# The French In the Data

People weigh in on how companies handle their data

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## Data is a valuable resource to companies.

## But what can companies learn by listening to the people behind the data?

## Why we need to hear from people

- We want to understand how people value their data privacy, and where brands can align with consumer perspectives on privacy to drive trust and business value
- Brands and marketers must learn how to navigate new challenges in data-driven marketing: such as a cookie-less, regulated, and privacy-centric future
- As brands build and optimise data assets, we seek to understand the synergy in their relationships with consumers, and to understand and quantify responsible data practices



## Our focus



#### Data privacy

To uncover how people feel about data privacy and how companies are collecting and managing their data

#### **Company impact**

To determine if the way companies care for data impacts the bottom line

## Two-pronged methodology

#### Focus groups (US only)



Online survey



Total: n=25 5 Focus groups 1 hour interview Diverse representation across age, race/ethnicity, income, geographic location, and education Total: n=2,750 <sup>1</sup>POV survey: 750 <sup>2</sup>Conjoint survey: 2,000 Nationally representative across age, gender, race/ethnicity, and income

<sup>1</sup>POV survey: Survey to quantify hypotheses on consumer expectations and inferred preference experience. <sup>2</sup>Conjoint survey: Analytical modelling to quantify the impact of data management on key brand metrics.

#### We asked people for their perspective on data privacy

**73% of our participants** are the primary decision-maker for household purchases

### 73%

Make the primary purchase decisions in the home

#### 27%

Share or are not involved in purchase decisions in the home

POV Survey: In your household, how involved are you in the decision-making for the following categories? Total n=750

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#### People highly value their data privacy

People care about their data privacy, and the majority feel strongly about it

How I value 'data privacy' [10-pt. scale]



Not valued at all

**Highly valued** 

## More people "highly value" data privacy than other ethical issues we face today

% People who highly value an issue, 10-pt. scale (Top 3 Box)



## People demand their data dignity.

How companies handle people's data will have important implications for brand value and trust with their customers and audiences



#### **ELAINE**

"...It doesn't represent to me what freedom is in my country and what our core values as a nation are. It's sort of like the bad asses have the upper hand at the moment...and it's time for us to sort of reclaim our power and say...'We own this information."



Most people are concerned about how their data is being gathered and used

> I am concerned about my personal data and how companies are gathering and using it



AGREE Strongly or Somewhat **15%** NEITHER Agree nor Disagree

#### B% DISAGREE Strongly or Somewhat



#### Lack of transparency + control feed into people's data concerns

Disadvantages people see in sharing their data with companies, % agree



Percent of people who feel they have control over their data\*, % agree



\*11% "I don't know" or "None of the above" POV Survey: What do you think are the disadvantages for sharing your data with a company? POV Survey: When it comes to brands (e.g., online retailers, service providers, information sites, etc.) collecting your data, how much control do you feel like you have over your data and how it is used? N=750



#### When done right, transparency + control have a positive impact







POV Survey: Let's say you're visiting the website of a company that you've shopped with before. They have a new feature where they clearly lay out everything that will be done with your data - how it's collected, how it will be used, as well as how it will be stored. They also give you total control over your data, including how it's used in the future. How would this experience impact your relationship with the company, if at all? Total n=750

Data minimisation is also an important factor in people's expectations of privacy

People expect:

- **Transparency** about what data is collected and how it is used or shared
- More control over data shared with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties
- Minimisation of data collected



#### CAROLINA

"It's not just the website that you're on...you have no control over how that information is being sent to other companies or other websites and how they're using it. And it is like a stalker...I just would like to have more control over it or for websites or companies to be more transparent about it, you know?"

#### CLEMENTINA

"Only asking for...what is truly needed. So I feel like some places ask for way too much and...I understand the whole demographics thing, they may need that for research...But I mean, I don't know, just maybe not doing that as much."





## People want personalised preference centres; with clear and easy to understand privacy choices vs cookie notices

Personalised preference centers – with clarity on what is being done with data – give people the choice and transparency they want



#### MERRLIZ

"If I were to have total control, there'd be a list of everything I can check and uncheck so that I have the power to know exactly what's being stored for how long and for who, for what general purpose. I'm manually choosing and un-choosing what I share and what's stored for how long." How people would like to communicate their data sharing preferences with companies





\*that apply to all POV Survey : What would be your ideal way of communicating your data sharing preferences with companies? Total n=750 Qualitative Focus Group Interviews

#### People understand the benefits of sharing data with businesses





companies, % agree

**9**%

NONE

#### The type of data matters when people share data

Types of data people are willing to exchange for specific benefits

Top Third

Middle Third

**Bottom Third** 



**LEAST WILLING** 



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## How do responsible data practices impact purchase intent, trust, and brand preference?

**Conjoint Methodology** 

## 4 Categories of company actions

## 320 Scenarios Tested



Amount of data collected

Amount of data collected (essential vs. as much as possible)



#### Retention period

Length of storage (minimal vs. indefinite)



#### Level of transparency

Transparency in data collection and utilization, including control mechanisms available to people (fully transparent vs. not transparent at all)



Data sharing

Sharing with other companies vs. not sharing under any circumstances



#### How we defined responsible data practices



**Data minimisation:** Collect only an **essential** amount of data collected relative to the purpose



**Full transparency** on how and why data is being collected, how it's shared and why, how it's being retained, and how people can control their data



**Retention period:** Store data for a specific business purpose then delete it within a **reasonable** timeframe



Eliminate data sharing with other companies unless permission has already been given

#### Responsible data practices have clear financial upside

Consumers will reward brands that have responsible data practices with 28% more purchase intent 28% Increase in **Purchase Intent** 

Baseline

Responsible Data Practices



How data practices impact purchase intent, modelled % difference

#### Consumers will spend more with brands when they feel their data is safe

Responsible data practices create long-term opportunity, strengthening brand appeal and establishing ongoing engagement



#### **EDWARD**

"I've told quite a few people about...this certain site and I like their products. And I feel that my information is safe there. So I'm even more willing to shop at sites like that online, I would do a whole lot of shopping online. 'Cause I don't really want my information out there."



#### The level of transparency has the largest impact on purchase intent

Data practices that have the largest impact on purchase intent, relative impact









## The biggest factor impacting brand trust is data retention

## **Brand preference** is mostly impacted by data sharing and transparency

30%

Data practices that have the largest impact on trust and brand preference, relative importance

Trust	Brand Preference
Retention period	Data sharing practices
58%	
Level of transparency	Level of transparency
23%	28%
Data sharing practices	Retention period
18%	22%
Data minimization	Data minimization
1%	20%



Conjoint Survey: On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you trust each company? Conjoint Survey: Which of the following retailers do you prefer? Total n=2,000

#### What impacts purchase intent varies across industry verticals

Data practices that have the largest impact on purchase intent, Relative impact

Finance	Travel	Retail	Telecom
Level of transparency	Level of transparency	Retention period	Amount of data collected
38%	38%	43%	41%
Retention period 37%	Data sharing practices 38%	Level of transparency 21%	Data sharing practices 32%

Retail	Telecom	Travel	Finance
33% Data sharing	35% Level of	20% Level of transparency	21% Data sharing practices
practices transparency		21% Level of transparency	
45%	44%	48%	transparency
Retention period	Retention period	Retention period	39% Data minimization

To build trust, retention period matters the most for retail, telcos, and travel

## Data minimization matters for finance

Data practices that have the largest impact on trust, relative impact



## Data practices impacting brand preference vary across verticals

Data practices that have the largest impact on brand preference, relative impact





#### Implications

Responsible data practices build trust and provide an opportunity for business growth.

Most people highly value data privacy. Companies should incorporate responsible data practices such as a reasonable retention policy into their values and growth strategies. Companies should provide meaningful transparency and more choice.

Consider ways to make your data practices easy for people to understand. Offer people more choices and consider ways to improve their experience in managing those choices.

#### Context matters.

People have different expectations based on what you're doing with data, which product or service you provide, and the data you're collecting and using. For recommendations, begin with actions identified as most important and relevant to your vertical.

### **Next Steps**

1	Be transparent and clearly communicate with people on how their data will be used – starting with your privacy notices, disclosures and consent modals.	4	Privacy isn't just about compliance, it's about trust. The privacy and preference experience you provide should seamlessly integrate your brand promise and carefully curated customer journeys.
2	Give people control of their data, allowing them at any time to change their privacy and other preferences through a thoughtfully-designed experience.	5	Solving the challenges in privacy requires controlling data across its lifecycle: from understanding data assets to governing its collection, utilization, and retention.
3	When people make a choice, make sure it is reflected in all the data systems that store and use their data, as well as with downstream partners that receive it.	6	It's possible to grow with data while respecting peoples' data dignity – it just requires new mindsets, methods, and cross-functional support
		7	Privacy is a team sport. Ensure legal, technology, marketing and data teams all have a say.

## Thank you

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