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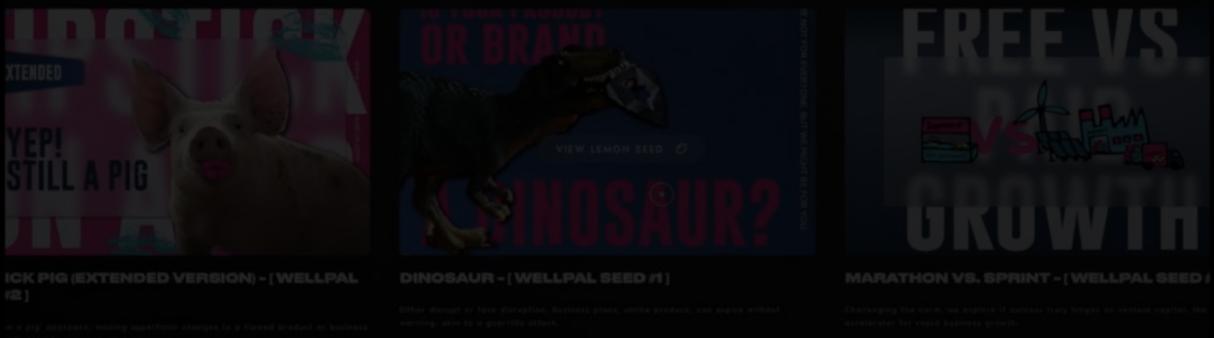
OPEN SOURCE BRANDING:

LESSONS FROM BELLINGCAT'S TRANSPARENCY



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Welcome,

To to another WPC DIY workbook

Use this in combination with the insights of the following lemon seed:

Open Source Branding: Lessons from Bellingcat's Transparency



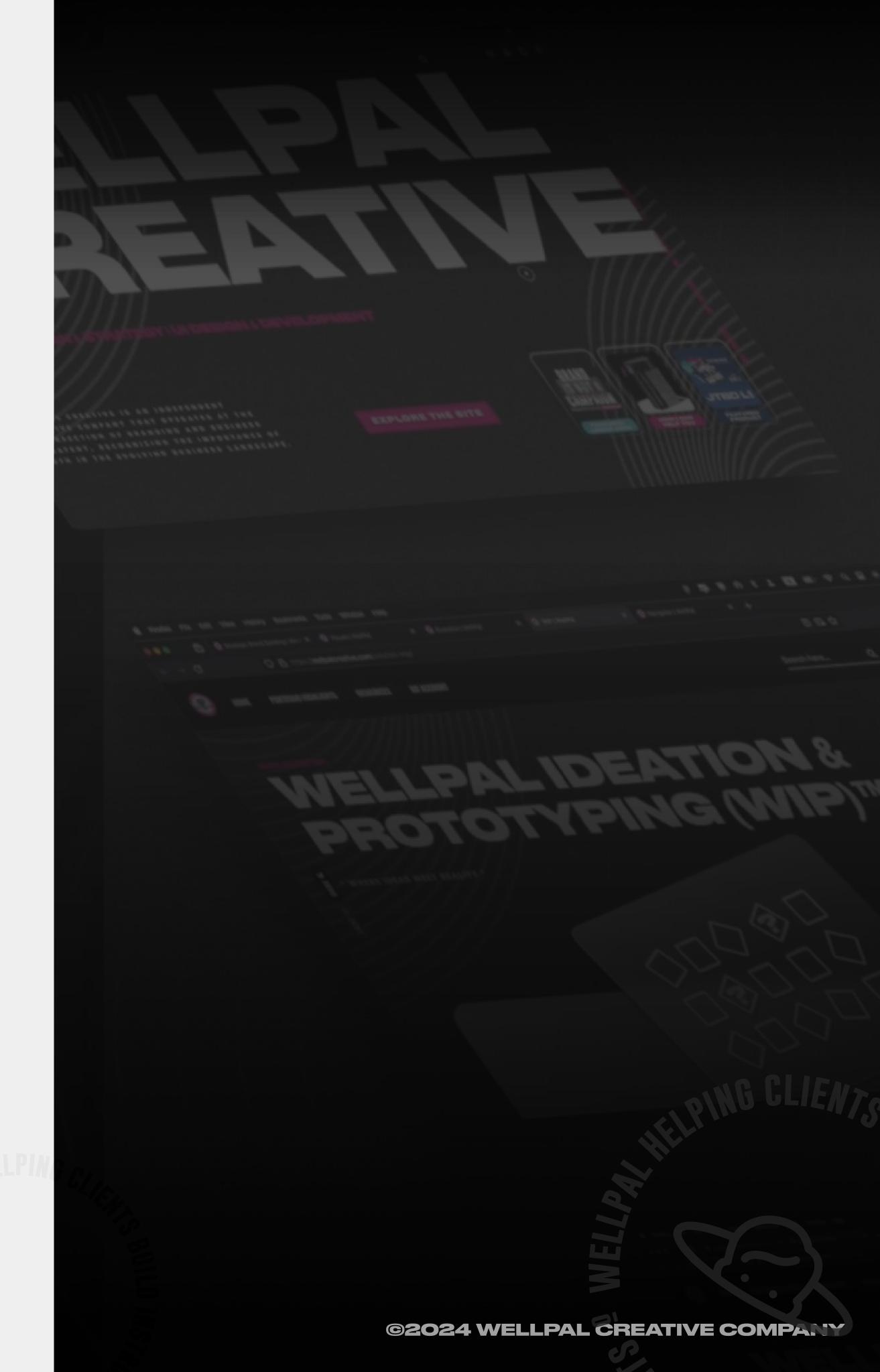
THE FOLLOWING SET OF EXERCISES IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU APPLY THE INSIGHTS FROM OUR LEMON SEED BLOG POST TO YOUR OWN BRAND OR BUSINESS AS PART OF OUR DIY SERIES TO HELP MORE PEOPLE THINK OF THEIR BRAND AS AN INSTRUMENT EVEN WHEN ON A BUDGET OR IDEA STAGE.

BY ENGAGING WITH THESE THOUGHT-PROVOKING ACTIVITIES, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- 1. Critically examine your current branding and communication strategies
- 2. Identify opportunities for increased transparency and authenticity
- 3. Explore innovative ways to collaborate and engage with your audience
- 4. Develop a more ethical and responsible approach to information sharing
- 5. Strengthen your brand's resilience in the face of misinformation challenges

Each exercise is crafted to encourage deep reflection and practical application. By working through these activities, you'll gain valuable insights that can help transform your brand's approach to transparency, collaboration, and ethical decision-making in the digital age.

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. The goal is to stimulate creative thinking and inspire actionable ideas that align with your brand's unique values and objectives.



THE TRANSPARENCY AUDIT

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THE "THINK ABOUT IT" SLIDE EXERCISE:

Conduct a thorough review of your brand's current transparency practices. List areas where you're already open with your audience or team and identify opportunities to be more transparent.

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THE "THINK ABOUT IT" SLIDE

REFLECTION:

How might increased transparency build trust with your customers? What are the potential risks and benefits of sharing more of your processes or decision-making?

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COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION

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THE "THINK ABOUT IT" SLIDE

EXERCISE:

Organize a brainstorming session with team members from different departments or even external partners. Focus on a current challenge your brand faces and use open-source principles to generate solutions.

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THE "THINK ABOUT IT" SLIDE

REFLECTION:

How can you leverage diverse perspectives to solve problems more effectively? What systems can you put in place to encourage ongoing collaboration and idea-sharing?

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THE DIGITAL FOOTPRINT ANALYSIS

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THE "THINK ABOUT IT" SLIDE

EXERCISE:

Examine your brand's online presence as if you were an open-source investigator. What information is readily available? What narratives or misconceptions might arise from this publicly accessible data?



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THE "THINK ABOUT IT" SLIDE

REFLECTION:

How can you proactively shape your brand's digital narrative? Are there areas where you need to provide more context or clarification to prevent misunderstandings?



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THE ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING SCENARIO

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THE "THINK ABOUT IT" SLIDE

EXERCISE:

Create a hypothetical scenario where your brand faces an ethical dilemma related to information sharing or data use. Walk through the decision-making process, considering the principles of open-source intelligence and transparency.



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THE "THINK ABOUT IT" SLIDE

REFLECTION:

How do your brand's values align with the principles of open-source branding? Are there areas where you might need to reassess your policies or practices to better serve your audience and maintain integrity?



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OPENSOURCE BRANDING LESSONS

THE CONCEPT OF "OPEN SOURCE BRANDING: LESSONS FROM BELLINGCAT'S TRANSPARENCY" IN MORE DEPTH

Branding Lessons

Open Source Branding, inspired by Bellingcat's approach, is a strategy that emphasizes transparency, collaboration, and community engagement in building a brand.

EXPLORE SOME OF THE KEY ASPECTS WITH YOUR TEAM INTERNALLY:

1. RADICAL TRANSPARENCY



BELLINGCAT HAS MADE ITS INVESTIGATIVE PROCESSES PUBLIC, ALLOWING ANYONE TO VERIFY THEIR FINDINGS.

FOR BRANDS, THIS COULD MEAN:



- SHARING BEHIND-THE-SCENES CONTENT OF PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT
- BEING OPEN ABOUT SUPPLY CHAINS AND SOURCING
- PUBLICLY ADDRESSING MISTAKES OR CONTROVERSIES

2. COLLABORATIVE APPROACH



BELLINGCAT RELIES ON A COMMUNITY OF CONTRIBUTORS

FOR BRANDS, THIS COULD MEAN:



- INVOLVE CUSTOMERS IN PRODUCT DESIGN OR IMPROVEMENT
- CREATE PLATFORMS FOR USER-GENERATED CONTENT
- FOSTER ONLINE COMMUNITIES AROUND THE BRAND

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3. EDUCATIONAL FOCUS:



BELLINGCAT TRAINS OTHERS IN THEIR METHODS

FOR BRANDS, THIS COULD MEAN:



- PROVIDE VALUABLE, FREE EDUCATIONAL CONTENT RELATED TO YOUR INDUSTRY
- HOST WORKSHOPS OR WEBINARS TO SHARE EXPERTISE
- CREATE DETAILED GUIDES OR TUTORIALS ABOUT YOUR PRODUCTS OR SERVICES

4. LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY



BELLINGCAT USES CUTTING-EDGE TOOLS FOR INVESTIGATIONS

FOR BRANDS, THIS COULD MEAN:



- ADOPT NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO ENHANCE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE
- USE DATA ANALYTICS TO IMPROVE PRODUCTS AND SHARE INSIGHTS
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5. BUILDING TRUST THROUGH AUTHENTICITY



BELLINGCAT'S CREDIBILITY COMES FROM ITS RIGOROUS METHODS

FOR BRANDS, THIS COULD MEAN:



- PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROCESSES (WITHIN REASON)
- BE HONEST ABOUT LIMITATIONS OR CHALLENGES
- ENGAGE IN TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION WITH CUSTOMERS

6. ADAPTABILITY AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



BELLINGCAT EVOLVES ITS METHODS AS TECHNOLOGY CHANGES

FOR BRANDS, THIS COULD MEAN:



- REGULARLY UPDATE YOUR PRACTICES BASED ON FEEDBACK
- STAY AGILE IN RESPONSE TO MARKET CHANGES
- CONTINUOUSLY INNOVATE YOUR PRODUCTS AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

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7. PURPOSE-DRIVEN APPROACH



BELLINGCAT HAS A CLEAR MISSION BEYOND PROFIT.

FOR BRANDS, THIS COULD MEAN:



- CLEARLY COMMUNICATE YOUR VALUES AND MISSION
- ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVES
- ALIGN BUSINESS PRACTICES WITH BROADER SOCIETAL GOALS

8. CROSS-INDUSTRY INSPIRATION



BELLINGCAT HAS DRAWN FROM DIVERSE FIELDS LIKE JOURNALISM, TECHNOLOGY, AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS TO ENHANCE ITS INVESTIGATIVE CAPABILITIES.

FOR BRANDS, THIS COULD MEAN:



- SEEK DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES
- FOSTER INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION
- STAY OPEN TO UNCONVENTIONAL IDEAS

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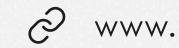
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IF THIS DEEP DIVE INTO HAS SPARKED YOUR INTEREST IN EVOLVING YOUR OWN BRAND, WPC IS HERE TO HELP.

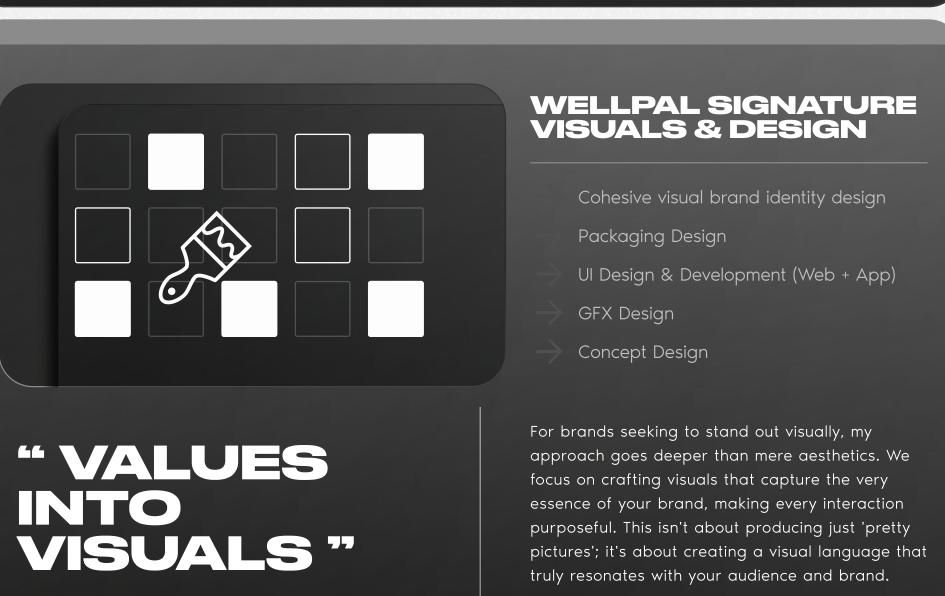
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LEMONADE STAND









At WPC, we believe in crafting brands that are more than just aesthetically pleasing – we create instruments of change and growth.

Whether you're starting from scratch or looking to evolve your existing brand, our team is ready to help you navigate the complex landscape of modern branding.

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR BRAND JOURNEY?

CONTACT US TODAY TO EXPLORE HOW WPC CAN HELP YOU BUILD A BRAND THAT TRULY RESONATES IN TODAY'S DYNAMIC MARKETPLACE.



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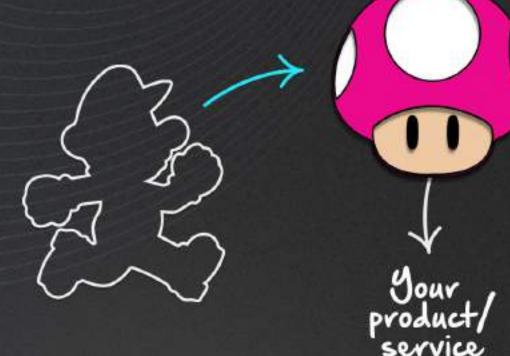
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WELLPAL CREATIVE DIY SERIES - JTBD FUNDAMENTALS MODULE

Unlocking Customer Motivations with JTBD

Unlock what motivates them to buy YOUR product.







_earn how to transform your business/brand strategy by prioritizing what the customer actually need trough this self-paced learning module available in our lemonade factory.

