

** POLITICAL CAMPAIGN MARKETING

A FREE GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for downloading this free ebook. You are welcome to share it with others.

This booklet brings you practical tips for you to improve your online political campaign. Whether you are a seasoned candidate or just starting your first political campaign you are sure to find useful information here.



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THINGS A CANDIDATE SHOULD NEVER DO ONLINE

1) Assume you have privacy.

First and foremost, anything you ever say, post or share online should pass the 'New York Times Test'. That means, if you wouldn't be comfortable with what you've done appearing on the cover of the New York Times, then don't do it.

2) Pretend to be someone else.

This happens more frequently than you might think: a local candidate creates several profiles on a local newspaper discussion board and uses them to promote themselves or bash their opponents. If the candidate or supporter is outed for doing this, it just looks bad ... and petty.

3) Try to delete material after the fact.

It's not the crime, but it's the cover-up that gets politicians in trouble. If you must delete a post, do it, publicly acknowledge that you have done so, and move on.

4) Not completing profiles.

Each and every social media profile should be completed in full with a description, website and any other important information.

5) Share too much information.

Think before you post. If you're not sure where to draw the line with your posts, then err on the side of caution and keep things professional.

6) Engaging in social media without a plan.

Figure out where you want to stake your online presence before you begin your campaign. Take some time to figure out where you should be directing your social media efforts, who in your campaign is best equipped to manage the accounts, and what kinds of content you will offer.





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1) Email list signup.

Email is still an essential way to keep in touch with supporters. Having an automated way for people to add and remove themselves from your list is important. The most effective way to manage an email list is through an email marketing service, which provides autoresponder messaging, templates and enhanced deliverability.

2) Social media links.

Link out to your social media profiles, such as Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube. This gives visitors the opportunity to learn more and link to support the campaign through alternate channels.

3) Polls and surveys.

For candidates with limited budgets, online surveys and polls help gather feedback and provide a way for visitors to share their opinions. Most everyone likes a quick poll, and a well-designed survey can allow visitors to share their opinions on a variety of topics.

4) District Maps.

A district map makes a great addition to your voter registration page.

5) Video.

Video is a growing part of the web, and the tools and software available make it easy for just about anyone to create video. For political campaigns ads, YouTube makes it easy to link and share videos through HTML code that can be embedded in a web page.



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6) Donations.

Perhaps the most valuable interactive feature is having a way to take donations through the website. There are a number of payment processors available, and some specifically cater to political campaigns. We do not get involved in campaign donations or fundraising, but we recommend PayPal as a simple, inexpensive way to process transactions.

Option 1: RaiseTheMoney: https://raisethemoney.com

Option 2: WinRed: https://winred.com

7) Other Forms.

Contact and volunteer forms also add a level of interactivity, though it's more one-way from the user's perspective. Regardless, be sure that your campaign is easy to contact and that your site actively invites people to join and participate.





Build A Social Media Following

Social media is persuasive, and often works to change or influence opinions when it comes to political views because of the abundance of ideas, thoughts, and opinions circulating through the social media platform.

Start early and start small
While you should build your online presence as early as possible, signing up for Twitter, Facebook and every social network you can find is a recipe for disaster.

Building an ongoing presence for multiple social sites is hard work, so it's best to start by tackling only a couple at first.

Use Widgets

Add social network widgets on your campaign website. The best place to attract new followers is your own site. These widgets can include buttons to your Facebook and Twitter profiles pages. There are also widgets that you can add above and below your page content that allows readers to share with others.

3

Don't sweat the numbers

"The journey of a million followers begins with the first Like." Sure, it's great to have a high number of followers, but it's better to have a smaller number of interested ones. A few politicians have artificially boosted their follower numbers, and it's not that hard to do. In the end, though, 'bots don't vote – only people do.

5

Listen to what's being said about you

Go beyond just monitoring what others are saying about you. While most social media interactions regarding your campaign might not require a response, it's critical to find the few that do and engage those individuals in a timely fashion.

4

Be consistent

Publish regularly. It's better to update a little over time than a lot all at once. Starting a social media presence and then abandoning it is worse than never having created a presence in the first place.

6

Share with others.

Don't just post things about your campaign. Share other news items, links and resources that may be of interest to those following you.

7

Be careful what you post.

Never post anything that you would not be comfortable having anyone read at any time. Once something goes online it may be difficult if not impossible to remove.

Tips to Use Social Media Like a Pro

Create your Facebook and Instagram Pages
Any politician or political organization can
create official pages. (You'll want to create an
Official Page and not a Community Page.)

Note: Facebook only allows you to create a page if you are the candidate or you are an authorized person on that politician's staff.

Unlike your basic profile, Facebook Pages are visible to everyone on the internet by default.



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Update your page profile

Use the Info tab to provide users with information about yourself and your campaign. Fill it out with as much detail as you can, including a link to your campaign website. Upload a profile picture to appear in the upper left corner of your Page. This is typically a candidate head shot or campaign logo.

3

Customize your page

Facebook and Instagram pages all have a standard look and feel.

However, you can show off your creative side by creating a custom cover graphic. Use a high quality image and limit the amount of copy in the image.

4

Be authentic

Voters value authenticity from politicians who use social media.

Candidates should work to engage in a conversation with readers, rather than simply broadcasting campaign updates. The goal is to get people to know, like and trust you. That won't happen if every post sounds like it was vetted by a PR firm.

5

Be yourself

Share your opinions, your personality, and even a bit of your daily life. Post frequently. Most voters will never meet you in person so this is a great way to connect.

6

Get verified

In order to advertise on the platform, you will need to provide personal information to Facebook. Your address will be confirmed by postcard, so be sure to start this process early.

Campaign Essentials

These are the marketing items required for each political campaign.

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The three minimum items required for each political campaign









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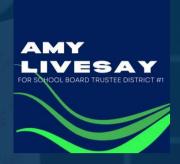








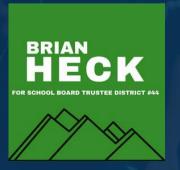








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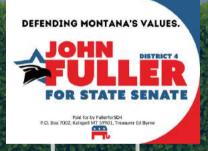


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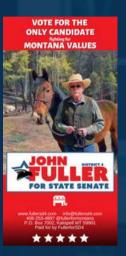
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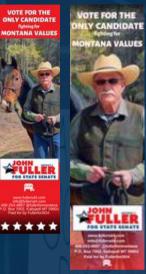


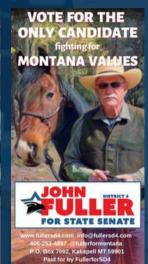
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