# **Sales Strategies**



## **Agenda**



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  - ✓ Discovery
- Questions

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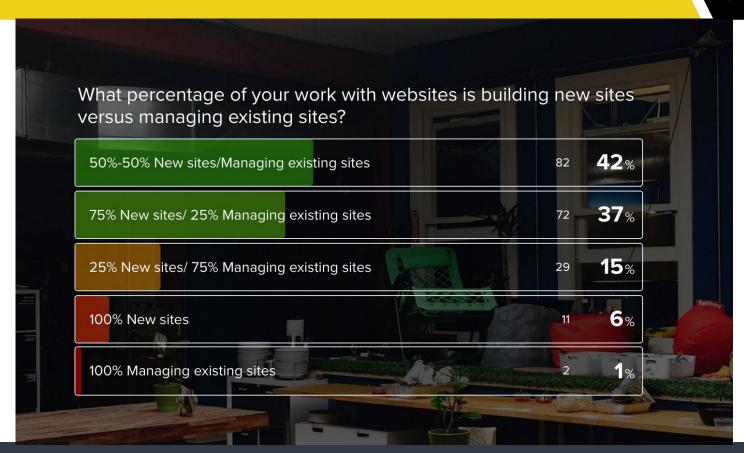
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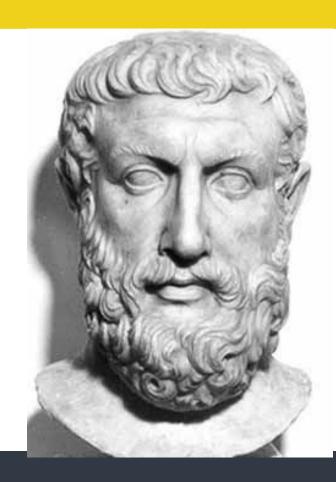
Pantheon is a platform for developers and agencies - so we have a very unique position of working with thousands of small agency businesses

## What we've learned about agencies













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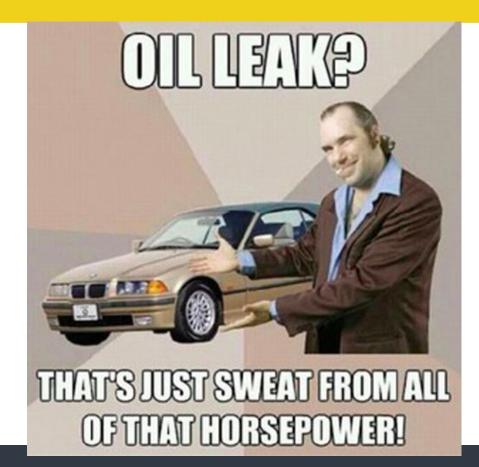






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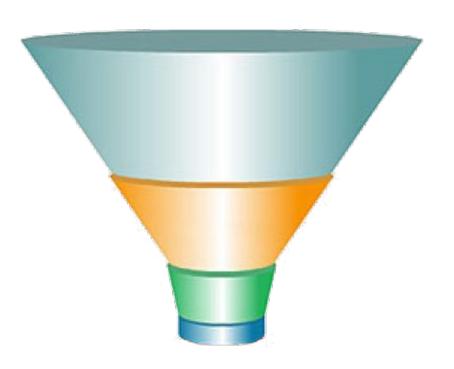




#### **Sales Basics: Sales funnel**



- Leads
- Qualified Leads
- Proposals
- Growth goal (\$\$\$)



### **Sales Basics: What is a Sale?**



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#### **Sales Basics: Qualification**



#### Qualification

**B** udget

A uthority

N eed/want

T imeline

focus on what a client values, not what they want to pay

#### **Sales Basics: Qualification**



The worst thing isn't failing, it's taking a long time to fail.

Get me to no fast or yes in your own time....

### **Sales Basics: Value Based Discovery**





#### Main points:

- 1. Understand their current pain points
  - And connect to what the negative consequences have been for their business
- 2. Have them describe the future state
  - And connect them to positive business outcomes
- 3. While you are doing this, pull out requirements for their solution.

## **Sales Basics: Value Based Discovery**



## Value Based Discovery

#### Some basic rules:

- Ask open ended questions
- Listen 75% of the time. Talk 25%
- Resist talking about your value until you have enough information to match your value to what they are looking for

## **Pricing Strategies, Tire Kickers**



## **Pricing Strategies:**

- Gas vs. Salt
- The \$0 invoice
- Don't "hide the ball" on price
- Lose on price alone 25% of the time
- Raise those prices!
- Fund your life, start from how you want to live
- Follow up, follow up, follow up

## **Takeaways**



- ✓ Sales funnel: reverse waterfall
- ✓ Only pay attention to qualified Opps: (The worst thing isn't failing, it's taking a long time to fail)
- ✓ Focus on value, not price
- ✓ Be a businessman and a business, man:
  - -know your value

## **Further Reading/Listening**



\*MJHoffman - https://twitter.com/mjhoffman

\*You Can't Teach a Kid to Ride a Bike at a Seminar Book by David H Sandler and John Hayes

\*The Challenger Sale: Taking Control of the Customer Conversation - Book by Brent Adamson and Matthew Dixon

\*Predictable Revenue - Predictablerevenue.com

#### Questions



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