



## SOCIAL SELLING:

SHIFT FROM SELLING TO BUILDING A COMMUNITY

## **FACT: PEOPLE YEARN FOR COMMUNITY**

Humans are social animals by nature. Behavioral economics and psychological research have taught us that we fundamentally crave a sense of connectedness, belonging, mission, and meaning. An increasingly digital, modern lifestyle has created a hunger for authentic and relatable interactions that connect us to others like us.

## WHY BUILD A COMMUNITY AROUND YOUR BRAND?

- **Built-in customer base**. If you create enough demand within your community, anytime you drop a new product or service, you will have a built-in customer base that is eager to buy.
- **Know what your ideal customers want.** Market research becomes much simpler because you have an organic way to connect with your customers and find out what they're looking for.
  - **Build trust with your audience.** Fostering a strong community builds a sense of trust with your audience that increases the potential for longterm customer retention not to mention it's a smart way to set yourself from the competition and brand yourself as a business that cares about building relationships.

## **BUILDING A COMMUNITY TAKES TIME**

Building a community around your business is not something you can do overnight. It requires you to develop a certain mindset, one that includes your business and customers as part of a shared entity. This goes beyond selling products.

