

# Mobile Messaging Research



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# Research objectives

- Opinions
  - of SMS / MMS
  - of opting in to SMS / MMS databases
- Effectiveness
  - of SMS and MMS
- Best practice
  - for building opt-in databases
  - for retaining customers



# Summary of our research approach

## Phase 1:

Online survey of 1,000 nationally representative consumers

## Phase 2:

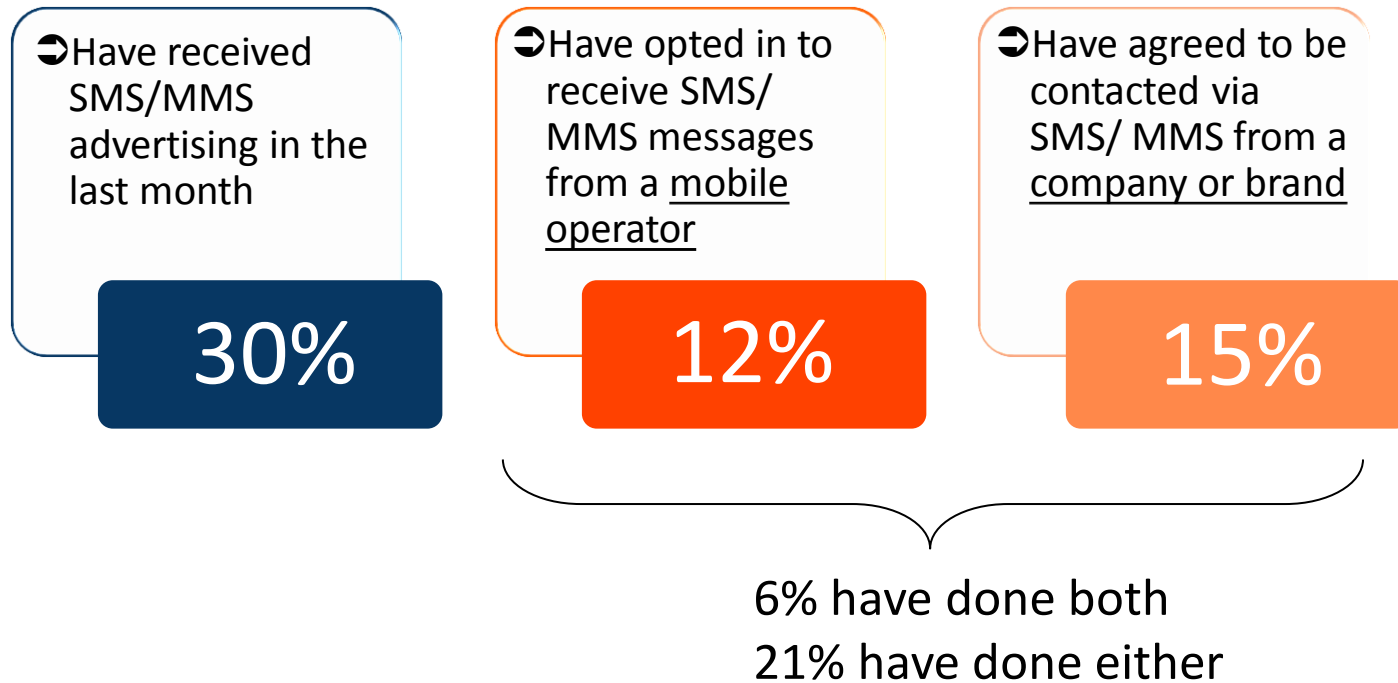
Effectiveness study across M&S contacts on CRM database and O2 More + Orange shots

## Phase 3:

- 1 focus group opted into messaging database  
-1 focus group not opted in

# OPINIONS OF MOBILE MESSAGING

# There is a sizeable % opting in to messaging



Base: Base: All respondents (1022)  
Source: IAB/DMA Mobile Messaging Study September 2010



# Messaging reaches a valuable audience

Subscribers to mobile **operator databases** are more likely to be:

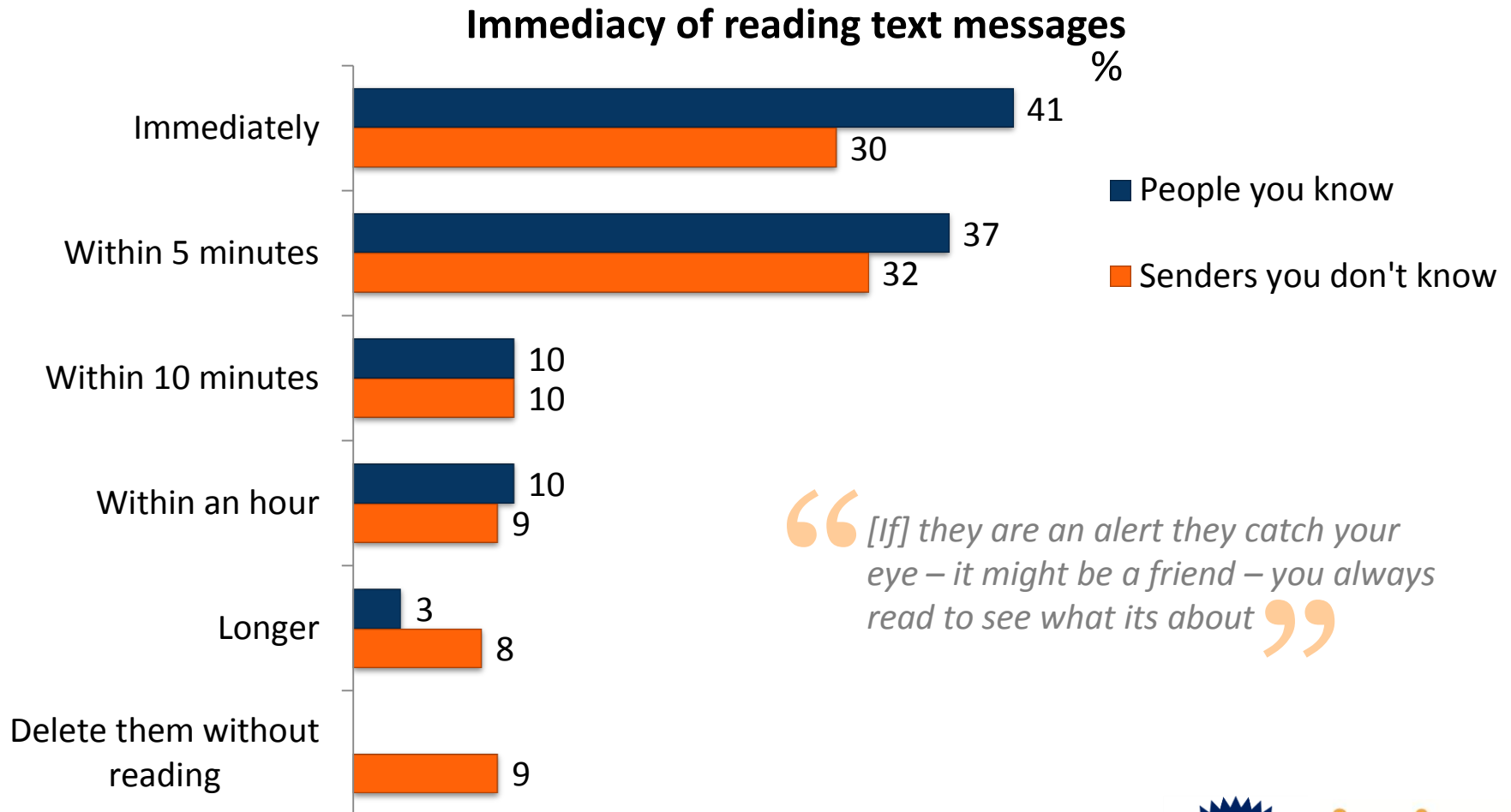
- Aged 18-24
- Frequent texters (at least 10 a day)
- Frequent mobile internet users (daily)
- Smartphone users

Subscribers to **CRM databases** are more likely to be:

- Male
- Aged 18-24
- Frequent texters (at least 10 a day)
- Frequent mobile internet users (daily)
- Smartphone users
- Agreed to be contacted by a company via email

# Messaging is immediate

62% read messages in 5 mins from senders they don't know



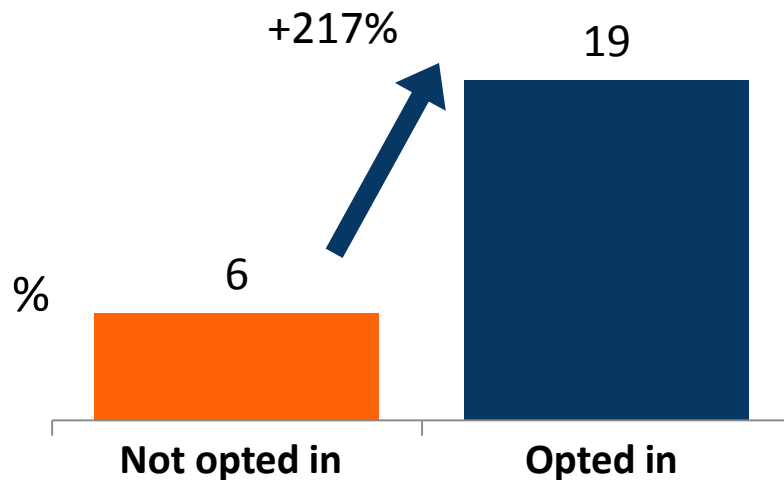
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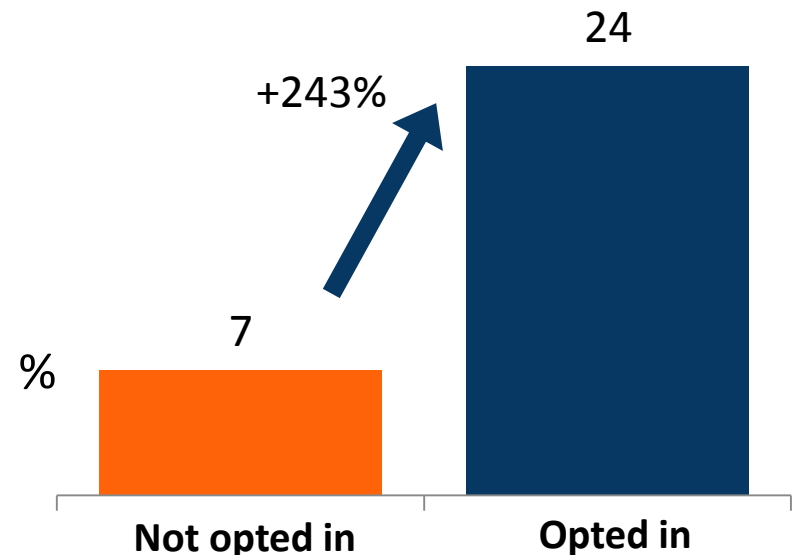


# Once opted in, people are more positive to messaging

“ [Texts are] normally from people [companies] you want to hear from, so it isn't a bane ”



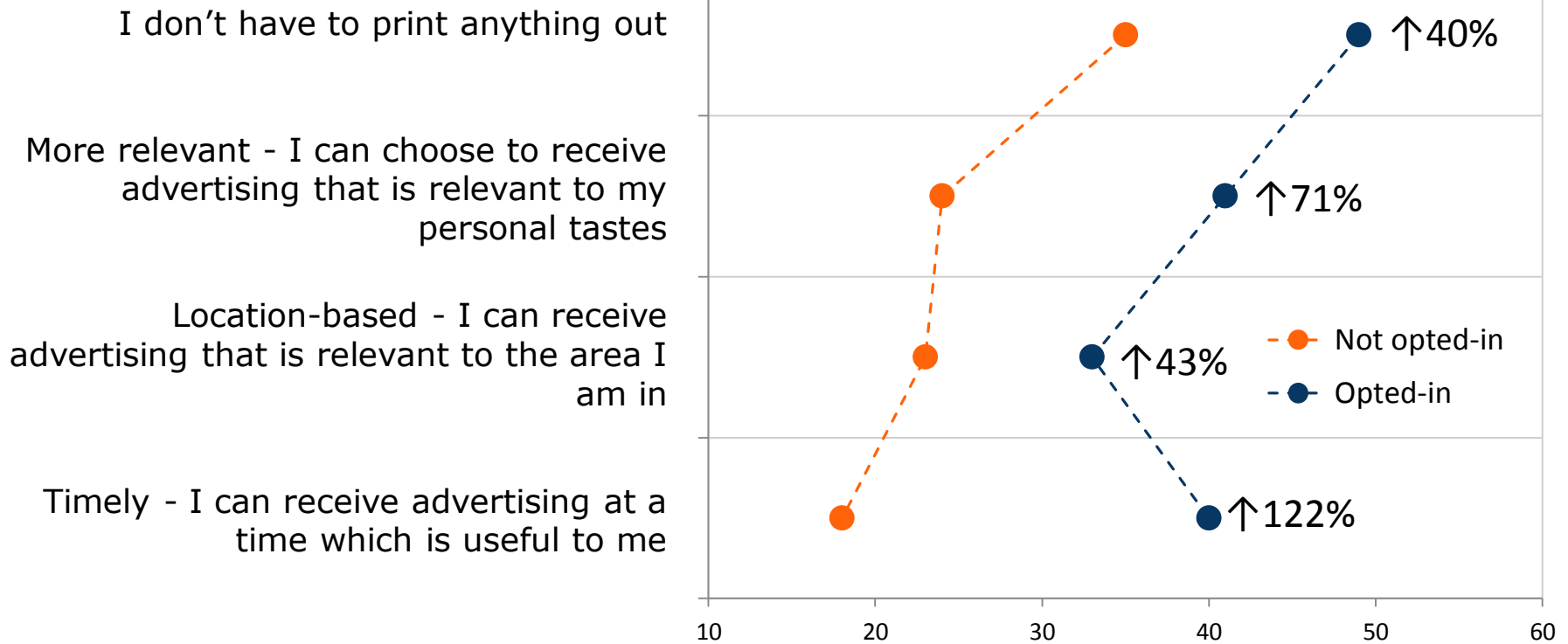
Messaging is the best medium for **grabbing your attention** and making you want to know more about a brand, company, product or service



Messaging is the best medium for receiving **relevant and personalised information** about brands, products and services

# And people understand the advantages

“ (For vouchers) there is less chance of forgetting when you go to the restaurant! ”



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# Benefits of messaging video

# Opinions of mobile messaging

## Summary

- **1 in 5** in the UK are opted in to receive SMS/MMS advertising
- **62%** of people read messages, from a sender that is not friend or family, within 5 minutes of receiving it
- When consumers are opted in their opinions of messaging improve
  - over **200% uplift** in consumers saying messaging is best medium to grab attention and receive information about brands
  - they see a clear benefit in receiving advertising messages as being more **relevant, timely** and **useful**

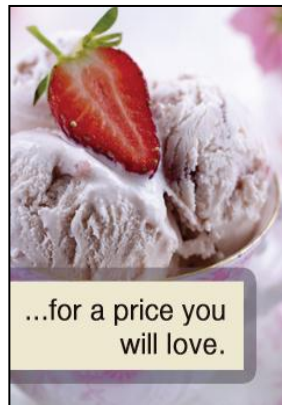


# EFFECTIVENESS OF MOBILE MESSAGING

# M&S message to M&S contacts on CRM database

- We ran a control / exposed effectiveness survey around part of M&S' CRM campaign, splitting out SMS and MMS
- Control group were sent no ad message just survey

MMS



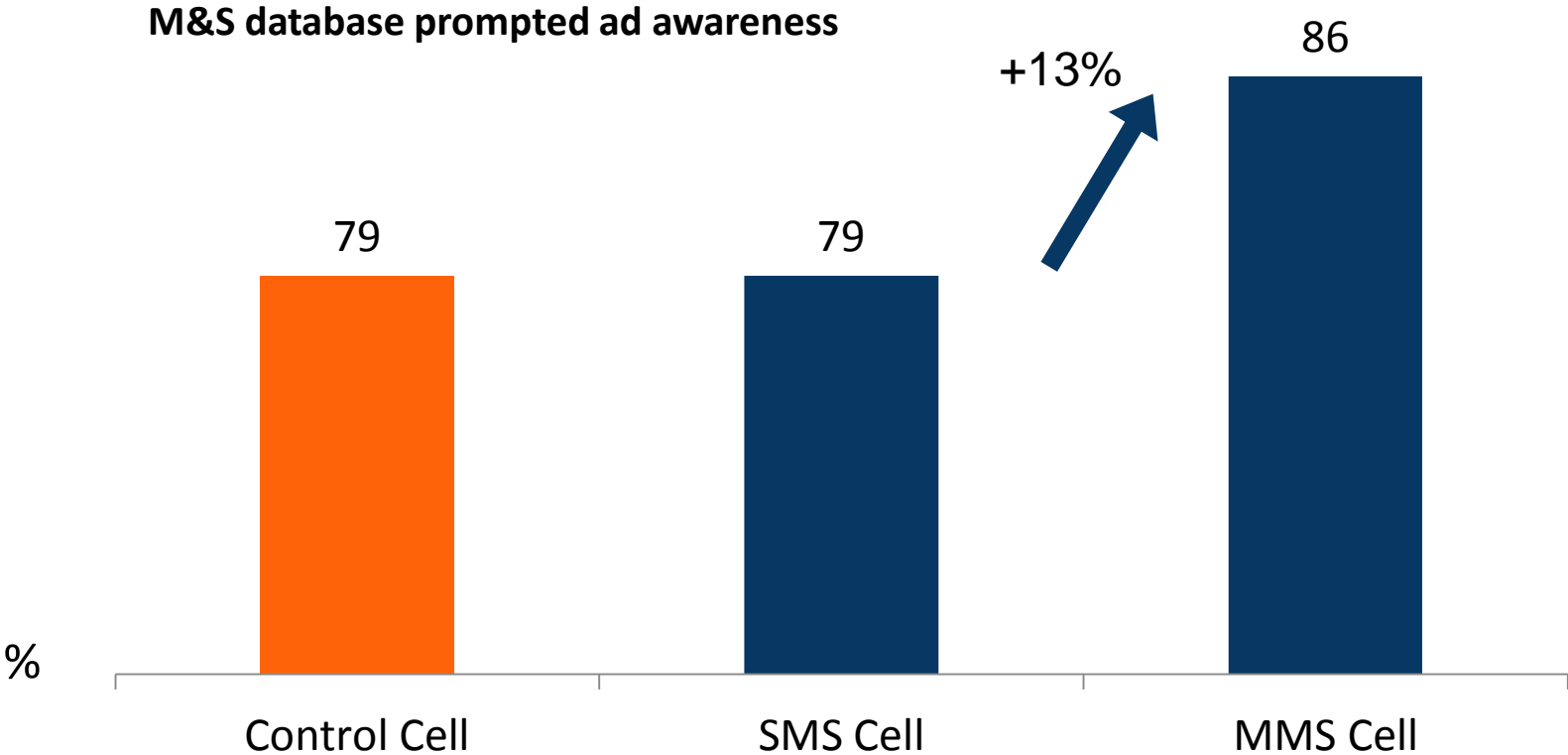
Give in to temptation with M&S Dine In for Two for £10! Details in store or click for menu:  
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 Ends next Tuesday, 3 August. To stop text dine stop to 65006

SMS

M&S Dine In for £10 with wine is available now! View menu at  
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 Details in store.  
 Ends Tues. To opt out txt cook stop to 65006



# MMS increases prompted awareness

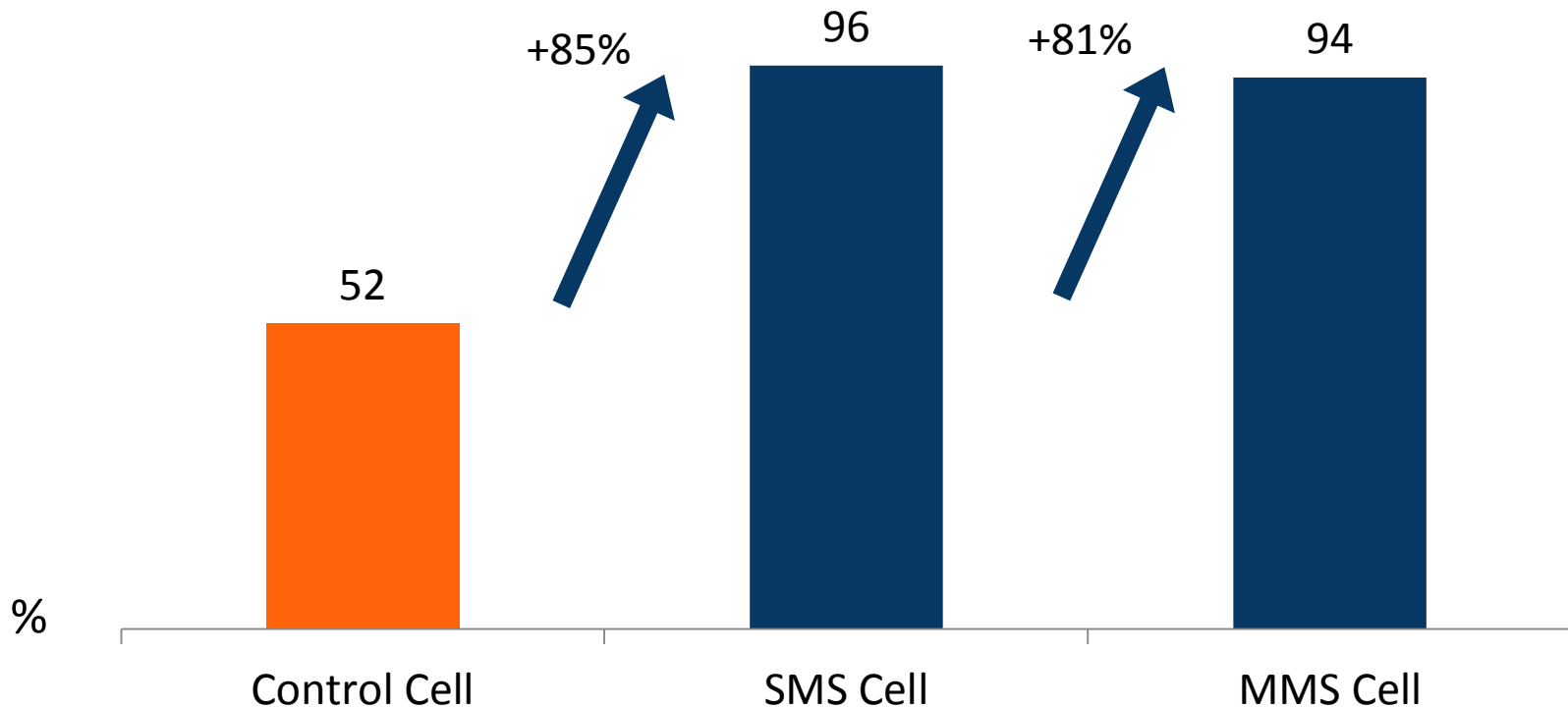


Base: M&S database: Control (230), SMS (256), MMS (693).  
Source: IAB/DMA Mobile Messaging Study September 2010



# Almost 100% recall of the SMS & MMS

## M&S database message recall



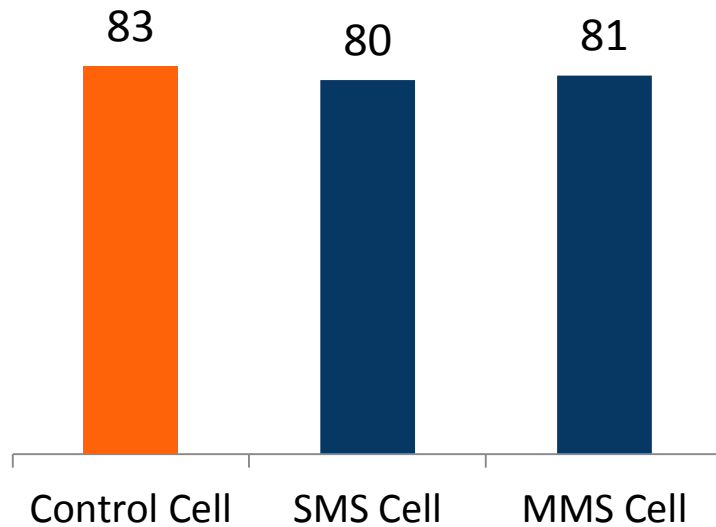
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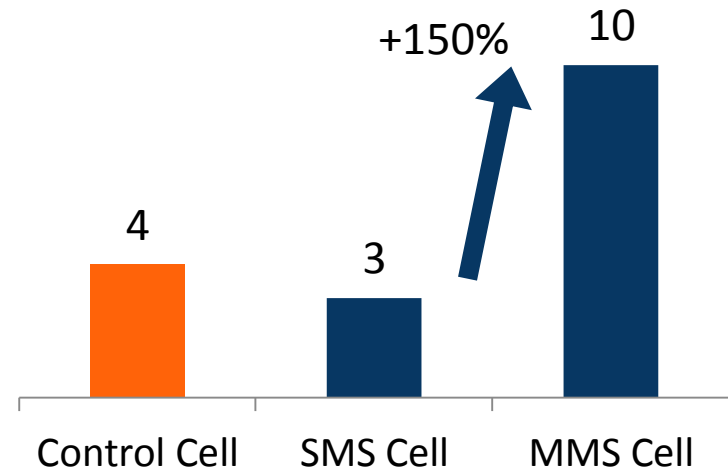


# MMS changes behaviour

## Visit store



## Visit M&S mobile site



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# M&S message to opted in operator databases

- We ran a control / exposed effectiveness survey around a campaign on both Orange Shots and O2 More. Both SMS and MMS ads were sent out and researched
- SMS & MMS targeted to women 16-30, control group were sent no ad message just survey

## MMS



Subject: M&S shoes

Shop on your mobile. Shoes and much more available with free delivery if you order on your mobile before midnight on 24th of Aug. Go to <http://shoes.mands.mobi/r/xxxxxxxx> (clicking on the link will be charged at standard rate) and use code DELPHONE to redeem this fantastic offer. One per customer. Terms apply. To stop O2 More text STOP to 20502

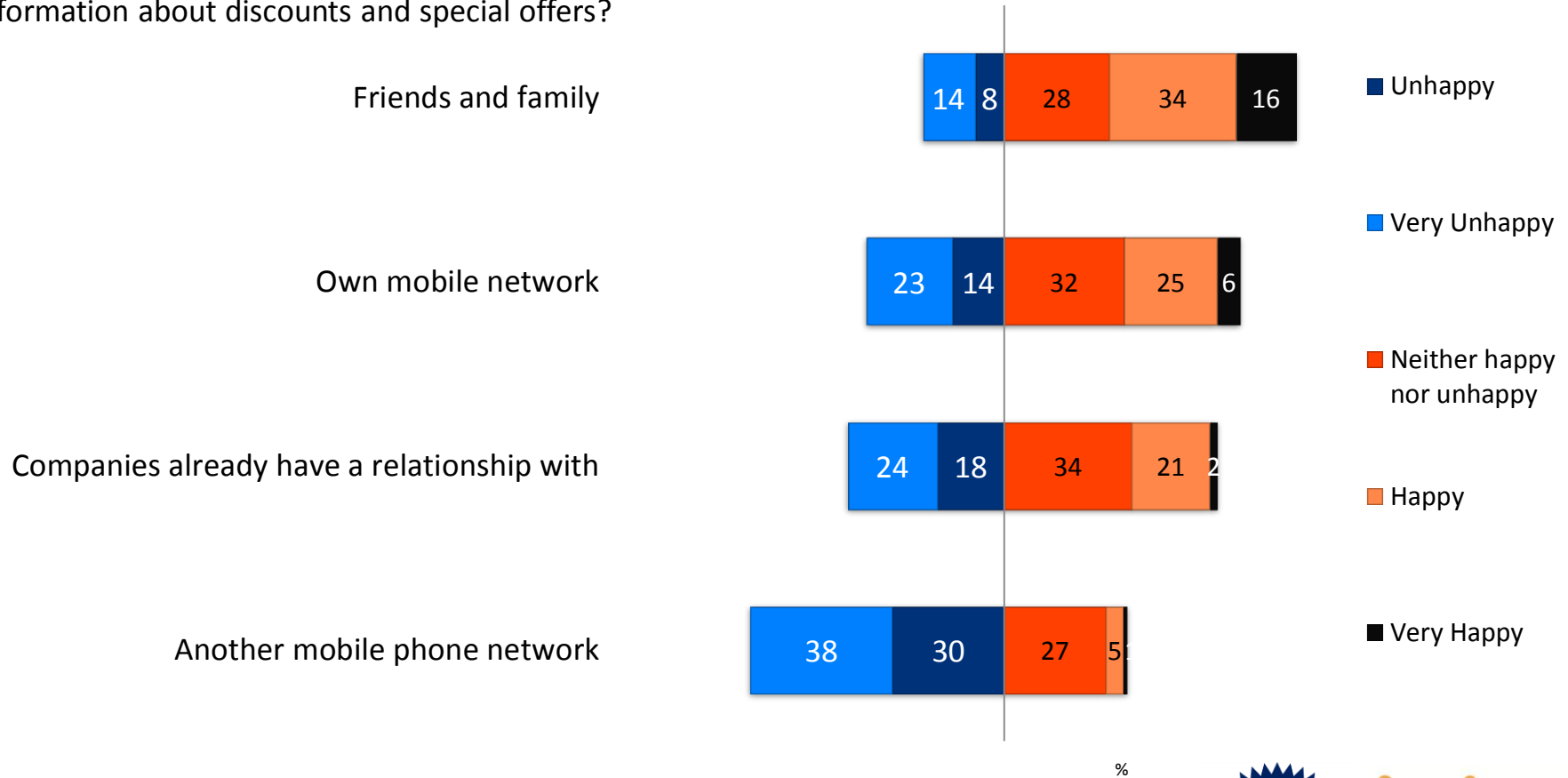
## SMS

Do this season in style; from luxurious suede platforms to fabulous lace-up heels. Free delivery when you buy M&S shoes & more on your mobile. Offer valid till 24Aug. Use code DELPHONE to redeem offer when you visit <http://shoes.mands.mobi/r/xxxxxxxx> Terms apply. To stop O2 More text STOP to 20502



# Consumers almost as happy to receive messages from their operator as friends/family

How happy would you be to receive SMS/ MMS messages that provide information about brand/products or services that you are interested in or information about discounts and special offers?

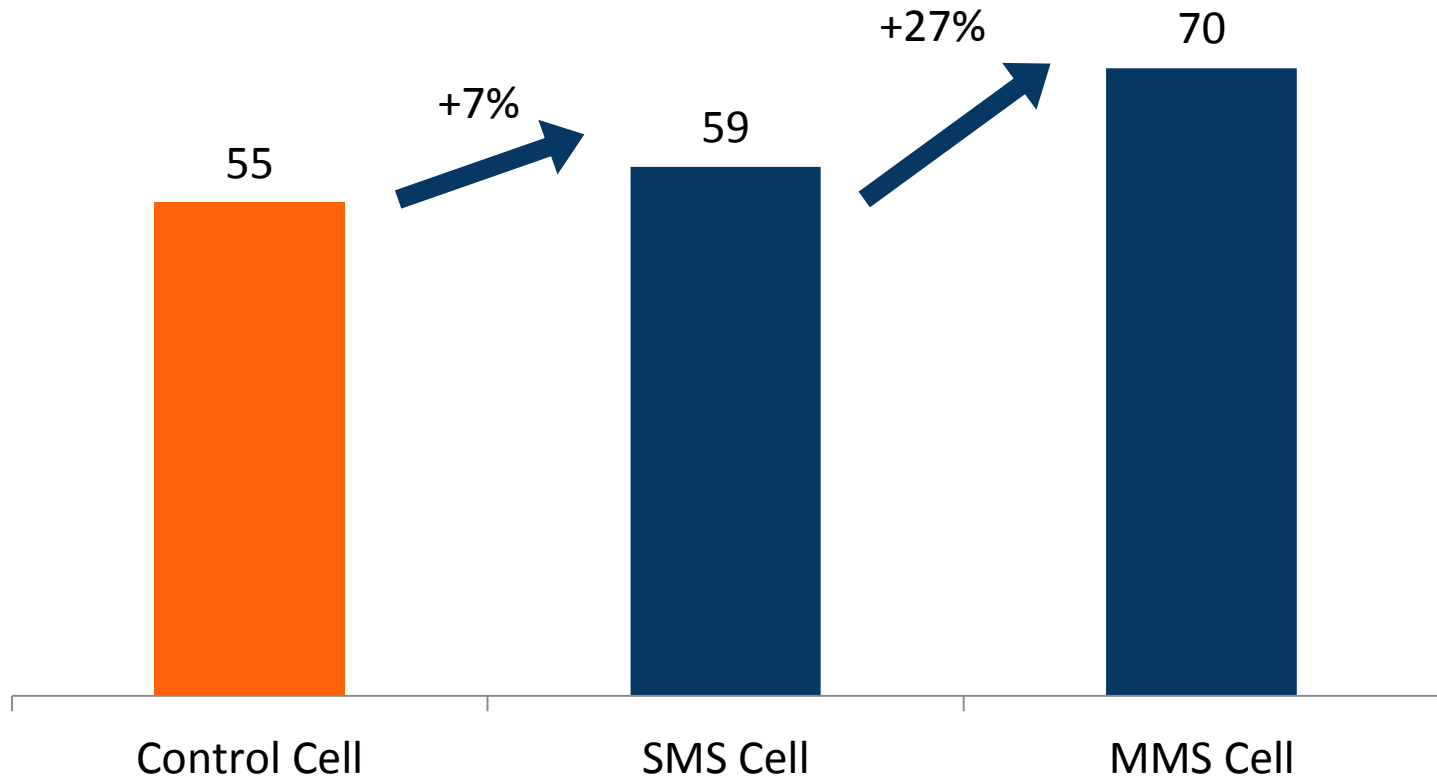


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# SMS & MMS drove prompted awareness

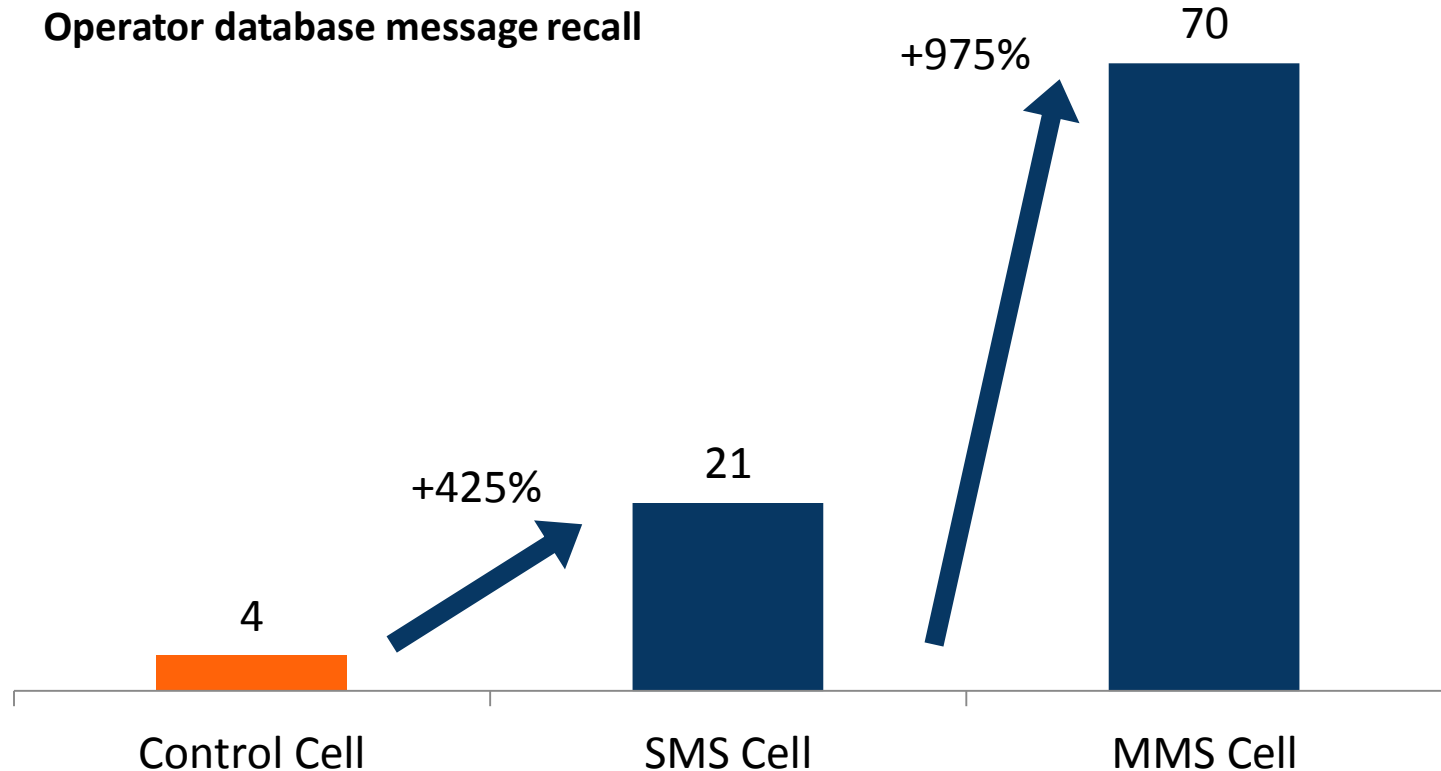
Operator database prompted ad awareness



Base: Operator database: Control (590), SMS (588), MMS (346)  
Source: IAB/DMA Mobile Messaging Study September 2010



# Message recall is huge for MMS



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# Consumers can see the benefit of MMS

- **Slick interface** – a joy to view, more fun to interact with
- **Markers of authenticity** – logos, images, visual branding elements
- **Greater potential for interaction** - greater interactivity without having to 'reply' to message or download, less concern about being charged
- **More visual/audio interest** - can be a more passive viewing experience akin to TV adverts/magazines but would need to be sensitive to fact that may be opened in public/workplace



# Effectiveness of mobile messaging

## Summary

- Both SMS and MMS have an impact - even among the highly engaged M&S CRM audience almost 100% remembered receiving either
- Consumers are almost as happy to receive advertising from their operators as they are friends & family, providing a trusted place for advertisers to send their message to new customers
- Consumers like MMS and it achieved huge standout amongst both CRM and operator databases

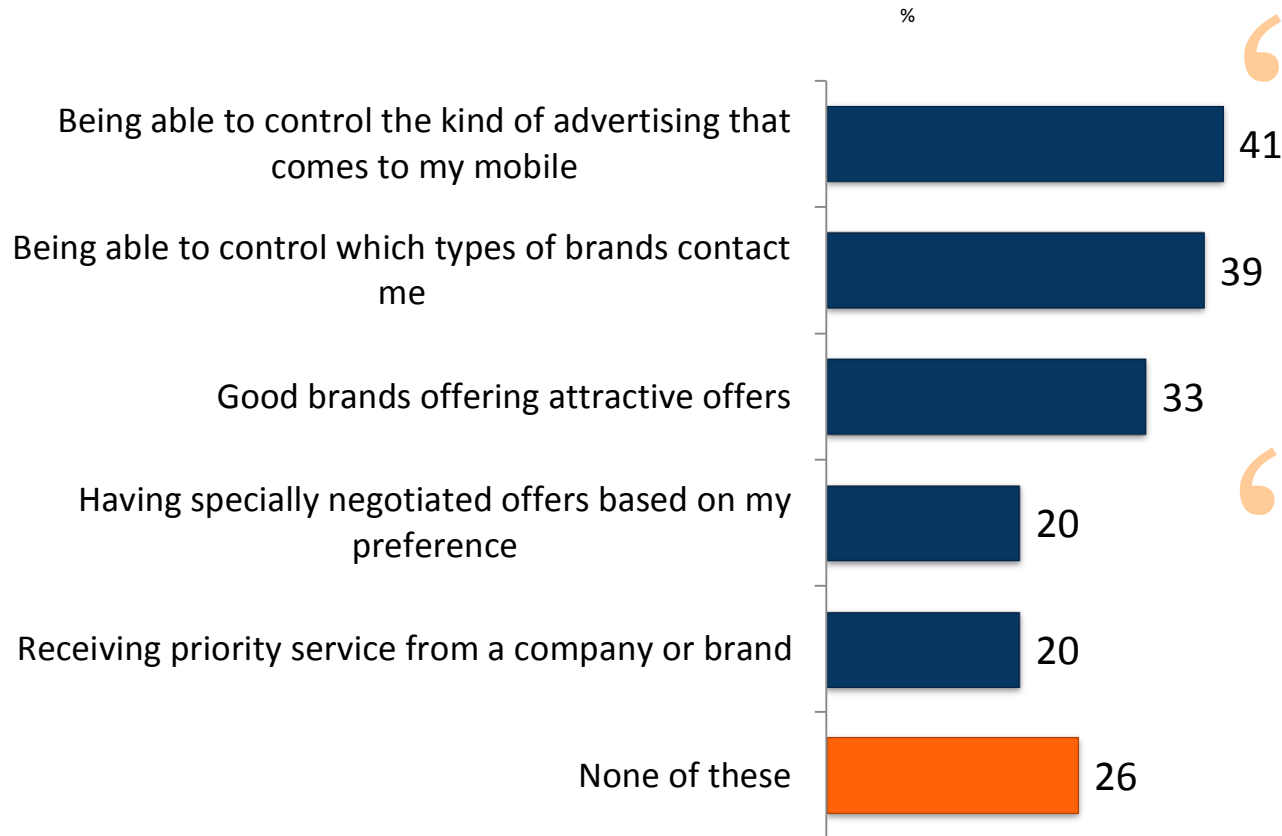


# BUILDING A CRM MESSAGING DATABASE



# 3 in 4 people would opt in given the right incentive

Which of the following would make you more likely to opt in to these type of services?




“Morrisons – their deals of the week – if you knew that week it [might] dictate where you shop”

“It’s nice how they give advance notice [of sales etc.] because they know you’ve been there before”



# Barrier no 1. awareness



79% of consumers  
have not opted in to  
receive messages  
from brands

# 32%

I didn't know  
about this type  
of service, or  
the benefits I  
could get

# Best practise for building a CRM messaging database

- **Awareness**
  - Build on existing relationships and touchpoints to promote your messaging offering
  - Collect mobile numbers across registration points
  - Welcome customers as soon as you have their number and follow with a marketing message within a week



# Barrier no 2. perceived cost

When you ask consumers generally about messaging,

**71%**

agree "I am wary of the costs associated with receiving SMS/ MMS advertising direct to my mobile phone"

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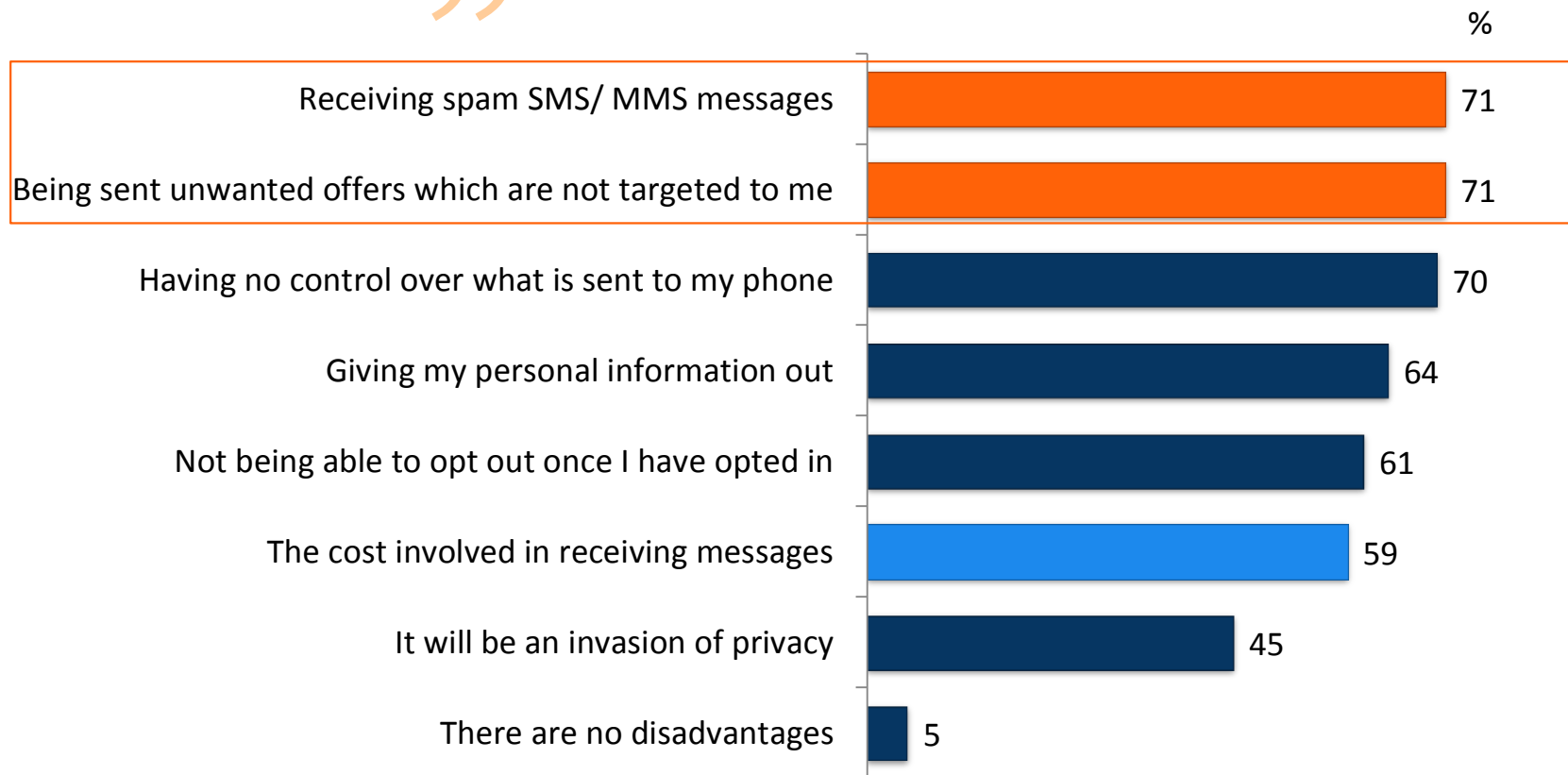
# Best practise for building a CRM messaging database

- **Perceived Cost**
  - Re-assure throughout of the costs involved
  - If communication is 2 way consider making responses free
  - If you charge include this in the first message and follow with reminder every month



# Barrier no 3. relevance

“[Worry about opening a link] especially if you bank on your phone – you’re never 100% sure if you are getting it from the company they say they are”

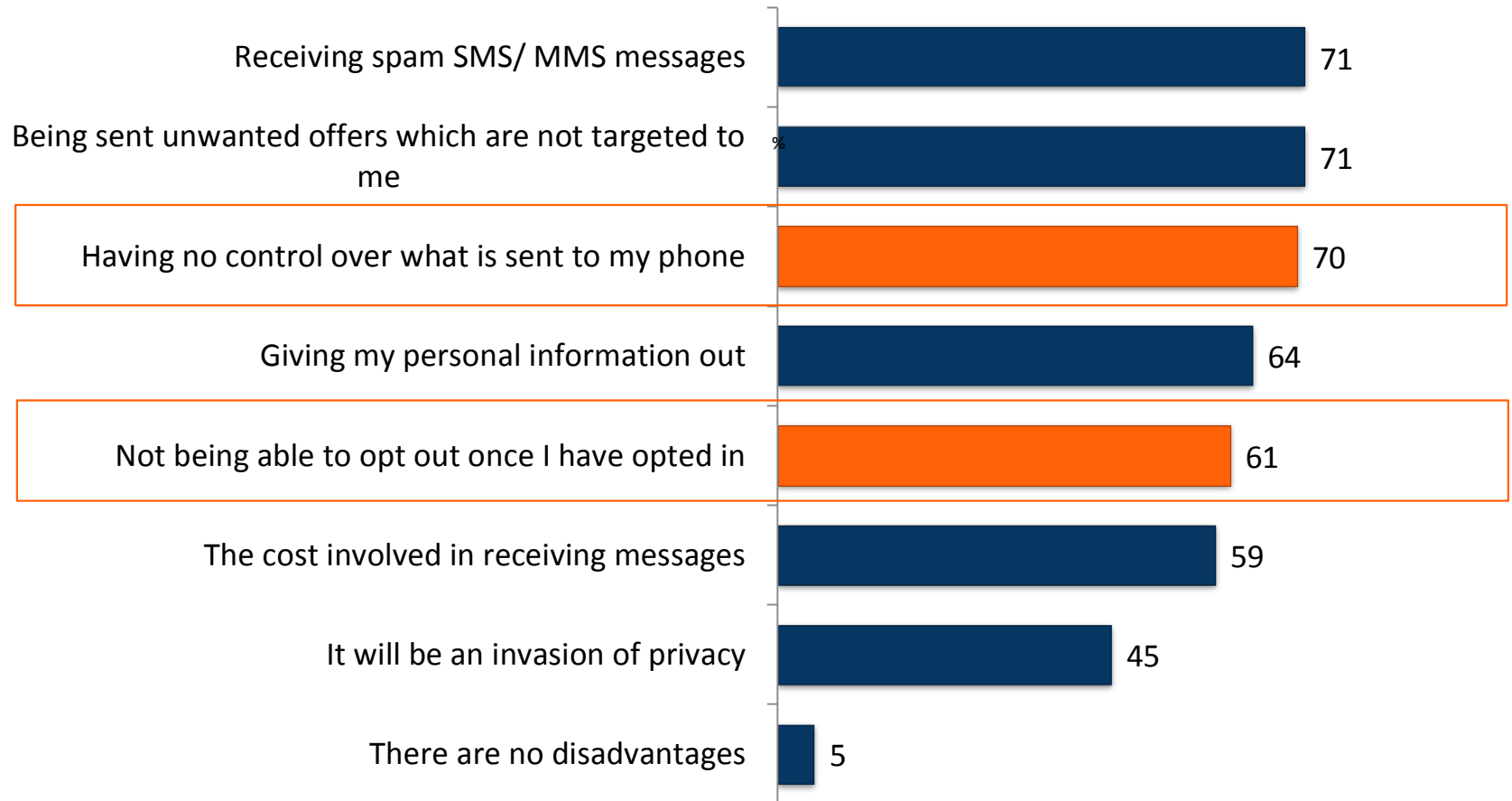


# Best practise for building a CRM messaging database

- **Relevance**
  - Make it clear what the messages will contain and why people should sign up
  - Focus on the behaviour of your consumers and provide appropriate messages
  - Provide value – think what does customer want and not what you want to sell



# Barrier no 4. control



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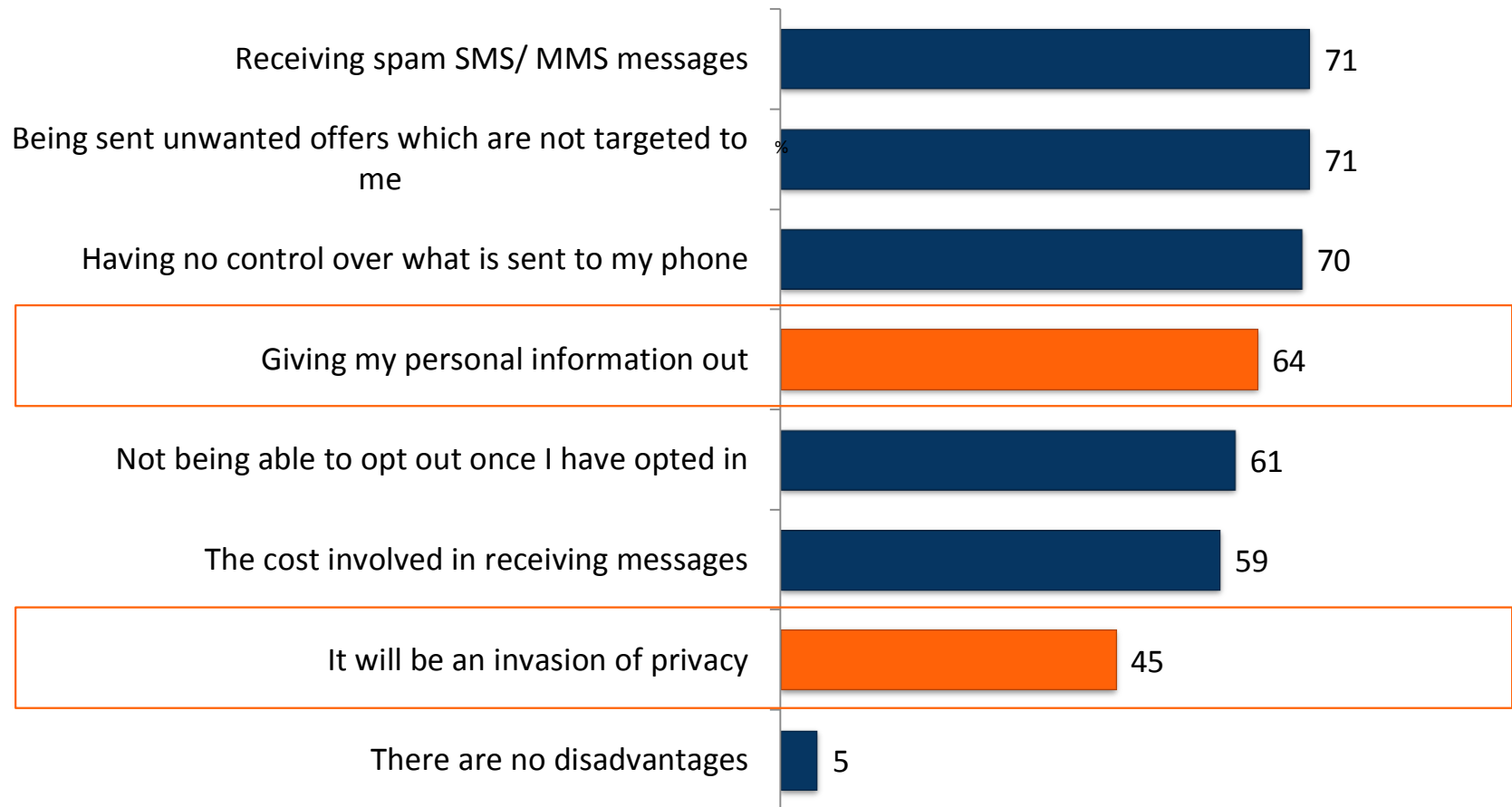


# Best practise for building a CRM messaging database

- **Control**
  - Re-assure customers how many messages they will get
  - Don't take them for granted, consider why people signed up – and then ensure you are delivering it
  - Make it clear how users can potentially unsubscribe. Adhere to 'Universal Stop' policy



# Barrier no 5. privacy



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# Best practise for building a CRM messaging database

- **Privacy**
  - Secure customer confidence and show them you will handle their personal details responsibly
  - Ask for permission if you wish to share their details at the opt in or tell them at the start you will not share their details with third parties



# Consumers actively want communication from certain categories/brands

## Desirable Categories

- Restaurants, Pubs & Bars
- Leisure & Entertainment
- Food & Groceries
- Holidays & Travel
- Clothing
- Department Stores
- Beauty

Clear, direct benefits



## Desirable Brands

A collection of brand logos including M&amp;S (with 'YOUR' above), Debenhams, John Lewis, Tesco, Next, Odeon (with 'FANATICAL ABOUT FILM' below), Lastminute.com, and Morrisons (with 'M' in a yellow circle).

Frequent purchases/  
behaviours



A collection of brand logos including Apple, Tiffany &amp; Co., Sony, and Bang &amp; Olufsen.

Aspirational



# Building a CRM messaging database

## Summary

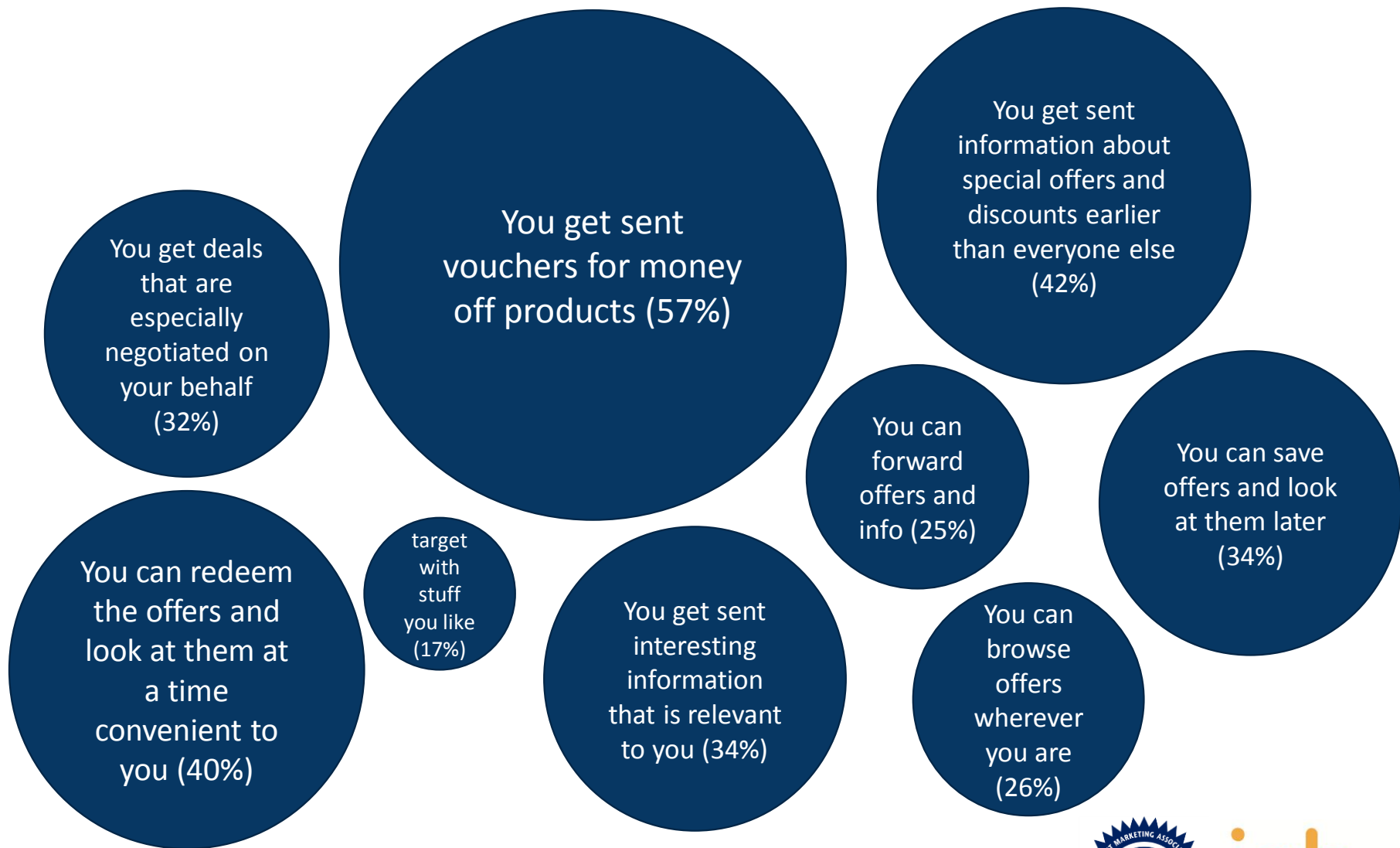
- 74% of people who haven't opted in would do if they were given the right incentive
- But brands have to overcome 5 key barriers to get consumers to opt in to a CRM database
  - Awareness
  - Perceived cost
  - Relevance
  - Control
  - Privacy
- The IAB & DMA offers suppliers, agencies and brands a set of best practises to overcome these barriers



# HOW TO OPTIMISE MESSAGING COMMUNICATIONS

# Relevance video

# Give consumers the content they want



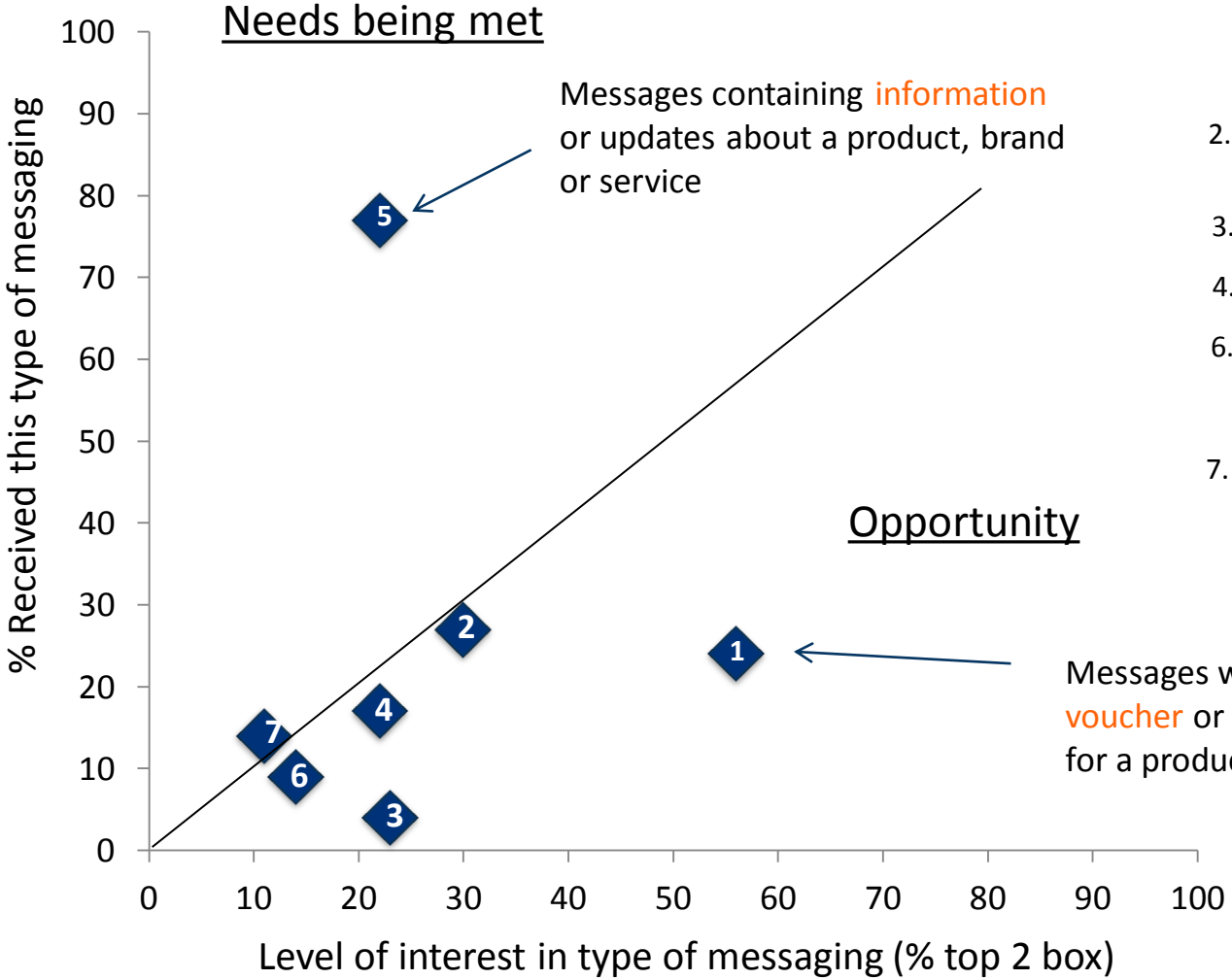
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# There is a gap between what people want & get



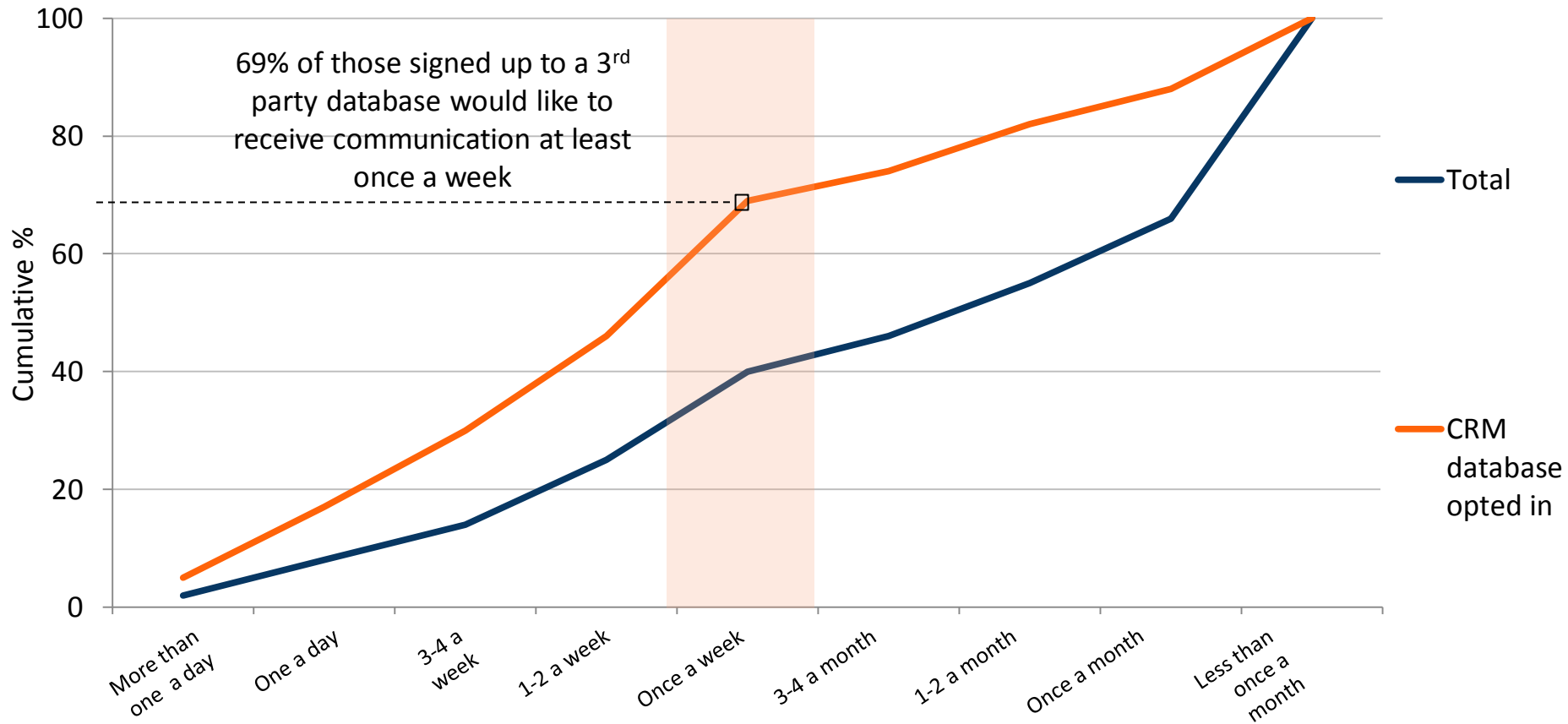
- 2. Messages with **information about a sale** for a product, brand or service
- 3. Messages with **surveys** in
- 4. Messages with **competitions** in
- 6. Messages with a link that you **click and can make a call** to receive an offer, buy products or book services
- 7. Messages with a **WAP link** to a brand or products mobile internet site



Base: All who have received SMS/MMS advertising via text in the last month (308)  
 Source: IAB/DMA Mobile Messaging Study September 2010

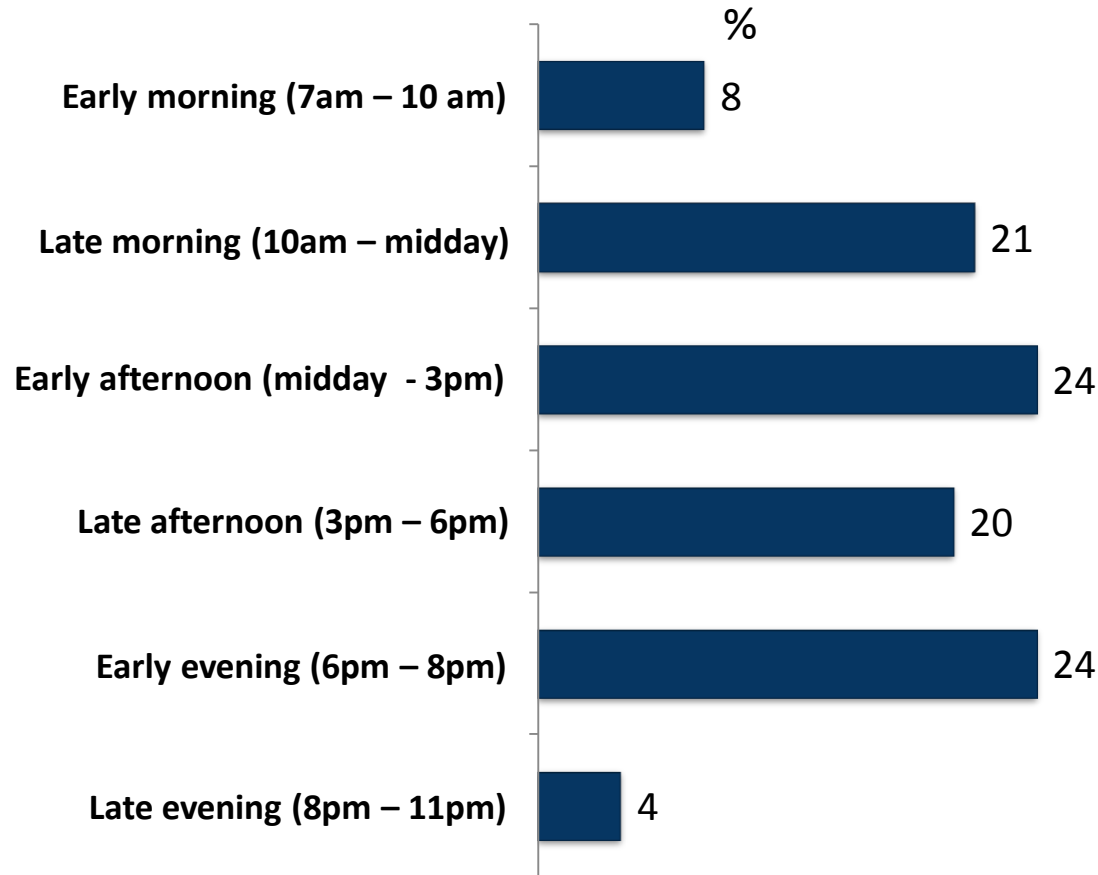


# Majority happy to receive at least one message a week a week



# Frequency video

# 10am-8pm is optimum time to send messages



“ Sometimes you get a promotional text at 2am which irritates [me] ”

“ If there’s a sale on tomorrow, I need to know tonight! ”

Base: All who responded with time of day(726)  
Source: IAB/DMA Mobile Messaging Study September 2010



# How to optimise messaging communications

## Summary

- Content should be **relevant** - there is a gap for **vouchering / offers via messaging**
- The majority of consumers are happy to receive at least **one message a week** from brands they have opted in to
- The optimal time of day depends on the **context** of the message - but generally send messages between **10am to 8pm**

# SUMMARY

# Mobile Messaging

## Summary

- Getting customers to **opt in is key**
  - When consumers are opted in, they are over **200%** more likely to agree that messaging is the best medium to grab attention and receive information
- Messaging achieves huge stand out
  - **Almost 100%** of the M&S base remembered the SMS & MMS, the MMS in particular cuts through
- 74% of non opted-in consumers would do so given the right **incentive**
  - Brands must **overcome 5 key barriers** awareness, perceived cost, relevance, control and privacy
- When brands are communicating via messaging, be relevant with valuable **content**, a relevant **time of day** and fair level of **frequency**

