Resources

Corruption and commercialization of online discourse

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Research on trust

Edelman Trust Barometer http://trust.edelman.com/

Nielsen study, Global Trust in Advertising and Brand Messages http://www.nielsen.com/us/en/reports/2012/global-trust-in-advertising-and-brand-messages.html

Decline of journalism

Book: "Trust Me, I'm Lying: Confessions of a media manipulator" by Ryan Holiday

Failure of traditional advertising online

Weak revenue from online ads http://bit.ly/R9TWPg

Many banner ads go unseen http://bit.ly/TbOomC

Summary of CPMs online http://bit.ly/OzkFr1

Blogs/disclosure

The FTC's Dot-com disclosure guide http://business.ftc.gov/documents/bus41-dot-com-disclosures-information-about-online-advertising

Cmp.ly – a platform for managing disclosures

Better understand online tracking

Browser plug-ins: Ghostery and Disconnect

Wall St. Journal's series on online tracking:

http://online.wsj.com/public/page/what-they-know-2010.html

Companies that monetize social publishing

Izea.com – creates campaigns for clients through a network of influential blogs and social media

Ad.ly – creates campaigns for clients through sponsored social media posts

Affiliate programs

Skimlinks.com
TheFancy.com
Pose.com
Referly.com
Beso.com
MyLikes.com
SponsoredTweets.com
Pay4Tweet.com
Netflix affiliate program
Amazon Affiliates

Reviews

Study – consumers trust reviews as much as personal recommendations http://selnd.com/ScqESZ

Study – the economic value of Yelp reviews http://bit.ly/T2wFUJ

Article about Yelp's Review Filter http://www.searchinfluence.com/articles/yelp-review-filter/

Amazon reviews researched by Cornell U. researcher http://www.freelunch.me/

TripAdvisorWatch – blog that watches over travel/location reviews http://tripadvisorwatch.wordpress.com/

Marketplace where people will write reviews for \$5 Fiverr.com

20 sites that pay you to write reviews http://hellboundbloggers.com/2009/12/17/sites-that-pay-to-write-reviews/

Study – Spotting Fake Reviewer Groups in Consumer Reviews http://www.cs.uic.edu/~liub/publications/WWW-2012-group-spam-camera-final.pdf

Complaints against Yelp filed at the Federal Trade Commission http://eater.com/archives/2013/01/23/ftc-complaints-about-yelp-allege-extortion-libel-more.php

Search manipulation

reputation.com

Wikipedia

Facebook group: Corporate Representatives for Ethical Wikipedia Engagement (CREWE)

https://www.facebook.com/groups/crewe.group/

Native Ads

Leading "native ad" sites include Buzzfeed, Funny or Die

Native ad leaderboard – see the most "viral" native ads, sortable by publisher or brand

http://nativeadvertising.com/#/leaderboard

Buying friends/followers/likes

Intertwitter.com
Fanmenow.com
BuyTwitterFollow.com
BuyFacebook-likes.com