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Utilization of Neuromarketing Principles in Visual Communication Design to Increase Consumer Attraction

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Abstract

The importance of understanding consumer behavior in today's highly competitive business environment. Traditional factors like price and product quality are no longer the sole drivers of consumer decisions; psychological factors play a crucial role. This is where neuromarketing, a field that integrates neuroscience with marketing, becomes essential. By using advanced neuroimaging techniques like fMRI and EEG, neuromarketing provides insights into how consumers emotionally and cognitively respond to marketing stimuli. This deep understanding of consumer behavior, particularly in relation to visual communication design, allows marketers and designers to optimize their strategies. By leveraging knowledge of how the brain reacts to elements like color, shape, and composition, businesses can create more effective marketing messages that trigger the desired emotional responses in consumers. Neuromarketing, a discipline combining neuroscience and marketing, has become a primary focus in understanding consumer behavior through understanding the brain's response to marketing stimuli. This article explores the development of neuromarketing in visual communication design, investigating the neuroimaging techniques used in neuromarketing and case studies illustrating its application in optimizing visual design. Neuroimaging techniques, such as fMRI and EEG, enable researchers to monitor brain activity related to responses to visual stimuli. Case studies show that manipulating visual designs can trigger positive brain responses, increase ad attractiveness, and influence consumer behavior. In addition to its benefits, the application of neuromarketing also faces several challenges, including the complexity of interpreting neuroimaging data and limitations in generalizing research findings. However, these challenges can be overcome with a holistic approach and collaboration among neuroscientists, marketers, and designers.

Keywords: Neuromarketing, Visual Communication Design, Neuroimaging Techniques

INTRODUCTION

Understanding consumer behavior is the key to marketing success in an increasingly fierce business competition era. Modern consumers are not only influenced by conventional factors such as price and product quality but also by profound psychological factors (McGuire, 1977). This is where neuromarketing emerges as an important tool in understanding and manipulating consumers' emotional and cognitive responses to marketing messages.

Neuromarketing is a branch of science that combines the principles of neuroscience with marketing to understand consumer behavior more deeply (Agarwal & Dutta, 2015). In contrast to conventional methods such as surveys and interviews, neuromarketing uses neuroimaging technologies such as fMRI (Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and EEG (Electroencephalography) to track brain activity related to responses to marketing stimuli.

The field of neuromarketing has come a long way since it was first introduced in the early 2000s (Levallois et al., 2021). The development of neuroimaging technology has allowed researchers to identify patterns of brain activity associated with consumer emotions, attention, and motivation, opening the door to a deeper understanding of the consumer decision-making process.

Visual communication design is important in attracting consumers' attention and effectively conveying marketing messages. Neuromarketing brings a new understanding of how visual elements such as color, shape, and composition affect brain responses and consumer behavior (Rahmadani et al., 2022).

Using a neuromarketing approach, designers can optimize their visual designs to trigger the desired emotional response from the target market. For example, the placement of a product in an advertisement or the use of specific colors can be chosen based on knowledge of how the brain responds to those visual stimuli.

Despite advancements in neuromarketing, most studies have focused on general consumer behavior through neuroimaging technologies like fMRI and EEG, but there is limited research on how these findings can be applied to optimize visual communication design. Specific elements such as color, shape, and composition, which are crucial in influencing brain activity and consumer responses, have not been widely explored in the context of neuromarketing (Ariely & Berns, 2010). Moreover, few studies have focused on translating neuromarketing insights into practical applications for improving marketing visuals (Plassmann et al., 2012).

The relevance of neuromarketing in modern marketing strategies continues to grow as businesses seek more effective ways to engage consumers. Recent studies have demonstrated how neuroscience can enhance our understanding of consumer behavior in new and innovative ways. For instance, a study by Makori, (2023) explored how neural correlates of emotional engagement with marketing stimuli influence purchasing decisions, providing valuable insights into how brands can create more emotionally resonant campaigns. Similarly, research by Sandua, (2024) emphasized the importance of subconscious processes in decision-making, suggesting that neuromarketing techniques such as fMRI and EEG can uncover hidden motivations behind consumer choices that traditional methods fail to capture.

In addition, studies like those conducted by Josephson et al., (2020) have demonstrated how visual communication elements, such as color and typography, impact brain regions associated with attention and memory. This research reinforces the importance of designing marketing materials that not only appeal visually but also align with cognitive processing mechanisms. These advancements highlight the increasing integration of neuroscience into marketing practices, affirming the relevance of this topic in today's data-driven and competitive business environment.

This research lies in its focus on applying neuromarketing insights specifically to the optimization of visual communication design. While previous studies have concentrated on general consumer behavior, particularly through the use of neuroimaging technologies like fMRI and EEG (Ariely & Berns, 2010), there has been limited exploration of how these findings can directly influence the practical aspects of marketing design.

Most of the existing literature, such as the work of Plassmann et al., (2012), primarily investigates broad consumer reactions to marketing stimuli without delving into how specific design elements—like color, shape, and composition—can be optimized based on neural responses. Moreover, many studies have yet to translate neuromarketing insights into actionable strategies for improving the effectiveness of visual marketing materials.

This research fills that gap by applying neuroscientific principles to refine visual communication design, thereby providing a practical framework for creating marketing materials that not only capture attention but also elicit the desired emotional responses. For

example, it examines how specific color schemes can activate areas of the brain related to pleasure and engagement, or how layout design can enhance memory retention and decision-making. By addressing these underexplored areas, the study offers a more targeted and application-based approach to neuromarketing, making it a novel contribution to both the academic field and practical marketing applications.

Additionally, this research seeks to establish a more direct link between brain activity and specific visual elements in marketing, providing businesses with actionable insights into how they can craft more impactful designs. This approach moves beyond the generalized insights of previous studies and aims to provide practical, empirically-supported guidelines for enhancing consumer engagement and improving decision-making through optimized visual design.

This research presents a novel approach by applying neuromarketing insights specifically to visual communication design. By analyzing how brain responses to visual elements like color and layout affect consumer behavior, this study aims to create more effective marketing designs (Venkatraman et al., 2012). This research expands the practical application of neuromarketing beyond general consumer analysis by focusing on optimizing specific aspects of visual communication to enhance emotional engagement and decision-making in marketing (Casado-Aranda et al., 2023).

RESEARCH METHODS

This study uses a qualitative research approach that combines literature analysis with case studies to explore the application of neuromarketing in visual communication design. The following are the methodological steps used in this study:

1. Literature Analysis

The first step in this study is to conduct an in-depth analysis of the literature related to neuromarketing and visual communication design. Researchers collect and review scientific articles, books, and other relevant sources from academic databases such as PubMed, Google Scholar, and JSTOR. This literature analysis aims to comprehensively understand the basic concepts in neuromarketing and their application in visual design.

2. Case Studies

After gaining a solid understanding of the literature, this study involved case studies to illustrate the practical application of neuromarketing concepts in visual communication design. Case studies were selected based on their relevance and quality in describing how neuromarketing techniques have optimized visual design in a marketing context.

The method used for the case study involves analyzing data from neuromarketing experiments conducted by industry researchers and practitioners. Neuroimaging data, such as fMRI and EEG results, are interpreted to reveal patterns of brain activity associated with responses to visual stimuli.

3. Data Analysis

The data obtained from literature analysis and case studies were then analyzed in depth to identify the main findings relevant to this study's objectives. Researchers used an inductive analysis approach to identify general patterns and trends in the data obtained and relate these findings to the conceptual framework that had been developed from the literature.

4. Interpretation and Conclusion

The final step in this study is to interpret the analysis results and draw relevant conclusions. The findings from literature analysis and case studies are used to compile practical recommendations for designers and marketers to optimize their visual communication designs using neuromarketing principles. The conclusion of this study also provides a view of the potential and challenges in applying neuromarketing in the marketing and design industry.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Development of Neuromarketing in Visual Design

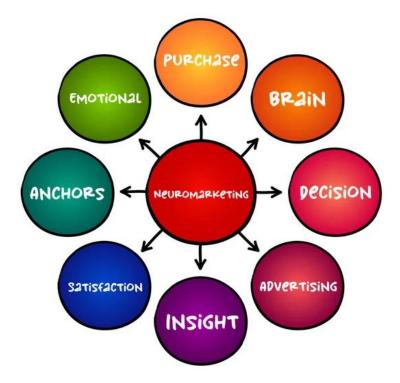
As a blend of neuroscience and marketing, Neuromarketing has opened new doors in understanding consumer behavior by analyzing brain responses to marketing stimuli. In visual communication design, neuromarketing has resulted in interesting discoveries about how visual elements affect brain responses and consumer behavior (Halkiopoulos et al., 2022). In this section, we will explore the role of neuroimaging techniques in developing neuromarketing in visual design.

1. Introduction to Neuroimaging Techniques

Neuroimaging techniques are important tools in neuromarketing. They allow researchers to track brain activity associated with responses to marketing stimuli. FMRI (Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and EEG (Electroencephalography) are commonly used neuroimaging techniques.

fMRI is a neuroimaging technique that uses magnetic fields to measure brain blood flow changes (Buxton, 2013). By measuring hemodynamic activity, fMRI can provide a clear picture of how the brain responds to visual stimuli, including advertising and product design.

EEG is a neuroimaging technique that records the electrical activity of the scalp. Although it has a higher temporal resolution than fMRI, EEG provides a more general picture of brain activity. EEG often studies faster brain responses, such as attention and emotions.



Neuromarketing Flow Diagram

Image Caption:

- a. Neuromarketing (Middle Red Circle) is a core concept that represents the application of neuroscience in marketing practices. The focus is on understanding how the brain responds to marketing stimuli.
- b. Brain (Upper Right Orange Circle): Shows the biological focus of neuromarketing, studying the brain's responses to understand how consumers make decisions.

- c. Decision (Red Circle Top Right): Represents the outcome you want neuromarketing to influence. By understanding how the brain processes information, marketers can better shape their strategies to influence consumer decisions.
- d. Advertising (Bottom Right Red Circle): Refers to applying insights gained from neuromarketing to create more effective advertising campaigns that can greatly capture the attention of consumers' subconscious.
- e. Insights (Lower Purple Circle): This circle highlights the deep understanding or revelation of consumer behavior and preferences provided by neuromarketing through the study of neurological activity.
- f. Satisfaction (Bottom Left Blue Circle): Focus on the emotional outcomes of successful marketing, where insights gained from neuromarketing help ensure consumers feel satisfied with their purchase decisions.
- g. Anchors (Lower Left Teal Circle): Represent psychological anchors or clues that influence consumer behavior, which are better understood and implemented through neuromarketing studies.
- h. Emotional (Green Circle Left Center): Refers to the emotional aspects of consumer responses that neuromarketing seeks to measure and understand. Emotions play a critical role in the decision-making process.
- i. Purchase: The ultimate goal of a neuromarketing-influenced marketing effort—driving purchases by establishing a neural correlation between consumer behavior and preferences.

2. Case Study on the Use of Neuroimaging Techniques

SeveralSeveral case studies have been conducted to explore how neuroimaging techniques are used to optimize visual design in the marketing context. For example, a study conducted by Plassmann et al., (2008) used fMRI to study the effects of color on brain activity and consumer preferences. They found that certain colors can trigger a stronger emotional response and increase consumers' desire to buy a product. In addition, research conducted by Ohme et al., (2011) used EEG to understand how the visual composition of television commercials affects consumer attention levels. They found that changes in visual composition can affect brain activity related to attention and memory, thereby affecting the effectiveness of advertising messages.

Case studies like these provide valuable insights into how neuroimaging techniques can reveal the relationship between visual design and brain responses, paving the way for further development in the field of neuromarketing. With a deeper understanding of how the brain responds to visual design, marketers and designers can optimize their strategies to achieve more effective product and brand marketing results.

Neuromarketing Methodology in Design Experiments

Neuromarketing has become an important tool in uncovering the secrets of consumers' minds, especially in visual communication design.

1. How to Integrate Neuromarketing Principles

Testing and developing an effective visual communication design requires the integration of neuromarketing principles. Steps that can be taken to achieve this include:

- a. Identify the Objectives: The first step is to identify the objectives of the visual communication design to be developed. Is the goal to increase brand awareness, increase sales conversions, or create emotional engagement with the brand?
- b. Variable Selection: Once the goal is set, the relevant variables must be selected. These variables can include visual aspects such as color, shape, composition, and arrangement of other design elements.
- c. Experiment Design: Based on the selected variables, an experiment design must be created. This can be a simple A/B test or a more complex experimental design that involves

manipulating variables and measuring brain responses using neuroimaging techniques such as fMRI or EEG.

d. Application of Neuromarketing Techniques: In experiments, neuromarketing techniques such as fMRI or EEG were used to monitor participants' brain activity related to responses to visual stimuli. The data obtained was then analyzed to reveal relevant patterns.

Neuromarketing utilizes neuroimaging technologies such as fMRI (Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and EEG (Electroencephalography) to monitor and understand the brain's response to visual stimuli. In the context of visual communication design, neuromarketing helps designers understand how certain visual elements—such as color, shape, and composition—can affect consumers' emotional and cognitive responses.

Here are some of the ways neuromarketing is applied in visual communication design, especially related to color and emotion:

- a. Color Selection: Neuromarketing studies have shown that certain colors can trigger strong emotional reactions. For example, red is often associated with excitement or warning, while blue can evoke feelings of calm and trust. This understanding allows designers to strategically use color in advertising or product design to trigger the desired emotional reaction.
- b. Visual Composition: Layouts and visual compositions can be designed to guide consumers' attention to a specific area of an advertisement or product. Neuromarketing utilizes eye-tracking techniques to study how the consumer's eyes move through a visual design, which helps optimize the placement of important visual elements.
- c. Design Testing: Before launching a campaign or product, designers can use neuromarketing to test the effectiveness of their designs. By observing the brain's response, they can modify aspects of the design to improve the appeal and effectiveness of visual communication.
- d. Ad Optimization: Neuromarketing can help identify the design elements that are most effective in increasing attention and positive emotions by monitoring brain activity. Thus, companies can optimize their ads for better results.

The application of neuromarketing principles in visual communication design improves aesthetic appeal and the overall effectiveness of marketing communication by better directing and influencing consumer behavior.

2. Examples of Relevant Experiments and Case Studies

Several experiments and case studies have been conducted to test neuromarketing principles in visual communication design. One of them is a study conducted by Lee et al. (2019), where they used fMRI to study the effects of typography on brain activity and consumer preferences for text ads. The results of this study provide insight into how the choice of typeface, size, and style can affect the brain's perception and response to text messages. Another relevant study is the study conducted by Venkatraman et al., (2015), which used EEG to understand how visual manipulations such as background color changes and product placement affect consumer attention in print advertising. The results of this study provide valuable information on how visual design can be optimized to improve consumer engagement. **a. How fMRI Works**

Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging, or fMRI, is a neuroimaging technique that measures and maps brain activity by detecting changes related to blood flow. When areas of the brain increase their activity, they need more oxygen. fMRI can detect the oxygen concentration in the blood, referred to as the BOLD (Blood Oxygen Level Dependent) response.

1) Brain Stimulation: During an fMRI scan, the subject is usually given a specific task or exposed to visual or sensory stimuli to trigger brain activity.

- 2) Magnetic Scan: fMRI uses strong magnetic fields and radio waves to produce detailed images of brain structures and functional changes when the brain reacts to stimuli.
- 3) Data Analysis: The data collected shows which brain parts are more active at any given time, providing insight into how the brain processes information.

b. How EEG Works

Electroencephalography, or EEG, is another method often used to research brain function. Unlike fMRI, EEG does not provide a structural picture of the brain but records its electrical activity. This provides an advantage in terms of speed and very high time resolution.

- 1) Electrode Placement: In an EEG, electrodes are placed throughout the scalp. These electrodes record the electrical activity of neurons in the brain.
- 2) Activity Recording: EEGs can record rapid fluctuations in the electrical activity of the brain. This is particularly useful for researching fast-paced cognitive processes, such as attention and sensory processing.
- 3) Brain Wave Analysis: Data from EEGs is often analyzed to identify specific brain wave patterns associated with different types of mental and emotional activity.

c. Application and Significance

Research often uses These two techniques to provide a more complete picture of brain activity. fMRI is particularly useful for mapping brain regions responsible for specific functions and understanding how different parts of the brain work together. Meanwhile, EEG is an excellent tool for tracking dynamic changes in brain activity that occur in milliseconds.

In neuromarketing, for example, fMRI can be used to see which parts of the brain are active when consumers make purchase decisions, while EEGs can assess how consumers' emotions fluctuate when exposed to ads.

fMRI and EEG are two pillars in neuroscience research that provide in-depth insights into the mechanisms of the human brain. By understanding how each works, researchers can continue to develop more effective methods for diagnosing and treating brain disorders and improve marketing strategies by better understanding consumer behavior.

Integrating neuromarketing principles in the testing and development of visual communication design allows marketers and designers to optimize their strategies based on a deeper understanding of how the brain responds to visual stimuli. By using the right methodology and studying relevant experimental examples, they can achieve more effective results in creating attractive designs and influencing consumer behavior.

Benefits and Challenges of Neuromarketing

Neuromarketing has become an increasingly important tool in modern marketing strategies, providing a deeper understanding of how the human brain responds to marketing stimuli.

1. Potential Benefits of Neuromarketing

a. Increasing the Appeal and Effectiveness of Visual Messages

Neuromarketing can potentially improve the appeal and effectiveness of visual messages by understanding how the human brain responds to visual stimuli. By understanding factors such as color, composition, and product placement, marketers and designers can create more appealing and relevant designs.

A case study conducted by Cerf et al. (2010) shows how manipulation of visual design in advertising can affect brain activity and consumer behavior. Using neuroimaging techniques, they found that changes in design can trigger a more positive brain response and increase the ad's appeal to consumers.

2. Challenges in the Implementation of Neuromarketing

a. Obstacles in the Application of Neuromarketing Principles

Despite its potential benefits, applying neuromarketing principles also faces several challenges. One of them is the complexity in interpreting neuroimaging data and the limitations in generalizing findings from laboratory research into real-world contexts.

b. Strategies to Overcome Challenges

To address these challenges, a holistic approach that involves collaboration between neuroscientists, marketers, and designers is needed. Developing more sophisticated methodologies and validating findings with broader field studies can also help improve the usefulness of neuromarketing in practical contexts.

Through a better understanding of the benefits and challenges of implementing neuromarketing in visual communication design, we can optimize its use to achieve more effective results in product and brand marketing. By addressing existing challenges, neuromarketing will continue to be a valuable tool for better understanding and influencing consumer behavior.

Practical Implications and Recommendations

Applying neuromarketing in visual design has significant practical implications for design practitioners and marketers.

1. Tips and Strategies to Utilize Neuromarketing Research Results

- a. Understanding the Target Market: Design practitioners need to deeply understand who their target market is and how their brains respond to visual stimuli. Neuromarketing research can provide valuable insights in this regard.
- b. Experimentation and Testing: Using neuromarketing techniques, such as fMRI or EEG, in experimentation and testing can help designers understand firsthand how their designs affect consumers' brain responses.
- c. Team Collaboration: Collaboration between designers, marketers, and neuromarketers is key to success. Combining knowledge and expertise from different disciplines can create more effective and alluring designs.

2. Practical Recommendations for Integrating This Approach in the Creative Process

- a. Start with Research: The first step in integrating a neuromarketing approach is to research and study the latest findings in this field. Understanding the basic principles of neuromarketing will help designers make better decisions in the creative process.
- b. Test and Trial: During the development stage, test your design using neuromarketing techniques. This can be done through field research or experiments in a laboratory environment. The results of these tests can provide valuable insights for further improvement.
- c. Evaluation and Improvement: Once the design is fully launched, evaluate and optimize based on user feedback and data. This will allow you to continuously improve your designs' performance.

By following these tips and strategies, visual design practitioners can harness the full potential of neuromarketing to create effective and compelling designs. By continuing to integrate this approach in their creative process, they will achieve greater success in creating memorable visual experiences for consumers.

Future Research Directions

Research in neuromarketing is becoming increasingly important in responding to the ever-evolving market demands and increasing complexity in marketing. This section will explore the need for further research in developing neuromarketing methodologies and provide recommendations for future studies that could explore new techniques or untapped markets. Recommendations for Future Studies

1. Exploration of New Techniques: As technology advances, there is a need to constantly explore and develop new techniques in neuromarketing. For example, developing more

sophisticated neuroimaging techniques or using non-invasive methods such as eye-tracking could provide new insights into the brain's response to visual stimuli.

- 2. Cross-Cultural Studies: Neuromarketing has been widely used in Western contexts but is still rarely used in non-Western cultural contexts. Future studies could explore differences in brain responses to marketing stimuli across cultures, opening the door to developing more globally targeted marketing strategies.
- 3. Application in Various Industries: Besides focusing on the consumer industry, future research may explore the application of neuromarketing in various other industries, such as education, healthcare, or finance. This will provide a broader understanding of how neuromarketing principles can be applied in diverse contexts.
- 4. Longitudinal Studies: Longitudinal studies involving monitoring brain activity over a long period of time can provide deeper insights into how the brain's response to marketing stimuli may change over time and the long-term impact of marketing strategies.

Through further research in developing neuromarketing methodologies, we can improve our understanding of how the human brain responds to marketing stimuli and expand the practical applications of neuromarketing in various contexts. By answering these challenges and continuing to explore new potentials, we can create more effective and relevant marketing strategies for the future.

Danar Hadi is a name that has become a symbol of achievement in Indonesia's batik world. It is known as one of the most prestigious batik brands in the country. Danar Hadi's uniqueness lies in his ability to elevate batik as an elegant and stylish art form, attracting attention from domestic circles and international fashion fans and observers. With an innovative design approach, Danar Hadi combines tradition with modernity, often using bold and attractive color combinations to create beautiful and captivating batik motifs.

The use of color in Danar Hadi's batik creations creates visually stunning products and contains a profound message about Indonesia's rich culture and identity. Bright colors such as red, yellow, and blue are often used, combined with traditional motifs depicting Indonesia's culture's richness. This not only strengthens consumers' emotional attachment to their cultural heritage but also provides a symbolic meaning in every choice of color; Red is for luck and courage, and blue is for peace and harmony, creating a deeper and more meaningful experience for consumers.

Regarding brand image, the use of distinctive colors in Danar Hadi batik has been an important factor in differentiating this brand from its competitors. This unique and attractive color combination not only strengthens the brand identity but also influences consumer perception of the quality and value of Danar Hadi batik. It is a smart strategy for building a brand that is appreciated for its beauty, authenticity, and connection to Indonesian culture.

The effect of this color selection on consumer preferences is significant. By integrating a deep understanding of how color affects emotions and preferences, Danar Hadi created products that are not only visually beautiful but also have a strong emotional appeal. This allows consumers to enjoy the visual beauty of batik and feel a personal and emotional connection with the culture that batik represents.

Danar Hadi's strategy of using color is about aesthetics and creating a rich and meaningful consumer experience. This strengthens Danar Hadi's position in the market as a leader in batik innovation and design. Through an approach that considers emotional and cultural aspects, Danar Hadi continues to strengthen its reputation as a batik brand that not only advances the batik industry but also promotes Indonesia's culture on the global stage.

By continuing to maintain a commitment to innovation, authenticity, and quality, Danar Hadi has carved his name in the history of batik and in the hearts of his customers and fans. This shows how a brand can grow and evolve not only through the products it offers but also through the stories and experiences it creates for its consumers.

CONCLUSION

Neuromarketing has become an exciting and important field in the modern marketing world, providing valuable insights into how the human brain responds to marketing stimuli, particularly in the context of visual communication design. In this article, we have explored various aspects of neuromarketing, from neuroimaging techniques to their practical application in visual communication design testing. In conclusion, the development of neuromarketing in visual design promises great potential benefits for marketing and design practitioners. By understanding how the brain responds to visual stimuli, they can create more engaging designs that influence consumer behavior. However, the challenges in implementing neuromarketing also need to be overcome. From the complexity of interpreting neuroimaging data to the limitations in generalizing research findings, there are many things that practitioners should be aware of. Through future research, especially in developing neuromarketing methodologies, we can continue to improve our understanding of how the human brain responds to marketing stimuli and expand the practical applications of neuromarketing in various contexts. By doing so, we can create more effective and relevant marketing strategies for an ever-evolving future.

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