11 tips for generating content ideas that demonstrate thought leadership

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Agenda

What is thought leadership and why does it matter

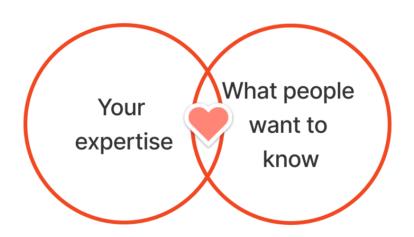
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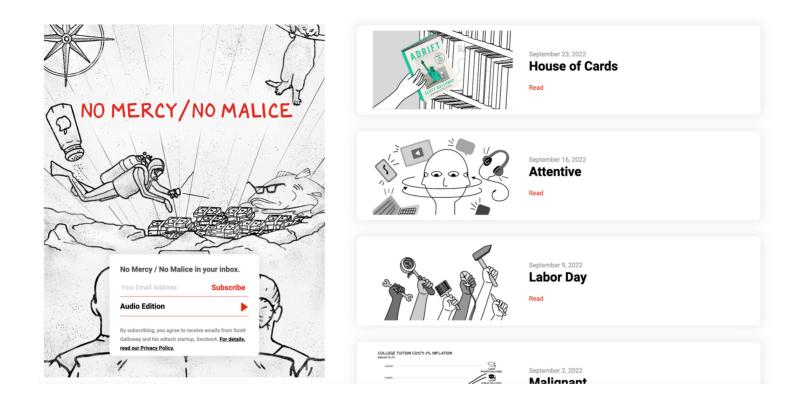


What is thought leadership?



Wow Company Benchpress Report



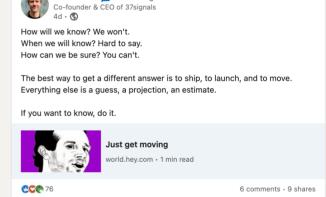


Scott Galloway's No Mercy / No Malice emails

Jason Fried's LinkedIn posts

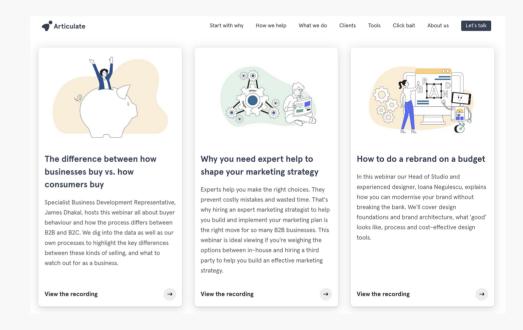
And blogs, books, podcasts and Inc column (How does he find time to run Basecamp?)





Jason Fried in . Following

Articulate Marketing's webinar series



Good quality content has never been more important

Tidal wave of crappy content

(4-7m new blog posts a day)

Crisis of trust

Google helpful content update



Google Helpful Content Guidelines

- Do you have an existing or intended audience for your business or site that would find the content useful if they came directly to you?
- Does your content clearly demonstrate first-hand expertise and a depth of knowledge (for example, expertise that comes from having actually used a product or service, or visiting a place)?
- Does your site have a primary purpose or focus?
- After reading your content, will someone leave feeling they've learned enough about a topic to help achieve their goal?
- Will someone reading your content leave feeling like they've had a satisfying experience?

Why it matters

Trusted advisor Defend margins

Differentiation and positioning Improve marketing

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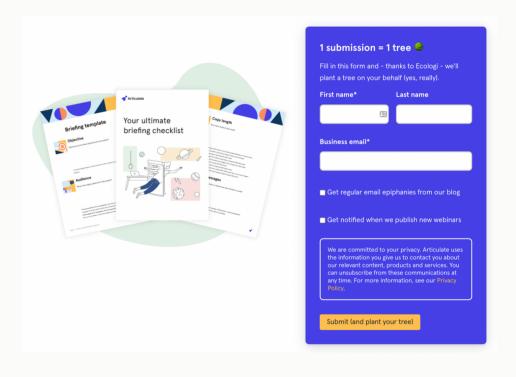
Inventory your expertise

Internal processes and documents

Subject matter experts

Common client conversations

The wider team are experts too



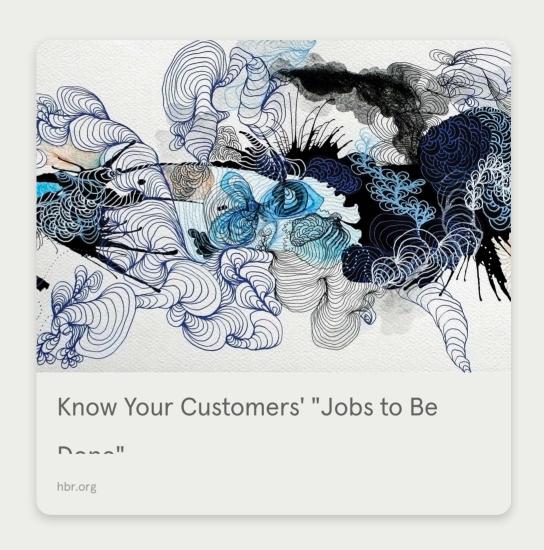
Customers and the sales team

Common sales objections

FAQs

'Jobs to be done'

Clayton Christensen et. al. HBR 2016



What is the hardest thing you do?

The solutions you have for the hardest things you do will be a source of expertise and insight.

You're not giving away the 'secret sauce', you're advertising the fact that you have got one.



Ask the internet

Quora

Answer the Public

Ahrefs

Buzzsumo

Google 'People also asked'













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What is the best light red wine?

'Best' is very subjective. But personally I like a good Pinot Noir if I'm in the mood for a low tannin, softly-spoken style of red wine. Beaujolais might also be a good option. It can be light and fruit-driven if you fancy a lighter style.















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What types of red wine are dry?

Virtually all red wines are dry. That is almost all the sugar in the grape must has been fermented into alcohol. There are some sweet reds, like Recioto, and some sweet fortified red wines like Port but they are very much the exception.













Find the data

Customer research

Interviewing

Run a poll or survey

Do your own review



Be bold



Don't get hung up about it

You're not writing for yourself or other experts

Useful now is better than comprehensive later

Launch then iterate



And finally...





Let's talk

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