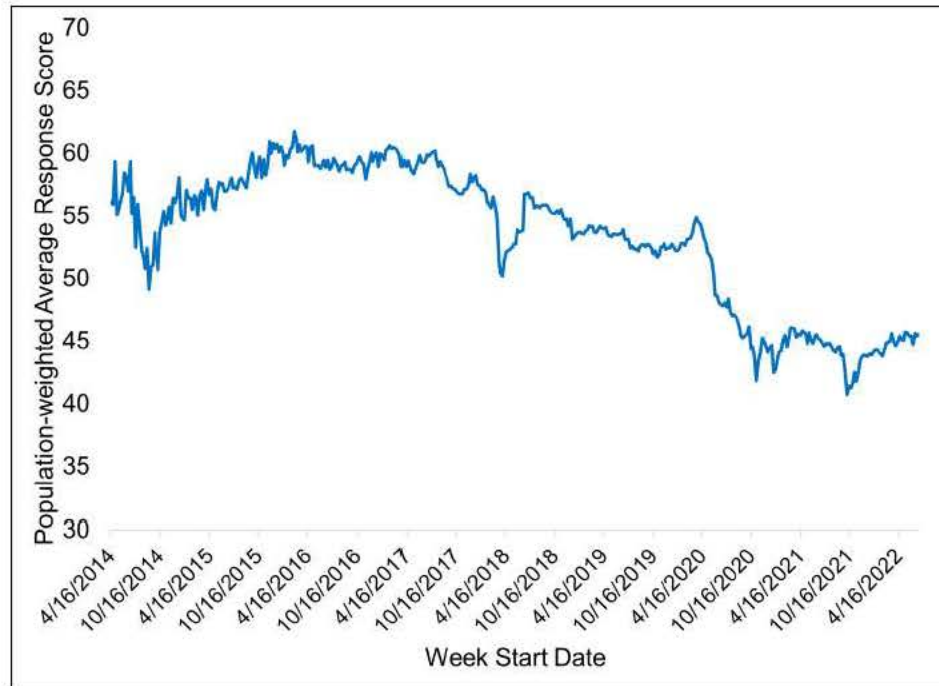
June 2018–June 2022, United States



Meta Has Profitably Reduced Overall Quality

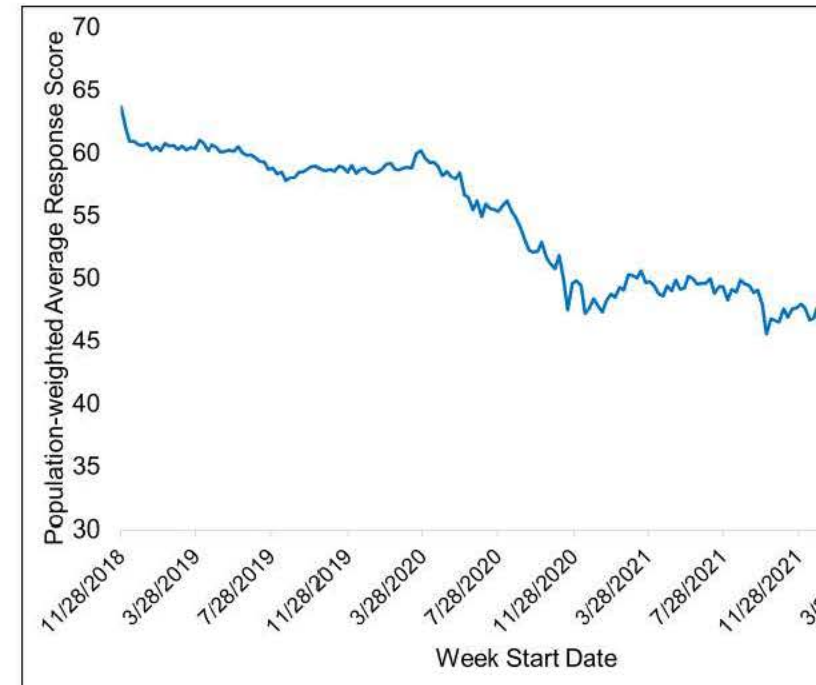
Main Tracking Survey: “Facebook Cares About Its Users”

April 2014–June 2022, United States



Main Tracking Survey: “Instagram Cares About Its Users”

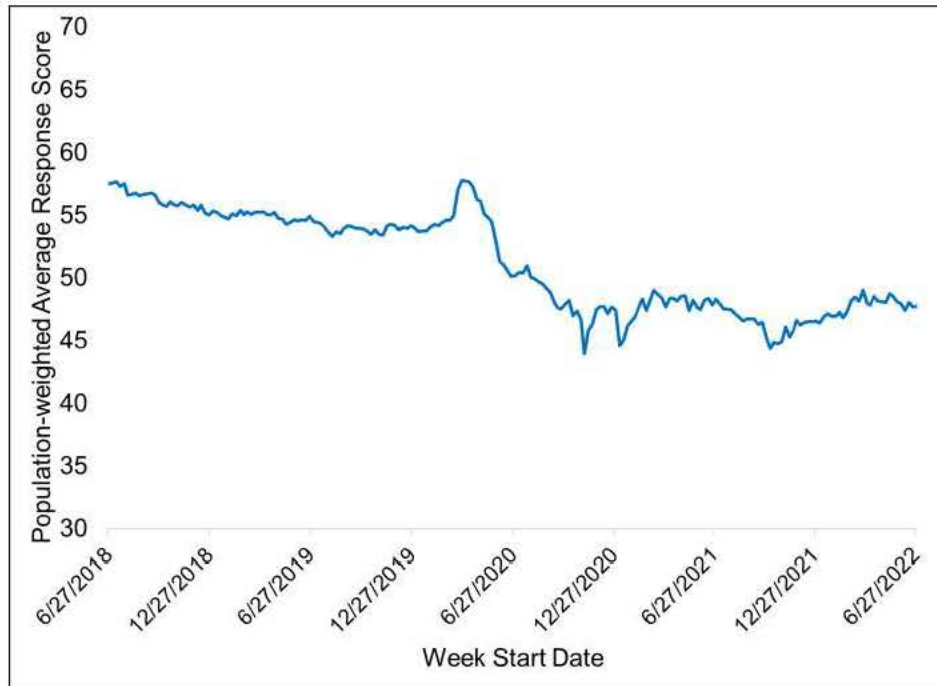
November 2018–June 2022, United States



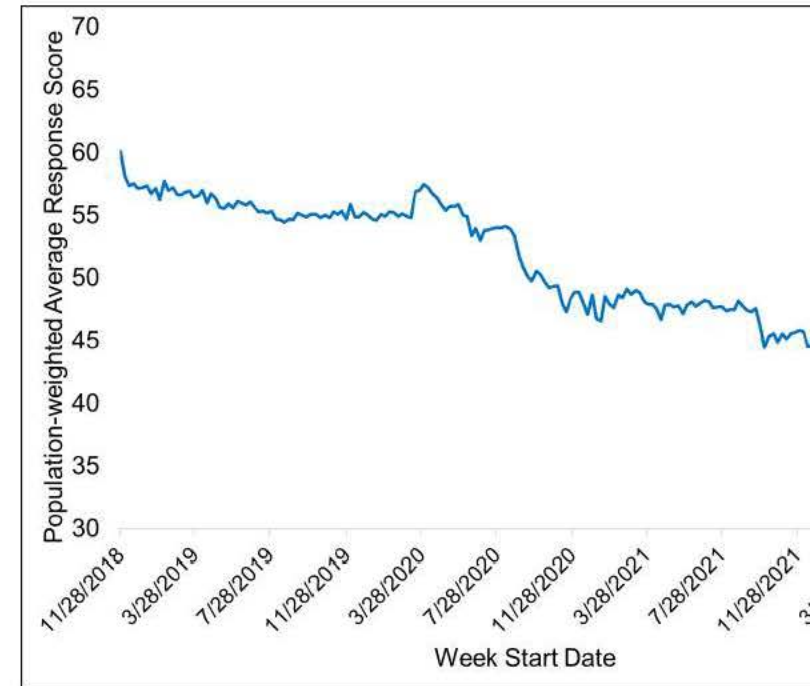
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 65, 66.

Meta Has Profitably Reduced Overall Quality

Main Tracking Survey: “Facebook is Good for the World”
June 2018–June 2022, United States



Main Tracking Survey: “Instagram is Good for the World”
November 2018–June 2022, United States

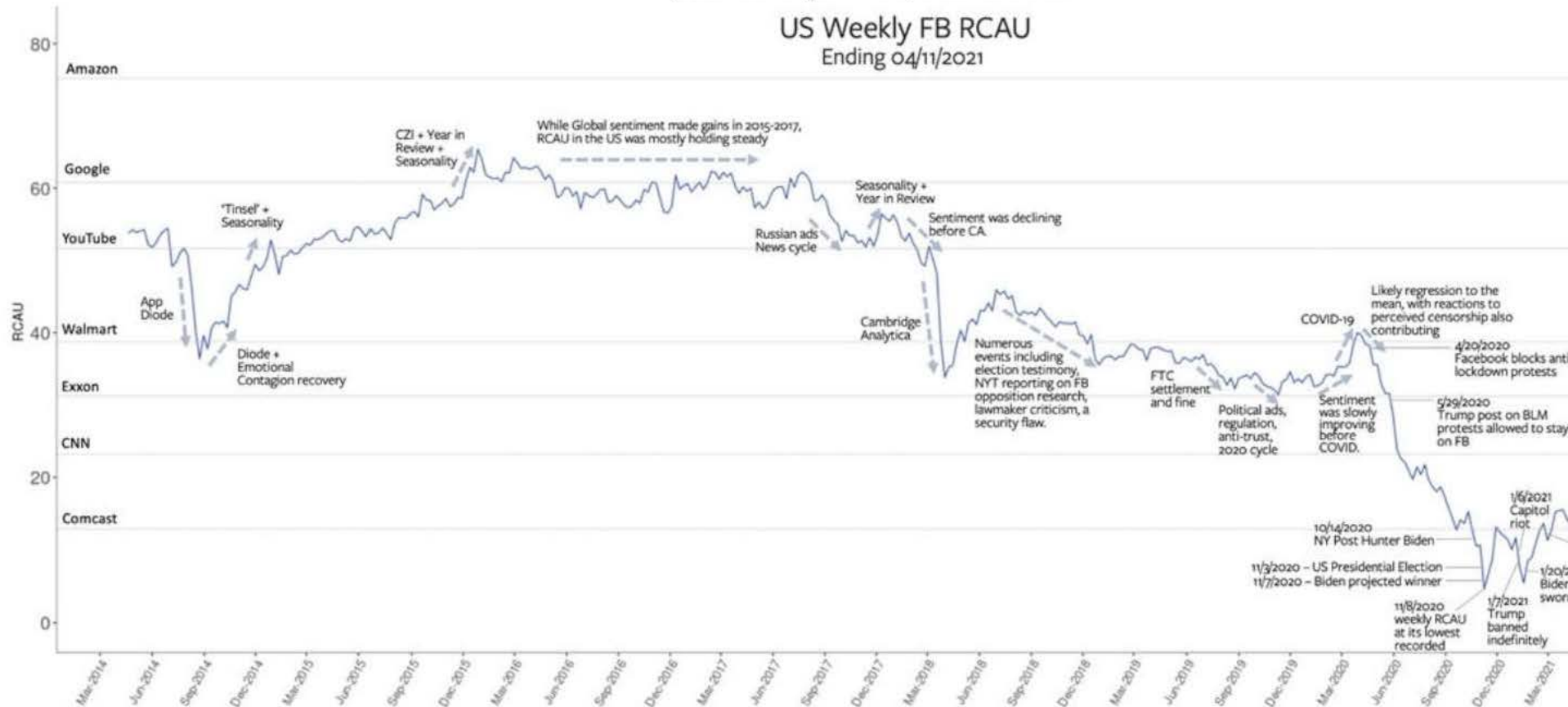


Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 67, 68.

Meta Has Profitably Reduced Overall Quality

Relative Metrics Survey: “Relative Cares About Users”

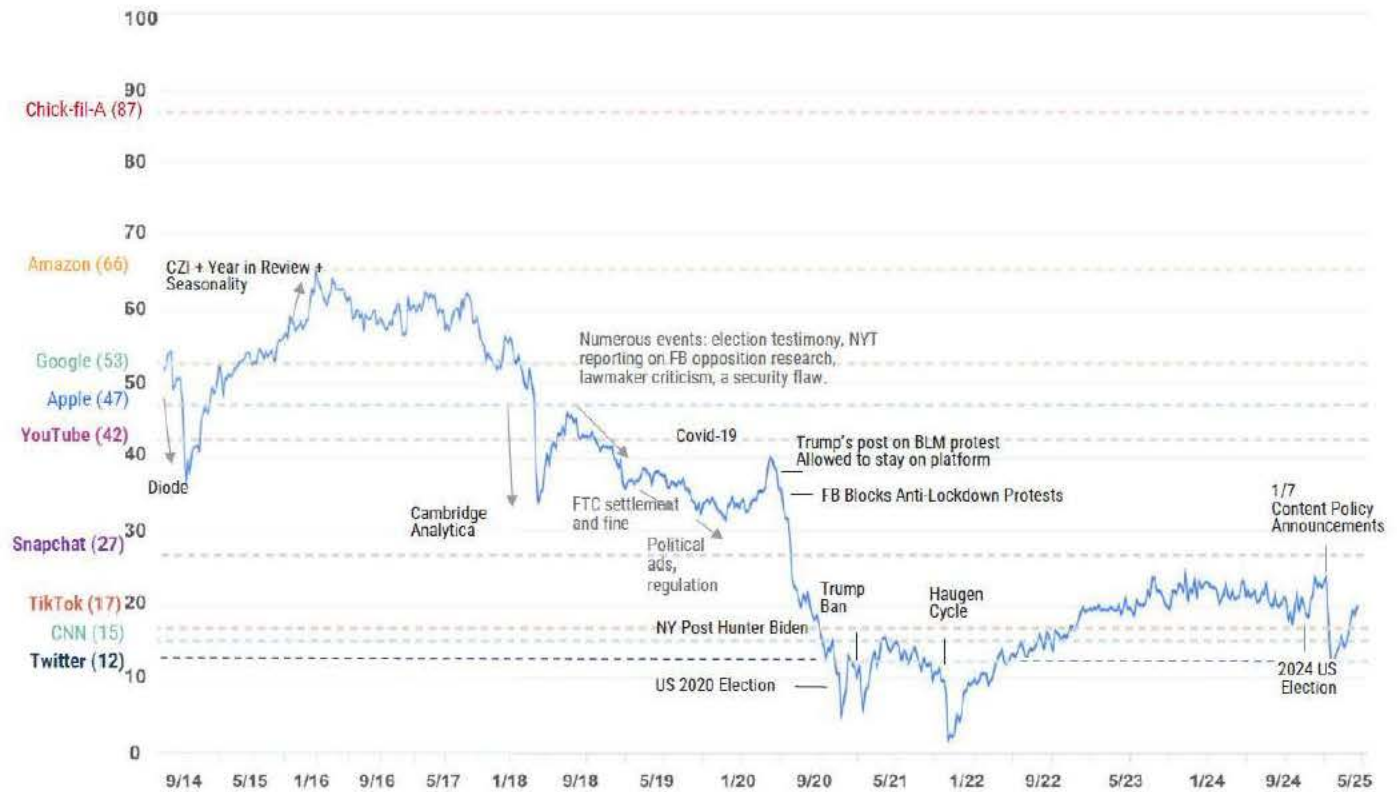
April 2014–April 2021, United States



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 69.

Meta Has Profitably Reduced Overall Quality

Relative Metrics Survey: “Relative Cares About Users” April 2014–April 2025

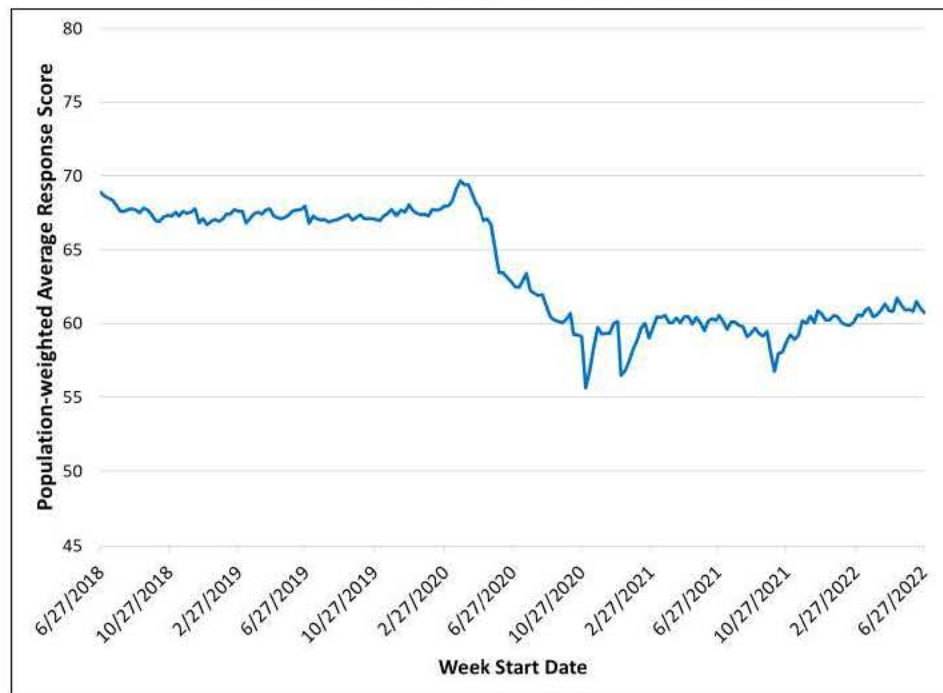


Source: DDX16.2; Cobb Trial Tr. (May 1, 2025) at 46:12-47:23 (discussing DDX16.2).

Meta Has Profitably Reduced Overall Quality

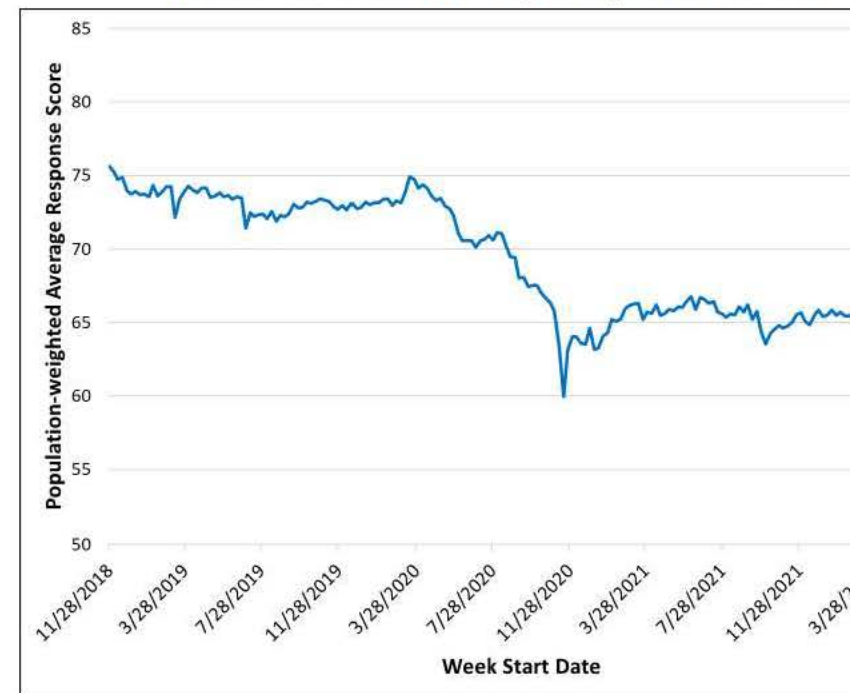
Main Tracking Survey of U.S. Facebook Users “Overall, how satisfied are you with your Facebook experience?”

June 2018-June 29, 2022; United States



Main Tracking Survey of U.S. Instagram Users “Overall, how satisfied are you with your Instagram experience?”

November 2018-June 29, 2022; United States



Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at Exs. 1-2.

Meta's User Surveys Reflect Real Product Quality Experiences



Curtiss Cobb
VP of Research

“And then there is – there is the summation over time of these various shocks and the nature of the shocks that can also affect the trend, **as well as the obvious one, experience with a product can also contribute to the trend.**”

“Q. Okay. Why has Meta kept cares about users as its main sentiment question since

A. [T]here are characteristics of this question that – that make it a – a reasonable sur of whether people are having positive or negative feelings towards the brand **and the product experience.**”

Curtiss Cobb Testimony (Apr. 14, 2023 & Aug.

“Q. Dr. Cobb, is it fair to say that those Panavision tests on Instagram correlated with sharp – a decline in user sentiment on Instagram?

A. Yes, Panavision did. It’s actually one of the things highlighted on here where there actual corresponding product experience.”

“Q. And next to Instagram’s 2020 relative cares about users drop, there’s a suggested launch. Do you see that?

A. I do. . . .

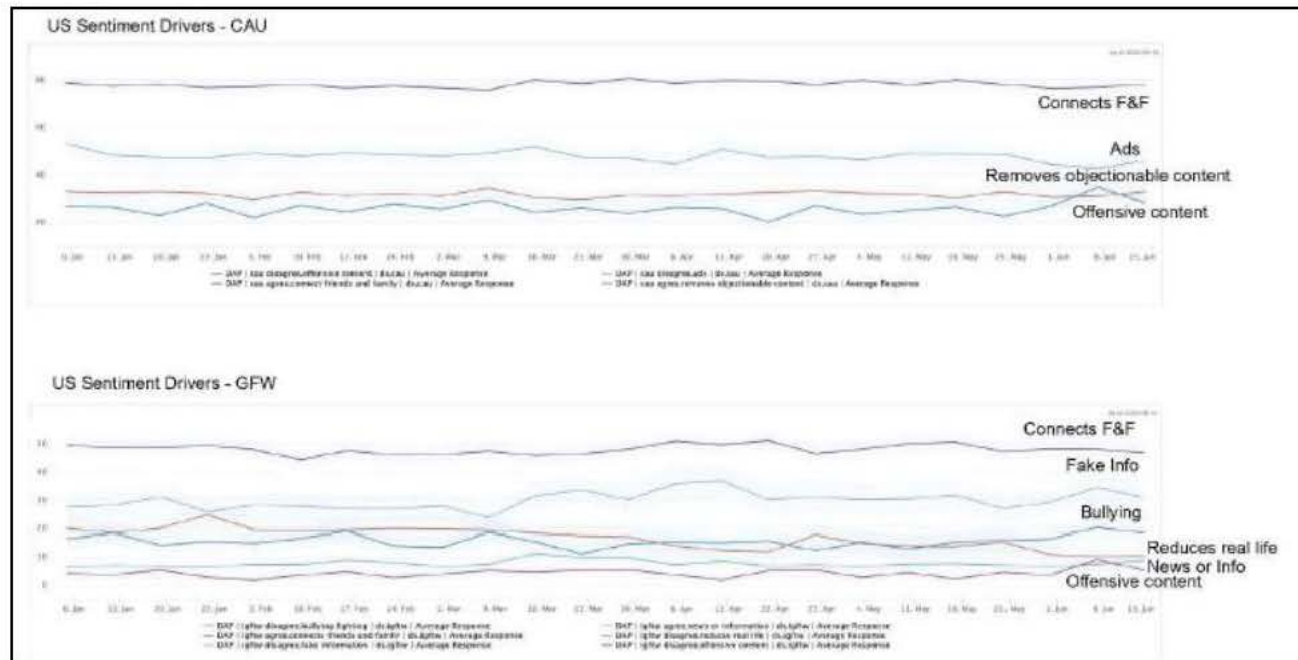
Q. That would also be a products experience on Instagram?

A That would.”

Curtiss Cobb Trial Testimony (Ma

Meta's User Surveys Reflect Real Product Quality Experiences

US Sentiment Drivers



Meta Presentation: "Sentiment Review 2020H1" (June 26, 2020)

"Q. And this shows at the U.S. sentiment driver that cares about users is connect friends and for Facebook, is that

A. Yes.

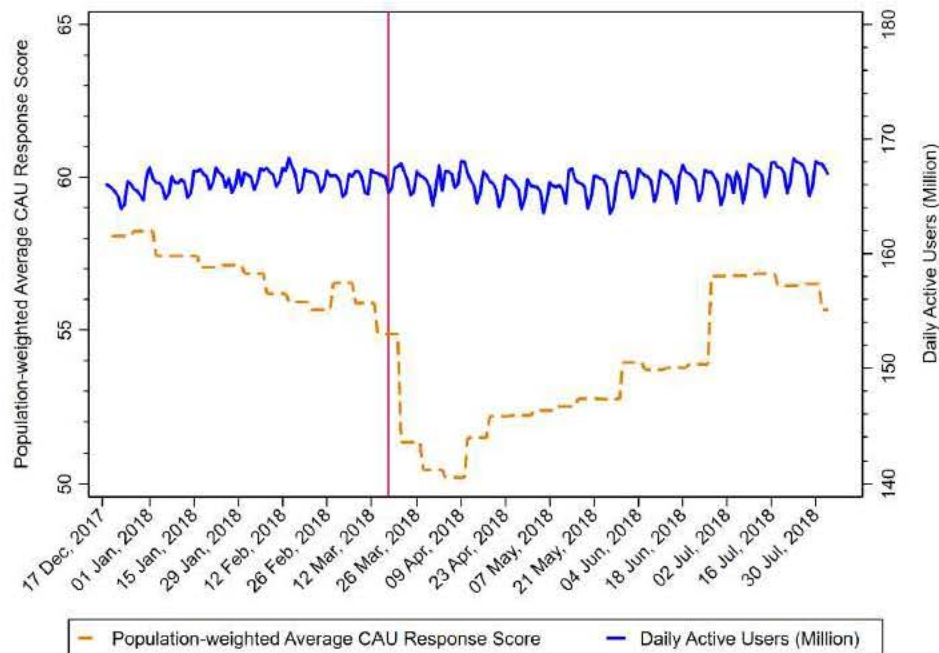
Q. And then the second driver for U.S. sentiment Facebook is user attitudes towards ads. Do I have that right?

A. References towards yes."

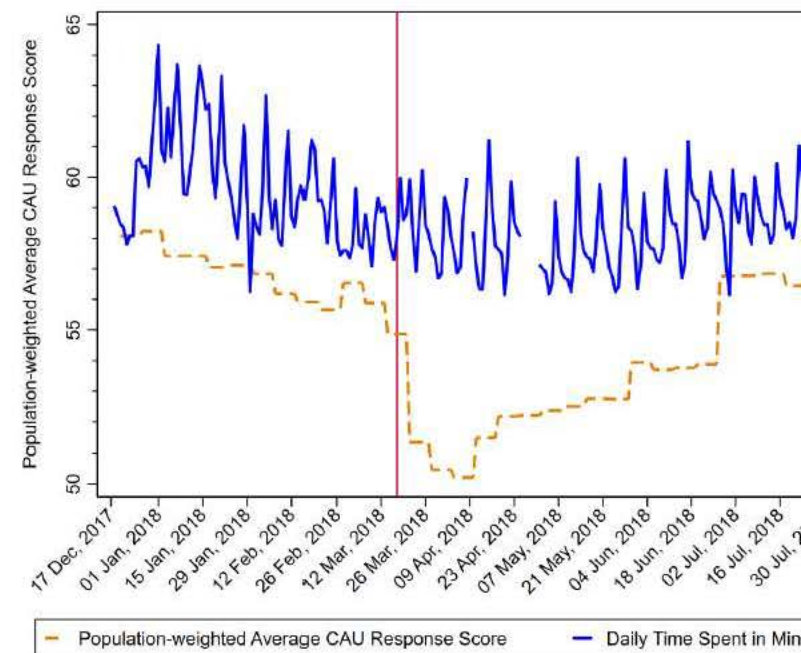
Curtiss Cobb Trial Tr. (May

Users' Response to the Cambridge Analytica Breach Shows Their Lack of Alternatives

**Facebook User Sentiment and Daily Active Users
Around Cambridge Analytica News**
December 2017–August 2018, United States



**Facebook User Sentiment and Time Spent Around
Cambridge Analytica News**
December 2017–August 2018, United States



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 72, 73.



Other Apps Have Not Constrained Meta's Exercise of Monopoly Power

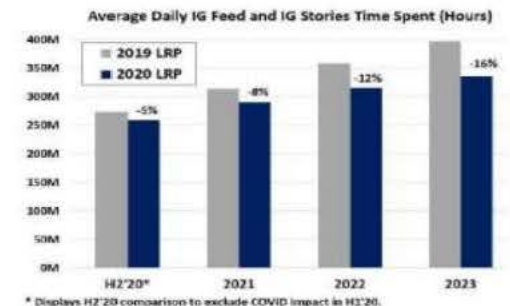
1. Facebook and Instagram are firmly grounded in friends and family sharing.
2. Other apps are not substitutes for friends and family sharing.
3. Direct evidence confirms that other apps do not discipline Meta's exercise of monopoly power.

Meta Claim: “TikTok Headwinds”

Investments: Instagram and Reels

Instagram: H2'20 outlook is meaningfully lower than last year's LRP and the forecast assumes this gap continues to widen over the LRP period, driven by trends over the past year in both pricing and engagement

- IG Feed and Stories (>90% of IG revenue) time forecast for H2'20 is -5% below that of last year's LRP, widening 3-4pp per year to -16% below by 2023 (~\$3.6B of gap to LY 2023 LRP)
- Competitive factors, such as TikTok growth, explain a significant portion of time spent variance
- There is significant uncertainty to the competitive risks with a -\$2.5B to +\$3.0B (-1.7% to +2.0%) range around our 2024 ads forecast depending on the growth in TikTok engagement and ads business as well as the success of Reels



Reels: Reels is a newly launched music-focused short form video product within Instagram that competes with TikTok



TikTok growth estimated to drive >\$3B in revenue risk in the 2024 overall ads outlook with downside risk up to total of \$6B

Success case: Reels grows to ~1% of TikTok total time spent today to represent ~18% of overall IG App time by 2024 – mitigating Instagram time spent loss and generating new ads supply

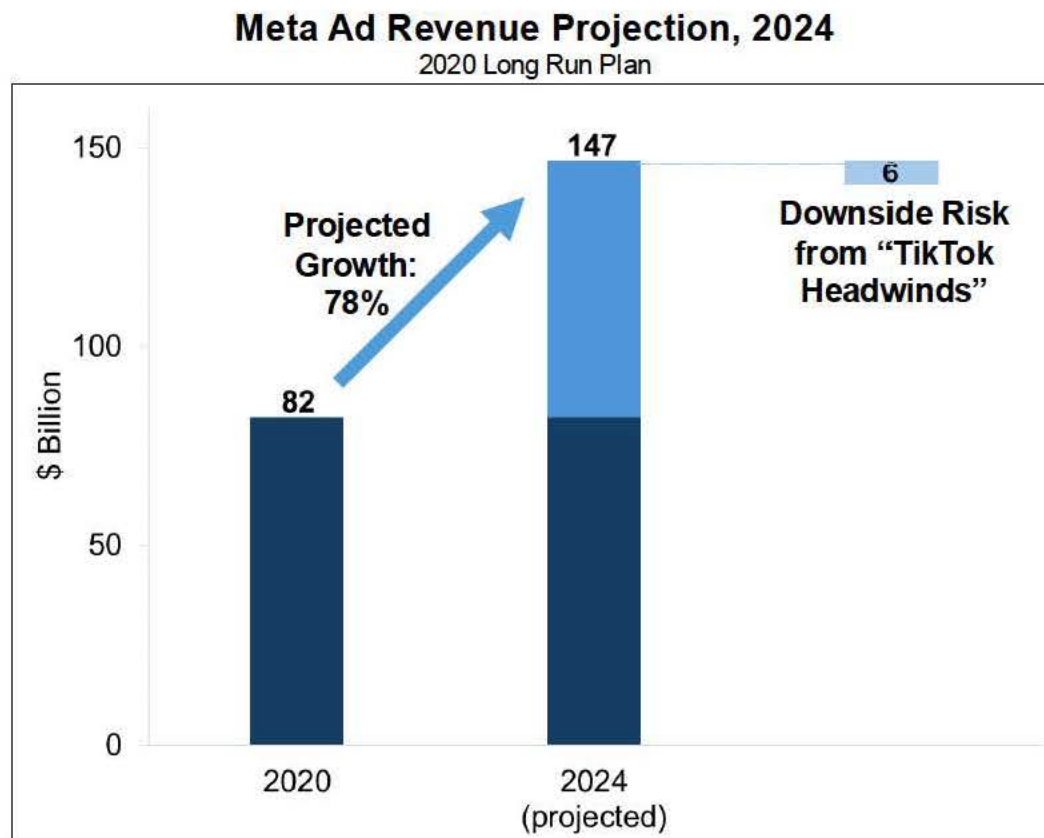
- Grows to ~7 min/DAP, in-line with Stories today
- Represents ~\$6B in Reels revenue by 2024, or ~\$3B in incremental revenue

Requires substantial resource investment:

- Total Reels HC support grows +1,000 by 2024 (primarily R&D/ENG)
- Concentrated in Ranking, Creative Tools (Camera/AI/AR), Infra, and Creators (monetization/insights)
- OPEX grows to ~\$0.5B by 2024 focused on content, music and curation

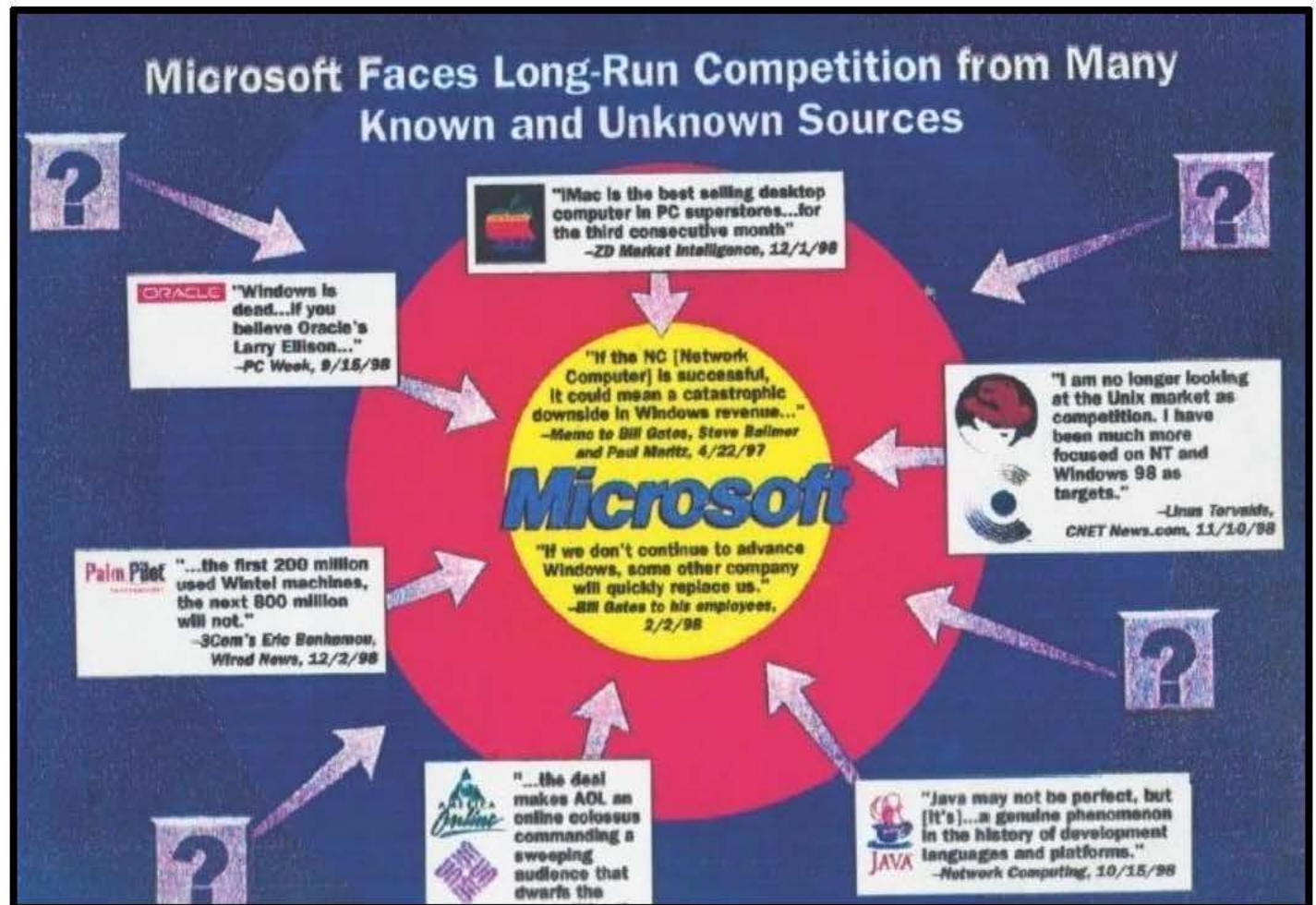
Confidential Materials - Do Not Distribute

TikTok “Headwinds” in Perspective



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 533-555; PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at ¶¶ 24, 101, 337, 335-352; DX-1018 at 10, 15.

Microsoft Claimed to Be “Hemmed In” By Competition



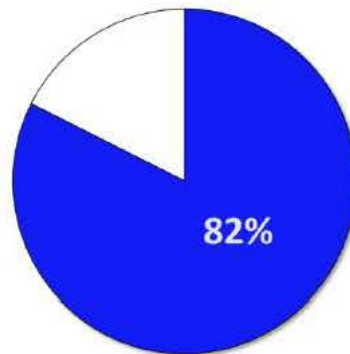
Source: Def. Tr. Ex., *United States v. Microsoft Corp.*, 87 F. Supp. 2d 30 (D.D.C. 2000), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part and remanded*, 253 F.3d 34 (D.C. Cir. 2001).

1.2 (D) – The United States Is the Relevant Geographic Market

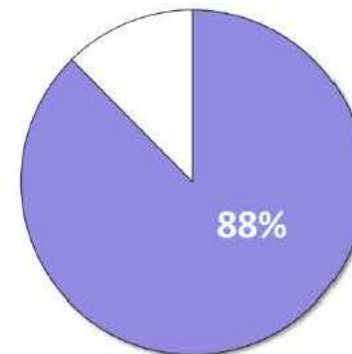
The Geographic Scope of the Relevant Market is the United States

1. Users in the United States would not substitute to a non-U.S. offering
2. Users in the United States face the same set of competitive alternatives

Share of U.S. Users' Friends in the United States



Facebook
October-December 2022



Instagram
May-October 2022

Geographic Market: Country-Specific Network Effects



“Facebook users who are located in a specific region may want to connect **mostly with other users located in that region**, with a more limited interest in connecting with users who are located in an altogether different region.”

Meta Response to the United Kingdom’s Competition
Markets Authority’s Request for Information of July 18, 2020



“[O]ur growth hinges on having dense friend networks. **Dense friend networks typically are found within the borders of the country** because they’ll speak the same language, they’ll have the same cultural nuances, they’ll generally have peers and friends in common. So it’s a good way to frame up how we’re going to grow our social network.”

“[T]he vast majority of communication in any market including the U.S. will be intra-market.”

David Levenson (Snap) Testimony (May 10, 2020)

1.2 (E) – Meta Has Held a Persistently Dominant Share of U.S. Personal Social Networking Services Market

Calculating Market Shares: The Standard Approach

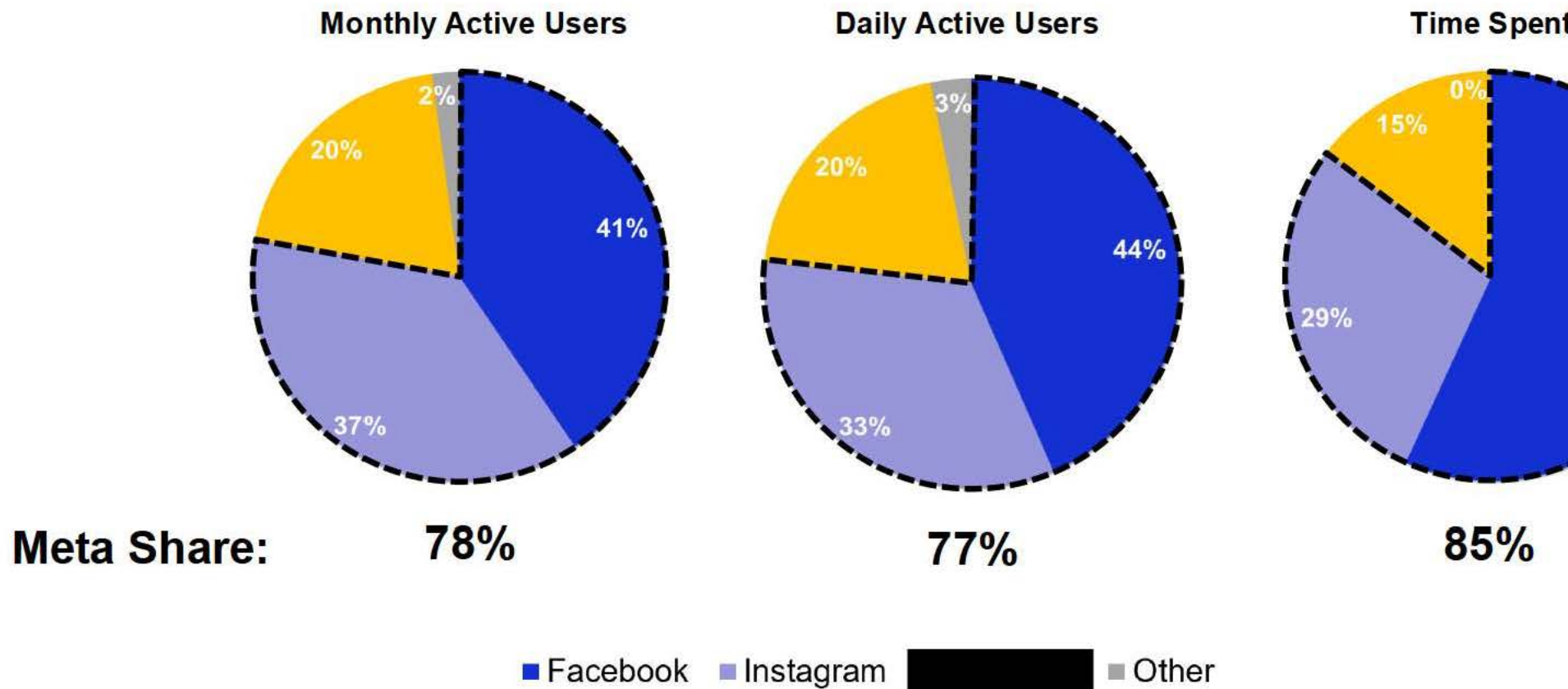


Merger Guidelines

U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission

- The Agencies normally calculate product market shares **for all firms that currently supply products** (or consume products, when buyers merge) in a relevant market, subject to the availability of data. Agencies measure each firm's market share **using metrics that are informative about the market realities** of competition in the particular market and firms' future competitive significance.
- Non-price indicators, such as number of users or frequency of use, may be useful indicators in markets where price forms a relatively small or no part of the exchange of value.

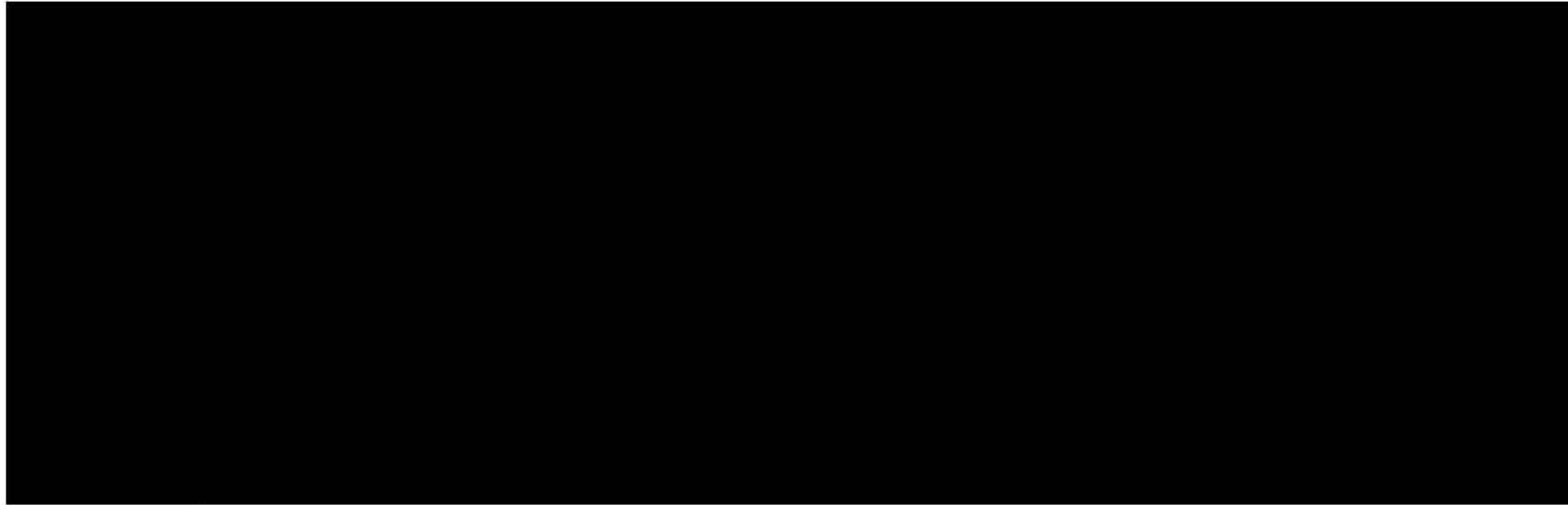
Market Shares: 2022



Notes: "Other" includes MeWe, BeReal, Myspace, LINE, LiveJournal, Qzone, Renren, VKontakte, and Weibo.
Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at Exs. A-5, A-9, A-13.

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Time Spent

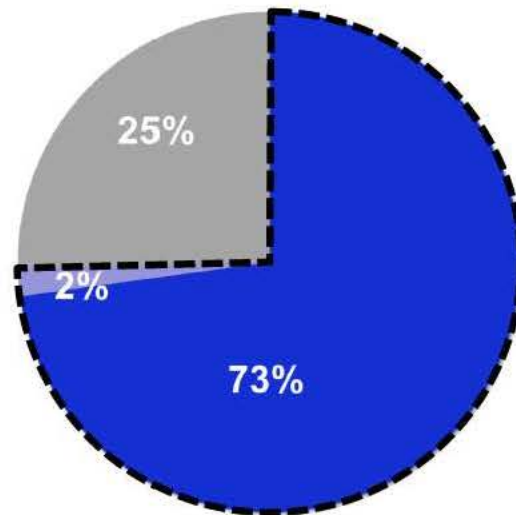


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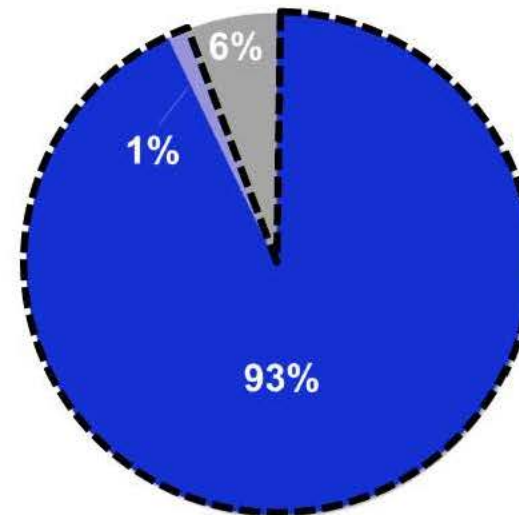
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Market Shares: March 2012

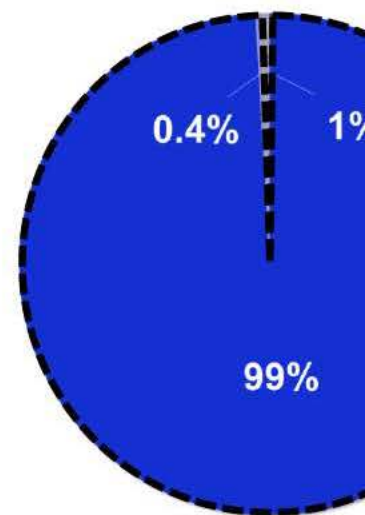
Monthly Active Users



Daily Active Users



Time Spent



Meta Share:

75%

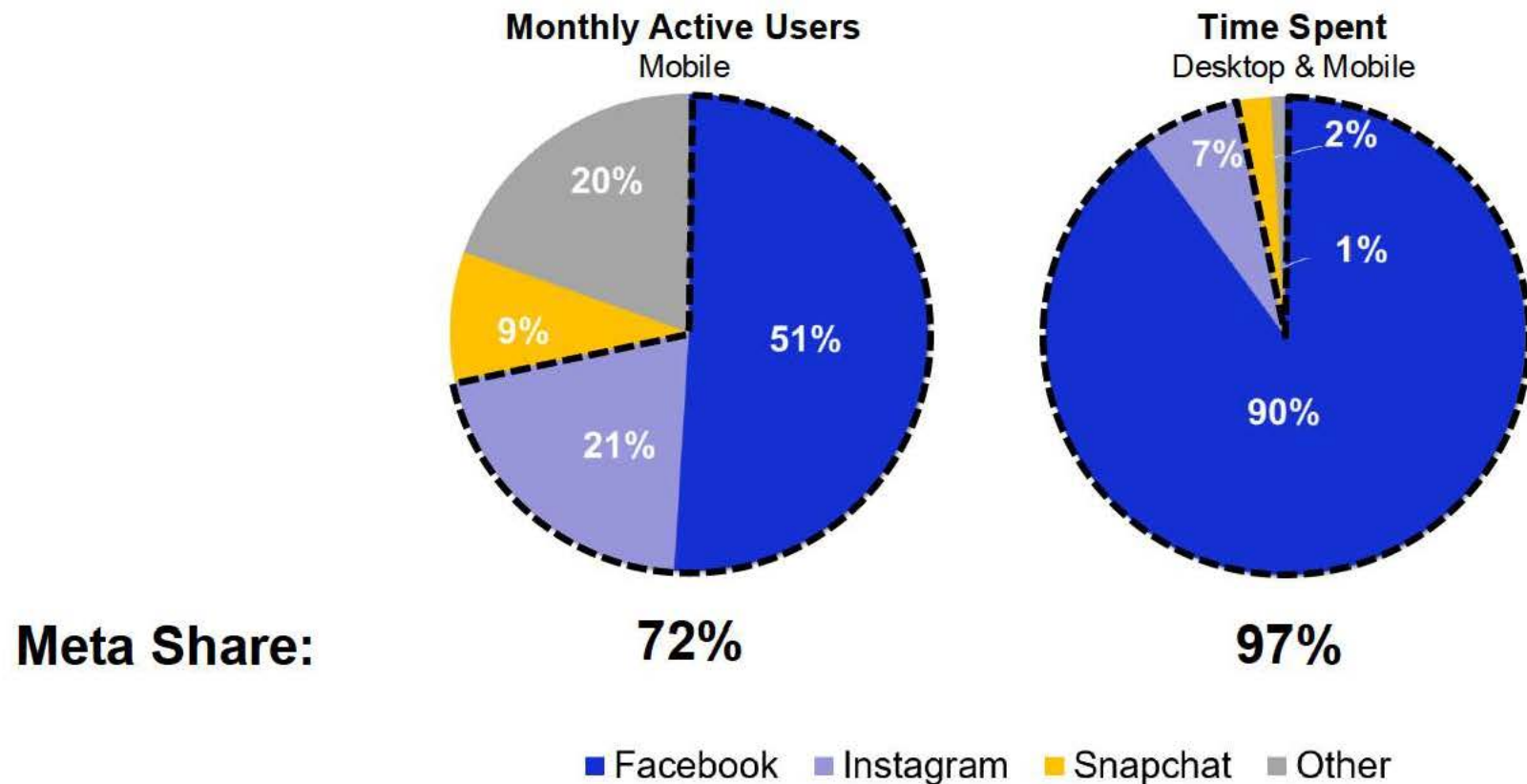
94%

99%

■ Facebook ■ Instagram ■ Other

Notes: "Other" includes Myspace, Google+, Orkut, and Path.
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 39, 42, 45.

Market Shares: 2014



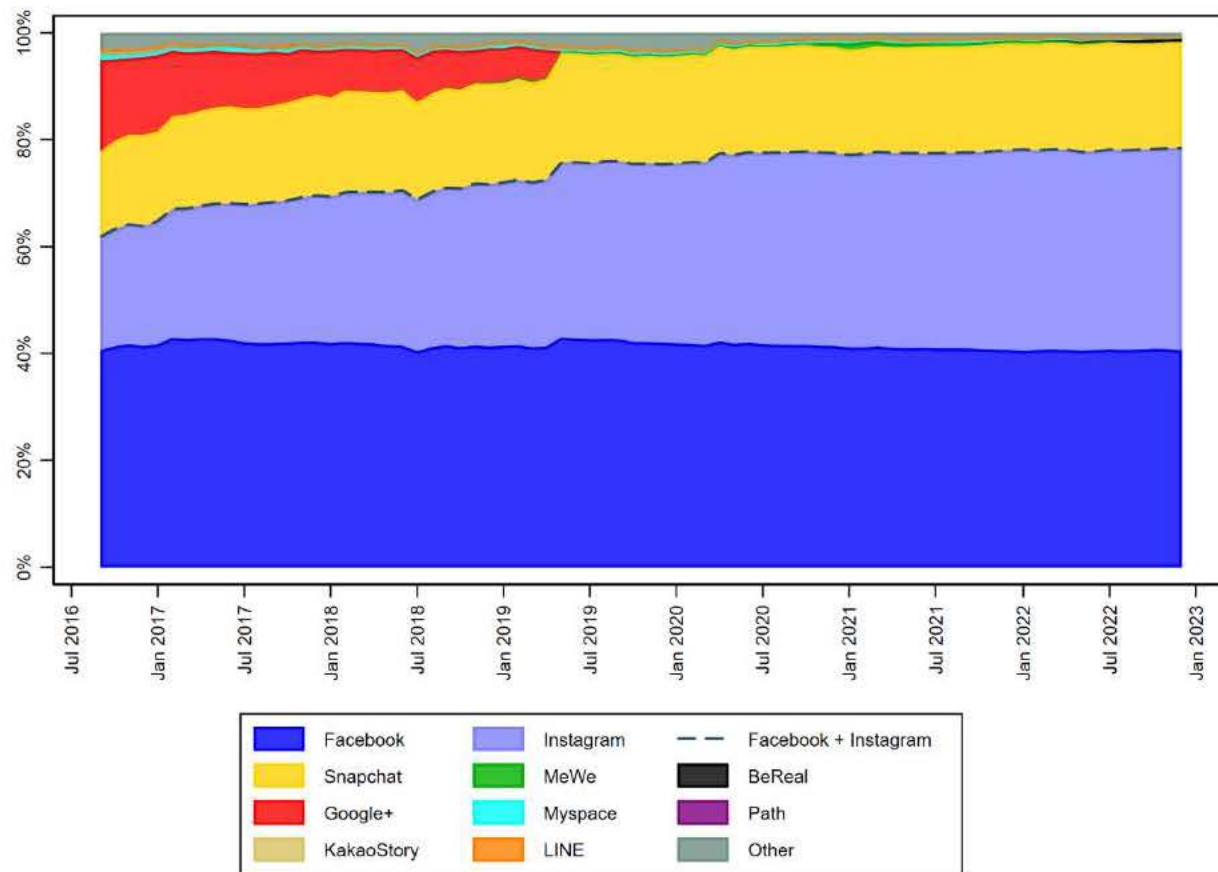
Notes: "Other" includes Myspace, Google+, Path, LINE, LiveJournal, Orkut, Pengyou, Qzone, Renren, Tuenti, VKontakte, and Weibo. Desktop MAU reported for December 2014.

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. C-30, C-31, C-32.

Market Shares: Monthly Active Users

PSN Services Market Shares – Monthly Active Users

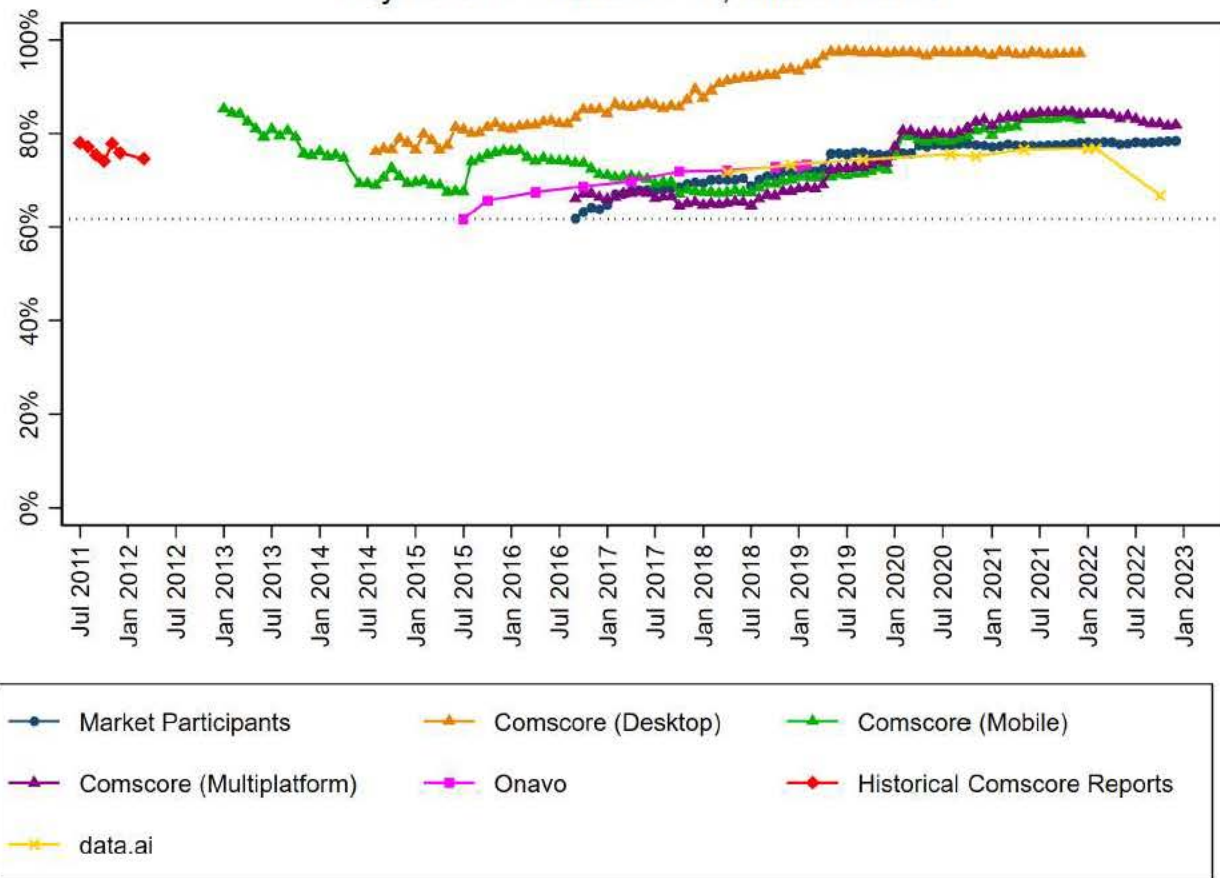
September 2016–December 2022, United States



Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at Ex. A-7.

Meta's Market Share: Monthly Active Users

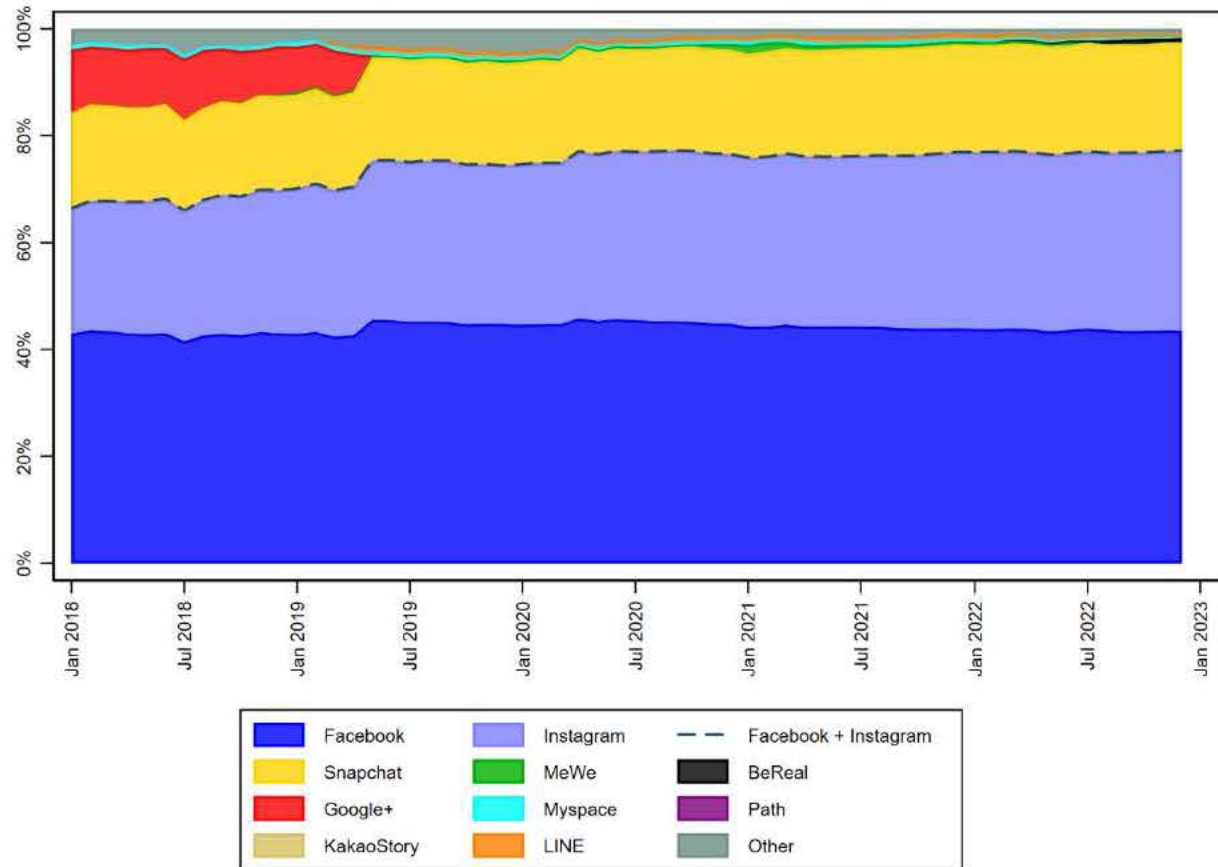
Meta's PSN Services Market Share – Monthly Active Users
July 2011–December 2022, United States



Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at Ex. A-6.

Market Shares: Daily Active Users

PSN Services Market Shares – Daily Active Users
January 2018–December 2022, United States

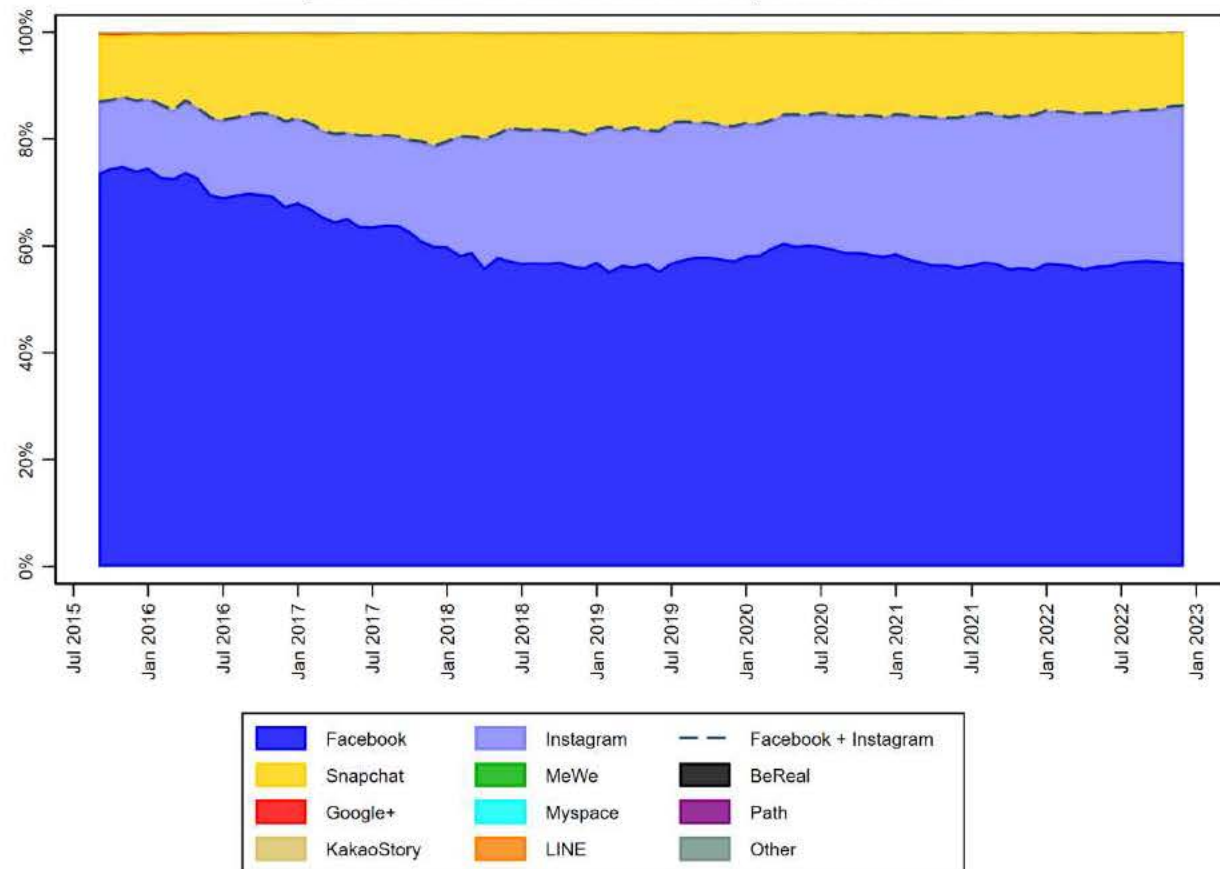


Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at Ex. A-3.

Market Shares: Time Spent

PSN Services Market Shares – Time Spent

September 2015–December 2022, United States



Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at Ex. A-11.

Market Shares: Stories and Feed Posts

PSN Services Market Shares as Measured by Stories and Feed Posts
January 2022–June 2022, United States

Meta Share:

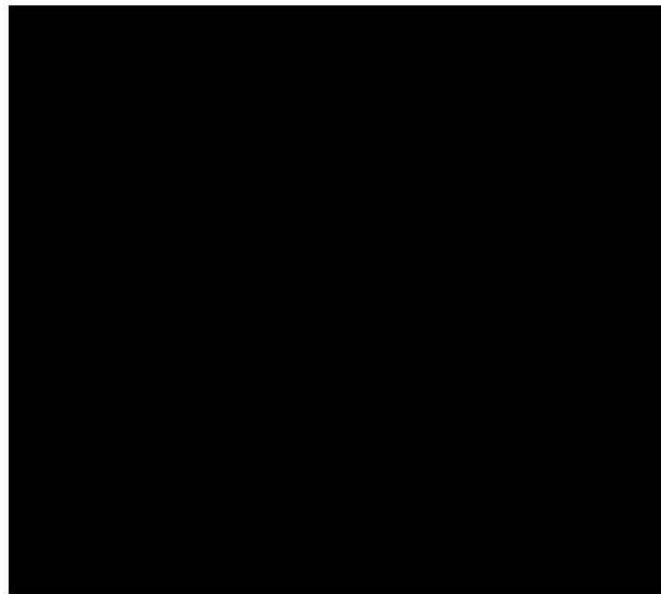
■ Facebook ■ Instagram

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 47.

Market Shares: Time Spent on Feed and Stories

Shares of PSN Services Market – Feed and Stories Only – Time Spent

February to June 2022 for Facebook and Instagram, September 2022 to January 2023 for [REDACTED], United States



Meta Share:



■ Facebook ■ Instagram



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 48.

Market Share Sensitivity: Survey Results

Meta's PSN Services Market Shares Including Incidental Friend-Related Activity on Non-PSN Apps
United States

Survey Source (Year)	Prorated DAU	Prorated MAU	Prorated Time
Malkiewicz (2023)	78.3%	76.7%	77.7%
Meta (2021)	72.4%	69.3%	72.0%
TikTok (2019)	74.0%	71.0%	73.8%
Audience Project (2019)	72.4%	69.3%	71.8%

Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at Ex. 34; *see also* Ex. A14-A17.

1.2 (F) – Barriers to Entry and Expansion

Meta's Monopoly Power Is Protected by Strong Network Effects



“We are hard to compete with, our network effects are substantial, your friends are all here, you have made a big investment in your Facebook identity and network and that’s hard to leave behind, and furthermore, every day, our users increase that investment in Facebook.”

Facebook Document: “Top Investor Questions”; Sheryl Sandberg Talking Points
(May 2, 2012)



Sheryl Sandberg
Former COO



“Generally I think network effects are hard to beat. After 4 years of watching eBay try to kill itself from the inside I was incredibly impressed at how hard it was to kill something with real network effects. Similarly with Facebook’s competitors (VK, StudiVZ, Tuenti, Orkut, etc...) who gained network effects it was super super hard to disrupt them even with a superior product.”

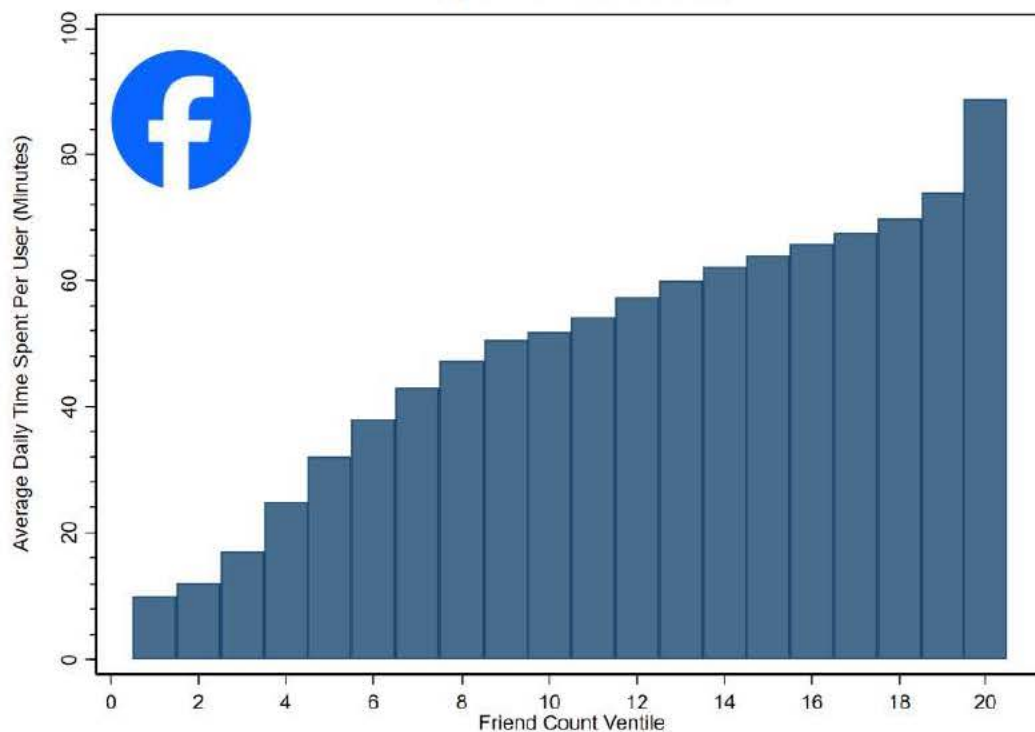
Email from Alex Schultz to Jan Koum
(May 18, 2016)



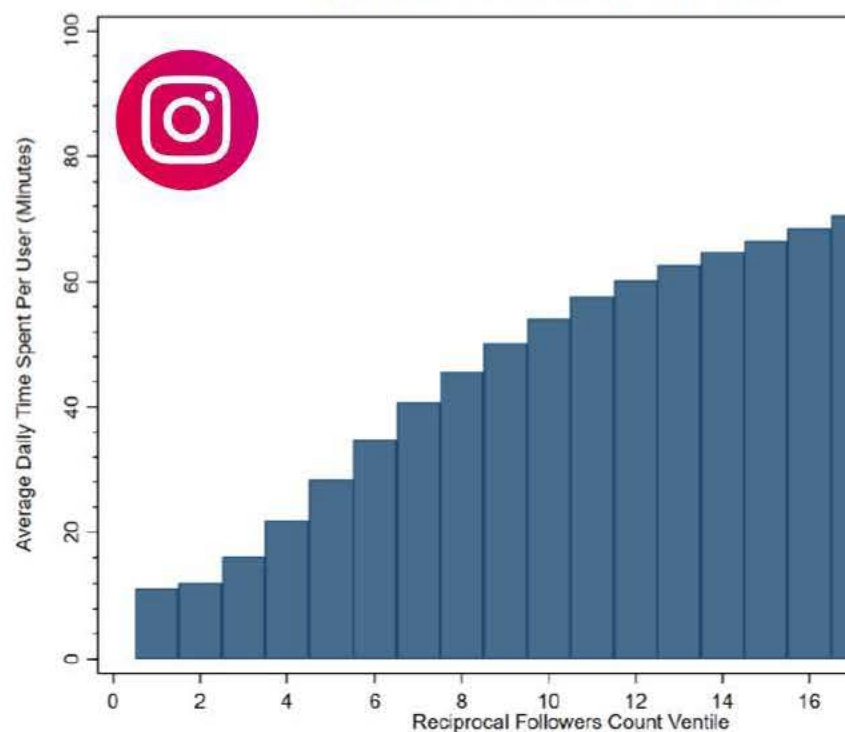
Alex Schultz
VP of Analytics

Meta's Monopoly Power Is Protected by Strong Network Effects

Facebook Average Daily Time Spent Per User
by Friend Count Ventile

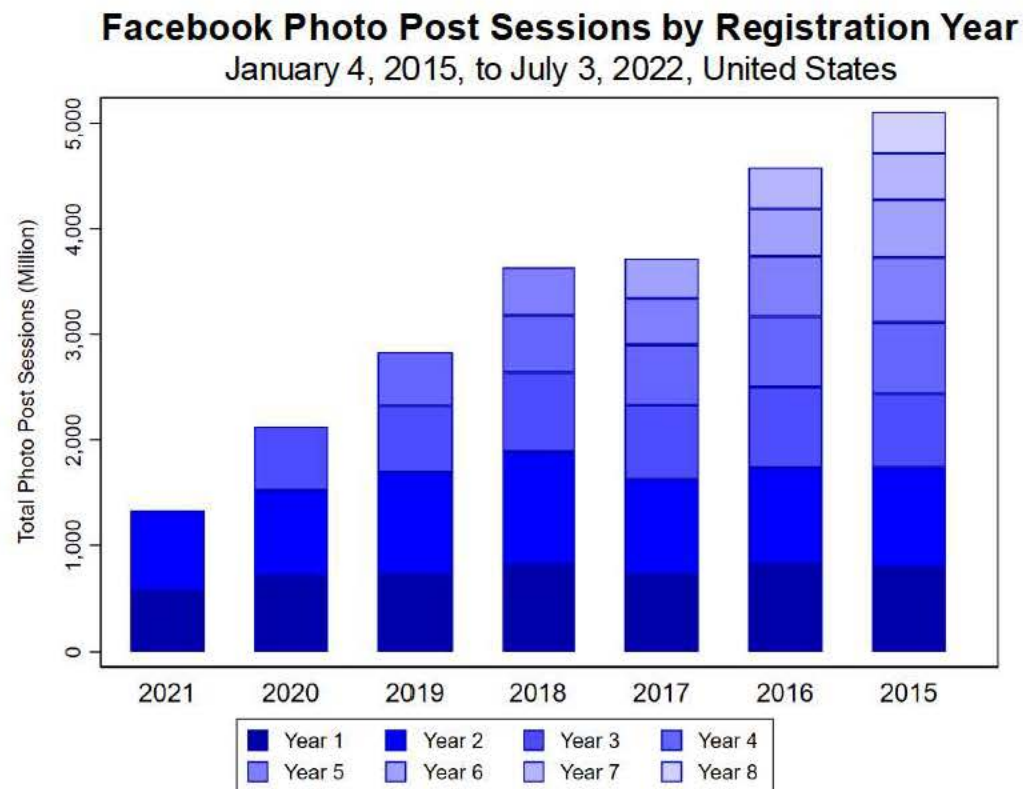


Instagram Average Daily Time Spent Per User
by Reciprocal Followers Count Ventile



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 2, 4.

Meta's Monopoly Power Is Protected by Significant Switching Costs



“When you start using an app you have to pay some cost – learning how it works, adding your friends **once you’ve made that investment, you’ll stick with it even if the relationship quality declines.**”

Meta Document: “Ratchet Effects in App Usage” (June 2015)

“[T]he construction of a social network requires affirmative proactive consent from hundreds, thousands, billions of people **reproducing those clicks one by one, a painstaking**, especially when I’ve already made that investment elsewhere.”

Bradley Horowitz (Google) Testimony (May 2015)

Network Effects, Switching Costs, and Capital Costs Make Entry and Expansion Difficult



“Google+ failed to get users to switch from Facebook, which was the leading app at the time. Required a separate, confusing Google+ login account; no clear differentiation from FB, and required categorization of contacts (Circles). People didn’t post or engage with the product from the start, **as it was too similar to FB, which had leading network effects.”**

Meta Document: “Apps that Have Declined / Died – Vig
(May 3



Roelof Botha
(Sequoia Capital)

“██████████ We’ve invested in other companies over the five
six years that have attempted to go after social. But the distribution
advantages that Facebook and Instagram now enjoy are so powerful that
has been impossible to get any other company to find a wedge. ██████████
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Roelof Botha Testimony
(Jan. 24

1.3 – Responses to Meta's Arguments

Meta Claim: “Ad Load Is Not So Bad”



Mark Zuckerberg

“[O]ver time, the quality of the ads as people report them to us has basically approached the quality of the organic content.”

Mark Zuckerberg Trial Testimony
(Apr. 15, 2024)



Sheryl Sandberg
Former COO

“We always wanted the ads to be as high quality or even better than the organic content. And I think over time we achieved that.”

Sheryl Sandberg Trial Testimony
(Apr. 17, 2024)



John Hegeman
Chief Revenue Officer

“[O]verall, the ads that we show don’t have a very significant impact on the amount of people who choose to use our products or how they feel about them.”

John Hegeman Trial Testimony
(May 1, 2024)

Source: Zuckerberg Trial Tr. at 97:5-7; Sandberg Trial Tr. at 23:5-7; Hegeman Trial Tr. at 165:13-15.

Ad Load Is a Meaningful Tax on User Experience



John Hegeman
Chief Revenue Officer

“[Q.] [W]e can agree that most users on Meta will generally prefer not to look at more ads if they instead have the option to look at fewer ads; is that right?

A. Yeah, I suspect many people would choose that.

Q. And you’re not aware of any age cohort in the United States that derives a positive engagement effect from ads; right?

A. I’m not.”

John Hegeman Trial Testi
(May 1,



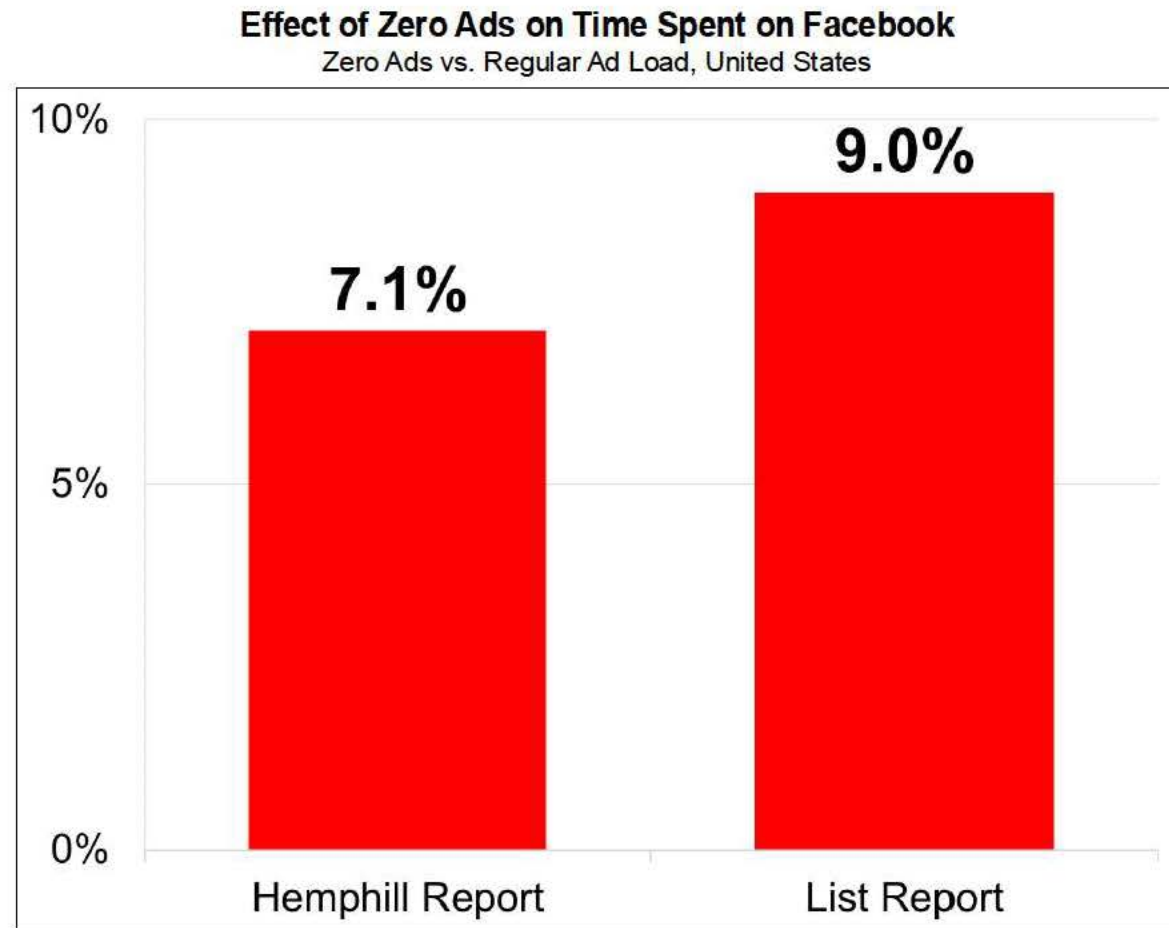
Kevin Systrom

“Q. So maybe this goes without saying, but is the reason that increasing ads on Instagram would hurt engagement is because users don’t like ads?

A. That’s one way of saying it. Yes. Exactly.”

Kevin Systrom Trial Testi
(Apr. 22,

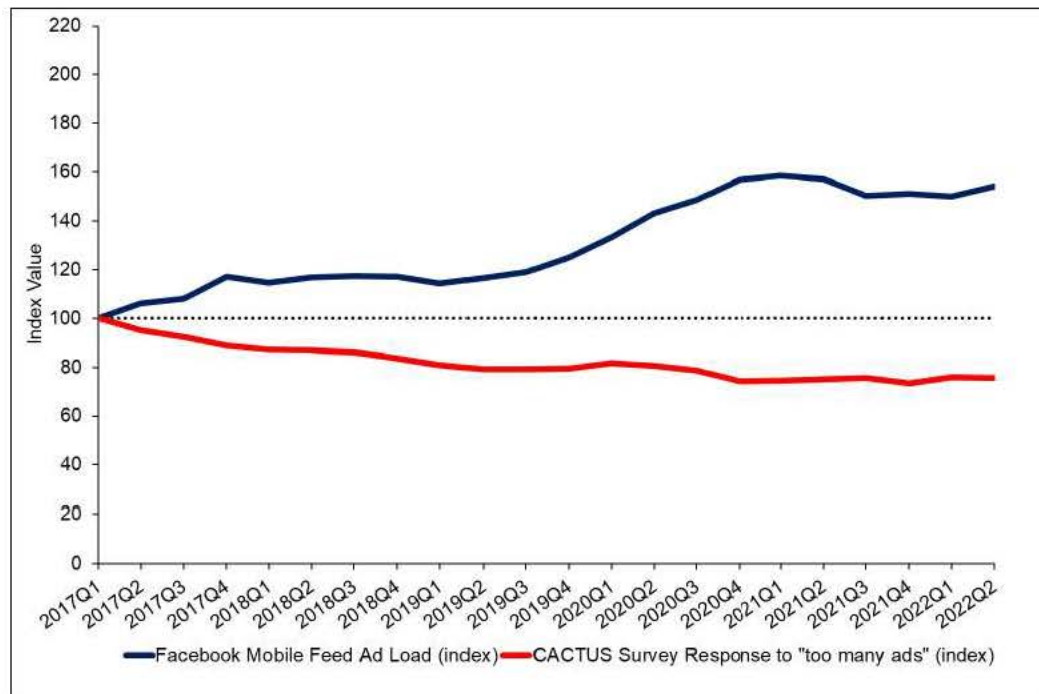
Ad Load Is a Significant Burden on Users



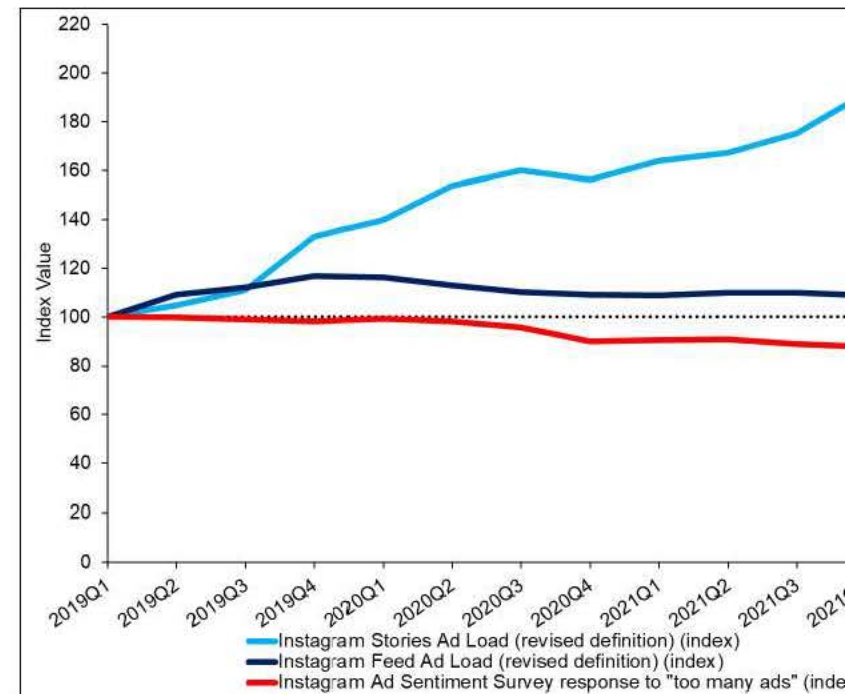
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. C-50 (March 2021 and March 2022); List Report at ¶ 197 (as of January 2023).

Ad Load Is a Meaningful Tax on User Experience

User Sentiment for Facebook Ads vs. Facebook Feed
Ad Load Indexed to Q1 2017



User Sentiment for Instagram Ads vs. Instagram
Stories Ad Load Indexed to Q1 2019



Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal Report) at Exs. 3, 4.

Meta Claim: “Friends and Family Sharing Is in Decline”

Table 1: U.S. Content from Friends as Share of Time Spent and Total Content Viewed on Facebook by Surface and Overall, January 2025

Facebook Surface	Share of Total Facebook Time from Friends on Surface [A]=[B]*[C]	Surface Share of Facebook Time [B]	Percentage of Time Spent on Surface from Friends [C]	Share of Total Facebook Impressions from Friends on Surface [D]=[E]*[F]	Surface Share of Facebook Impressions [E]	Percentage of Impressions on Surface from Friends [F]
Facebook Reels	0%	41%	0%	0%	23%	0%
Facebook News Feed	11%	40%	28%	13%	51%	25%
Profile	1%	4%	24%	2%	7%	23%
Permalink	1%	4%	27%	1%	3%	28%
Facebook Stories	3%	4%	69%	3%	5%	68%
Photos	1%	3%	31%	3%	8%	35%
Facebook Watch	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
video_chaining	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Search	0%	1%	4%	0%	1%	6%
Facebook Groups	0%	1%	8%	0%	2%	6%
Other	0%	1%	19%	0%	0%	34%
Total	17%	100%		21%	100%	

Notes:

[1] Table includes top 10 surfaces in terms of share of time spent. The rest of surfaces are grouped into "Other".

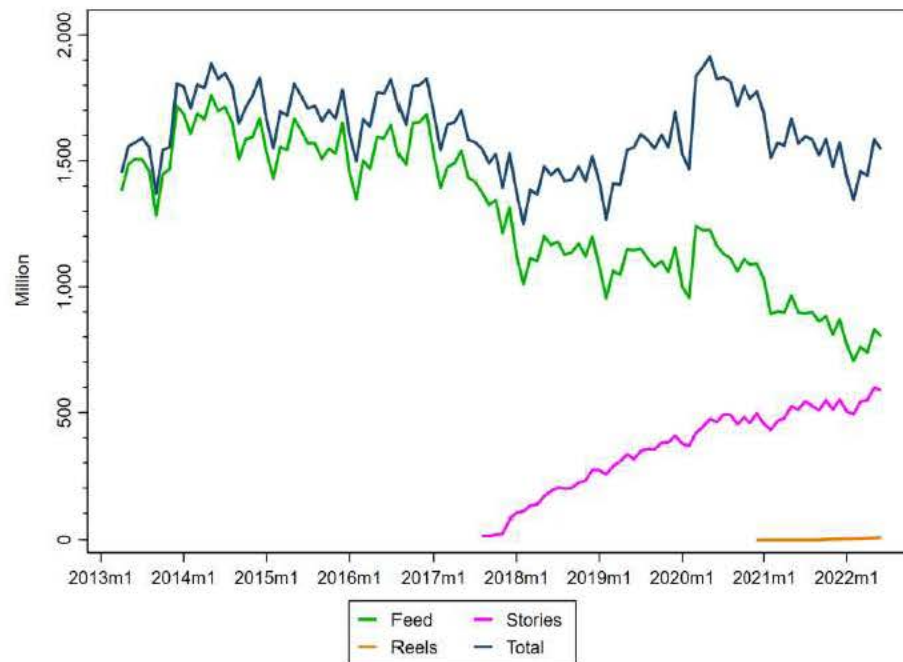
[2] Per 2023 06 05 Meta's Sixth Set of Written Responses to FTC's Data 30b6 Questions, Facebook News Feed includes surface values "top_news", "most_recent_feed" and "seen_feed." Facebook Reels includes surface value "sfv_shorts." Profile includes surface value "timeline." Facebook Watch includes surface value "vh_live." Photos includes surface values "snowflake_medias" and "photos." Facebook Stories includes surface values "fb_stories" and "fb_stories_chaining." Facebook Groups includes surface values "groups" and "groups_tab."

Sources: FTC-META-014039755, 2023 06 05 Meta's Sixth Set of Written Responses to FTC's Data 30b6 Questions.

Demand for Friends and Family Sharing Has Remained Large over Time

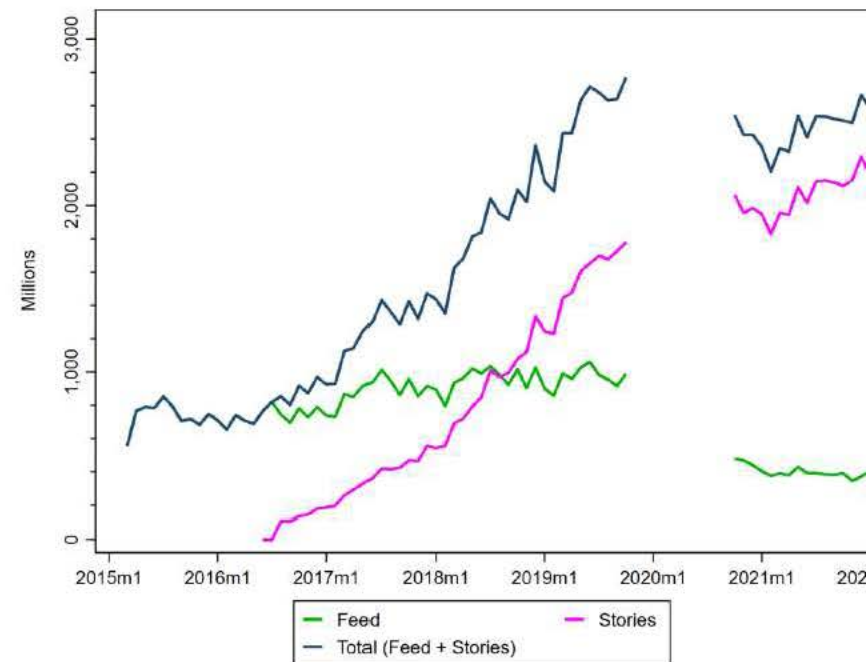
Facebook Original Broadcast Post Sessions

April 2013 – June 2022, United States



Instagram Feed and Stories Posts

March 2015 – June 2022, United States

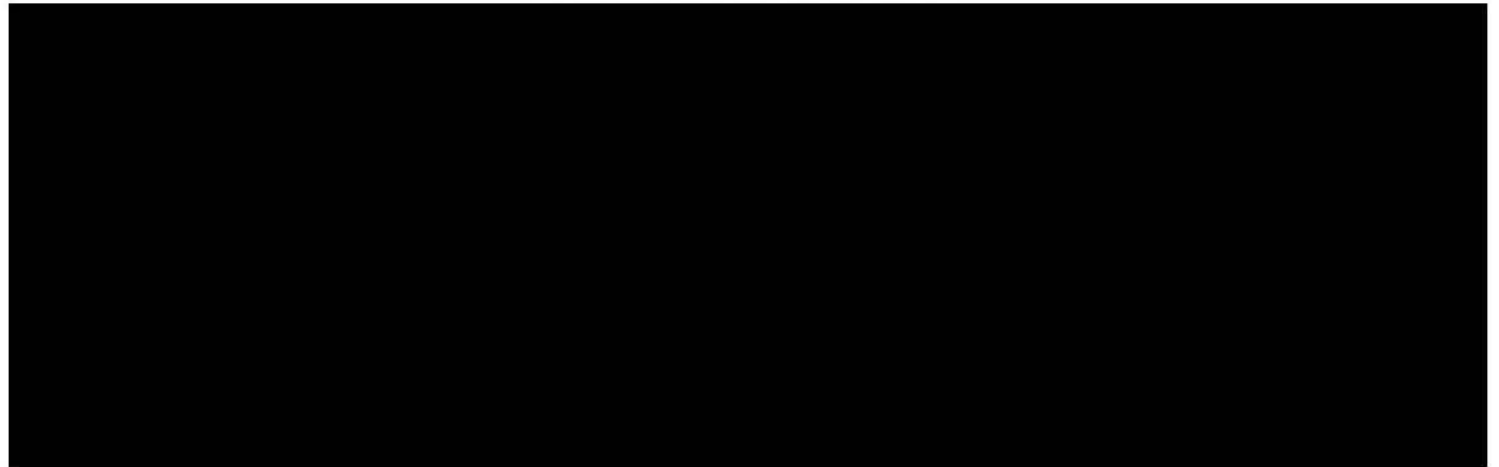


Note: Instagram Feed data are unavailable in the period December 2019 through August 2020, and incomplete in November 2019 and September 2020.
Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal Report) at Exs. 7, 8.

Even Prof. Carlton's "Friend" Classifications Confirm That Demand Remains Large on Facebook Today

Facebook Impressions on "Friend" Content

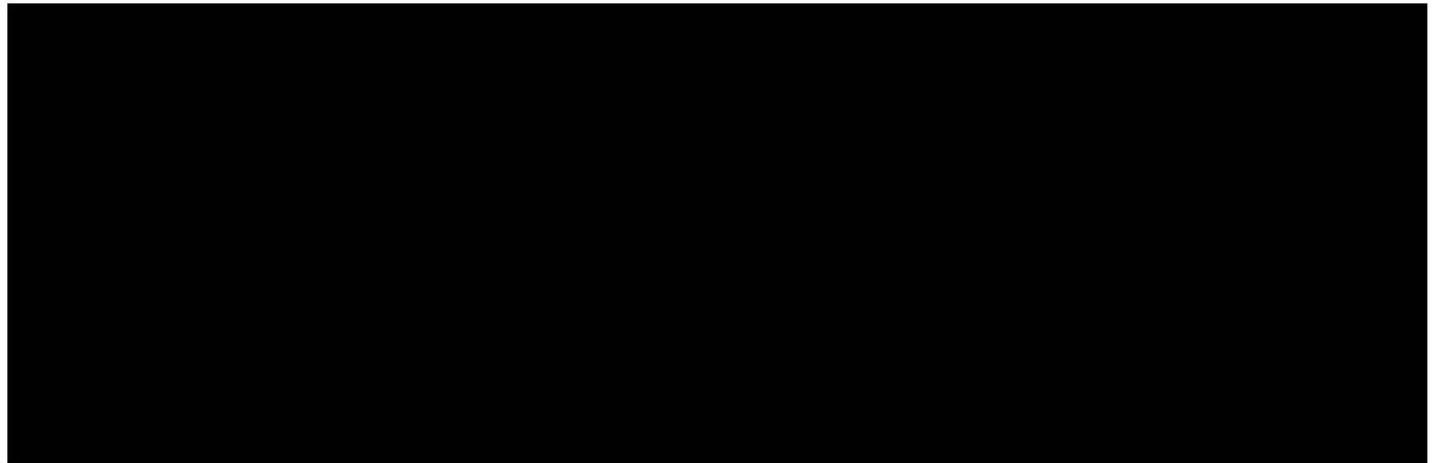
January 2025, United States



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at §3.2.4; PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at §2.2.4; DDX13.3; FTC-META-012478772, FTC-META-012481350; FTC-META-012481351

Even Prof. Carlton's "Friend" Classifications Confirm That Demand Remains Large on Instagram Today

Instagram Impressions on "Friend" Content
January 2025, United States



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Monopoly Output Reduction: Poor Quality Lowers User Sentiment



"[H]igher perceived ad load on Feed is associated with lower sentiment towards FB app[.]"

Meta Document: "Facebook and Instagram Feeds need to be explicit to become more transparent" (August 2019)



"Feed inventory is by far the only feature AFAIK that showed such a high and persistent correlation with CAU while controlling for tenure."

Email to Alex Schultz from Meta Employee (May 19, 2019)



"Privacy is the single biggest detractor in our CAU surveys."

Meta Presentation: "Privacy and Data Literacy Survey" (July 2019)

Monopoly Output Reduction: Lower User Sentiment Associated with Reduced Engagement



“Sentiment is at an all time low with no significant recovery, likely driving headwinds for deletes/deactivations and disengagement.”

Meta Presentation: “FB US Long Term Themes”
(Apr. 2021)

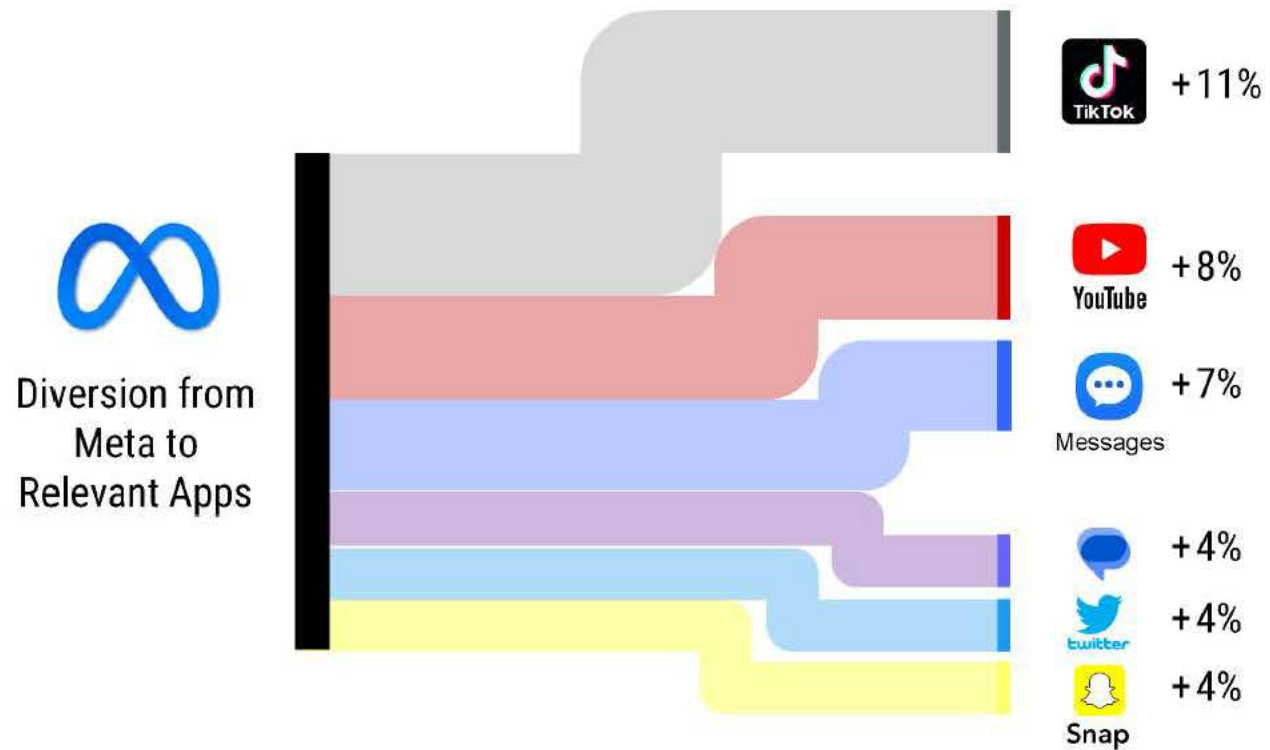


“In most countries, including the US, GFW [Good For the World], Trust, and CAU [Cares About Users] have strong positive correlations with sharing participation.”

Meta Document: “Sentiment and Overall Sharing Participation are Correlated”
(Jan. 2021)

Meta Claim: “Outages Show Substitution and Inform Market Definition”

2021 Meta Outage: Which Relevant Apps Got More Usage?



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Meta's "Quantitative Analyses" Are Misleading and Uninformative

Price Increase Is. . .	2021 Meta Outage	List Pricing Experiment	2020 India Ban of Apps	List Switch Study
Applied to products in market, starting from competitive level				
Small				
Non-transitory				
Limited to products in market				

Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at ¶¶ 25, 28, 211-228.

Opinion 2: Meta's acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp harmed competition and consumers of personal social networking services in the United States

Economic Framework

1. Examining whether the firm possesses monopoly power
- 2. Examining whether the firm's acquisition harmed competition:**
 - a. Is the acquisition likely, by eliminating the target as a competitive constraint, to preserve the firm's monopoly position?
 - b. Are competition and consumers harmed by the elimination of the competitive constraint?
 - c. Are there procompetitive effects of the acquisition, dependent upon the acquisition for their achievement, that are large enough to prevent the competitive harms?

Opinion 2: Instagram and WhatsApp Posed Significant Competitive Threat



Instagram posed a significant competitive threat to Meta in personal social networking services in the United States, such that the acquisition impeded competition and preserved Meta's monopoly power.



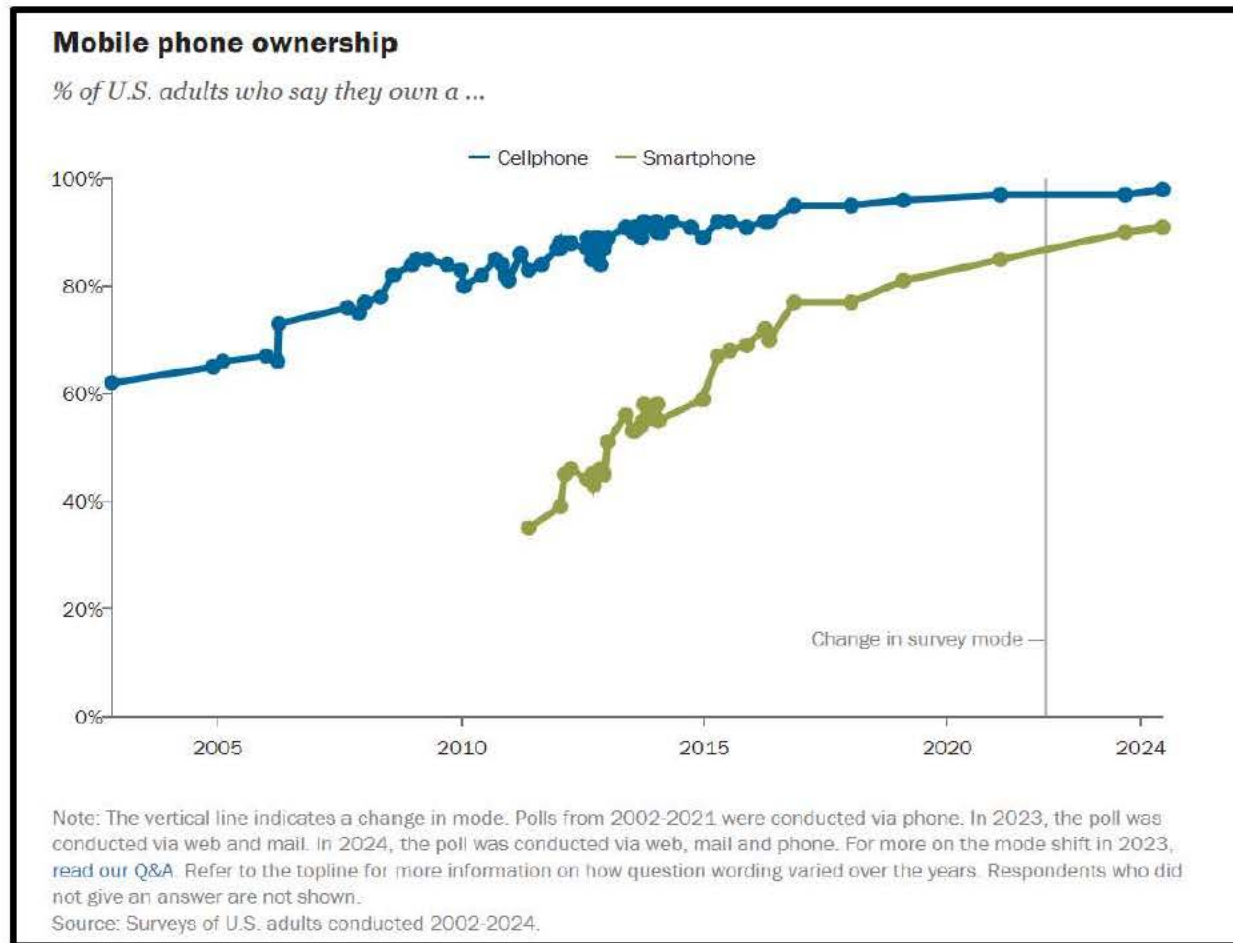
WhatsApp posed a significant competitive threat to Meta in personal social networking services in the United States, as a source of entry from mobile messaging, such that the acquisition impeded competition and preserved Meta's monopoly power.

Opinion 2: Instagram and WhatsApp Acquisitions Harmed Competition Consumers

- Harm to competition
 - Eliminated head-to-head competition
 - Strengthened competitive moats and entry barriers
- Harms to consumers
 - Increased ad load
 - Diminished friends-and-family sharing experience
 - Privacy and data collection
 - No compensation to users
- Merger-specific procompetitive benefits not shown to outweigh the competitive h

Shift to Mobile

Shift to Mobile: Rapid Increase in Smartphone Adoption



“About nine-in-ten (91%) [Americans] own a smartphone, up from just in the Center’s first survey smartphone ownership conducted in 2011.”

Pew Research
“Mobile Fact Sheet”
(Nov. 13, 2024)

Source: Pew Research Center, “Mobile Fact Sheet,” <https://www.pewresearch.org/internet/fact-sheet/mobile> (last updated Nov. 13, 2024).

Meta Recognized Shift to Mobile as an Existential Threat



“We were certainly in the middle of this **very dangerous platform transition** . . . and that, historically, a lot of companies had not been able to make that leap.”

Mark Zuckerberg Test.
(Aug. 18, 2020)

“We were in a period where we needed . . . to change the whole engineering process of the company to update it to what this new platform was. We had to remake what our whole business was. I think we were **quite vulnerable during that period**”

Mark Zuckerberg Test.
(Aug. 18, 2020)

Meta Struggled with the Shift to Mobile



“[I]t’s not a secret that **our current iPhone app is not that awesome** [I]t’s probably a fair thing to say that people tolerate the Facebook mobile experiences because they like using the Facebook network primarily on their desktop.”

Mark Zuckerberg at Meta Town Hall
(Apr. 6, 2012)

“[W]e had to start over and rewrite everything to be native. So that brings us to where we are now. We burnt two years. That’s really painful.”

Mark Zuckerberg at TechCrunch Conference
(Sept. 2011)

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 97, 98; PX15180 at 0:40-1:10; TechCrunch, *Fireside Chat With Facebook Founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg*, YouTube (Sept. 21, 2012), <https://youtu.be/o2wPzjH2xwA?si=uaE6TIXQ1LnSDfe3&t=720>.

Technology Transitions in Prior Monopolization Cases

To: Executive staff and direct reports
From: Bill Gates
Date: May 26, 1995

The Internet Tidal Wave

Our vision for the last 20 years can be summarized in a succinct way. We saw that exponential improvements in computer capabilities would make great software quite valuable. Our response was to build an organization to deliver the best software products. In the next 20 years the improvements in computer power will be matched by the exponential improvements in communications networks. The combination of these elements will have a fundamental impact on work, learning and play. Great software products will be crucial to delivering the benefits of these advances. Both the variety and volume of software will increase.

Now, users of communications have not yet seen the price of communications come down significantly. Cable and phone networks are still depressing networks built with old technology. Over time, service monopolies, and other government's involvement around the world have kept communications costs high. Private networks and the Internet which are built using state of the art equipment have been the primary beneficiaries of improved communications technology. The PC is just now starting to create additional demand that will drive a new wave of innovation. A combination of expanded access to the Internet, ISDN, new broadband networks justified by video based applications and interconnections between each of these will bring low cost communications to more businesses and homes within the next decade.

The Internet is at the forefront of all of this development on the Internet over the next several years will be the success of our industry for a long time to come. Perhaps you have already seen success from one or other here about the importance of the Internet. I have gone through several stages of increasing my view of its importance. Now I regard the Internet the highest level of importance. In this vision I want to make clear that our focus on the Internet is crucial to every part of our business. The Internet is the most important single development to come along since the IBM PC was introduced in 1981. It is even more important than the arrival of graphical user interface (GUI). The PC analogy is apt for many reasons. The PC was a perfect product. Aspects of the PC were arbitrary or even poor. However a phenomenon grew up around the IBM PC that made it a key element of everything that would happen for the next 15 years. Companies that tried to fight the PC standard often had good reasons for doing so but they failed because the phenomenon overcame any weaknesses that reasons identified.

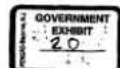
The Internet Today

The Internet's unique position arises from a number of elements. The TCP/IP protocols that define its common level support distributed computing and scale seamlessly with it. The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) has defined an evolutionary path that will avoid a running race future problems even as virtually everyone on the planet connects up. The HTTP protocols that define HTML, Web browsing are extremely simple and have allowed services to handle massive traffic effortlessly well. All of the products above hypertext - made possible again by powerful text editors - are coming on line. Although other protocols on the Internet will continue to be used (FTP, Gopher, IRC, Telnet, SMTP, NNTP, HTML web extensions will be the standard that defines how information will be presented. Various extensions to HTML, including content enhancements like tables, and foregrounding multimedia, will be widely adopted in the near future. There will also be enhanced 3D presentations providing for virtual reality type shopping and socialization.

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"A new competitor 'born' on the Internet is Netscape. Their browser is dominant with 70% user share allowing them to determine which network extensions will catch on. They are pursuing a multiplatform strategy where they move the key API into the client to commoditize the underlying operating system."

GX-20 from *United States v. Microsoft Corporation* (1998)
Email from Bill Gates to Executive Staff and Direct Reports
(May 25, 1995)

Source: GX-20 at p. 4, MS98-0112876 (May 25, 1995), <https://www.justice.gov/atr/us-v-microsoft-corporation-browser-and-middleware-trial-exhibits>.

Instagram

Instagram Seizes Opportunity of the Shift to Mobile



“The best companies in the world get created around shifts in technology that open up opportunities. And for us, that shift in technology that people were going to go from computing on desktop or their laptop to computing on the go on phone. And **there was a brief moment and opportunity where computing had shifted, but the services created for computing had not shifted to mobile in a big enough way. So that left **an opening for someone like Instagram to create a mobile-optimized experience**”**

Kevin Systrom Testimony
(Sept. 15, 2020)

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 114, 119, 837; Systrom IH Tr. (Sept. 15, 2020) at 82:7-17.

Instagram: Mobile-First Photo-Centric PSN App



Kevin Systrom

“We were a photo social network that let you post your photos to your friends”

Kevin Systrom Testimony
(Sept. 15, 2020)

“I just remember thinking that Instagram could be, one, a mobile social network . . . and, two, I believe that . . . [T]he primary way we would communicate would be through photos, and possibly videos some day.”

Kevin Systrom Testimony
(Sept. 15, 2020)

Instagram Provided an Attractive User Experience



“When you look at Instagram and Path and then go back to our NF [News Feed], **it looks like ours was built in the stone age.** It’s crazy how small the photos are. It just screams that this is not a serious app for sharing photos.”

Post to Meta Discussion Board from Mark Zuckerberg
(Jan. 21, 2012)



Mark



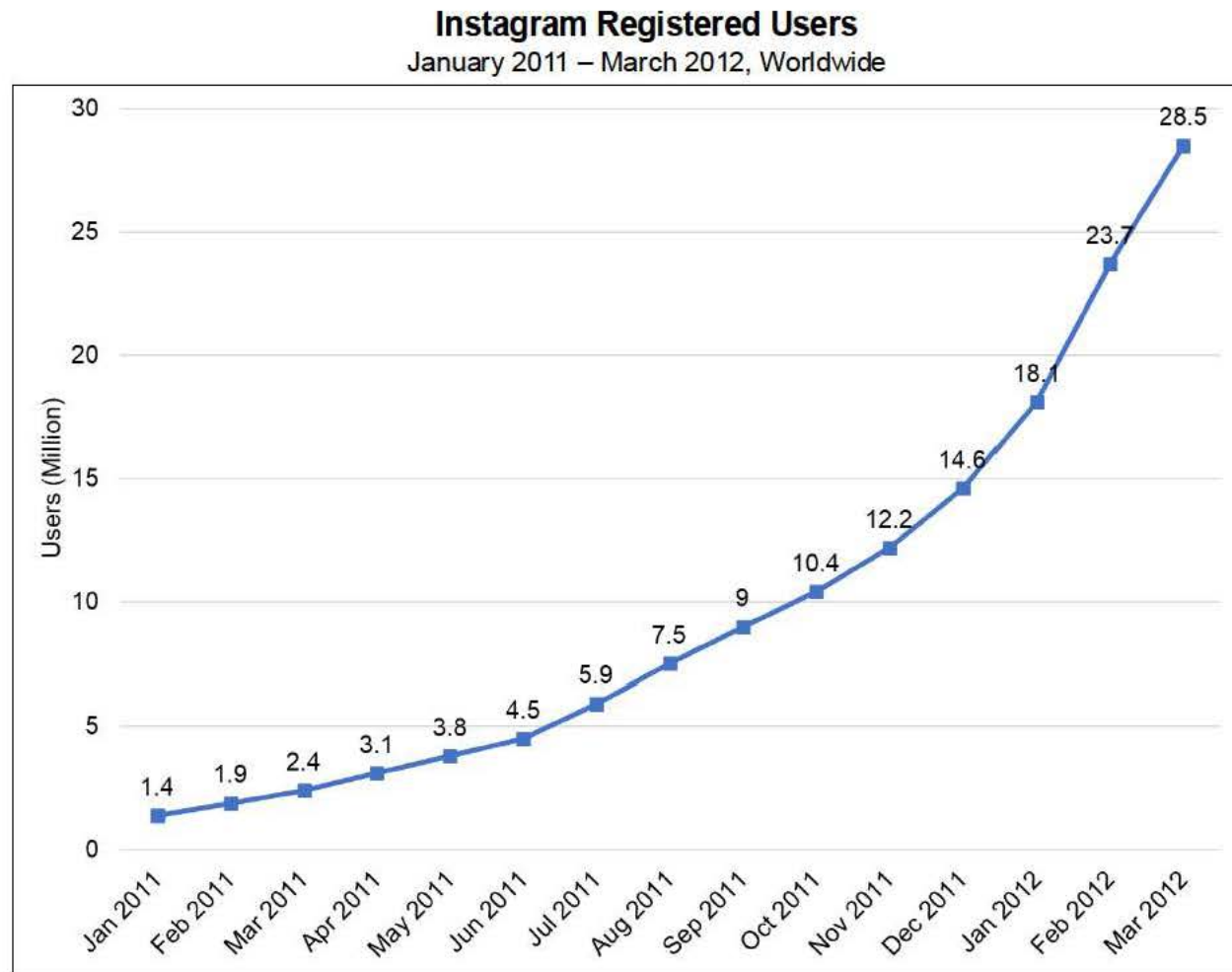
“The photos team is now focused almost exclusively on a new mobile photo app as **we gawk at Instagram’s simple photo-sharing app taking off.**”

Email from Chris Cox to mteam
(Feb. 22, 2011)



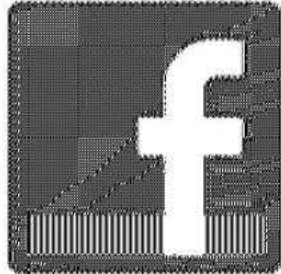
Chris
Chief F

Instagram Was Growing Rapidly



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 74.

Instagram Had Strong User Engagement

		
	Instagram	Facebook iPhone
Date: April 3/ 2012		
# Users	30M+ registered users	116M MAU iPhone users 55M MAU photo uploaders
# Photo uploads	5M+ photo per day	20M photo per day
# likes	50M likes per day	56M photo likes per day
# comments	7M comments per day	54M photo comments per day
# total photos uploaded	1B+ photos uploaded	5B photos uploaded

Email from C. Liang to Chris Cox, Mike Schroepfer, and others
(Apr. 3, 2012)

Meta Recognized Instagram as a Significant Competitive Threat

[illegible]

“In the time it has taken us to get ou[r] act together on this Instagram has become a **large and viable competitor** to us on mobile photos I do think **it’s a crisis** that we don’t have a mobile photos app out and I’d prioritize pushing that out as much as possible.”

Email from Mark Zuckerberg to Meta Executives
(Sept. 8, 2021)

[illegible]

“I just need to decide if we’re going to buy Instagram . . . It’s really expensive – probably ~\$1 billion. I think they’re **pretty threatening** to us Instagram can hurt us meaningfully without becoming a huge business”

Message from Mark Zuckerberg to [REDACTED]
(Apr. 5, 2012)

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Email from Mark Zuckerberg to David Ebersm
(Feb. 28, 20



Instagram Stood Out from Others

Kevin Systrom,
Testimony
(Sept. 15, 2020)

Instagram was “growing very quickly, and we heard that [Path, TreeHouse, and PicPlz] weren’t.”

Email from B. Taylor
(Meta CTO) to
Mark Zuckerberg
(Jan. 22, 2012)

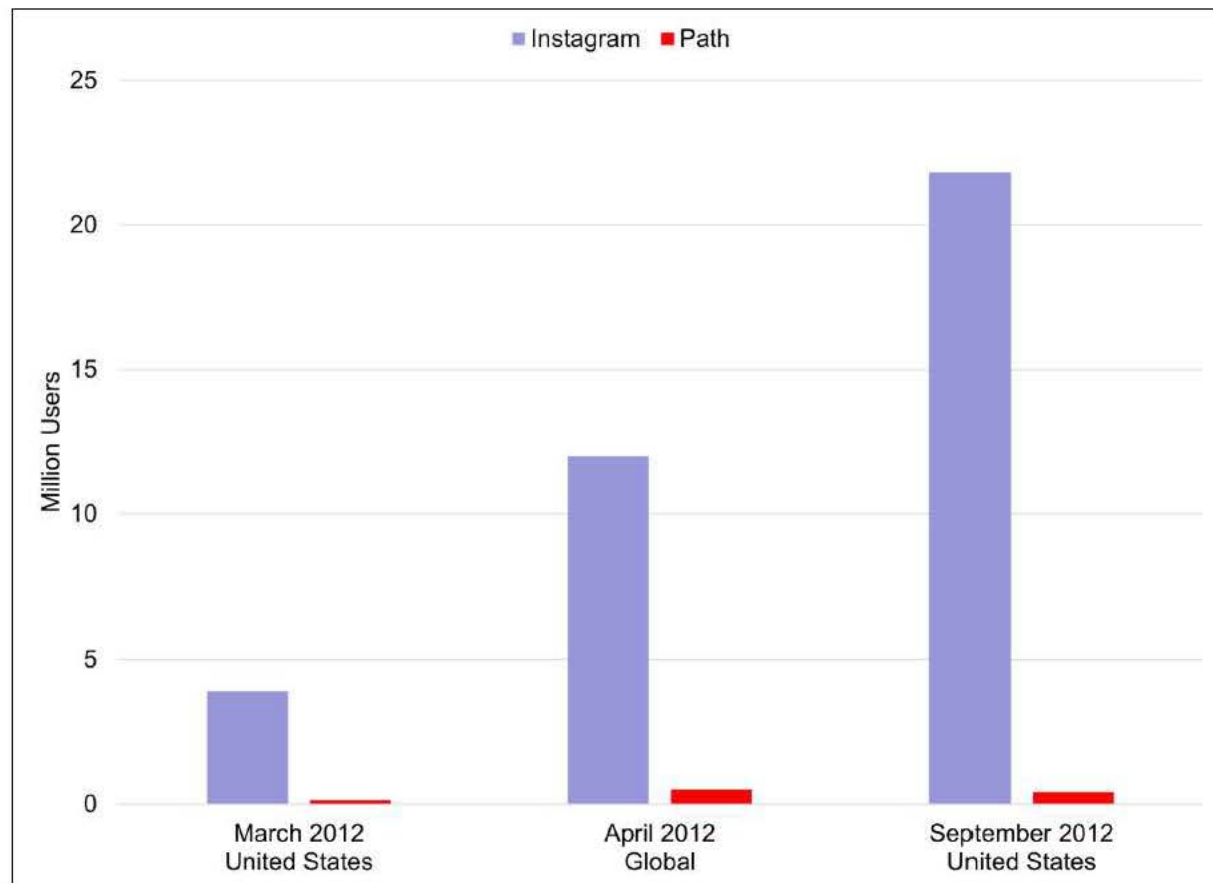
“I don’t care as much about Path. I personally worry more about Instagram . . .”

Email from Mark
Zuckerberg to
M. Andreessen
(Jan. 22, 2012)

“Path has a huge amount of hype, but only a million or so people actually use it at all.”

Instagram Stood Out from Others: Instagram vs. Path

Instagram and Path Monthly Active Users



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 882, Ex. 42; Geoffrey Fowler, *Mobile-Networking App Path Raises \$30 Million*, WALL STREET JOURNAL (Apr. 16, 2012), <https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052702304299304577348302143474314>; Comscore Total Audience Data.

Instagram Had Other Potential Acquirers

Email from
Mark
Zuckerberg to
Executives
(Sept. 8, 2011)

“I view this as a big strategic risk for us if we don’t completely own the photos space. If Instagram continues to kick ass on mobile or if Google buys them, then over the next few years they could easily **add pieces of their service that copy what we’re doing now**, and if they have a growing number of people’s photos then that’s a real issue for us.”

Message from
Mark
Zuckerberg to
Mike Schroepfer
(Mar. 9, 2012)

“Twitter has been courting [Instagram] aggressively, so we need to think about **what the world would be like if Twitter bought them** I generally think we should do this [buy Instagram]. I think we should be willing to pay even more”



WhatsApp

OTT Messaging Has Distinct Benefits



Jan Koum

“I, as a user of SMS, found the shortcomings to be as follows: . . . there was no way to know if your message actually made it to the recipient . . . there was no way to know how quickly the message arrived. . . . there was a limitation on the length of text that you could put in a single message. . . . there was no easy way to have a good conversation. . . . [and] with multimedia, while you could share images you wouldn’t know if they’ll be able to view it.”

Jan Koum Testimony
(Oct. 2, 2020)



Brian Acton

“[B]y adopting an internet technology, you can provide a richer user experience, a more robust user experience, and a more featureful user experience [through OTT].”

Brian Acton Testimony
(Apr. 13, 2023)

Meta Recognized Mobile Messengers as a Threat to Pivot into PSN Ser



"The sum-product of shift to mobile + messenger services **morphing into fully fleshed SSN sites** is IMO the **biggest competitive threat** we face as a business."

Email from Javier Olivan to Mark Zuckerberg, Sheryl Sandberg, and others
(Jan. 9, 2013)



Jav
Meta



"Therefore, the **biggest competitive vector** for us is for some company to build out a messaging app for communicating with small groups of people, and then **transforming that into a broader social network**. Companies like Line and Kakao in Korea and Tencent in China are running this exact strategy and it's working reasonably well. They haven't expanded outside of Asia yet, but **this is a big risk for us.**"

Email from Mark Zuckerberg to Board
(Feb. 11, 2013)



Mark

Top OTT Messengers Pivoted Into PSN Services, Centered in Asia



“Overview: the threat of messaging apps . . .

Pose a tremendous threat beyond messaging

- LINE, KakaoTalk, WeChat leveraging their messaging platform to **move into social networking**
- Rolling out user profiles with timeline, status updates, news feeds
- Some now offering key features we lack: VoIP, video calling, stickers

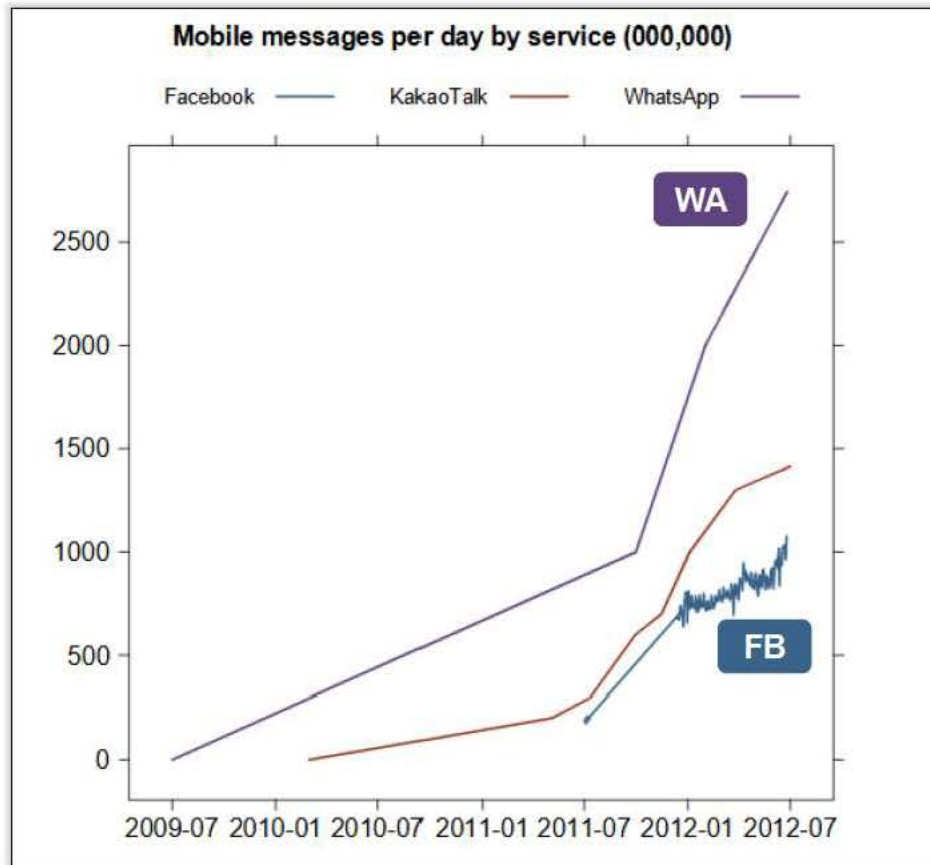
Meta Presentation: Messenger Competitive Landscape
(July 2016)



“**With the exception of WhatsApp, all of these other messaging apps [LINE, KakaoTalk, WeChat] are using messages as a springboard to move into more general mobile social networks.** . . . Given how important messaging is on mobile, this seems like a reasonable way for a network to grow to me”

Message from Mark Zuckerberg to Mike Schroepfer
(April 2016)

WhatsApp Was a Global Category Leader in OTT Messaging



Facebook Presentation: Mobile Messengers;
Growth and Engagement
(Sept. 25, 2012)

“The messaging market currently supports multiple players at scale with WhatsApp the **largest on a global basis**, and Kakao, WeChat, and Line owning Korea, China, and Japan respectively.

WhatsApp has reached its **leading scale** of 360 million registered users without spending on user acquisition.

”

Sequoia Capital Memo to Investors
(June 3, 2012)

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 1006; PX12105 at -011; PX10232 at -003.

Meta Recognized WhatsApp as a Threat to Pivot into PSN Services

Plaintiff Federal Trade Commission
Case No. 1:20-cv-01600-JEB
Exhibit PX12127

From: Javier Olivan <@THEFACEBOOK.COM> FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/COMP/RECIPENTS
To: Amin Zoufonoun
CC: Mark Zuckerberg
Date: 02/20/15 11:38:34 PM
Re: WhatsApp/FB sends

Trust me - this keeps me awake every night. We are definitely not playing in the same field as whatsapp does (as evidenced by the fact that we only have 200M messenger to messenger daily sends as opposed to their 12B daily sends by now). All the current work Facebook management is related to achieve the following 5 simple things:

- Messenger Reach
 - Increase sends
 - Reduce churn
- Monetization
 - Make it possible to be an SMS replacement
 - Make people understand this is the SMS (new branding will be part of it)
 - Get people to use it like SMS
- Quality
 - Make it work (perf, reliability, etc...)
 - Usability/functionality

Whether the above can be achieved when the Facebook messenger brand gives the perception/legacy is what keeps me awake. But it is not easy to see a winning path starting from scratch either... the good news - if we will know in a couple of months from now... the bad news is we might be already too late as of today for a start from scratch strategy - it will be even later in a couple of months from now if our current plans does not work.

From: Amin Zoufonoun
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2015 1:17 PM
To: Javier Olivan
Cc: Mark Zuckerberg
Subject: Re: WhatsApp/FB sends

Thanks for sharing this, jee... scary indeed but maybe not...

what if we are not defining the space and this problem is the right way? I am increasingly concerned that we are competing apples to oranges between the two products in terms of price, use case, user expectation (mobile delivery, notifications, sms replacement, etc...). In other words, we have a messaging product, generally speaking, but may be we do not have any messaging offering that even competes in whatsapp's messaging space even though similar capabilities are found there now... legacy user perception is difficult to change. FB messenger has existed for sometime and perhaps implies itself with mobile messaging. FB friend graph and send now, reliability of delivery/notification uncertainty, etc... whereas whatsapp is a clean, simple and reliable sms replacement... we actually do (does not often tell that, or at the very least, users do not know/perceive that we offer this).

the scary part, of course, is that this kind of mobile messaging is a wedge into broader social activity/sharing on mobile we have historically led in web.

I can't help but think we need a separate, free (or focused) and branded messenger product to compete in this space if we cannot buy whatsapp and that FB messenger, with its legacy connections may not do it in the space defined by whatsapp no matter what we do.

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“[W]e do not have any messaging offering that even competes in whatsapp’s messaging space **the scary part, of course, is that this kind of mobile messaging is a wedge into broader social activity/sharing on mobile we have historically led in web.**”

Email from Amin Zoufonoun to Javier Olivan
(June 2015)

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Email from Javier Olivan to Amin Zoufonoun
(June 2015)

WhatsApp Had Other Interested Potential Acquirors



"Overtures from Facebook, Google, Tencent, Microsoft and others continue."

Email from Jim Goetz to Jan Koum
(Jan. 22, 2013)



"After a recent blog post suggested that Google might be in talks to acquire Whatsapp for \$1B, the company has been contacted by Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter, Yahoo, Tencent, and NHN."

Memo from Sequoia Capital to Investors
(June 3, 2013)

Other Potential Acquirors Represented Pivot Threats



“[T]he case for Google acquiring WhatsApp has only gotten stronger in the past 6 months. G+ has shown itself to be a failure, while at the same time Asian competitors to WA have proven the model of taking a mobile communication network and **leveraging it to bootstrap a social network** to be successful. . . . Consequently, if WA is acquirable at all, the risks to being the acquirer have grown.”

Message from Ben Davenport to Ben Davenport
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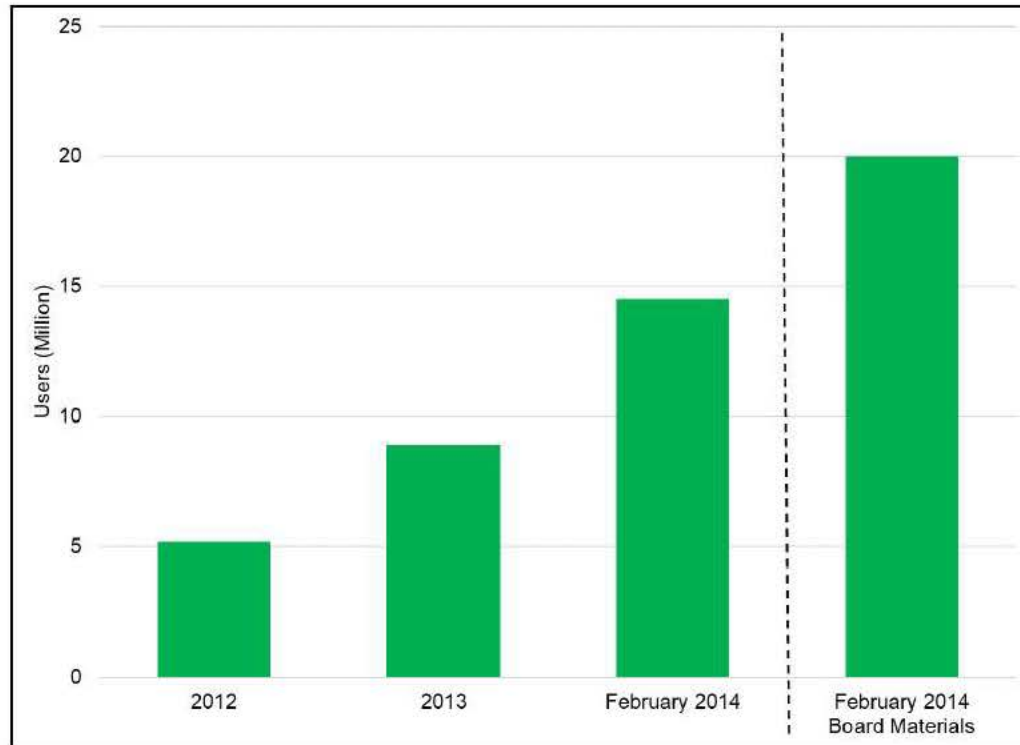
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“That is definitely what I would do if I was [Google]”

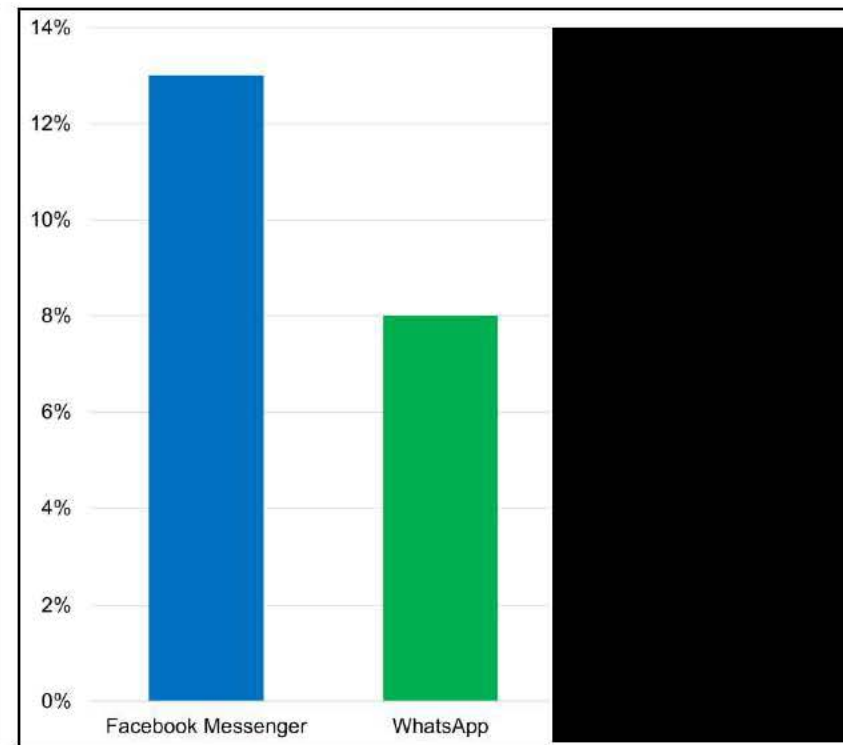
Message from Javier Olivan to Ben Davenport
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WhatsApp Was a Pivot Threat in the United States

WhatsApp Monthly Active Users
United States, 2012-2014



Penetration Rate of Messaging Application
United States, May 2013



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 1001; PX9000 (Hemphill Report) Meta Monthly User Engagement Data; PX1266 at -002 (Meta Presentation: "Cobalt Transaction," Feb. 17, 2014).

WhatsApp Was a Pivot Threat in the United States



“My point about WhatsApp’s direction is that if they build substantive features beyond just making SMS free, that could be enough for them **to tip markets like the US**”

Email from Mark Zuckerberg to Javier Olivan
(Aug. 8, 2013)



Mark Zuck



“I’d love to also write a post on my thoughts about why I am more motivated than ever to still be working on messenger:
. . . **The biggest prize is still up for grabs – USA! USA! USA! ;)**”

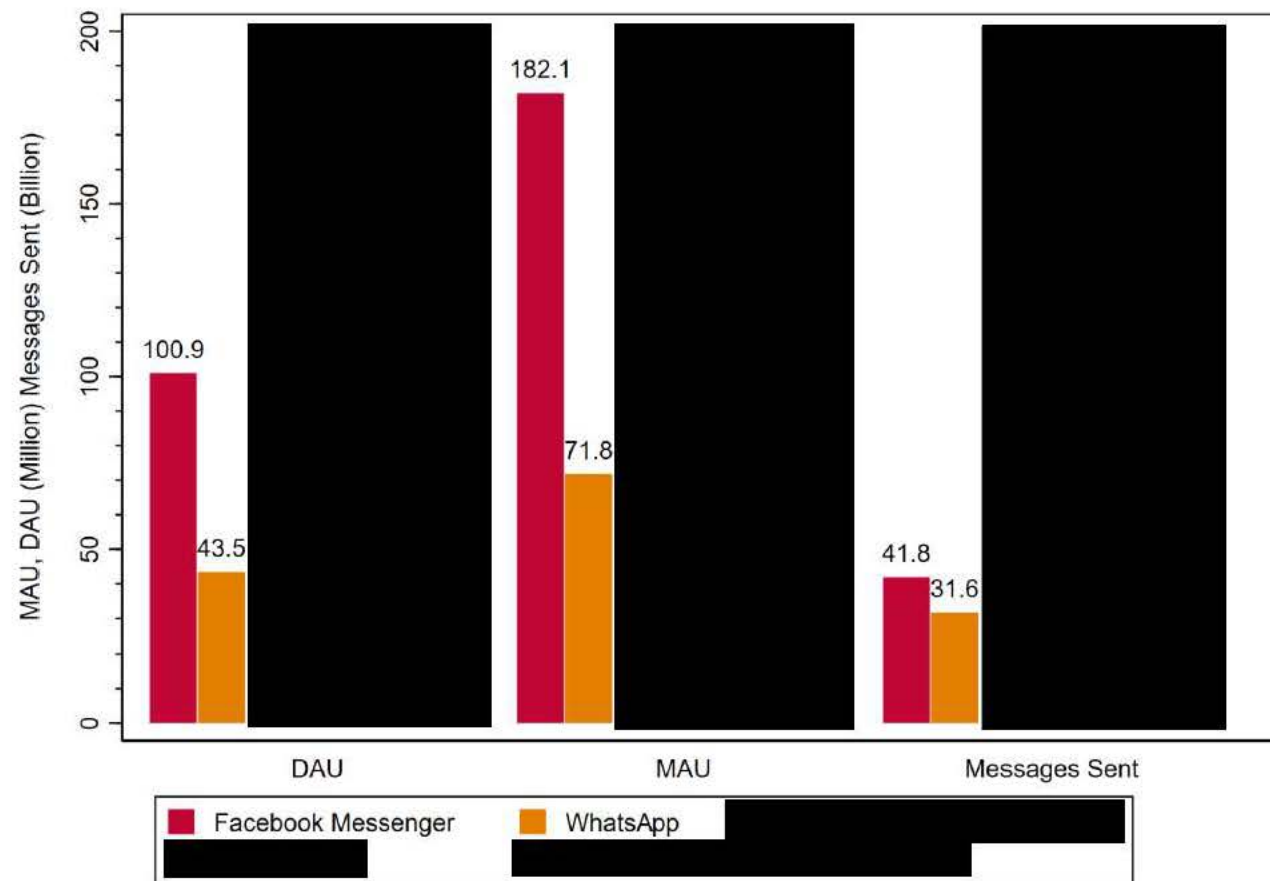
Email from Alex Schultz to Javier Olivan, et al.
(Feb. 20, 2014)



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WhatsApp Has Grown in US Since Acquisition

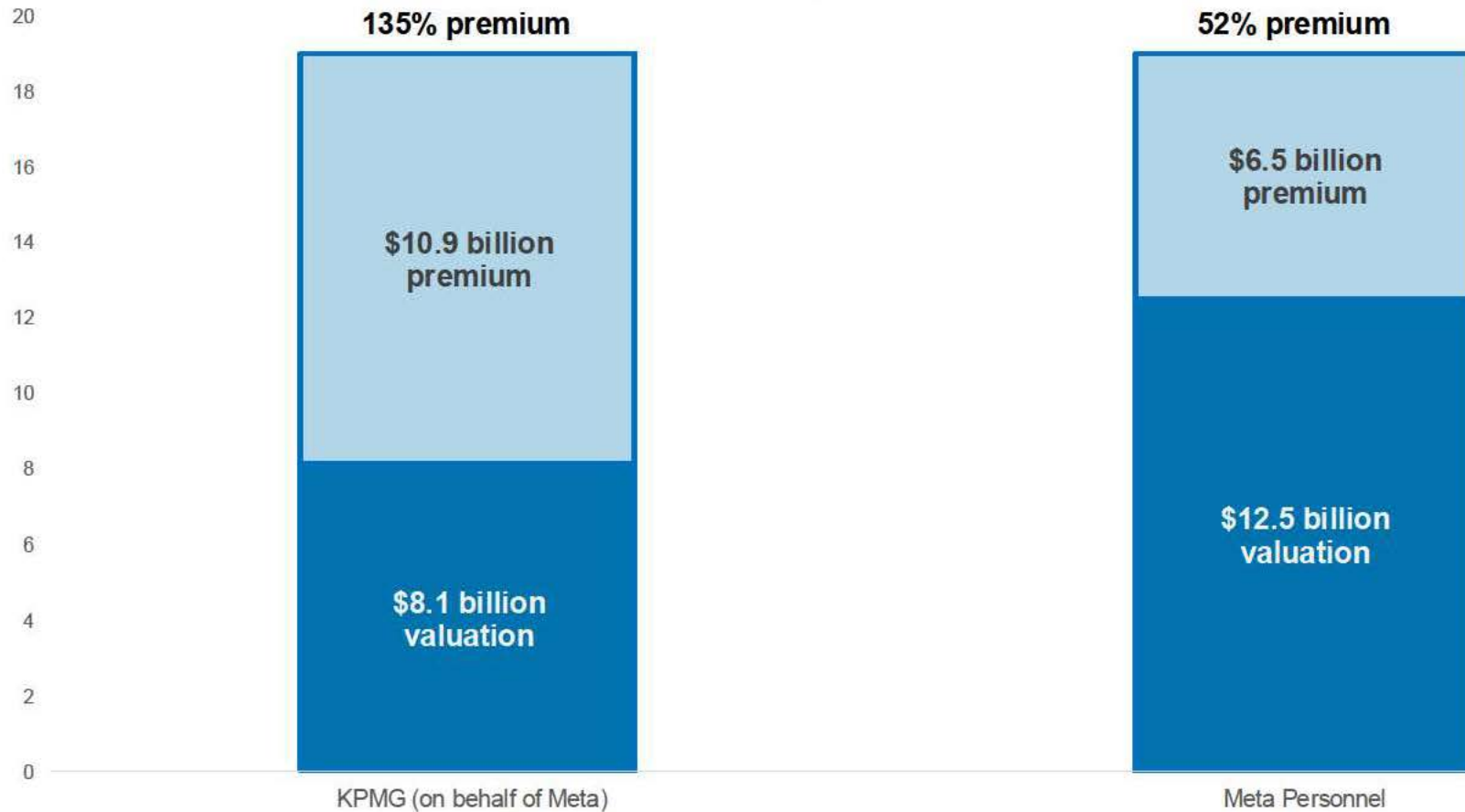
Mobile Messaging Landscape in the United States, 2021



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 79.

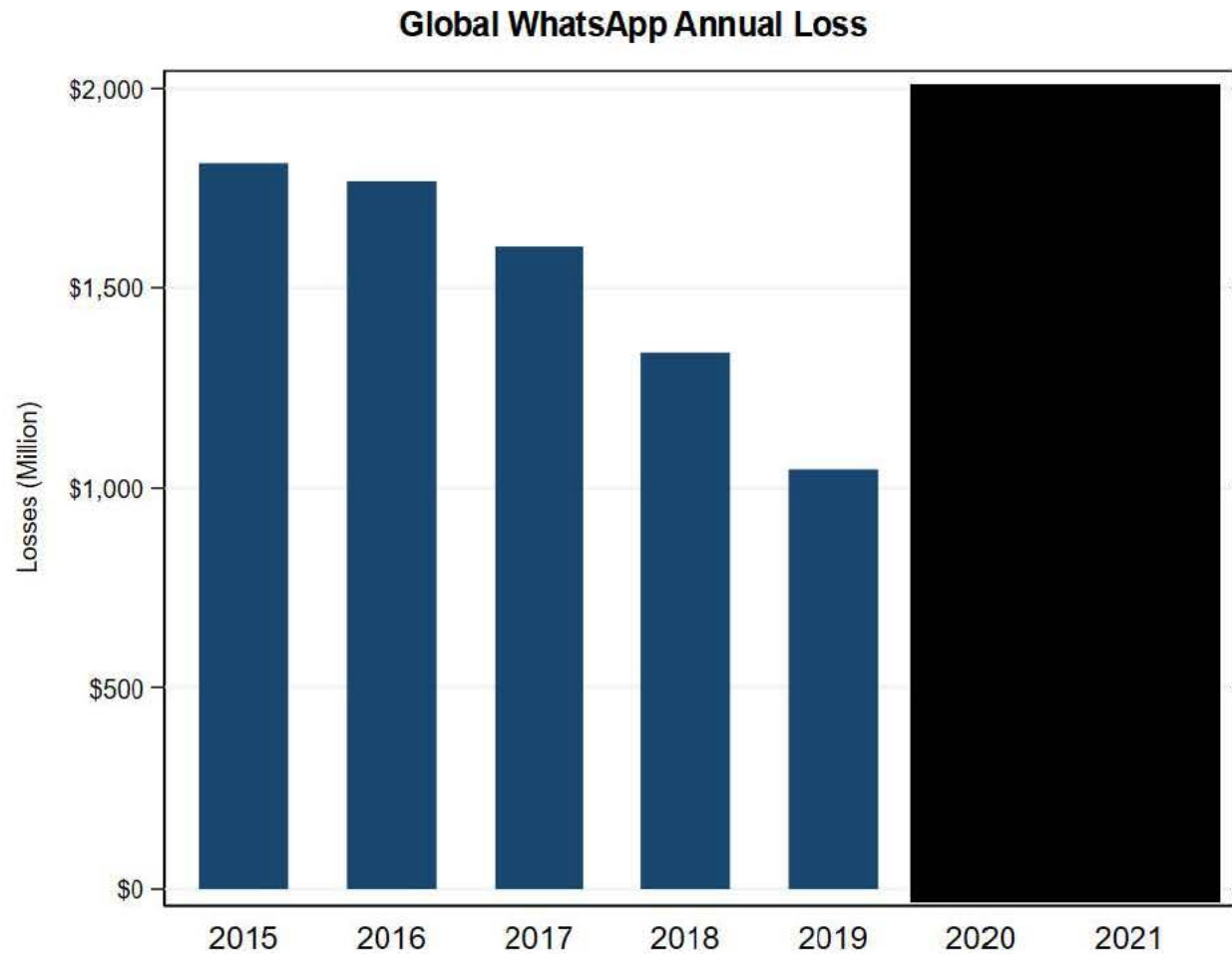
Meta Paid a Premium to Acquire WhatsApp

\$19B Purchase Price v. Pre-Acquisition Valuations of WhatsApp As a Standalone Company (\$ billions)



Source: PX9005 (Hearle Report) at § III.E; KPMG (Jan. 2015); Meta Personnel (Jan. 2014).

Meta Has Incurred Large Losses on WhatsApp Since Its Acquisition



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 78; FTC-META-009687124 (Meta, Data Produced in Response to Plaintiff FTC's RFP 79, Dec. 15, 2022); FTC-META-012005015 (Meta, Data Produced in Response to Plaintiff FTC's RFP 68(b), Feb. 28, 2023).

Pivoting Into PSN Services Provided a Monetization Path



“WhatsApp’s user base combined with industry standard monetization could yield meaningful high margin revenue.”

Memo from Sequoia Capital to Intel
(June 2015)



“[I]t’s common that founders change minds over time. Especially if you’re losing a lot of money, then you have to face reality. . . . They have responsibilities to their shareholder, to their investors. And more importantly, I believe, they have responsibilities to their employees. . . . You cannot tell them that you will never monetize and you will just keep losing money.”

Prof. Jihoon Rim Trial Testimony
(Apr. 21, 2025)

Harm to Competition

Opinion 2: Instagram and WhatsApp Acquisitions Harmed Competition Consumers

- **Harm to competition**
 - **Eliminated head-to-head competition**
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The Acquisitions Eliminated Head-to-Head Competition



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Name	Title	Company	Location
John Doe	CEO	WhatsApp	Menlo Park, CA
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Bob Johnson	CTO	WhatsApp	Menlo Park, CA
Alice Brown	CMO	WhatsApp	Menlo Park, CA

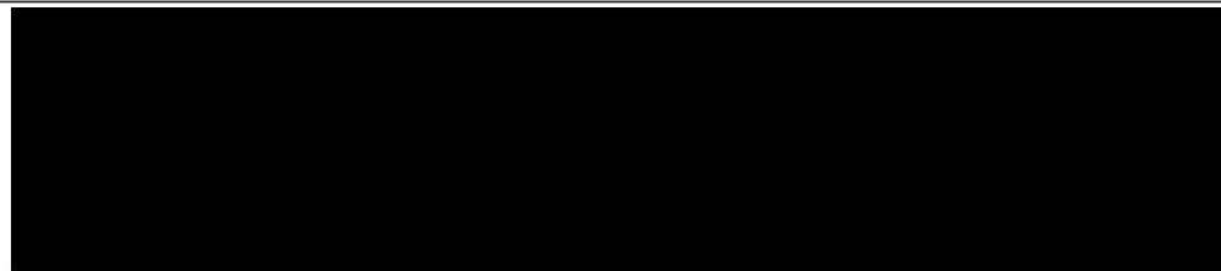
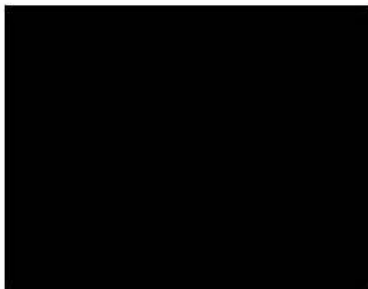
Sequoia Capital

WhatsApp

Menlo Park, CA

“WhatsApp has the opportunity to build out a social platform either as a standalone company or via acquisition by an existing social player.”

Sequoia Capital Memo to Inv
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Google Presentation: “Comm Companies R
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Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 1096-1100; PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at ¶¶ 660-662; PX10232 at -003; PX12753 at -024.

Meta Cannibalization Concerns and Instagram Ad Load Increase



"I think we're badly mismanaging this right now. **There's absolutely no reason why IG ad load should be lower than FB at a time when we're having engagement issues in FB.** . . . [I]t's possible we should even have a higher ad load on IG while we have this challenge so we can replace some ads with PYMK on FB to turn around the issues we're seeing."

Email from Mark Zuckerberg to Senior Meta Executives
(Jan. 30, 2022)



"I think [Zuckerberg's] framework is that [Instagram] Stories is negative to FB time I told [Zuckerberg and Cox] **we're hurting a product that's working to make up for one that isn't.**"

Message from Mark Rabkin to Adam Mosseri
(Oct. 15, 2021)

"Clearly he wants some painful trade offs . . . **He wants to stick to IG.**"

Message from Adam Mosseri to Mark Zuckerberg
(Oct. 15, 2021)

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 1091-1095; PX15112 at -008; PX12347 at -003, -004.

Meta's Actions Undermined Instagram's User Experience and Growth

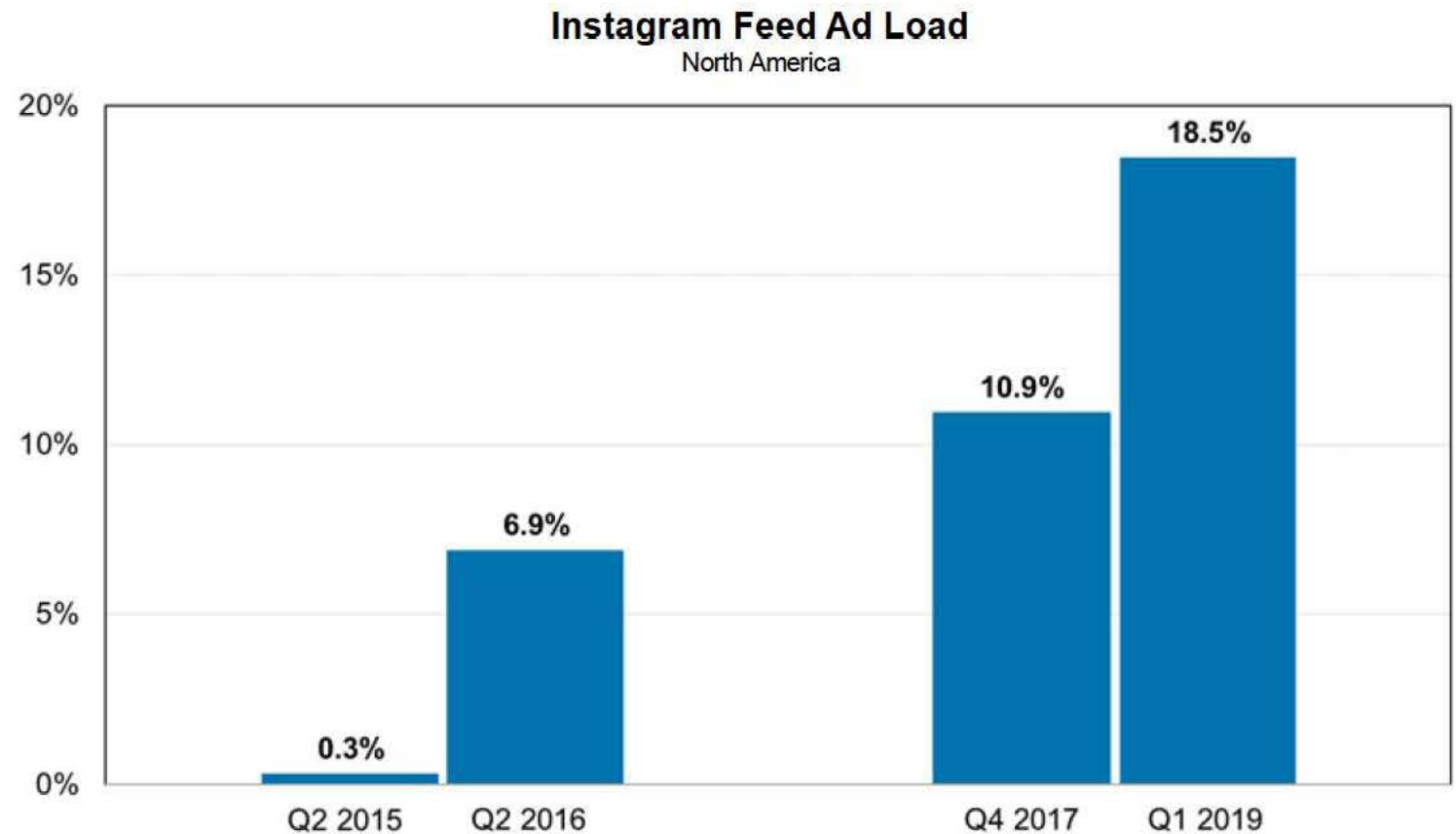


"My general sense was that we were – while we were given people every year, we were given far fewer than what would be reasonable if you actually wanted to invest in something that was as good as Instagram was in the world."

Kevin Systrom Trial Testimony
(Apr. 22, 2025)

- 2014 — Meta took away Instagram's growth team
- 2015 — Meta refused to support early development of Instagram
- 2016 — Meta denied Instagram's requests for video engineering
- 2017 — Meta denied Instagram's requests for integrity engineering
- 2018 — Meta increased ad load on Instagram to boost engagement on Facebook

Instagram Ad Load Increases



Note: Ad load is measured as the ratio of VPV ad impressions to VPV total (ad and organic) impressions.

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 81-82.

Meta Acquired Instagram to Serve as a Competitive Moat



Mark Zuckerberg

“On merging, I think what we’d do is keep their product running . . . killing their products we prevent everyone from hating us and we make sure we don’t immediately create a hole in the market for someone else to fill.”

Message from Mark Zuckerberg to
(Feb)

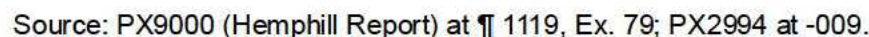
“There are network effects around social products and a finite number of different social mechanics to invent. Once someone wins at a specific mechanic, it’s difficult for others to supplant them without doing something different. It’s possible someone beats Instagram by building something that is better to the point that they get network migration, but **this is harder long as Instagram keeps running as a product.**”

Email from Mark
(Feb)

“I’d just keep it running. Insurance By insurance I don’t mean start-up insurance. Just let it run relatively independently.”

Message from Mark Zuckerberg to Mike
(M)

“[W]e understand that Facebook’s intention is to prioritize market share and user growth over monetization in the near term in order to capture market share Further, **we understand that the deal held certain defensive value for Facebook.**”

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Harm to Consumers

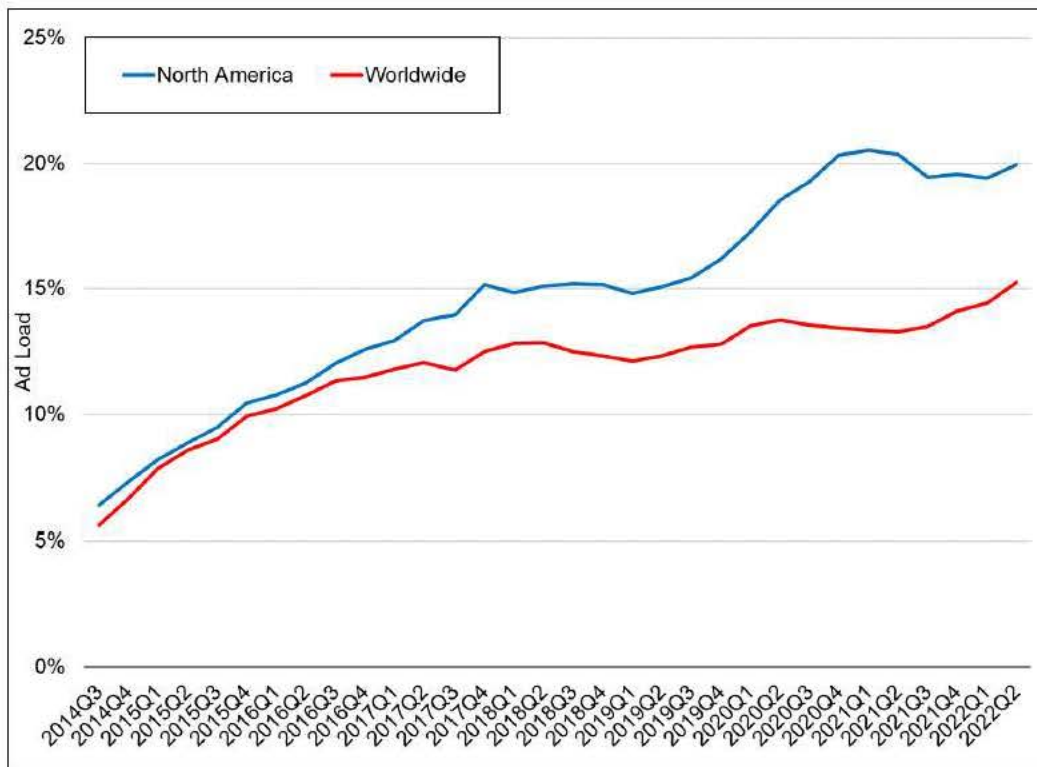
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The Acquisitions Allowed Meta to Set a Higher Ad Load

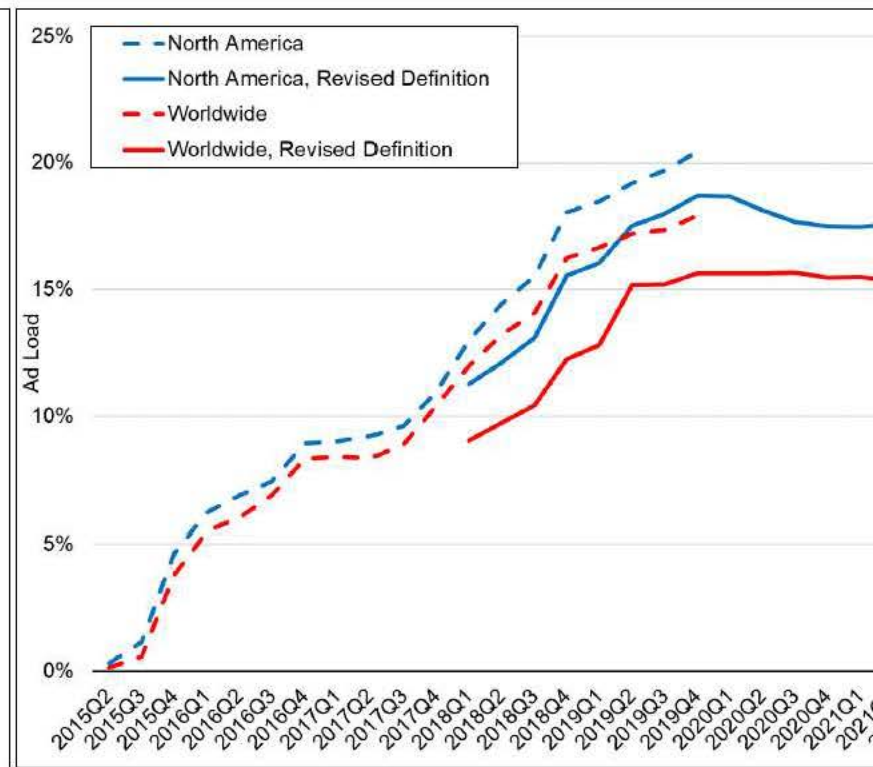
Facebook Mobile Feed Ad Load

Q3 2014 - Q2 2022, North America and Worldwide



Instagram Feed Ad Load

Q2 2015 - Q2 2022, North America and Worldwide



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 53-54.

Meta Recognizes Underinvestment in Friends and Family Sharing

PG Laptop Dinner 1/19 - Summary of conversation about Facebook trends

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- Figure 1 illustrates a learning scenario in a hybrid agent-based system, such as the one described in this article. The learner may be located on the left, and the teacher on the right.
- Long-term teacher goals: the learner may have a long-term goal, such as “I want to learn how to make a good cake.”
 - Short-term teacher goals: the teacher may have a short-term goal, such as “I want to teach the learner how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner goals: the learner may have a goal, such as “I want to learn how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher actions: the teacher may perform actions, such as “I will teach the learner how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner actions: the learner may perform actions, such as “I will learn how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher knowledge: the teacher may have knowledge, such as “I know how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner knowledge: the learner may have knowledge, such as “I know how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher beliefs: the teacher may have beliefs, such as “I believe the learner will learn how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner beliefs: the learner may have beliefs, such as “I believe I will learn how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher emotions: the teacher may have emotions, such as “I am happy to teach the learner how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner emotions: the learner may have emotions, such as “I am happy to learn how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher personality: the teacher may have a personality, such as “I am a friendly teacher.”
 - Learner personality: the learner may have a personality, such as “I am a curious learner.”
 - Teacher social context: the teacher may have a social context, such as “I am a teacher in a classroom.”
 - Learner social context: the learner may have a social context, such as “I am a learner in a classroom.”
 - Teacher environment: the teacher may have an environment, such as “I am in a classroom.”
 - Learner environment: the learner may have an environment, such as “I am in a classroom.”
 - Teacher learning: the teacher may learn, such as “I will learn how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner learning: the learner may learn, such as “I will learn how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher teaching: the teacher may teach, such as “I will teach the learner how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner teaching: the learner may teach, such as “I will teach the teacher how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher evaluation: the teacher may evaluate, such as “I will evaluate the learner’s performance.”
 - Learner evaluation: the learner may evaluate, such as “I will evaluate the teacher’s performance.”
 - Teacher feedback: the teacher may provide feedback, such as “I will provide feedback to the learner.”
 - Learner feedback: the learner may provide feedback, such as “I will provide feedback to the teacher.”
 - Teacher motivation: the teacher may be motivated, such as “I am motivated to teach the learner how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner motivation: the learner may be motivated, such as “I am motivated to learn how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher confidence: the teacher may have confidence, such as “I am confident in my teaching.”
 - Learner confidence: the learner may have confidence, such as “I am confident in my learning.”
 - Teacher satisfaction: the teacher may be satisfied, such as “I am satisfied with my teaching.”
 - Learner satisfaction: the learner may be satisfied, such as “I am satisfied with my learning.”
 - Teacher stress: the teacher may experience stress, such as “I am stressed about teaching the learner how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner stress: the learner may experience stress, such as “I am stressed about learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher anxiety: the teacher may experience anxiety, such as “I am anxious about teaching the learner how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner anxiety: the learner may experience anxiety, such as “I am anxious about learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher depression: the teacher may experience depression, such as “I am depressed about teaching the learner how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner depression: the learner may experience depression, such as “I am depressed about learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher happiness: the teacher may experience happiness, such as “I am happy about teaching the learner how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner happiness: the learner may experience happiness, such as “I am happy about learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher love: the teacher may experience love, such as “I love teaching the learner how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner love: the learner may experience love, such as “I love learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher respect: the teacher may experience respect, such as “I respect the learner’s ability to learn how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner respect: the learner may experience respect, such as “I respect the teacher’s ability to teach how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher trust: the teacher may experience trust, such as “I trust the learner to learn how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner trust: the learner may experience trust, such as “I trust the teacher to teach how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher understanding: the teacher may experience understanding, such as “I understand the learner’s needs for learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner understanding: the learner may experience understanding, such as “I understand the teacher’s needs for teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher compassion: the teacher may experience compassion, such as “I am compassionate towards the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner compassion: the learner may experience compassion, such as “I am compassionate towards the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher kindness: the teacher may experience kindness, such as “I am kind to the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner kindness: the learner may experience kindness, such as “I am kind to the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher generosity: the teacher may experience generosity, such as “I am generous to the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
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 - Teacher humility: the teacher may experience humility, such as “I am humble about my teaching.”
 - Learner humility: the learner may experience humility, such as “I am humble about my learning.”
 - Teacher patience: the teacher may experience patience, such as “I am patient with the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner patience: the learner may experience patience, such as “I am patient with the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher forgiveness: the teacher may experience forgiveness, such as “I am forgiving of the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner forgiveness: the learner may experience forgiveness, such as “I am forgiving of the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher tolerance: the teacher may experience tolerance, such as “I am tolerant of the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner tolerance: the learner may experience tolerance, such as “I am tolerant of the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher acceptance: the teacher may experience acceptance, such as “I accept the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner acceptance: the learner may experience acceptance, such as “I accept the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher rejection: the teacher may experience rejection, such as “I reject the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
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 - Teacher approval: the teacher may experience approval, such as “I approve of the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
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 - Teacher disapproval: the teacher may experience disapproval, such as “I disapprove of the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner disapproval: the learner may experience disapproval, such as “I disapprove of the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher praise: the teacher may experience praise, such as “I praise the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
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 - Teacher criticism: the teacher may experience criticism, such as “I criticize the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
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 - Teacher encouragement: the teacher may experience encouragement, such as “I encourage the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
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 - Teacher discouragement: the teacher may experience discouragement, such as “I discourage the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner discouragement: the learner may experience discouragement, such as “I discourage the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher support: the teacher may experience support, such as “I support the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner support: the learner may experience support, such as “I support the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher opposition: the teacher may experience opposition, such as “I oppose the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner opposition: the learner may experience opposition, such as “I oppose the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher agreement: the teacher may experience agreement, such as “I agree with the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
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 - Teacher disagreement: the teacher may experience disagreement, such as “I disagree with the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner disagreement: the learner may experience disagreement, such as “I disagree with the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher cooperation: the teacher may experience cooperation, such as “I cooperate with the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner cooperation: the learner may experience cooperation, such as “I cooperate with the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher non-cooperation: the teacher may experience non-cooperation, such as “I do not cooperate with the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
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 - Teacher communication: the teacher may experience communication, such as “I communicate with the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
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 - Teacher interaction: the teacher may experience interaction, such as “I interact with the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner interaction: the learner may experience interaction, such as “I interact with the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher non-interaction: the teacher may experience non-interaction, such as “I do not interact with the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner non-interaction: the learner may experience non-interaction, such as “I do not interact with the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher presence: the teacher may experience presence, such as “I am present with the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner presence: the learner may experience presence, such as “I am present with the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher absence: the teacher may experience absence, such as “I am absent from the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner absence: the learner may experience absence, such as “I am absent from the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher visibility: the teacher may experience visibility, such as “I am visible to the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner visibility: the learner may experience visibility, such as “I am visible to the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher invisibility: the teacher may experience invisibility, such as “I am invisible to the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner invisibility: the learner may experience invisibility, such as “I am invisible to the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher awareness: the teacher may experience awareness, such as “I am aware of the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner awareness: the learner may experience awareness, such as “I am aware of the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher non-awareness: the teacher may experience non-awareness, such as “I am not aware of the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner non-awareness: the learner may experience non-awareness, such as “I am not aware of the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher attention: the teacher may experience attention, such as “I pay attention to the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner attention: the learner may experience attention, such as “I pay attention to the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher inattention: the teacher may experience inattention, such as “I do not pay attention to the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner inattention: the learner may experience inattention, such as “I do not pay attention to the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher focus: the teacher may experience focus, such as “I focus on the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner focus: the learner may experience focus, such as “I focus on the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher non-focus: the teacher may experience non-focus, such as “I do not focus on the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner non-focus: the learner may experience non-focus, such as “I do not focus on the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher concentration: the teacher may experience concentration, such as “I concentrate on the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner concentration: the learner may experience concentration, such as “I concentrate on the teacher who is teaching how to make a good cake.”
 - Teacher non-concentration: the teacher may experience non-concentration, such as “I do not concentrate on the learner who is learning how to make a good cake.”
 - Learner non-concentration: the learner may experience non

“It’s not clear if we’re investing enough in supporting the core engagement drivers in Facebook (Friending, Stories, IFR, Notifications, etc). . . . Friend sharing continues to be a big asset for Facebook but we’re not investing as much in it. . . . Because of resourcing constraints, IG has put some features with growth and engagement potential (Stories) into maintenance mode. . . . We’re underinvesting in Stories across all apps.”

Meta Document: "PG [Product Group] Leads Dinner 1/19 -
Summary of conversation about Facebook trends
(Jan. 19, 2022)

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- A study by *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry* comparing the use of antidepressant medication with psychotherapy in the treatment of depression in 10-17 year olds. The study found that the combination of the two treatments was more effective than either treatment alone. The study also found that the combination of the two treatments was more effective than either treatment alone in the long term. The study was conducted by a team of researchers from the University of California, San Diego, and the University of California, Los Angeles. The study was published in the *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry* in 2009.

“I think if you tried to take stock of the overall market size that public content > friend content > group/community content and that this will remain true in the future as well **I worry that we’ve gotten over-focused on [group/community content] at the expense of defending/growing the friend market as much as we can**”

Message from John Hegeman to Meta Senior Executive
(Feb. 6, 2022)

Poor User Experience with Respect to Friends and Family Content

FSS Survey Preliminary Analysis

“US users have significantly more complaints mainly because **they do not see posts from enough of their friends** The issue ‘do not see posts from enough of friends’ starts to increase dramatically when users have more than 20 friends.”

Meta Presentation: “FSS Survey Preliminary Analysis”
(Feb. 10, 2021)

Lorax H1 2021: FAST pain points

TL;DR

- The Lorax survey measures users' pain points with the FB app. Pain points that are above the median in both severity and prevalence are considered priority areas for improvement.
- Within Feed and Stories (FAST), the top pain points that emerged for US users in H1 2021 were: (1) Missing posts from friends; (2) receiving too many notifications; (3) seeing the same posts over and over again; (4) seeing too many unconnected posts.
- Each of these pain points represent ongoing areas of investment within FAST. This note outlines the current and future work to improve these issues.

“This pain point has a long history UX research in H2 2020 and H1 2021 drew attention to friend diversity as an unattended issue in the US and CA: **Users are seeing fewer friends (distinct friend actors) than they want.**”

Meta Presentation: “Lorax H1 2021: FAST Pain Points”
(Oct. 14, 2021)

H1 2022 Lorax: FB Home pain points

TL;DR

This Lorax is an on-pattern survey that is run regularly to identify the most prevalent and severe pain points with FB. Top pain points are those that were above the median in both prevalence and severity (see table). This document summarizes the top pain points that concern products within FB Home for US/CA users.

- Missing friends' posts and unbalanced feed composition continue to be top pain points.
- Repeated posts is a new top pain point for all US/CA users.
- Uninteresting posts is a new top pain point for YAs, but not other adults.
- Too much unconnected content continues to be a top pain point for older adults, but is no longer a top pain point for YAs.
- Unpredictable app refresh is no longer a top pain point.

“Missing friends’ posts and **unbalanced feed composition** continue to be top pain points.”

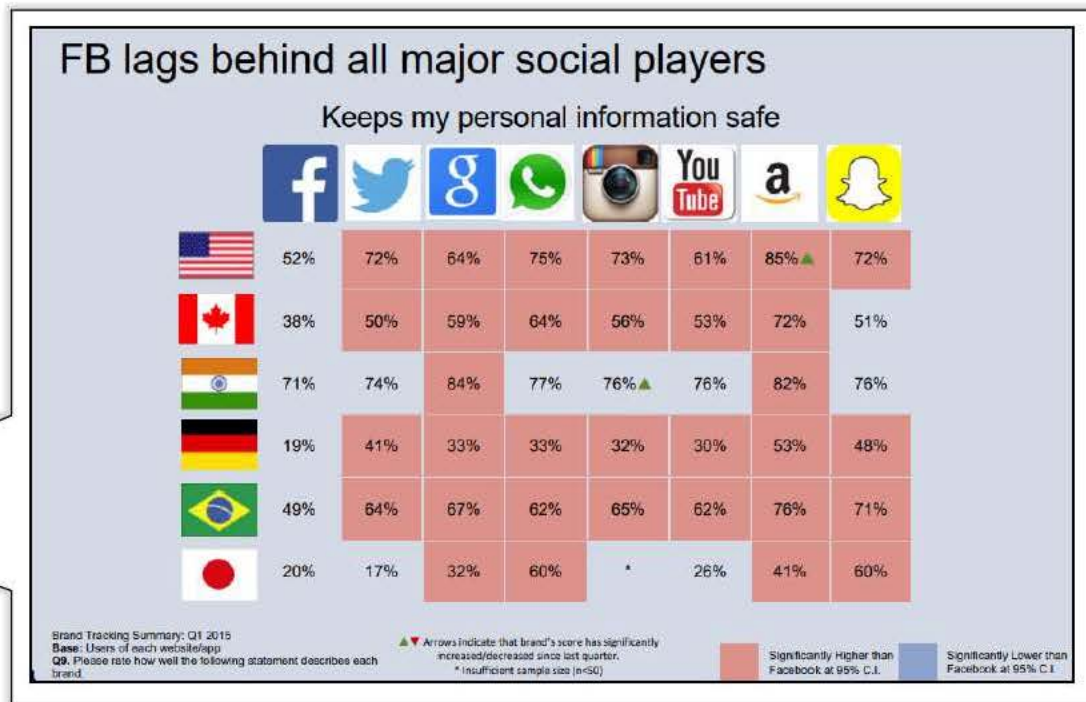
Meta Presentation: “H1 2022 Lorax: FB Home Pain Points”
(Aug. 25, 2022)

Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at ¶¶ 728-729; PX3173 at -011, -012; PX3174 at -003; PX3405 at -001.

User Frustration with Privacy and Data Collection Practices

“Privacy is the single biggest detractor in our CAU surveys.”

Meta Presentation: “Privacy and Data Literacy Survey”
(July 2015)

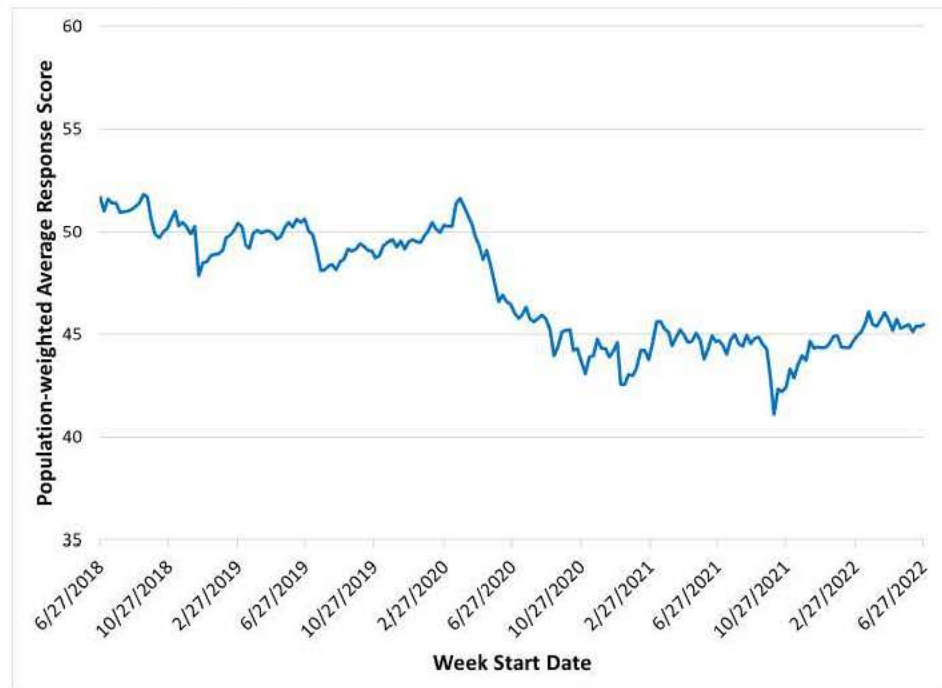


Meta Presentation: “Trust”
(July 28, 2015)

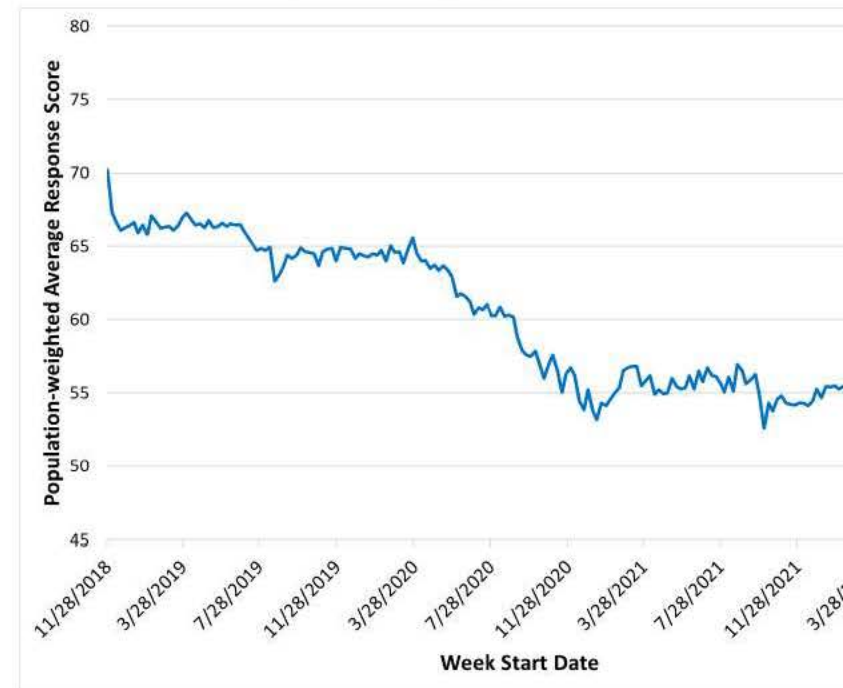
Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at ¶¶ 755-59, 776-780; PX3774 at -029; FB_FTC_CID_07640105 at Slide 4.

User Frustration with Privacy and Data Collection Practices

Main Tracking Survey of U.S. Facebook Users
"How much control do you have over your personal information on Meta's apps and products?"

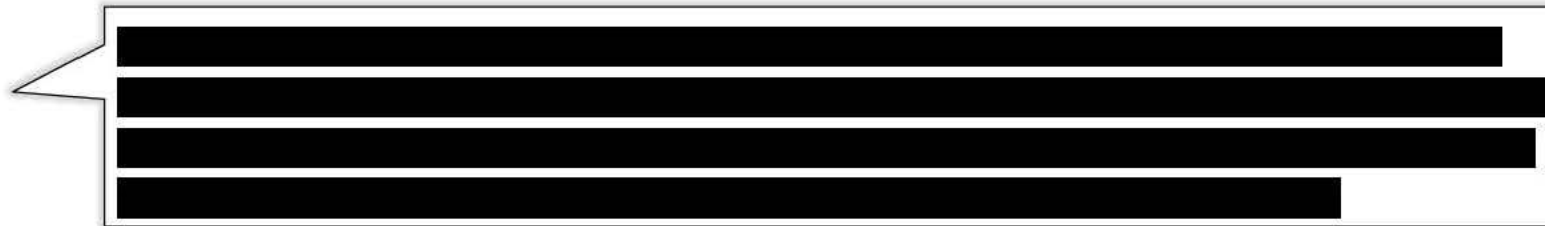


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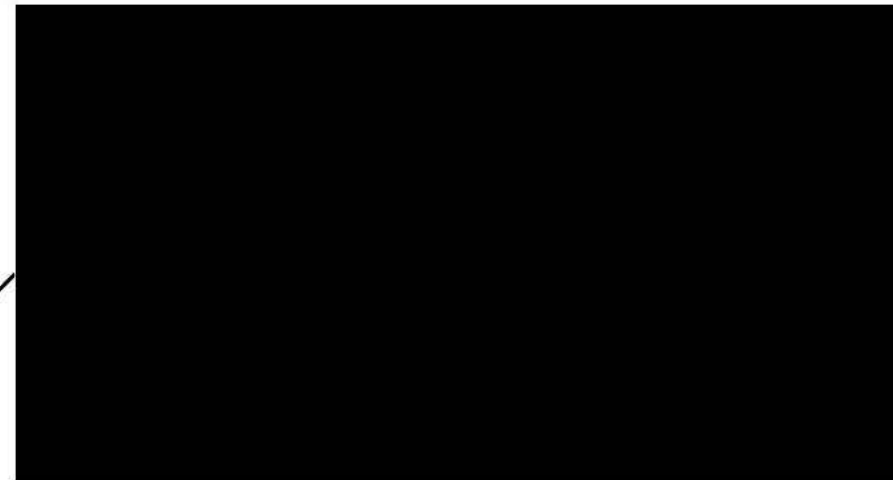
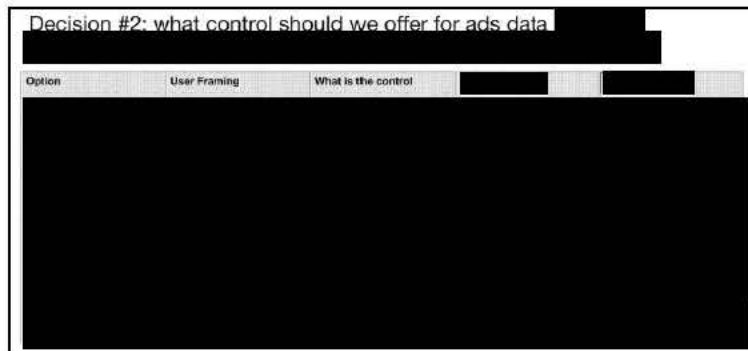


Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at Exs. 1-2.

User Frustration with Privacy and Data Collection Practices



Meta Workplace Post from Matthew Idema (Oct. 10, 2019)



Meta Presentation: "WhatsApp Status Ads Options" (Oct. 2019)

User Frustration with Privacy and Data Collection Practices



Curtiss Cobb
VP of Research

“Q. And it’s true that Meta’s research showed that consumers believed **concerns about privacy and data collection outweighed any potential benefits of targeted ads**? A. Their stated opinions, yes.”

Curtiss Cobb Trial Testimony
(Apr. 30, 2025)



RELUCO, THREE, TWO, FOUR, A, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT

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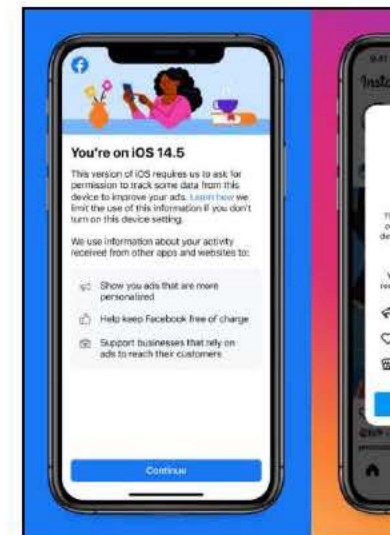
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Year	Platform	App	Percentage of Users Opted Out
2020	iOS	Facebook	11.1%
2021	iOS	Facebook	11.1%
2022	iOS	Facebook	11.1%
2023	iOS	Facebook	11.1%
2024	iOS	Facebook	11.1%
2025	iOS	Facebook	11.1%
2026	iOS	Facebook	11.1%
2027	iOS	Facebook	11.1%
2028	iOS	Facebook	11.1%
2029	iOS	Facebook	11.1%
2030	iOS	Facebook	11.1%

Apple App Tracking Transparency (ATT) Opt-Out Rates

- [REDACTED] for Facebook
- [REDACTED] for Instagram

Ltr. from G. Block (Kellogg Hansen) to the FTC re
FTC’s Request for Production No. 104
(May 31, 2025)



Meta's Uncompensated Data Extraction

PROJECT BLUEJAY UPDATE

SEPT 15, 2020

Goals of Project BlueJay

BlueJay's goal is to use subscriptions/rewards to:

1. Develop a substantial incremental revenue stream that isn't vulnerable to the same risks as our ads business.
2. Incentivize people to opt into personalized ads and take other actions that create value for the FB network (e.g. group administration).
3. Improve perception of value exchange from FB products.

Meta Presentation: "Project Bluejay Update"
(Sep. 15, 2020)



John Hegeman
Chief Revenue Officer

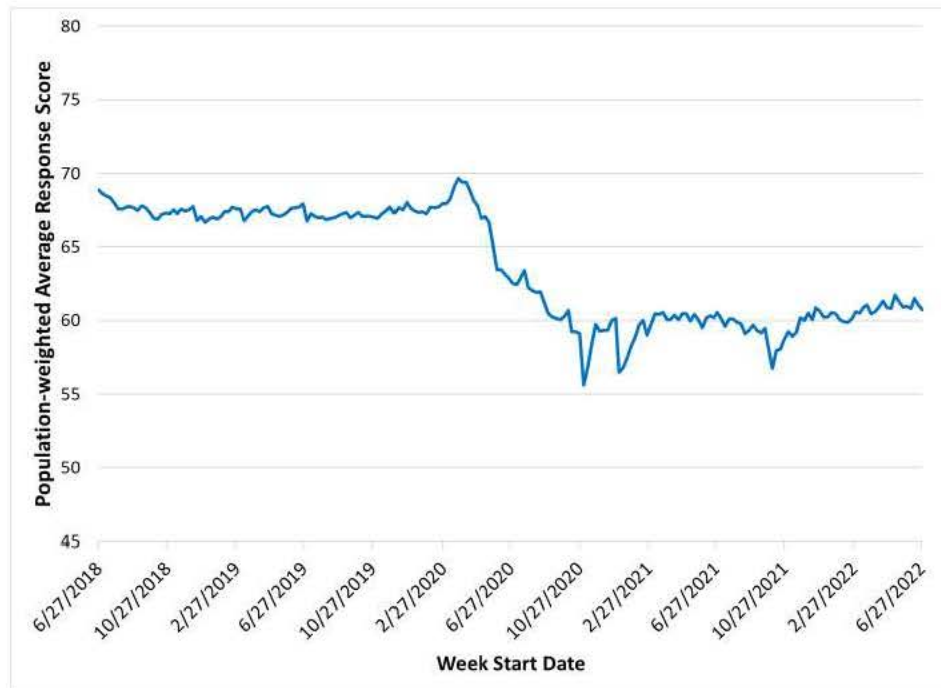
"I recall a discussion in which people could get . . . cash back for purchases if they also agreed to have those purchases be usable for personalization of ads experiences."

John Hegeman Testimony
(Apr. 10, 2023)

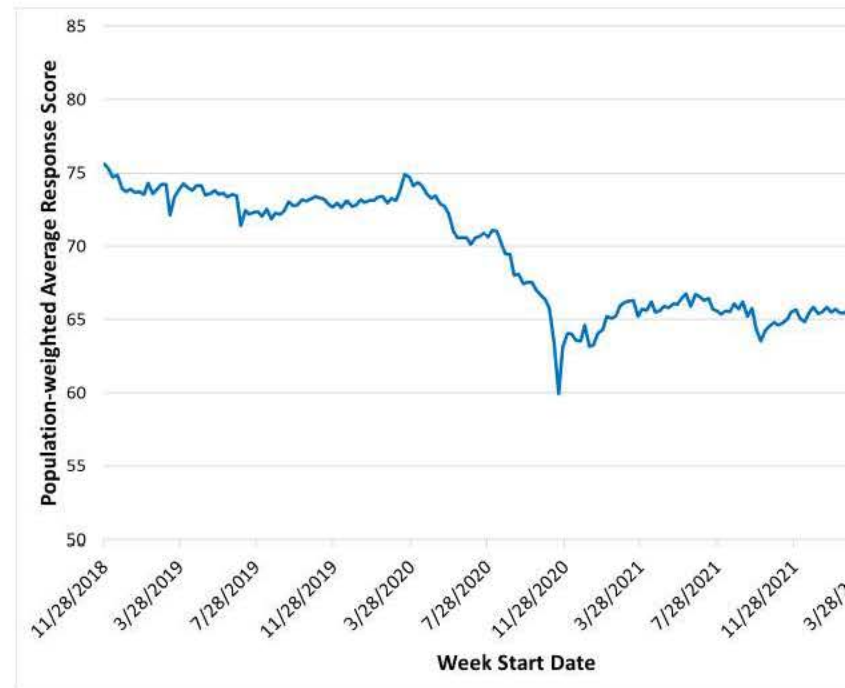
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 1191; PX12664 at -003, -007; Hegeman Dep. Tr. (Apr. 10, 2023) at 195:2-6.

Meta User Surveys Show Declining Overall Satisfaction

Main Tracking Survey of U.S. Facebook Users
"Overall, how satisfied are you with your Facebook experience?"



Main Tracking Survey of U.S. Instagram Users
"Overall, how satisfied are you with your Instagram experience?"



Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at Exs. 1-2.

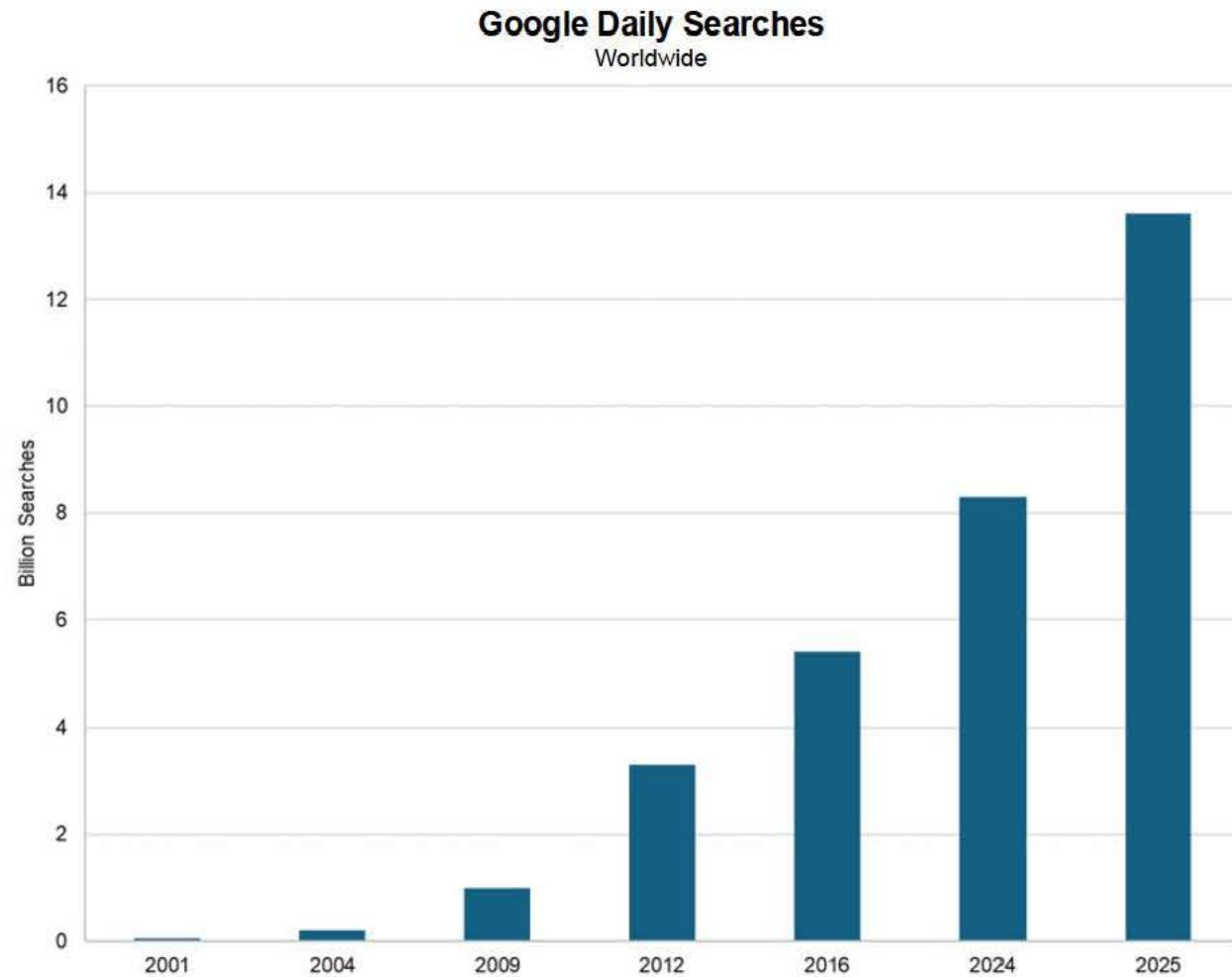
Meta's Claimed Procompetitive Benefits

Opinion 2: Instagram and WhatsApp Acquisitions Harmed Competition and Consumers

- Harm to competition
 - Eliminated head-to-head competition
 - Strengthened competitive moats and entry barriers
- Harms to consumers
 - Increased ad load
 - Diminished friends-and-family sharing experience
 - Privacy and data collection
 - No compensation to users
- **Merger-specific procompetitive benefits not shown to outweigh the competition and consumer harms**

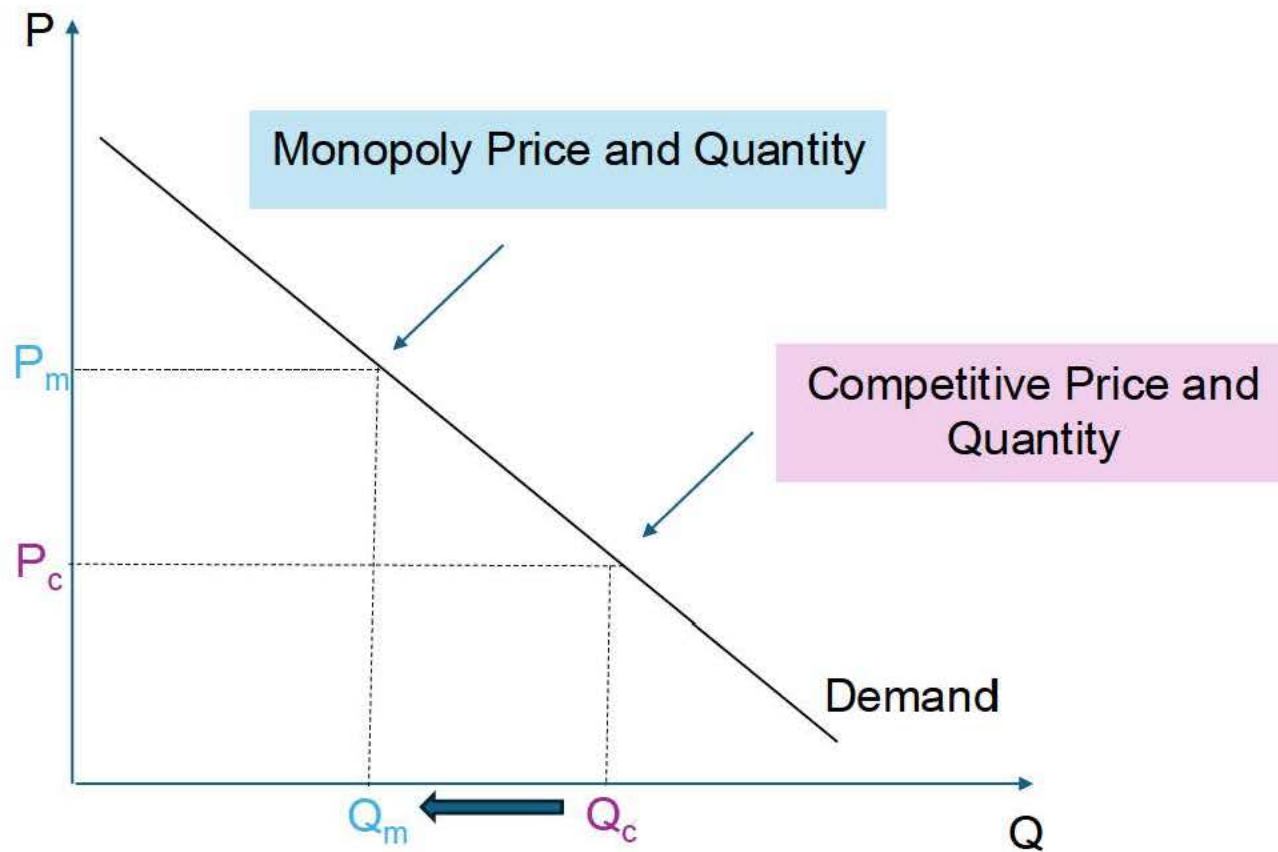
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 798-799; PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at ¶¶ 723-726, 788-790.

Monopolists Often Increase Output Over Time

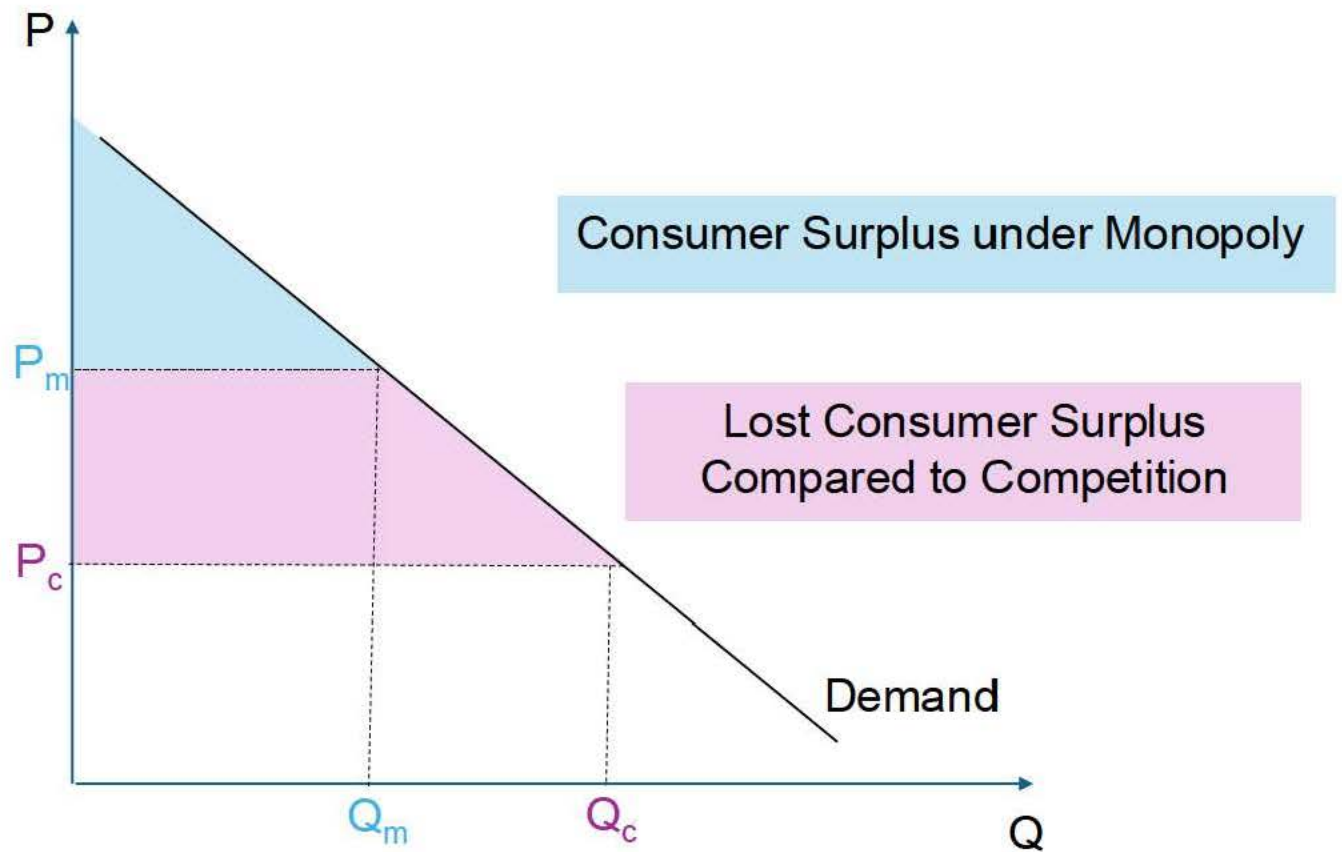


Source: Anthony Cardillo, *How Many Google Searches Are There Per Day?* (March 2025), Exploding Topics (April 23, 2025).

The Exercise of Monopoly Power Reduces Output



The Exercise of Monopoly Power Reduces Consumer Surplus



Meta Revenue and Income Are High and Increasing

Dollars in billions	2024	Q1 2025
Family of Apps Advertising Revenue	\$160.6	\$41.4
Cost of Revenue (firm-wide)	\$30.2	\$7.6
Gross Profit	\$130.5	\$33.8
<i>Gross Margin</i>	<i>81.2%</i>	<i>81.7%</i>
Family of Apps Income from Operations	\$87.1	\$21.8
<i>Operating Margin</i>	<i>54.2%</i>	<i>52.6%</i>

Note: Meta's Forms 10-K and 10-Q do not report cost of revenue for Family of Apps specifically. The table above shows Meta's firm-wide cost of revenue. Q1 2025 firm-wide revenue of \$42.3 billion reflects an increase of 16% compared to Q1 2024, attributed to an increase in advertising revenue. Source: PX0715 at -61, -75, -87, -101; Meta Q1 2025 Form 10-Q at 6-7, 13, 26, 28, 37-40.

Economic Approach to Procompetitive Benefit Claims

- Benefit must be “passed through” to consumers of the relevant product
- Benefit must depend on the acquisition for its achievement
- This approach is reflected in the Merger Guidelines

Meta's Claimed Procompetitive Justifications

Monetization

- Meta's advertising systems benefited Instagram
 - Meta implemented "Click-to" advertising and business messaging WhatsApp
-

Infrastructure

- Meta's infrastructure benefited Instagram and WhatsApp
-

Integrity

- Meta's integrity systems benefited Instagram and WhatsApp
-

Cost Savings

- Meta's infrastructure delivered cost savings to Instagram and WhatsApp
- Meta has delivered other cost savings

Meta's Claimed Procompetitive Justifications are Not Properly Attributed to the Acquisitions and Not Verifiable



Prof. Aral



Mr. Bray



Prof. McCoy

- Meta's acquisition was not necessary for Instagram or WhatsApp to monetize successfully.
- Meta's monetization of WhatsApp has not been successful.

- Meta's acquisition was not necessary for Instagram or WhatsApp to continue to manage its infrastructure requirements.
- Access to Meta's infrastructure did not improve the user experience for Instagram or WhatsApp in any verifiable manner given available evidence.

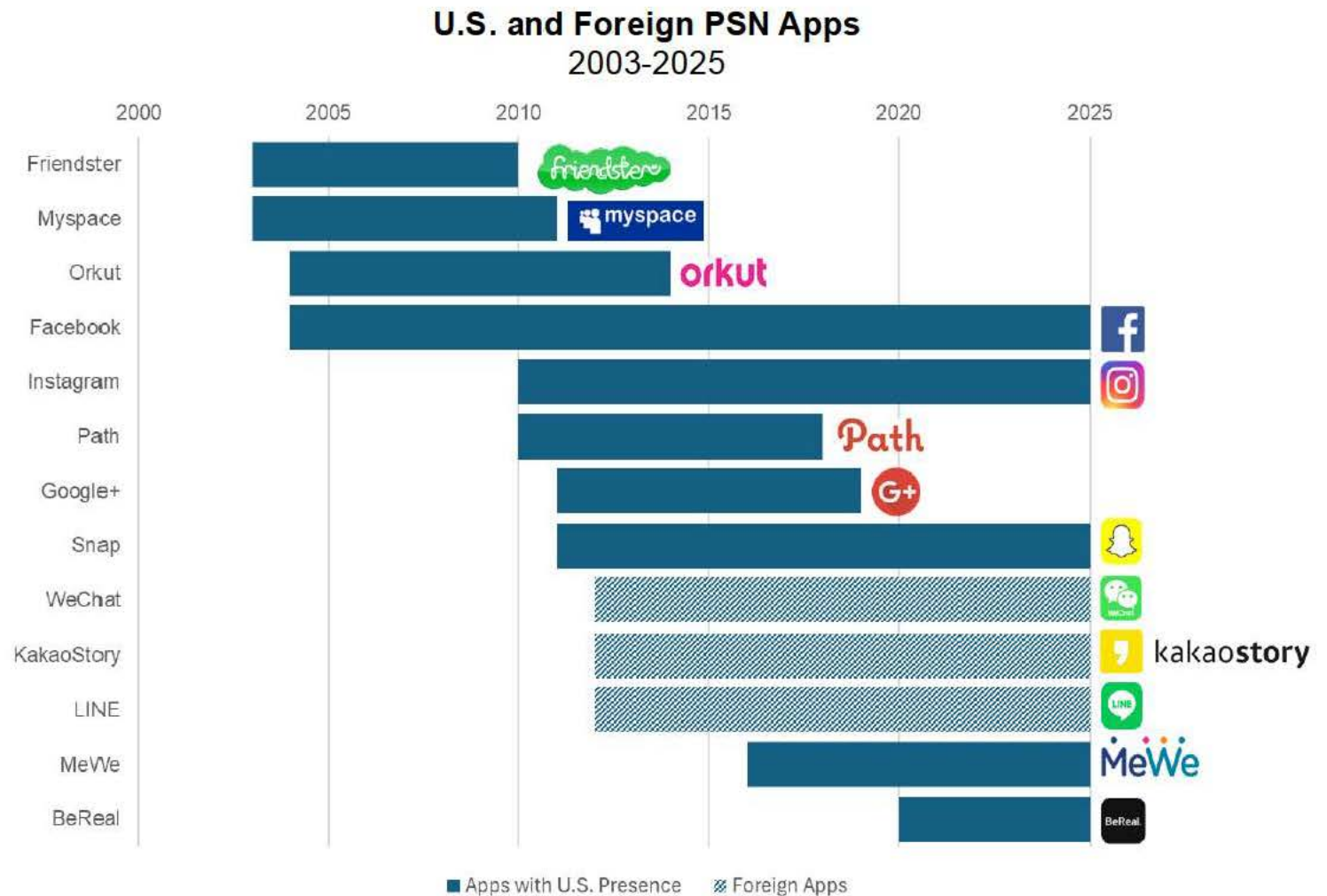
- Meta's acquisition was not necessary for Instagram and WhatsApp to continue to manage integrity issues.
- Meta's acquisition has not helped Instagram address integrity issues in any verifiable manner given available evidence.

Many of Meta's Claimed Procompetitive Benefits Have Not Benefited Users of PSN Services

- Higher ad load *harms* consumers.
- High advertising profits do not benefit users.
- Other claimed benefits do not accrue to users of PSN services.
- Fixed cost savings do not accrue to users.

Appendix A: Further Details on Apps

PSN Apps Serve Distinct Demand for Friends and Family Social Network



Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at § 3.2.2.3, ¶¶ 81, 85, 970-977.

Other Apps Lack Core Use and Functionality for Friends and Family Sharing

		Core Use of Friends and Family Sharing?	Social Graph of Friends and Family?	Shared Social Space for B Sharing with Friends and Family?
Specialized Social Networking Apps	LinkedIn	Professional Social Networking [1]	No – Professional Connections [2]	No – Feed of Professional Content
	Nextdoor	Proximity-based Social Networking [4]	No – Neighbors in a Local Neighborhood [5]	No – Feed of Local Content
	Strava	Fitness Social Networking [7]	No – Athletes [8]	No – Feed of Athletic Activity
Interest-Based Network Apps	Twitter	Public Discussion [10]	No – Public Figures Following [11]	No – Global Town Square [12]
	Reddit	Community Conversations [13]	No – Anonymous Subreddits [14]	No – Public Discussion Forum
	Pinterest	Visual Discovery [16]	No – Taste Graph [17]	No – Virtual Pin Board [18]
Entertainment Consumption Apps	YouTube	Video Entertainment [19]	No social graph [20]	No – Public Video Publishing
	TikTok	Video Entertainment [22]	No – Content Graph [23]	No – “For You” Public Video Feed
	Twitch	Live Video Entertainment [25]	No social graph [26]	No – Public Video Stream [27]

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at § 3.2.2.4.

Other Apps Lack Core Use and Functionality for Friends and Family Share

- [1] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 400.
- [2] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 400, 403.
- [3] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 380, 400.
- [4] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 414.
- [5] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 417-419.
- [6] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 420.
- [7] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 429.
- [8] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 430.
- [9] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 431.
- [10] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 442.
- [11] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 448-454.
- [12] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 455.
- [13] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 471.
- [14] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 472-473, 477.
- [15] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 479.

- [16] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 486
- [17] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 490
- [18] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 492.
- [19] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 501
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- [24] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 541
- [25] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 556.
- [26] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 560.
- [27] PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶ 563.

Appendix B: Direct Evidence and Consumer Harm

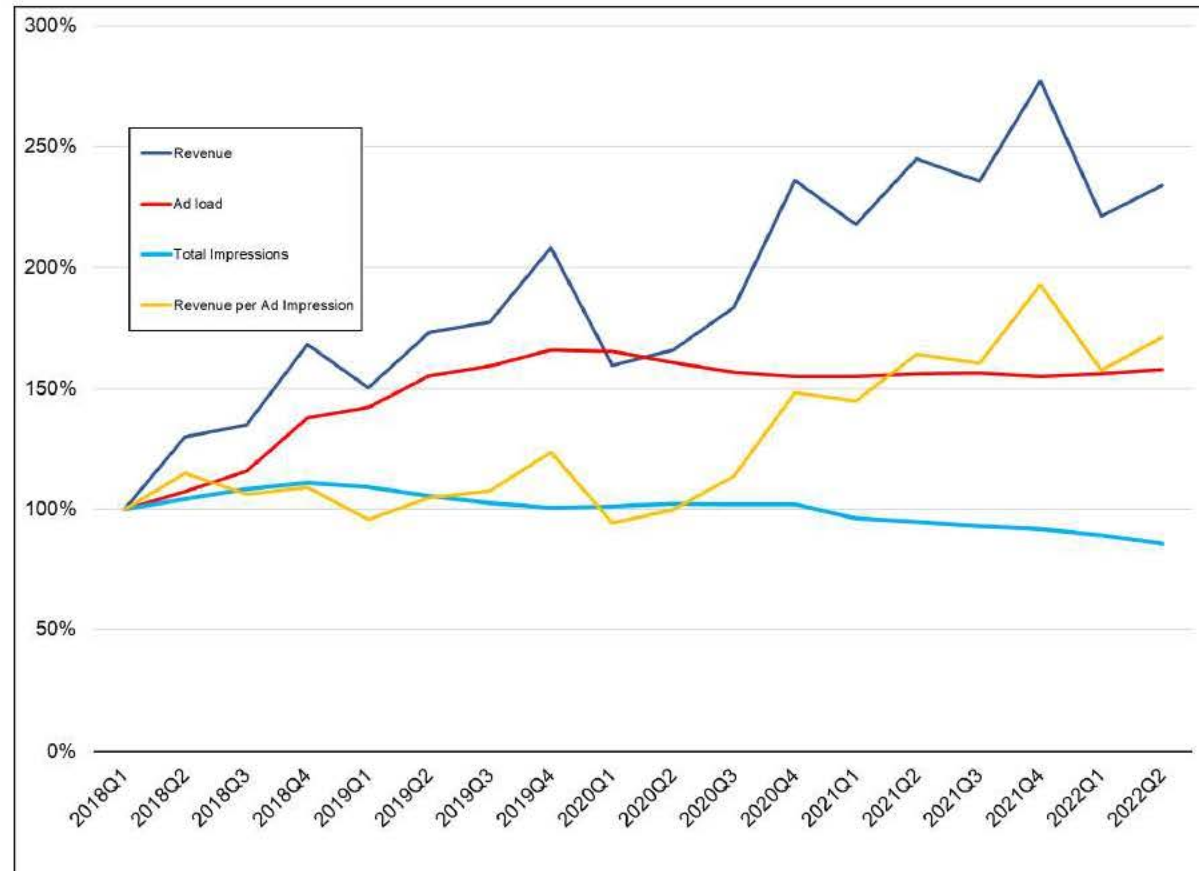
Meta Has Earned Persistently High Profits

(\$B)	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Revenue																
Family of Apps advertising revenue	N/A	N/A	0.8	1.9	3.2	4.3	7.0	11.5	17.1	26.9	39.9	55.0	69.7	84.2	114.9	113.6
Other revenue	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.04	1.8	3.0	3.0
Total revenue	0.2	0.3	0.8	2.0	3.7	5.1	7.9	12.5	17.9	27.6	40.7	55.8	70.7	86.0	117.9	116.6
Total costs and expenses	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.9	2.0	4.6	5.1	7.5	11.7	15.2	20.5	30.9	46.7	53.3	71.2	87.7
Income from operations	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.3	1.0	1.8	0.5	2.8	5.0	6.2	12.4	20.2	24.9	24.0	32.7	46.8	28.9
Gross margin	73%	54%	71%	75%	77%	73%	76%	83%	84%	86%	87%	83%	82%	81%	81%	78%
Operating margin	-81%	-20%	34%	52%	47%	11%	36%	40%	35%	45%	50%	45%	34%	38%	40%	25%
Gross margin omitting Reality Labs	73%	54%	71%	75%	77%	73%	76%	83%	84%	86%	87%	83%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Operating margin omitting Reality Labs	-81%	-20%	34%	52%	47%	11%	36%	40%	35%	45%	50%	45%	41%	46%	49%	37%

Source: Meta Form 10-K, 2007-2024; PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at ¶¶ 57, 687, Exs. 1, 50.

Meta Has Profitably Increased Ad Load Over Time

Components of Instagram Feed Ad Revenue
Q1 2018 - Q2 2022, North America

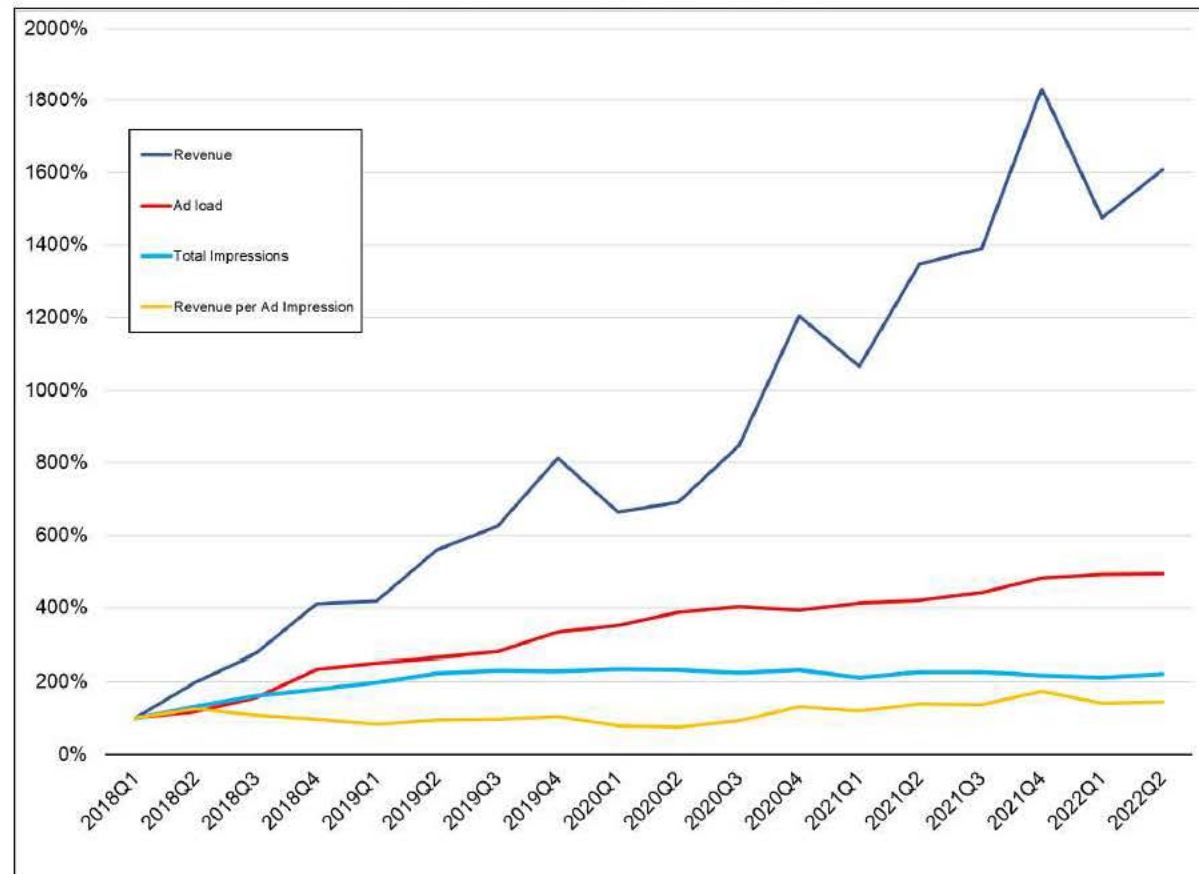


Note: 1Q 2018 = 100%; see report notes for explanation of how ad load is measured for each surface.
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 57.

Meta Has Profitably Increased Ad Load Over Time

Components of Instagram Stories Ad Revenue

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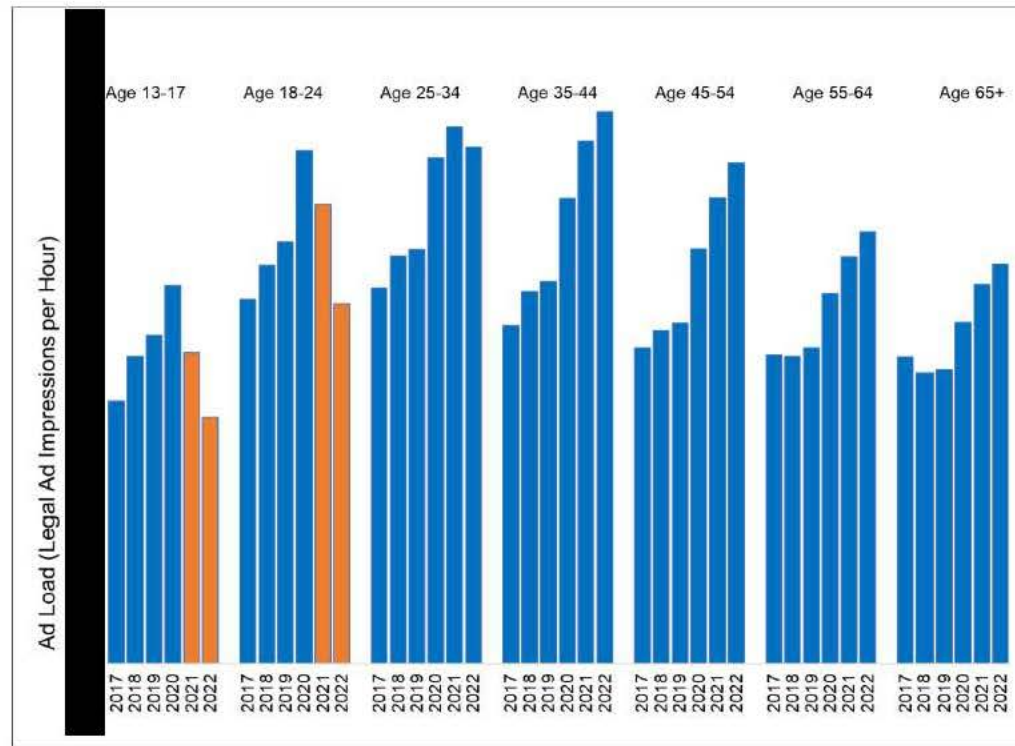


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Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 58.

Price Discrimination: Ad Load by Age on Facebook

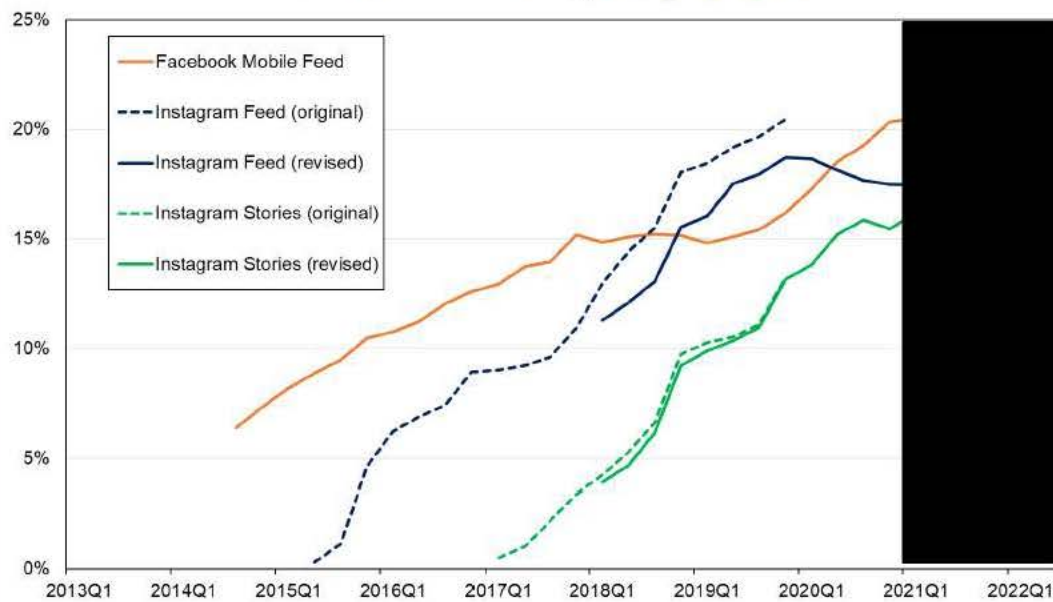
Facebook Ad Load by Age Group and Year
2017 – 2022, United States



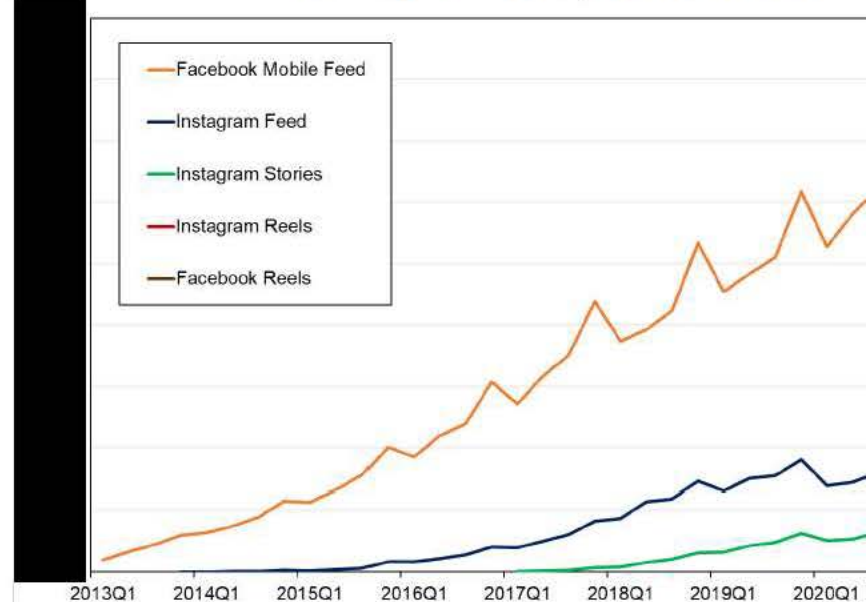
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 60.

Meta's Revenue and Profits Arise from Surfaces Most Focused on Friend and Family Content

Facebook and Instagram Ad Load by Selected Surface
2014 Q3 – 2022 Q2, North America



Facebook and Instagram Ad Revenue by Selected Surface
2013 Q1 – 2022 Q2, North America

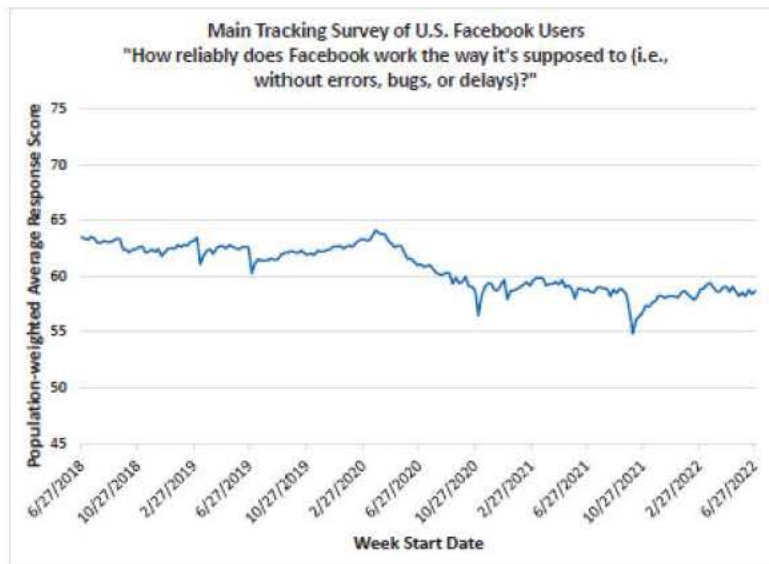


Note: In this chart, revenue for Instagram Reels and Facebook Reels is worldwide.

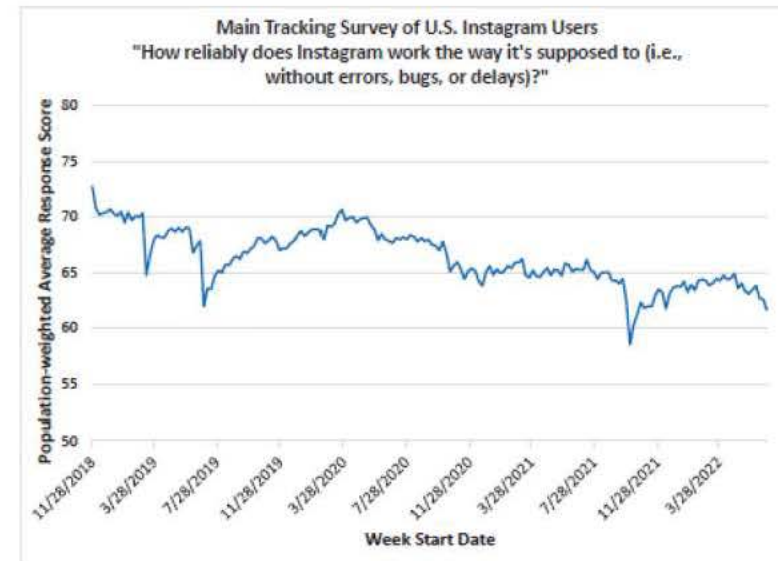
Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. 7, Exs. 35-37; FTC-META-011921400; FB_FTC_CID_12190654.

Other Quality Surveys

Main Tracking Survey of U.S. Facebook Users "How reliably does Facebook work the way it's supposed to (i.e., without errors, bugs, or delays)?"



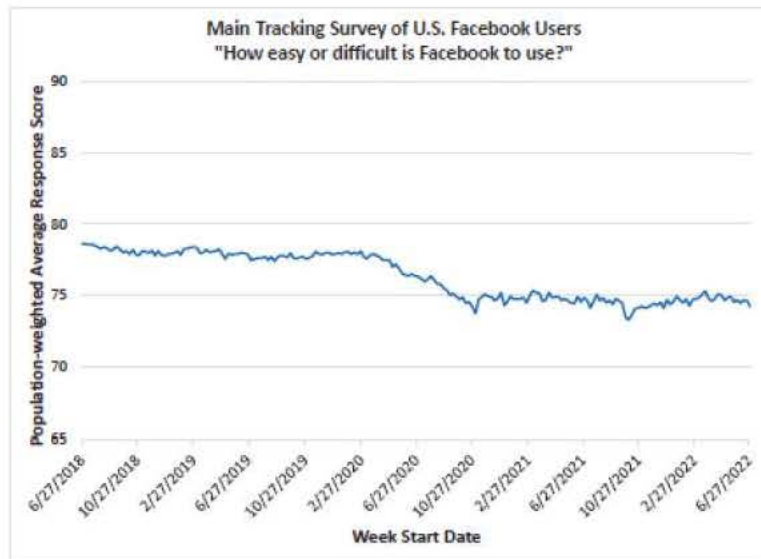
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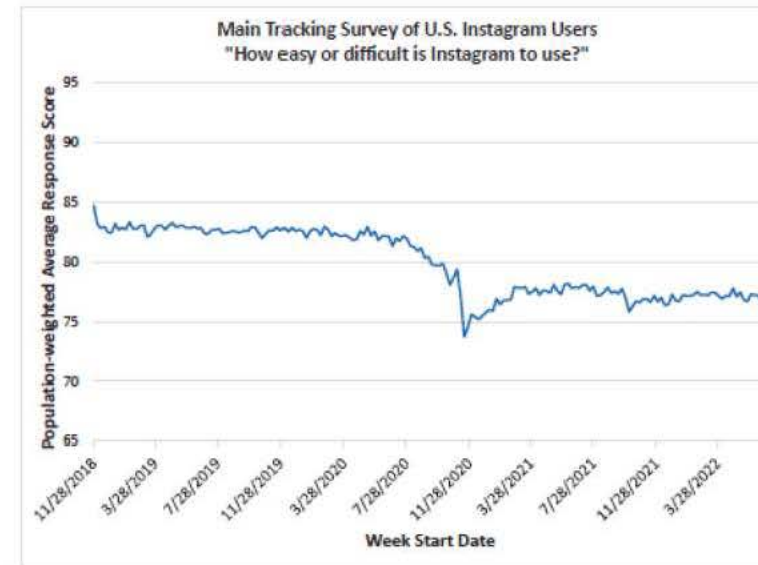
Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at Exs. 1-2.

Other Quality Surveys

Main Tracking Survey of U.S. Facebook Users
"How easy or difficult is Facebook to use?"



Main Tracking Survey of U.S. Instagram Users
"How easy or difficult is Instagram to use?"



Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal) at Exs. 1-2.

Appendix C: Market Shares

Market Shares: Monthly Active Users

PSN Services Market Shares – Monthly Active Users

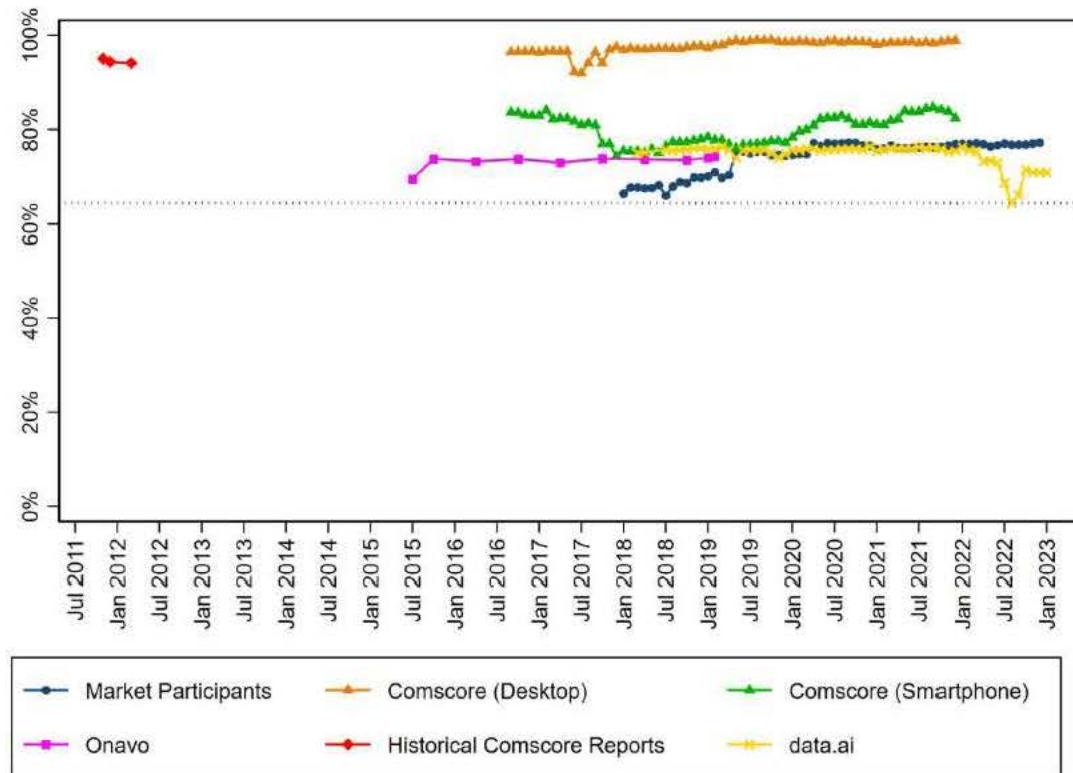
July to December 2011, March 2012, United States

	July 2011		August 2011		September 2011		October 2011		November 2011		December 2011		March
	MAU		MAU		MAU		MAU		MAU		MAU		MAU
	('000)	Share	('000)	Share	('000)	Share	('000)	Share	('000)	Share	('000)	Share	('000)
Facebook	162,078	77.0%	162,387	76.2%	163,021	74.5%	166,000	73.2%	166,007	76.9%	162,486	75.0%	158,926
Instagram	1,956	0.9%	1,956	0.9%	1,956	0.9%	1,956	0.9%	1,956	0.9%	1,956	0.9%	3,905
Facebook+Instagram	164,034	78.0%	164,343	77.2%	164,977	75.4%	167,957	74.1%	167,964	77.8%	164,442	75.9%	162,830
Myspace	36,253	17.2%	36,172	17.0%	33,658	15.4%	31,544	13.9%	28,073	13.0%	27,153	12.5%	27,824
Google+	9,217	4.4%	11,603	5.4%	19,397	8.9%	26,354	11.6%	18,867	8.7%	24,312	11.2%	26,757
Orkut	720	0.3%	720	0.3%	720	0.3%	720	0.3%	720	0.3%	720	0.3%	720
Path	147	0.1%	147	0.1%	147	0.1%	147	0.1%	147	0.1%	147	0.1%	147

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 42.

Market Shares: Daily Active Users

Meta's PSN Services Market Share – Daily Active Users
November 2011 – January 2023, United States



Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal Report) at Ex. A-2.

Market Shares: Daily Active Users

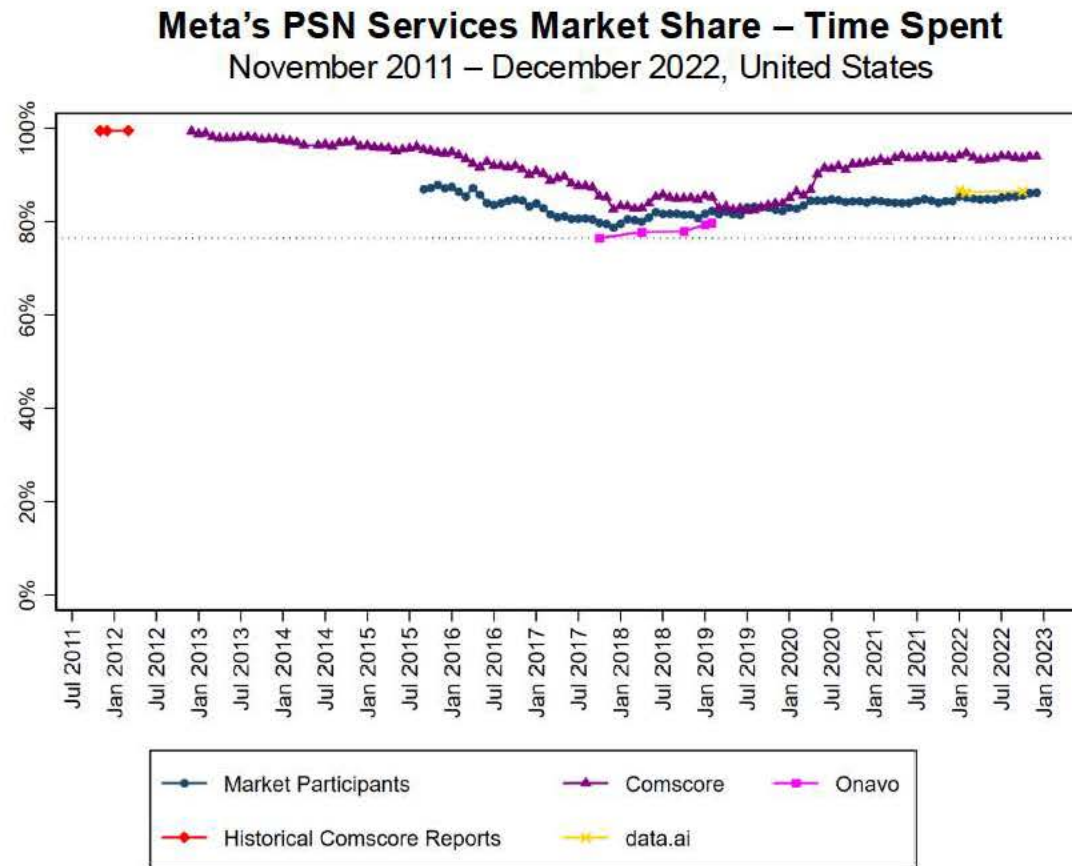
PSN Services Market Shares – Daily Active Users

November 2011, December 2011, March 2012, United States

	November 2011		December 2011		March 2012	
	DAU ('000)	Share	DAU ('000)	Share	DAU ('000)	Share
Facebook	71,913	94.1%	69,953	93.4%	66,752	92.9%
Instagram	679	0.9%	679	0.9%	886	1.2%
Facebook+Instagram	72,592	95.0%	70,632	94.4%	67,639	94.1%
Myspace	2,295	3.0%	2,295	3.1%	2,295	3.2%
Google+	1,326	1.7%	1,748	2.3%	1,761	2.4%
Orkut	128	0.2%	128	0.2%	128	0.2%
Path	58	0.1%	58	0.1%	58	0.1%

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 39.

Market Shares: Time Spent



Source: PX9007 (Hemphill Rebuttal Report) at Ex. A-10.

Market Shares: Time Spent

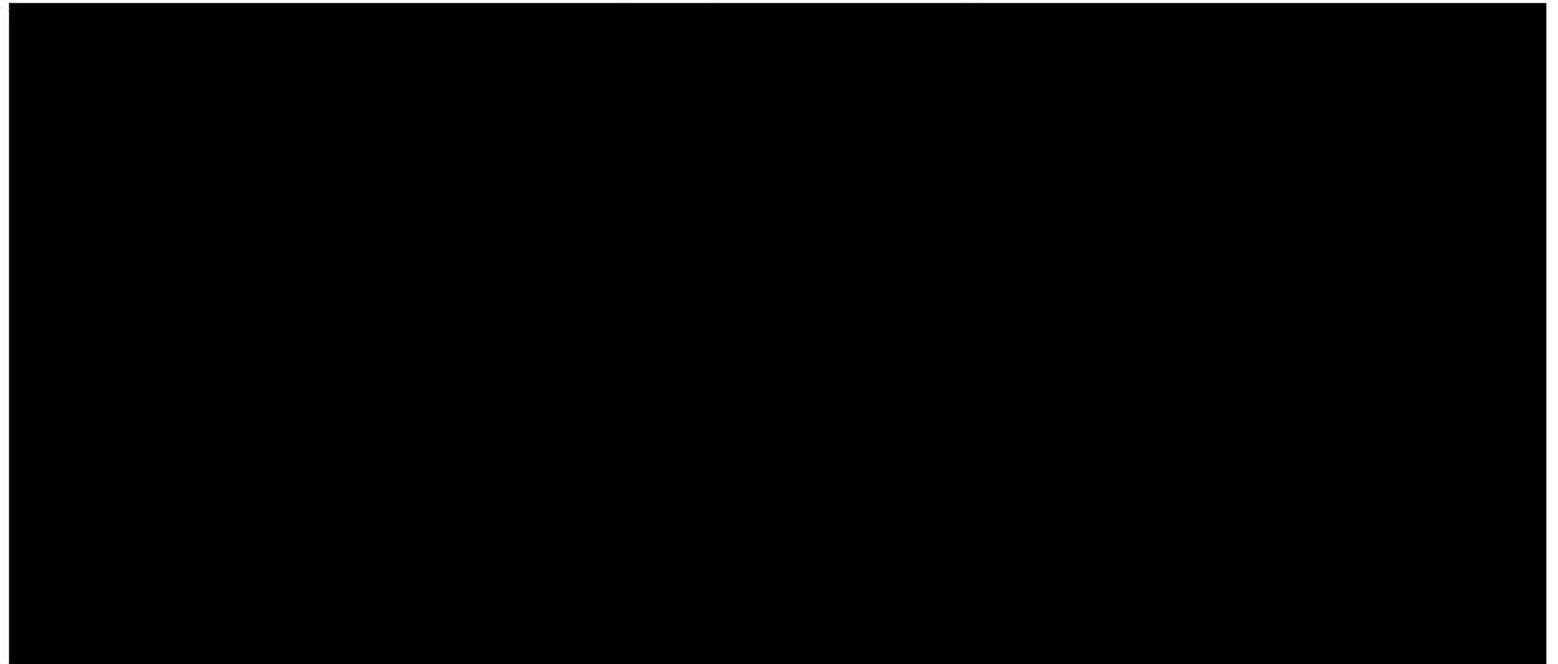
PSN Services Market Shares – Time Spent
November 2011, December 2011, March 2012, United States

	November 2011		December 2011		March 2012	
	Time Spent (Million Min)	Share	Time Spent (Million Min)	Share	Time Spent (Million Min)	Share
Facebook	90,822	99.1%	94,115	99.1%	96,581	99.1%
Instagram	291	0.3%	291	0.3%	391	0.4%
Facebook+Instagram	91,114	99.5%	94,406	99.5%	96,972	99.5%
Myspace	315	0.3%	315	0.3%	322	0.3%
Google+	119	0.1%	141	0.1%	123	0.1%
Orkut	58	0.1%	58	0.1%	58	0.1%
Path	7	0.0%	7	0.0%	7	0.0%

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Ex. 45.

Market Shares: Stories and Feed Posts

PSN Services Market Shares as Measured by Stories and Feed Posts
October 2020 – June 2022; United States

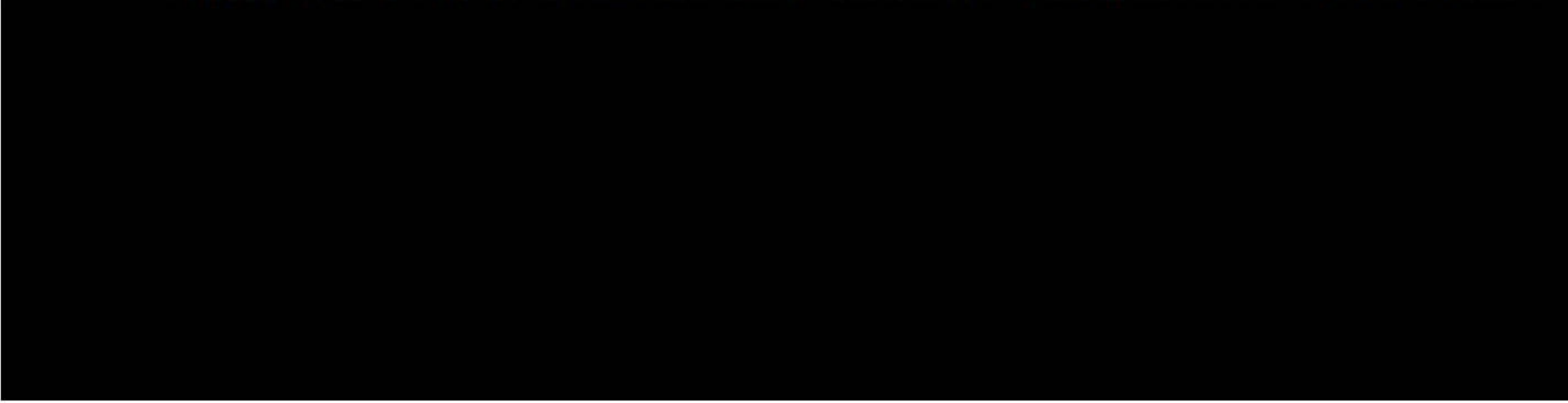


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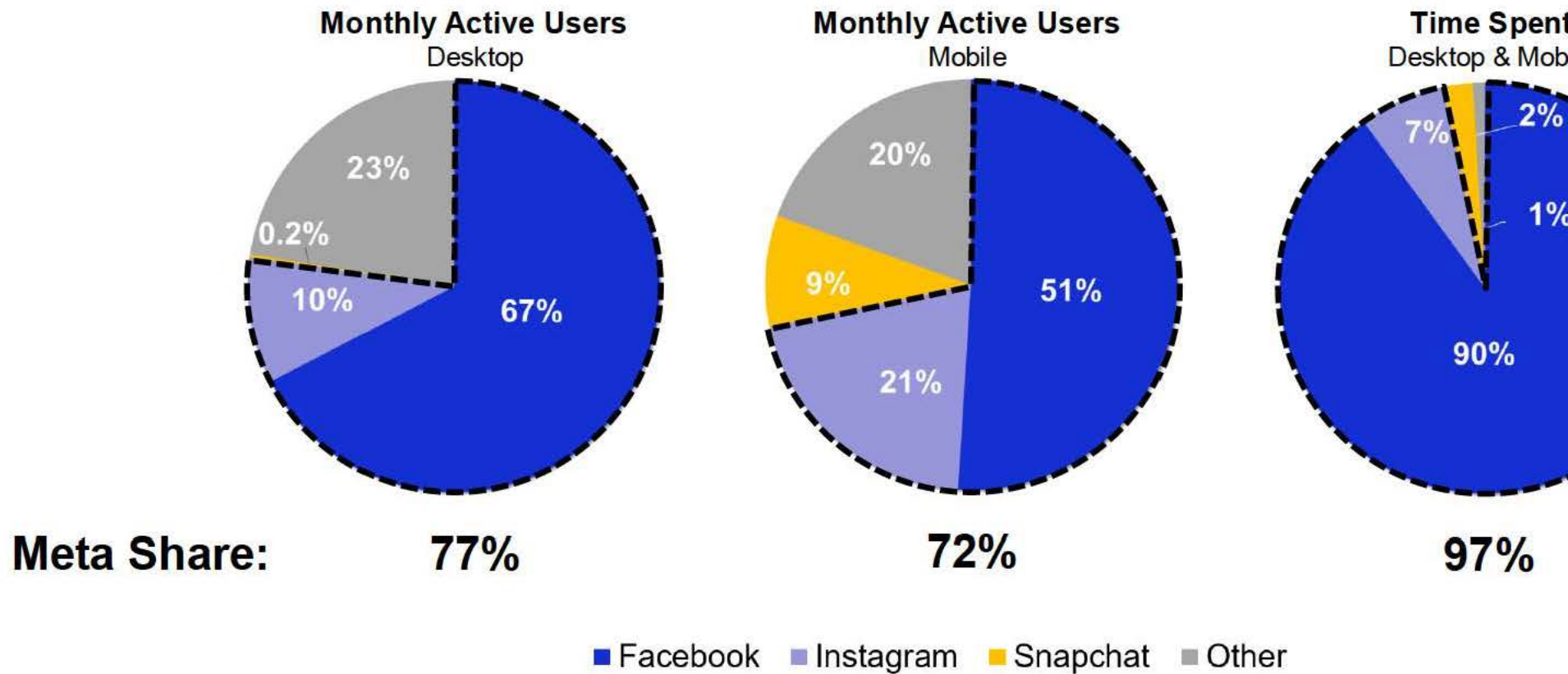
Market Shares: Time Spent on Feed and Stories

Shares of PSN Services Market – Time Spent (Feed and Stories)

February to June 2022 for Facebook and Instagram, September 2022 to January 2023 for Snapchat, United States.



Market Shares: 2014



Notes: "Other" includes Myspace, Google+, Path, LINE, LiveJournal, Orkut, Pengyou, Qzone, Renren, Tuenti, VKontakte, and Weibo. Desktop MAU reported for December 2014.

Source: PX9000 (Hemphill Report) at Exs. C-30, C-31, C-32.