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Loyalty programs have been referred to as the ubiquitous customer relationship management tool. However, despite the growing practice and research in loyalty programs, the field remains unclear on the effectiveness. Across two essays of this dissertation, I propose an emerging theory of loyalty program dynamics that synthesizes extant insights on loyalty program effectiveness, empirically analyze the key loyalty program enhancement strategies using field data, and conduct two experiments to reveal the mechanisms based on customer relational states. Essay 1 offers a comprehensive model of loyalty program effectiveness based on empirical research and psychological theories. Specifically, the model consists of psychological, design, and operational elements of loyalty programs, and each element is observed in light of customer relationship stages. Through this model, I propose that extant findings on loyalty programs that seem conflicting can be resolved by accounting for the key customer relationship stages—i.e., acquisition, onboarding, expansion, and retention. In closing, this research suggests a set of 12 propositions that account for differential effects across the stages. Essay 2 extends the insights from Essay 1 by empirically testing the differential impact of the key loyalty program enhancements (i.e., points multiplier and expiring promotions) on customer performance that depends on the types of customer relational states (i.e., customer temporal state and loyalty program state). Through a multi-method approach, consisting of a field data analysis and two lab experiments, this research suggests a set of managerial takeaways and future research avenues in loyalty programs literature. With an integrative theory of loyalty program enhancements, this research delineates the trade-offs and mechanisms associated with the key loyalty program enhancement strategies and customer relational dynamics. In *Loyalty Myths*, the authors have assembled 53 of the most common beliefs about customer loyalty – all of them wrong or misconceived! Each of the beliefs in this book is debunked with real-world examples. While other books speak in platitudes; this book is the only one to validate each proposition with real data. Granted unprecedented access to customer records from a variety of multi-national corporations. Through these records, Ipsos Loyalty was able to precisely track the impact of this customer-centric construct on actual purchasing behavior. The authors' findings and conclusions will stun business leaders around the world. The lessons learned from these provide a true guide for the proper use of customer loyalty. In today's global economy, social media and technological advances have changed the way businesses interact with their clientele. With new forms of communication and IT practices, companies seek innovative practices for maintaining their consumer loyalty. *Customer Relationship Management Strategies in the Digital Era* blends the literature from the fields of marketing and information technology in an effort to examine the effect that technological advances have on the interaction between companies and their customers. Through chapters and case studies, this publication discusses the importance of achieving competitive advantage through implementing relationship marketing practices and becoming consumer-centric. This publication is an essential reference source for researchers, professionals, managers, and upper level students interested in understanding customer loyalty in a technology-focused society. In our subsequent analysis, we control for both satisfaction endogeneity and competitive settings heterogeneity using a Two-Stage Least Squares 3-level hierarchical linear model, correcting the standard error estimates via a jackknife procedure. This research provides precise, important theoretical and managerial insights, and broadens our understanding of the essential features of the satisfaction-loyalty relationship. In the bloody twentieth-century battles over Central Europe's borderlands, Upper Silesians stand out for resisting pressure to become loyal Germans or Poles. This work traces nationalist

activists' efforts to divide Upper Silesian communities, which were bound by their Catholic faith and bilingualism, into two 'imagined' nations. These efforts, which ranged from the 1848 Revolution to the aftermath of the Second World War, are charted by Brendan Karch through the local newspapers, youth and leisure groups, neighborhood parades, priestly sermons, and electoral outcomes. As locals weathered increasing political turmoil and violence in the German-Polish contest over their homeland, many crafted a national ambiguity that allowed them to pass as members of either nation. In prioritizing family, homeland, village, class, or other social ties above national belonging, a majority of Upper Silesians adopted an instrumental stance towards nationalism. The result was a feedback loop between national radicalism and national skepticism. This open access book is the proceedings of the International Federation for IT and Travel & Tourism (IFITT)'s 28th Annual International eTourism Conference, which assembles the latest research presented at the ENTER21@yourplace virtual conference January 19–22, 2021. This book advances the current knowledge base of information and communication technologies and tourism in the areas of social media and sharing economy, technology including AI-driven technologies, research related to destination management and innovations, COVID-19 repercussions, and others. Readers will find a wealth of state-of-the-art insights, ideas, and case studies on how information and communication technologies can be applied in travel and tourism as we encounter new opportunities and challenges in an unpredictable world. This research topic for *Frontiers in Psychology* highlights some of the more relevant changes that have conditioned consumer behavior in recent years--among these, the paradigm shift in marketing is worth emphasizing. Today, the market and the companies are implementing Marketing 4.0; This new marketing approach modifies both the business rules and the channels by changing the way to dialogue, interact and relation with consumers. The present Research Topic brings together 30 studies by 76 authors who analyzed the relevance of consumer behavior changes under this new paradigm, using different theoretical and methodological frameworks. These different papers, mainly constituting original research, examine a variety of sub-topics, including online and mobile environments, value co-creation, internal marketing strategies, and diverse industries and product markets. Given this broad selection of papers, we encourage readers to draw their own conclusions about the complex phenomena of consumer behavior. Our hope is that these different perspectives will cover various gaps in the field and prompt discussion among the audience of *Frontiers in Psychology*.

Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - Offline Marketing and Online Marketing, grade: 1.3, LMU Munich (Institute for Strategy, Technology and Organization), language: English, abstract: The primary aim of this paper is to address the question of how the membership of a multi-vendor loyalty program influences the consumers' online purchase behavior and process. The issue is approached by applying it to the appropriate case of Payback, Germany's largest and most popular multi-vendor loyalty program. To do so, I conducted open-ended interviews with informants that were experienced both concerning online purchasing as well as dealing with the loyalty program. The data analysis thereby revealed how the respective loyalty program exerts influence on the online consumers' behavior within different phases of their purchase process. During the second stage of the analysis two prototypic extended purchase processes were established which depend on the characteristics and typology of the online consumers. These findings enlarge the comprehension about the effectiveness of such programs and extend prior research on consumers' online decision making. It is further shown that for an operator of a multi-vendor loyalty program it is crucial to create an understanding about the motives as well as the way its members use the program differently. Through this knowledge the operator can provide better and more suitable incentives adapted for different types of program members and can thus improve the customer approach. Thereby, the effectiveness of a multi-vendor loyalty program can be influenced and increased even before the actual purchase process takes place. The paper is organized as follows: First, I will give a brief overview over the past research on multi-vendor loyalty programs and will show that the existing literature has to be extended to fully understand the effectiveness of such programs. To investigate the way consumers integrate the loyalty program within their online purchase process and thus to illustrate the divergence compared to the standard process of non-members, prior studies on consumers' online purchase behavior are reviewed. Subsequently, the rationale and the setting of the study are described and empirical results are presented and further explained. The paper concludes with theoretical and practical contributions as well as the study limitations. Studienarbeit aus dem Jahr 2016 im Fachbereich BWL - Marketing, Unternehmenskommunikation, CRM, Marktforschung, Social Media, Note: 2,7, Cologne Business School Köln, Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: Marketing strategies in terms of loyalty programs are very often launched by corporations that employ a specialized team of project managers and data analysts who lead the complex program. The loyalty programs are typically driven by bigger companies due to the technical costs related to the implementation. In fact it is a very popular market for corporations in order to achieve a competitive advantage whether it is highly competitive by virtue of changing conditions in price and customer loyalty. The following paper exhibits the Hhonor's loyalty program in which the Hilton Group tried to achieve a competitive advantage while concentrating on its "double dipping" strategy which other competitors lacked at this time. Therefore the paper starts with a brief explanation of the research question which is related to the strengths Hhonor's loyalty program displays. In the following the general marketing strategy of Hilton is declared and evaluated. According to this the main guiding questions are based on the theoretical background and analysed by a service marketing approach. Subsequently the most important issues of the case are stated and summarized. Furthermore, recommendations on the loyalty program have been made. Research Paper (postgraduate) from the year 2016 in the subject Business economics - Marketing, Corporate Communication, CRM, Market Research, Social Media, grade: A, Institute of Computers and Business Management -School of Business Excellence, language: English, abstract: Today, every business wants to have loyal customers, as it knows that loyal customers provide more benefit than non-loyal ones. Therefore, to retain their existing customers and make them loyal, the businesses have understood the importance of customer loyalty programs. But they are unable to develop and maintain an appropriate loyalty program. Therefore, the aim of this study is to understand the importance of

customer loyalty application provided by third party and to determine the various factors which influence the decision of the merchants to select a customer loyalty application provided by third party. To achieve the objectives, data from various merchants was collected. The research methodology used in this research report is quantitative in nature, where primary data was collected from respondents using structured questionnaire. The respondents were asked various questions, where few questions were open-ended questions, some questions had multiple options, and the remaining questions were to be rated on a Likert scale. The data collected was analyzed using the SPSS tool. Two types of analysis were performed on the data: Frequency Analysis and Factor Analysis. Loyalty is one of the main assets of a brand. In today's markets, achieving and maintaining loyal customers has become an increasingly complex challenge for brands due to the widespread acceptance and adoption of diverse technologies by which customers communicate with brands. Customers use different channels (physical, web, apps, social media) to seek information about a brand, communicate with it, chat about the brand and purchase its products. Firms are thus continuously changing and adapting their processes to provide customers with agile communication channels and coherent, integrated brand experiences through the different channels in which customers are present. In this context, understanding how brand management can improve value co-creation and multichannel experience—among other issues—and contribute to improving a brand's portfolio of loyal customers constitutes an area of special interest for academics and marketing professionals. This Special Issue explores new areas of customer loyalty and brand management, providing new insights into the field. Both concepts have evolved over the last decade to encompass such concepts and practices as brand image, experiences, multichannel context, multimedia platforms and value co-creation, as well as relational variables such as trust, engagement and identification (among others). Electronic Inspection Copy available for instructors here

The relationship between a market and a consumer is complex. Far from simply an exchange of services there is an often complex transaction of feeling, meaning and experience. How does the study of relationship marketing interpret this? In this exciting new book the authors explore the factors of relationship marketing in its contemporary context, with the consumer in mind. From the experience of a football club supporter to experiences of gap year travel, to text messaging behaviour, and to using the library, the focus of this text is on the consumer perspective. From this angle, issues of relationship marketing, and its management, take on a new and exciting bearing. Topics examined include: frameworks for analyzing the consumer experience; consumer communities; issues of customer loyalty; the impact of ICT on relationship marketing; and the creative consumer. Each chapter is supported by - or based on - an in-depth case study, many of which are drawn from the authors' research. This book offers the first comprehensive exploration of frequent flyer programs. By combining academic research with extensive insights and examples from the actual business world, it explores the key drivers and strategies of airline loyalty marketing today in an unprecedented manner. Strategy in Airline Loyalty also explores how the programs have evolved over time from marketing programs to financial powerhouses, identifying both the catalysts for change, as well as the strategic options and underlying trade-offs available to airlines. Covering diverse angles ranging from behavioral economics, to accounting, and structural design, the book reviews every core aspect of frequent flyer programs and offers extensive frameworks and definitions. The book provides a useful and complete reference for researchers, and helps those interested in frequent flyer programs to develop a better understanding of their past, present and future. In this study Leon de Wolff poses the question why some of the subscribers of a newspaper renew their subscription, even if their newspaper does not supply them with the kind of articles and photographs they prefer, and others do not. All independent variables in this research are connected to one of the three ways that are known to come to a conclusion: the triad cognitive, affective and conative. On the basis of extensive empirical research and theoretical reasoning De Wolff concludes that newspaper subscribers do not cancel or renew their subscription after a rational comparison of their ideal mix of articles and photographs with the mix the paper supplies. In this abridged edition we present only the core of the argument, hint at the line of reasoning and show only the bare conclusions. Far from being a monolith with unanimous leadership loyalty to the cause of a separate nation, the Confederacy was in reality deeply divided over how to achieve independence. Many supposedly loyal leaders, civilian as well as elected officials, opposed governmental policies on the national and state levels, and their actions ultimately influenced non-support for military policies. Congressional differences over arming the slaves and bureaucratic squabbles over how to conduct the war disrupted the government and Cabinet of President Jefferson Davis. Rumors of such irreconcilable differences spread throughout the South, contributing to an overall decline in morale and support for the war effort and causing the Confederacy to come apart from within. When asked to make sacrifices, civilian leaders found themselves caught in the dilemma of either aiding the Confederacy or losing money through poor utilization of slave labor. To sustain profits, the business and planter classes often traded with the enemy. Upon consideration of arming the slaves, many members of Congress proclaimed that the war effort was not worth the demise of slavery and preferred instead to take their chances with the Northern government. Cultural leaders, clergy, newspapermen, and men of letters claimed their loyalty to the war effort, but often criticized government policies in public. By asking for financial support and instituting a military draft, the national government infuriated local patriots who wanted to defend their own states more than they desired to defeat the enemy. This book is an important contribution to the public debate on morality, politics, and the law, and is unique in its exploration of loyalty and its role in our personal and national identity. This paper investigates the impact of relationship marketing (RM) on customer loyalty by reviewing the literature to determine the most common and significant dimensions. A review of forty-five RM papers showed that satisfaction, trust and commitment are cited more than half of the time. An in-depth review of twenty-six papers confirm that these dimensions not only have a positive, statistically-significant impact on customer loyalty, but often a strong economic impact as well, though not always in the way the literature would suggest. The results further reveal that the less-often cited dimensions of communication, conflict, handling, and competence also have a positive impact on customer loyalty and deserve additional attention. Managerial implications, suggestions for further research and

limitations are also discussed. Marketing expert Douglas Atkin has spent years re-searching both full-blown cults and companies that use cult-branding techniques. He interviewed countless cult members to discover what makes them tick. And he explains exactly how brands like Harley-Davidson and Apple make their customers feel unique, important and part of an exclusive group - and how that leads to solid, long-term relationships between a company and its customers. In addition to describing a fascinating phenomenon, it will be of enormous value to businesses as it reveals the secret to customer loyalty. Project Report from the year 2016 in the subject Communications - Public Relations, Advertising, Marketing, Social Media, grade: 5.50, Anglia Ruskin University, language: English, abstract: The research addresses the question of how the usage of brand characters online builds an emotional connection with consumers and brand loyalty beyond immediate product consumption, which will be analyzed through the learnings from the success of the M&M's characters. This will be achieved through extensive research using both quantitative and qualitative methods and analysis. As an initial step, a top-line literature review has been done, with a specific end goal to pick up knowledge about the hypotheses behind the phenomenon of using brand characters online to build brand loyalty. This research requires the procurement of applicable information with respect to the importance and effect of using brand characters online. This project underlines the multifaceted nature of the construct of brand loyalty and the need for an emotional connection towards a brand keeping in mind the end goal to be brand loyal. Then, consequently, the dissertation will take brand loyalty as a general behavioral approach, and identify with the emotional connection specified above in the construct of brand connection. Thusly, it will recognize both approaches by demonstrating the difference between them being the time for which the customer will keep up a tight relationship with a brand. It will argue that brand character usage online supports the prolongation of the time a customer is attached to a brand, due to the higher emotional connection which builds brand commitment. In this era of customer sovereignty, the key to success is to be customer-centric to the core and divert optimum resources towards identifying the right customers and catering to their service needs so as to leverage the relationship with a long-term perspective. In the fierce marketplace, the prime factor that will prove to be a sustainable differentiator is customer loyalty. Marketers must connect with the customers – inform, engaging and energizing them in the process to capture the customers and win over the competition. This book will give an insight into such aspects of CRM and help an organization to develop an apt strategy and build an infrastructure that absolutely must be in place before they can begin to understand the customers and start delivering effective loyalty programs. It emphasizes on the fact that the loyalty is built on trust which results from the total experience that a customer has with your organization throughout the customer lifecycle. This book will primarily cater to the management students who are aspiring managers keen to explore the world of endless opportunities of Marketing & Brand Management. It will provide them with an insight into the core concepts of CRM and equip them to successfully mark their corporate debut. This book also intends to cater to the corporate professionals who are planning to invest in a Customer Relationship Management program. I hope that we will be able to build a relationship through my investment in writing this book and your investment in reading it. Since a relationship is two-way, I hope that we can benefit from each other's experiences. I would be glad to hear from you, please do share your experience and feedback at pallavikapooria@gmail.com

This research topic for *Frontiers in Psychology* highlights some of the more relevant changes that have conditioned consumer behavior in recent years—among these, the paradigm shift in marketing is worth emphasizing. Today, the market and the companies are implementing Marketing 4.0; This new marketing approach modifies both the business rules and the channels by changing the way to dialogue, interact and relation with consumers. The present Research Topic brings together 30 studies by 76 authors who analyzed the relevance of consumer behavior changes under this new paradigm, using different theoretical and methodological frameworks. These different papers, mainly constituting original research, examine a variety of sub-topics, including online and mobile environments, value co-creation, internal marketing strategies, and diverse industries and product markets. Given this broad selection of papers, we encourage readers to draw their own conclusions about the complex phenomena of consumer behavior. Our hope is that these different perspectives will cover various gaps in the field and prompt discussion among the audience of *Frontiers in Psychology*.

Embroided in the Civil War, northerners wrote and spoke with frequency about the subject of loyalty. The word was common in newspaper articles, political pamphlets, and speeches, appeared on flags, broadsides, and prints, was written into diaries and letters and the stationary they appeared on, and even found its way into sermons. Its ubiquity suggests that loyalty was an important concept...but what did it mean to those who used it? *Contested Loyalty* examines the significance of loyalty across fault lines of gender, social class, and education, race and ethnicity, and political or religious affiliation. These differing vantage points reveal the complicated ways in which loyalties were defined, prioritized, acted upon, and related. While most of the scholarly work on Civil War Era nationalism has focused on southern identity and Confederate nationhood, the essays in *Contested Loyalty* examine the variable, fluid constructions of these concepts in the north. Essays explore the limitations and incomplete nature of national loyalty and how disparate groups struggled to control its meaning. The authors move beyond the narrow partisan debate over Democratic dissent to examine other challenges to and competing interpretations of national loyalty. Today's leading and emerging scholars examine loyalty through: the frame of politics at the state and national level; the viewpoints of college educated men as well as the women they courted; the attitudes of northern Protestant churches on issues of patriotism and loyalty; working class men and women in military industries; how employers could use the language of loyalty to take away the rights of workers; and the meaning of loyalty in contexts of race and ethnicity. The Union cause was a powerful ideology committing millions of citizens, in the ranks and at home, to a long and bloody war. But loyalty to the Union cause imperfectly explains how citizens reacted to the traumas of war or the ways in which conflicting loyalties played out in everyday life. The essays in this collection point us down the path of greater understanding. Although 'loyalty' is in itself a relatively modern term, as a phenomenon it has long been recognised as a fundamental element of social relationships. The essays collected in this volume address the concept of loyalty

as it was understood in the Middle Ages, exploring the theme of loyalty from three separate angles--the ties between individuals (such as marriage or feudal ties), the ties between individuals and groups (for example, the role of the individual in their wider family), and the ties between institutions and groups (such as monastic orders or guilds)--and questioning how, when, and why the phenomenon of loyalty first developed. This volume, which draws together contributions from leading historians, explores how loyalty was manifested, both in public and in private, in the medieval world. Covering topics as diverse as religious orders, royal courts, and funeral customs, the essays collected here explore the interplay between loyalty and love, friendship, obedience, and justice, and question how the value of loyalty functioned both in theory and in practice across a range of social spaces. Together, these articles offer a unique new perspective on medieval society and provide a framework that also promises to be fruitful for future research.

Seminar paper from the year 2016 in the subject Business economics - Marketing, Corporate Communication, CRM, Market Research, Social Media, grade: B, University of Bedfordshire, course: MBA (HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT), language: English, abstract: This seminar paper will explore about the consumer behaviour and their loyalty to the big supermarket in the United Kingdom. This paper will also critically examine whether the consumers are switching their loyalty or not and what might be the key issue of doing so. In addition, the paper will recommend to the supermarket regarding the way of consumer's loyalty retention as well. Customers are the most important part to the various renowned supermarket companies rather than their own competitors in business in United Kingdom. Consumer behaviour is the key point to choose the market products in the supermarket. There are normally three stages of consumer behaviour for instances pre-consumption, consumption and post-consumption (Solomon, Russell-Bennett and Previte, 2012). Consequently, it is highly significant to focus continuously on customer behaviours in their each stage. However, consumer behaviour is radically changeable at least three times a year seeking best service from the retailer market. Consumer reliability is the crucial point for retailers making profit and expansion of their business. At present, all large supermarket companies in United Kingdom are showing priorities to build strong relationship with their consumers and it is known as consumer loyalty. Therefore, business competition is growing remarkably within the supermarket like Sainsbury, Tesco, Morrison, Asda in the United Kingdom. Similarly, consumers are easily able to move their loyalty from one super market to another. Belleghem (2013) reported Morrison announced pre-tax loss about £176 million from the market, while discount shop like pound land achieved huge profit in the last couple of consecutive years.

Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject Business economics - Marketing, Corporate Communication, CRM, Market Research, Social Media, grade: 1,0, University of Applied Sciences Brandenburg, language: English, abstract: If you ever take a trip to the USA and "visit" one of those giant supermarkets, the first thing you will recognize as soon as you get to the cashiers is consumers giving slips of paper to them. The cashiers would scan those slips of paper and the total amount of the consumer's grocery payment will be reduced immediately. Those slips of paper are called coupons and have been very popular in the USA for many years. Meanwhile, coupons enjoy also a great popularity in Germany but still without such a spread as in the USA. In today's world many changes, especially such as the current financial crisis, give marketers the reason to restructure their marketing strategies. They know that consumers not only try to save as much money as possible, they also have much more brands and products to choose of today. As a form of sales' promotion, coupons are an excellent way to attract consumers to purchase more products without having reduced the general price level. But more importantly, they are a very effective way to achieve customer loyalty and marketers know that long-term customer loyalty is more important than ever before to maintain success on the market. This research paper will introduce you to the study of couponing - an important marketing instrument that is capturing the market everywhere in the world. It explores how manufacturers of consumer packaged goods (CPG) benefit from couponing in regard to their achievement of customer's loyalty. First of all, this research paper gets involved with the analysis of the meaning of couponing and coupons, their classification in the marketing-mix as well as the different types and distribution forms. The main chapter distinguishes information about the history and development of couponing and their first Unbounded Loyalty investigates how frontiers worked before the modern nation-state was invented. The perspective is that of the people in the borderlands who shifted their allegiance from the post-Tang regimes in North China to the new Liao empire (907–1125). Naomi Standen offers new ways of thinking about borders, loyalty, and identity in premodern China. She takes as her starting point the recognition that, at the time, "China" did not exist as a coherent entity, neither politically nor geographically, neither ethnically nor ideologically. Political borders were not the fixed geographical divisions of the modern world, but a function of relationships between leaders and followers. When local leaders changed allegiance, the borderline moved with them. Cultural identity did not determine people's actions: Ethnicity did not exist. In this context, she argues, collaboration, resistance, and accommodation were not meaningful concepts, and tenth-century understandings of loyalty were broad and various. Unbounded Loyalty sheds fresh light on the Tang-Song transition by focusing on the much-neglected tenth century and by treating the Liao as the preeminent Tang successor state. It fills several important gaps in scholarship on premodern China as well as uncovering new questions regarding the early modern period. It will be regarded as critically important to all scholars of the Tang, Liao, Five Dynasties, and Song periods and will be read widely by those working on Chinese history from the Han to the Qing.

April 1917: The governor of Minnesota put the State Capitol in St. Paul under heavy military guard. Newspapers filled their columns with rumors of terrorist activities. Then the United States declared war on Germany. In the midst of patriotic hysteria, the state legislature passed a bill establishing the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety to "do ... all acts and things necessary" to defend the state from its enemies. In compelling narrative style, this book offers the first hard look at the motives and activities of this uniquely powerful state agency, which used loyalty as a weapon to protect the existing socio-economic order against a rising tide of radicalism on the home front. With crisp and insightful contributions from 47 of the world's leading experts in various facets of retailing, Retailing in the 21st Century offers in one book a compendium of state-of-the-art, cutting-edge knowledge to guide successful retailing in the new millennium. In our competitive world, retailing is an exciting,

complex and critical sector of business in most developed as well as emerging economies. Today, the retailing industry is being buffeted by a number of forces simultaneously, for example the growth of online retailing and the advent of 'radio frequency identification' (RFID) technology. Making sense of it all is not easy but of vital importance to retailing practitioners, analysts and policymakers. This proceedings volume explores marketing opportunities and challenges that exist in the current, fast-changing landscape of the global marketplace. Current global issues such as the rising middle class in emerging markets, disruptive technological breakthroughs, big data analytics, changing consumer habits and concerns over national trade policies have renewed ethical concerns around consumer privacy and the tools companies use to operate, market to, connect and build a relationship with their customers. Featuring the full proceedings from the 2019 Academy of Marketing Science (AMS) Annual Conference held in Vancouver, Canada, this book explores and assesses the rate of change that drives companies to evaluate and adapt their marketing strategies to remain competitive. Founded in 1971, the Academy of Marketing Science is an international organization dedicated to promoting timely explorations of phenomena related to the science of marketing in theory, research, and practice. Among its services to members and the community at large, the Academy offers conferences, congresses, and symposia that attract delegates from around the world. Presentations from these events are published in this Proceedings series, which offers a comprehensive archive of volumes reflecting the evolution of the field. Volumes deliver cutting-edge research and insights, complementing the Academy's flagship journals, the Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science (JAMS) and AMS Review (AMSR). Volumes are edited by leading scholars and practitioners across a wide range of subject areas in marketing science.

Loyalty programs have exploded in popularity in recent decades. In the United States alone, membership has reached 1.3 billion (Ferguson and Hlavinka, 2007). In spite of their continued popularity, the effectiveness of these programs has been long debated in the literature, with mostly mixed results. Verhoef (2003) finds that the effects are positive but very small, DeWulf et al. (2001) finds no support for positive effects of direct mail, Shugan (2005) finds that firms gain short term revenue at the expense of longer term reward payments, and Hartmann and Viard (2008) found no evidence of the loyalty program creating switching costs. Rather than attempt to broadly label loyalty programs as either effective or ineffective, this dissertation instead focuses on how firms can use their loyalty program databases to model customer behavior. In the first essay I investigate how positive and negative casino experiences influence the casino's targeting strategy. In the second essay I study a coalition loyalty program and use the variation in the coalition network size to estimate the value of store participation. Finally, I extend the first two essays and summarize the ongoing debate as to whether the human brain processes information using Bayesian inference. The intent of this research is to both contribute to academic literature and also provide insight for practitioners to improve decision making.

In the first essay I consider the direct marketing targeting problem in situations where 1) the customer's experience quality level varies from occasion to occasion, 2) the firm has measures of these quality levels, and 3) the firm can customize marketing according to these measures and the customer's behaviors. A primary contribution of this paper is a framework and methodology that allows the manager to assess the marketing response of a forward-looking customer with any specific experience and behavior history, which in turn can be used to decide which customers to target for marketing. This research develops a novel, tractable way to estimate and introduce flexible heterogeneity distributions into Bayesian learning models with forward looking agents. The model is estimated using data from the casino industry, an industry which generates more than \$60 billion in U.S. revenues but has surprisingly little academic, econometric research. The counterfactuals offer interesting findings on gambler learning and direct marketing responsiveness and suggest that casino profitability can increase substantially when marketing incorporates gamblers' beliefs and past outcome sequences into the targeting decision. In the second essay I consider the problem faced by managers of coalition loyalty programs of store network composition. In a coalition loyalty program, managers need to determine which stores to include in the coalition network. The value of a particular store may depend on both the changes in projected member spend at the focal store and the changes in spend at the other stores in the network. The primary contribution of this research is a model that can measure these same-store and cross-store effects. These cross effects can be used to determine the extent of spillover both to and from a focal store from other stores in the network. I estimate the model using data from a coalition network in Europe and find that there are substantial cross-store effects. The findings have substantial implications for managers: even if an individual store is not contributing much revenue to the coalition its presence in the network can positively influence the network as a whole substantially. In the extension I summarize the recent debate as to whether or not the human brain processes information in a Bayesian fashion and propose potential departures from rational Bayesian inference. I then present models of these departures and review the characteristics of the data sources that would be ideal in estimating these effects. This extension builds on the first two essays by 1) exploring more deeply the learning model presented in the first essay and 2) presenting models that may account for the potential imperfect recall and incomplete knowledge that was assumed in the second essay. The goal of the extension is to highlight how a clear understanding of how the brain operates and processes new experiences could have drastic implications for a loyalty program's design and targeting marketing strategy.

Reichheld draws upon case studies of a variety of businesses including Harley-Davidson, Dell Computer, and Enterprise Rent-A-Car to show how employee and customer loyalty promote financial success. His approach to developing loyalty is based upon six principles of leadership including never profiting at the expense of partners, rewarding the right results, and honest communication. Reichheld is a Bain Fellow and author of *The Loyalty Effect*. c. Book News Inc. Developing concepts and approaches that enable company owners and senior staff to create corporate commitment to customer advocacy and loyalty, this text identifies the new paradigms by which companies can achieve customer loyalty, including the Seven S Framework and Customer Loyalty PyramidSM. For decades we've been told that we live in fast-paced, dog-eat-dog world, that loyalty gets you nowhere, and that we must look out for number one! We've been told that to succeed we have to constantly reinvent ourselves, let go of past relationships, and

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