Get more landowners on board!

Using behavioral insights & communication strategies to motivate action



A LITTLE ABOUT ME

I train conservationists how to design communication plans that motivate action.

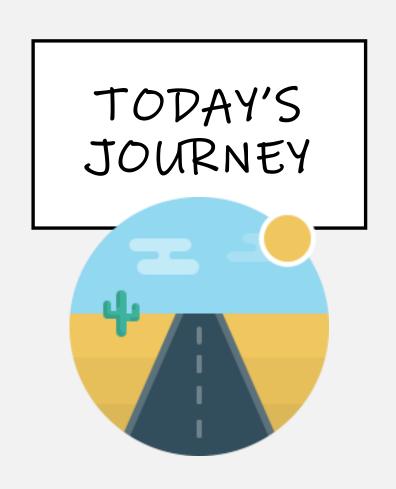
- best practices from commercial advertising
- insights from behavioral science
- first-hand experiences in conservation

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- Why people don't do things
- Why traditional methods haven't been working
- How & why movements happen
- Reframing your message to get more landowners on board

What is one thing you need landowners to do?

that they're not doing at all or not doing enough of



WHY PEOPLE DON'T DO THINGS



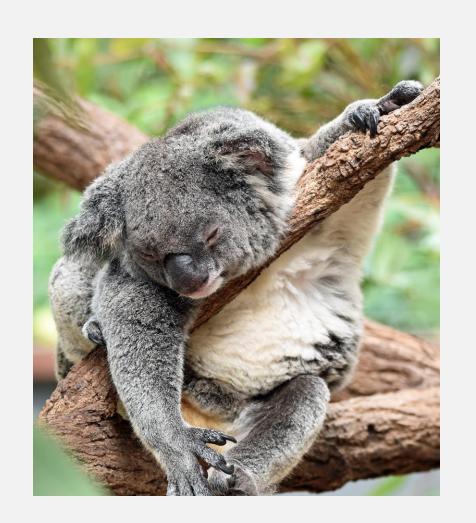




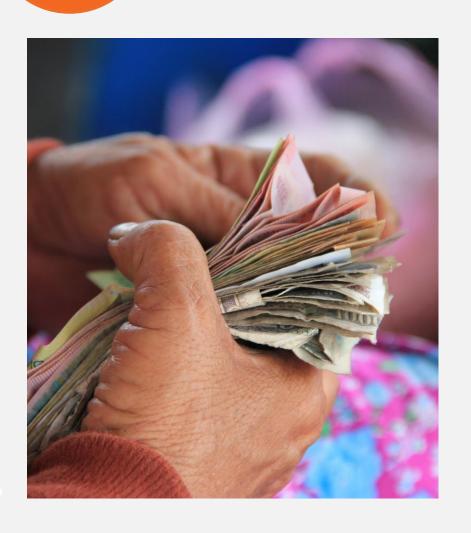
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STATUS QUO BIAS

When people prefer things to stay the same by doing nothing or by sticking with a decision made previously.



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LOSS AVERSION

The pain of losing is psychologically about twice as powerful as the pleasure of gaining. We focus on avoiding a loss.

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It's not even possible to do the thing

The audience cannot access the required equipment, tools or resources needed to complete the behavior:

- Cost of resource
- Resource not readily available
- Resource not close to them
- Infrastructure not in place

They tried to do it, but it got too difficult



CHOICE OVERLOAD

When too many choices are available to consumers they may stick with their default choice or make no choice.



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HASSLE FACTORS

Seemingly minor inconveniences that prevent one from completing a task or taking action.

They don't "get" why they should do it



Skeptical and cynical about the messenger.

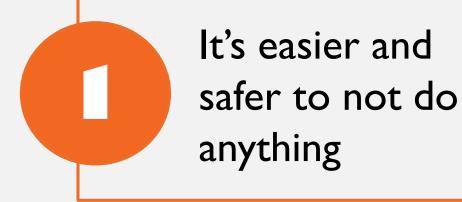
CTA is not specific enough.

Don't see how it impacts their daily life.



Feels like no else is doing it, so why should they.

Don't believe they can make a difference.



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busting myths on motivating

action



If they just then they'd...



INFORMATION (KNOWLEDGE) DEFICIT MODEL

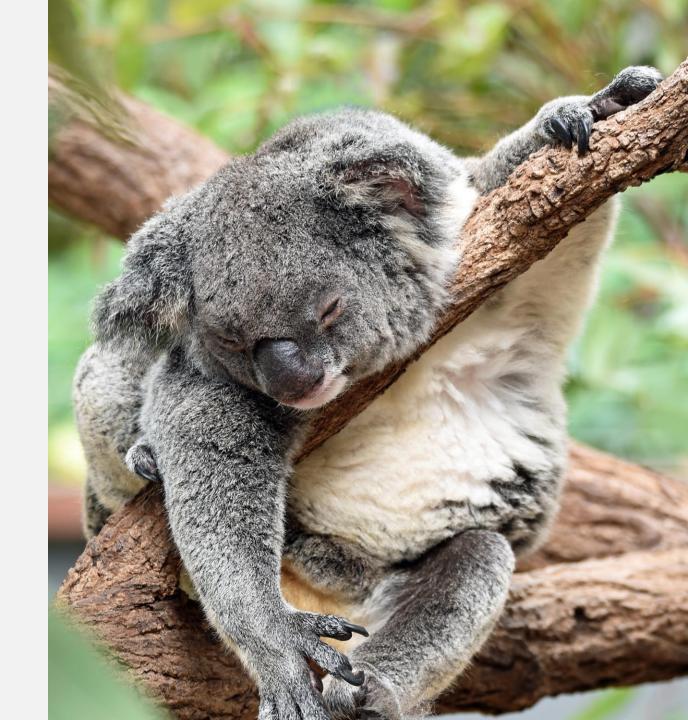
Assumes that the gaps between scientists and the public are a result of a lack of information or knowledge.

A remedy for this gap is often a one-way communication model where information flows from experts to the public to change attitudes, beliefs, or behaviors.



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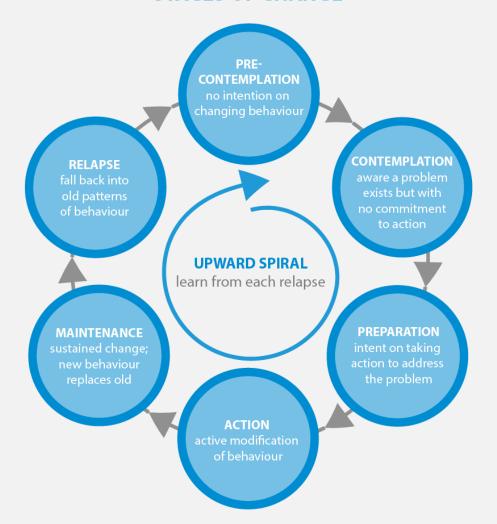
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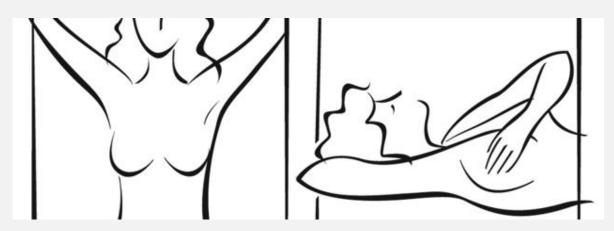


If they just cared more, then they'd...



STAGES OF CHANGE











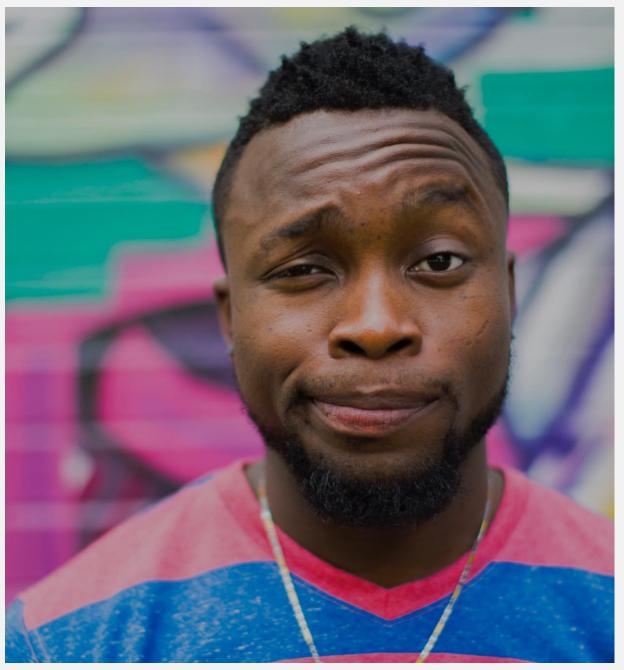


If they just knew how bad it is, then they'd...









If they just had the resources, then they'd...





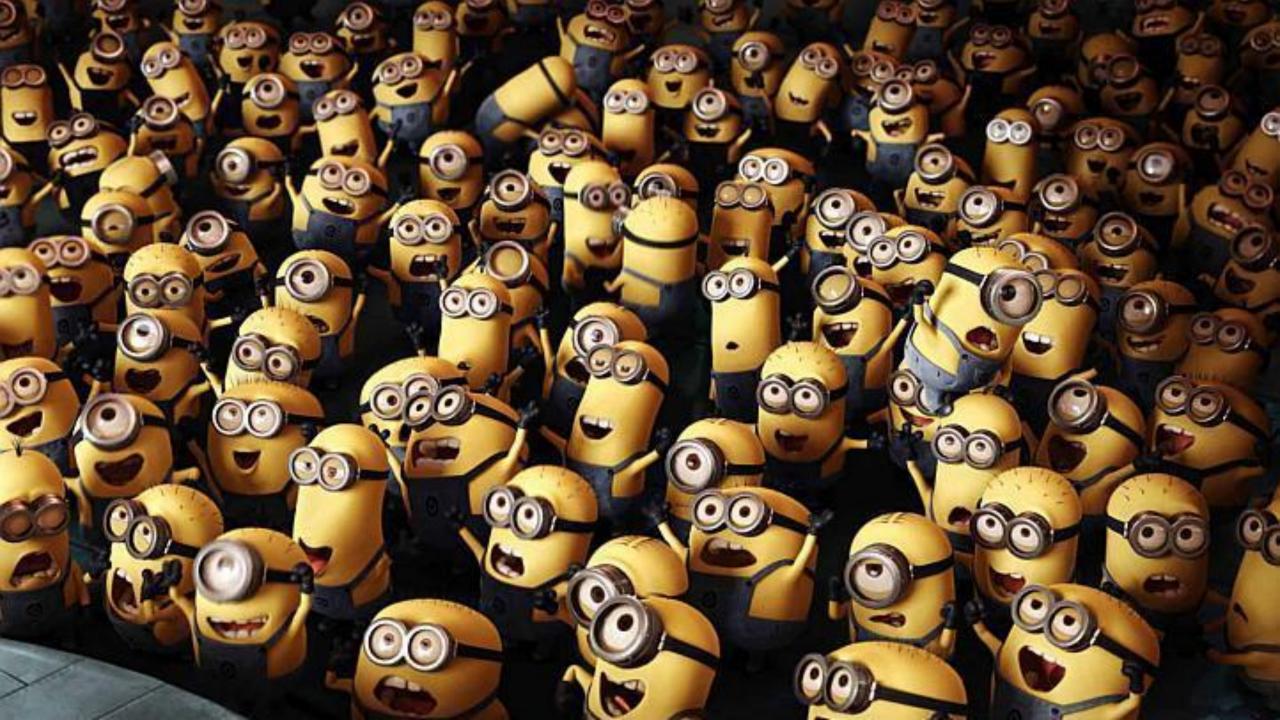


WHY PEOPLE WILL DO THINGS

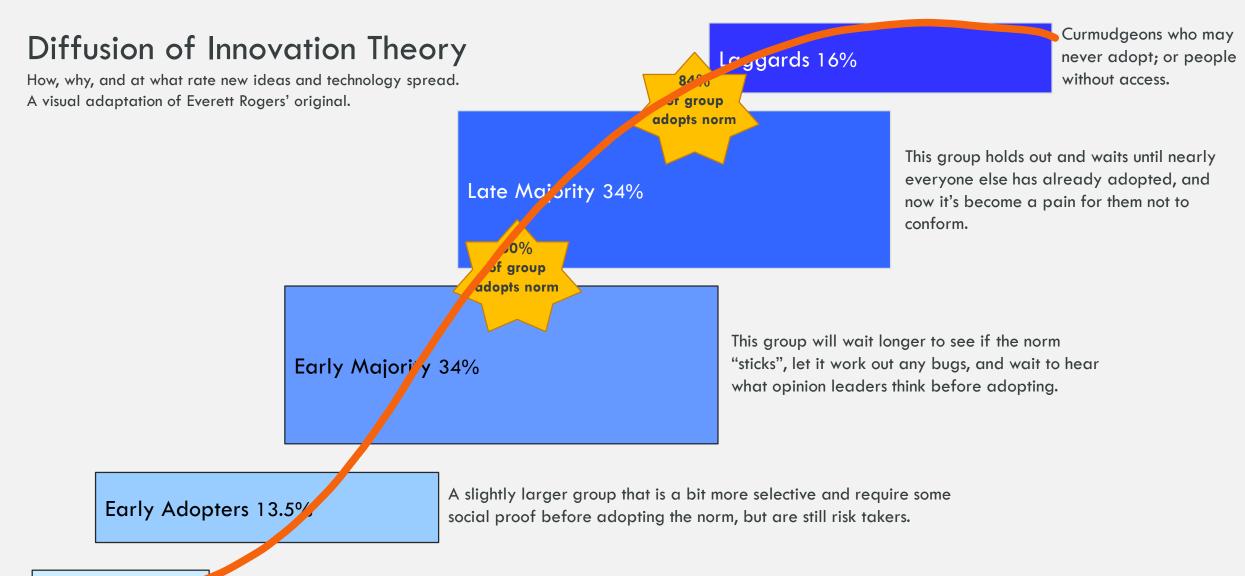








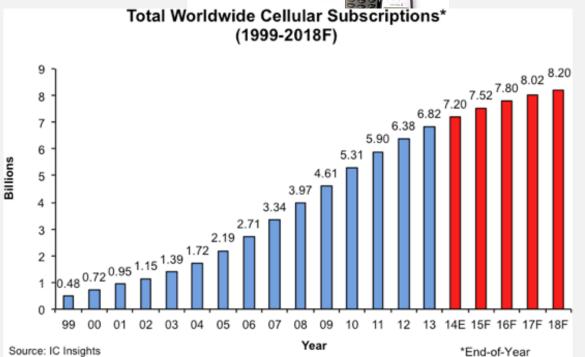




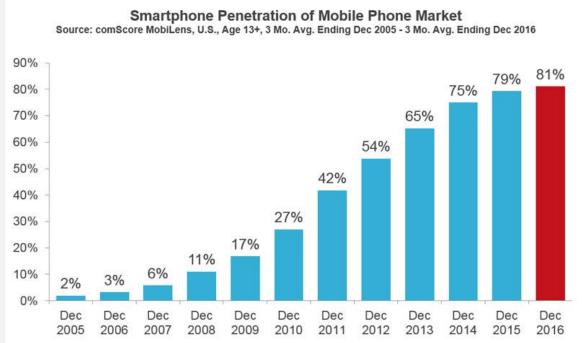
Innovators 25%

A small number of people willing to take the high risk of adopting a norm first



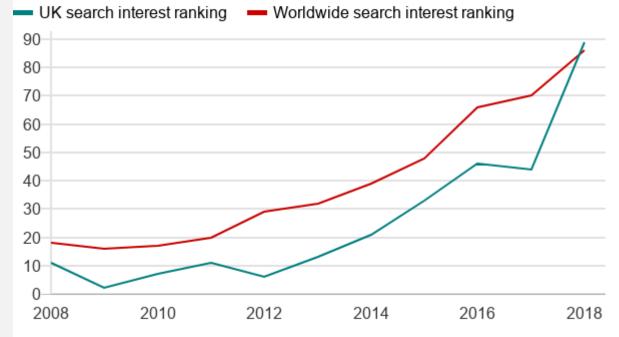






Google searches for veganism

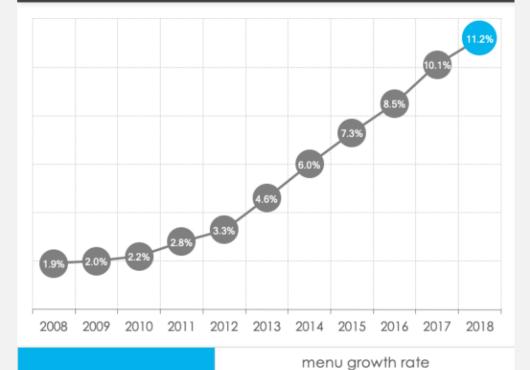
Popularity for search term "veganism", dated June of each year



BBC Source: Google Trends

HISTORIC MENU PENETRATION

% of US restaurant menus

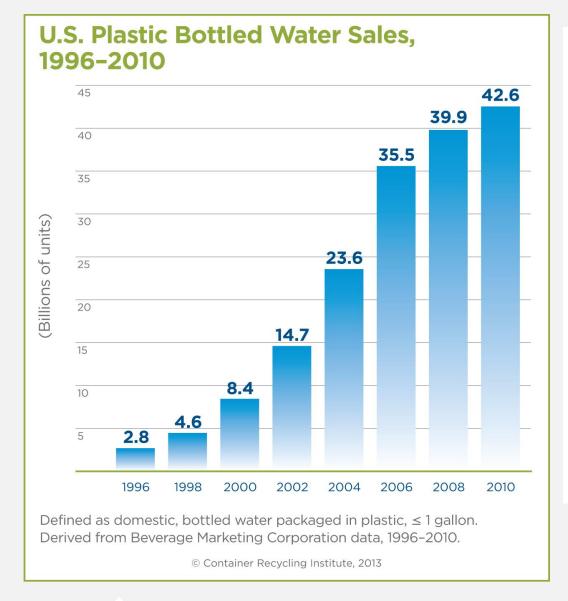


1 YEAR +11%

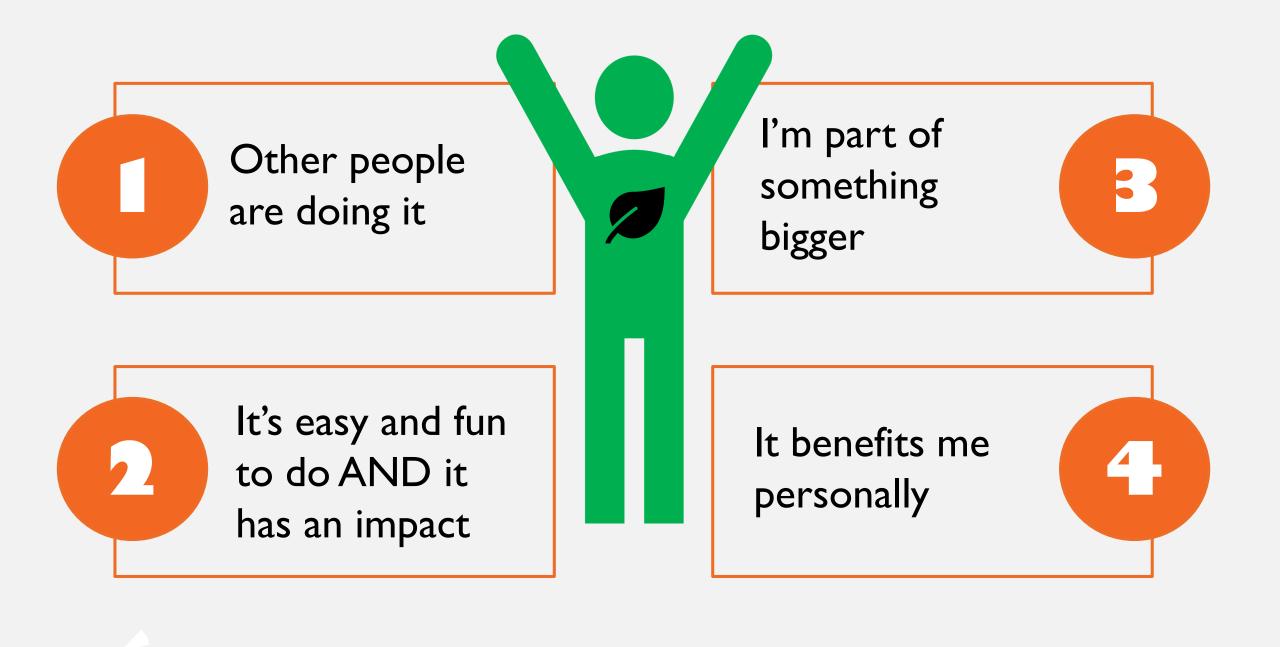
4 YEAR **SINCE 2008** +87%

+490%











Other people are doing it



More and more New Yorkers are carrying reusable bags.

Join in! Remember to Bring Your Own bag when shopping.



November Neighbor Comparison | You used 28% MORES 1,450 VOU ALL NEIGHBORS ALL NEIGHBORS ALL NEIGHBORS ALL NEIGHBORS

Beyoncé and Jay-Z will give you free concert tickets for going vegan





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It's fun and easy to do AND it has an impact

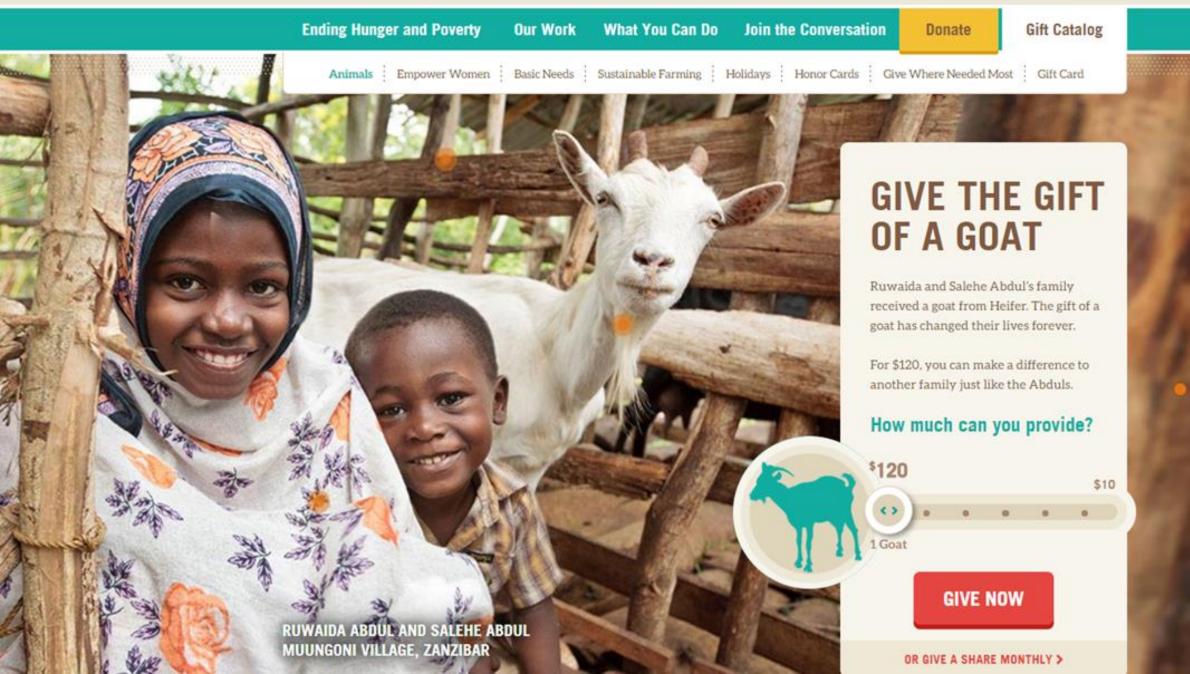




















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It benefits me personally



PROTECT THE CRABCAKE POPULATION

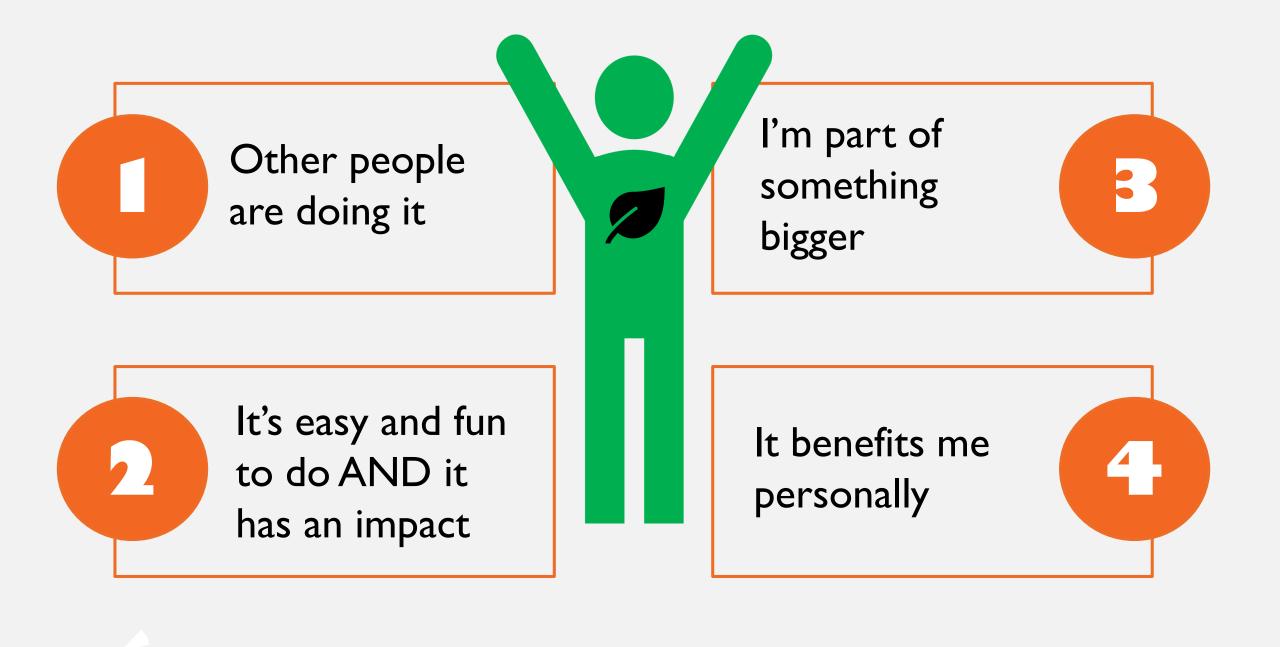


SHOPPING WITH A PLAN HELPS YOUR WALLET. A 4-person family loses \$1500 a year on wasted food. Saving that would basically be a DRAG THE SLIDER TO SEE HOW MUCH YOUR FAMILY COULD SAVE. DAILY MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD SIZE









Reframing







Make the ask CLEAR + ACTIONABLE (focused on the DO)

Other people are doing it

Show & tell what others are doing, or what they're trying to do.

We (togetherness)
Join us (invitation)

It's fun, easy to do & it has an impact

Lead-in with the fun and/or easy aspect; follow-up with the impact.

Make them feel good about it.

I'm part of something bigger

Reinforce how their actions contribute to a much larger impact.

Leverage pride and a sense of purpose.

It benefits me personally

Focus on what they get out of it to answer "what's in it for me?"

Make it meaningful to THEM.



In Closing...



There are a lot of reasons why people may not take action or change their behaviors

All of which are valid (whether we like it or not)





Yet, there are also amazing motivators we can add to our communication that will overcome those challenges









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