

The CEO As A Digital Thought Leader

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What Is A Thought Leader



- An expert in a specialized area or industry
- Recognized as having innovative ideas and success effecting change by colleagues, competitors, customers and prospects
- The "go to" person

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 According to Forbes, "a thought leader is an individual or firm that significantly profits from being recognized as such."

"Digital" Thought Leader

You have no choice

Digital Thought Leader - Keywords



- Change agents
- Innovators
- Opinion leaders
- Trusted source of advice

Digital Thought Leader – Your Goals



- Generate brand awareness
- Demonstrate vision and drive
- Build a positive brand reputation
- Emphasize knowledge, intuition, and credibility

Digital Thought Leader – Strategies



- Educate the industry
- Define Your constituents, their interests/ needs
- Contribute to conversations, start new ones
- Lead by example

Digital Thought Leader – Benefits



- Having a leadership position in the marketplace builds business, drives sales
- Thought leadership campaigns are based on content marketing
- Thought leadership differentiates you from your competitors

Digital Thought Leader – Reminders



- Thought Leadership is real, legitimate and achievable.
- Social Media networks and digital tools are channels of dissemination
- your audiences and prospects are online
- Tri-media is an important component of digital marketing

Digital Thought Leader – Steps



- Develop Your Personal Brand and Voice
- Create and Maintain Blog and be active in social media.
 Create social media profiles
- Produce a variety of interesting and engaging advanced content. Develop, disseminate, and multipurpose original research (infographics, surveys, and reports)
- Write Guest Articles and Blogs
- Identify and listen to your industry thought leaders.
 Share content with them

Digital Thought Leader – Steps



- Get Interviewed
- Speak at Conferences and Events
- Grow your audience using social media outlets
- Establish a publication frequency and stick to it
- Routinely review content performance and optimize as needed.
- Share, give opinion, mentor, teach

Results







- Founded 2009
- 13M

Jan 2013 – 150,000

Sept 2014 - 600,000

Thanks!

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