

# Asking the right questions:

How to say something completely original  
and uniquely valuable with original  
research



# Today's presenters



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# Part 1: Why use original research in content marketing?

SEO  
Magic

Brand  
Awareness

Strong  
Partnerships

Demand  
Generation




# Blogging Statistics and Trends: The 2018 Survey of 1000+ Bloggers

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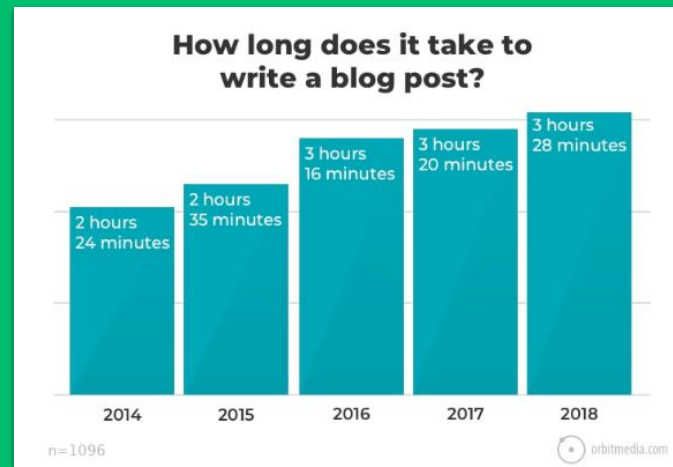
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*Why are some bloggers so much more successful than others? What do top bloggers do differently? How can I be more like them?*

Millions of bloggers each spend hundreds of hours every year creating content. It's a big job that a lot of us are trying to do well. And there's only one way to find out what we're all doing: ask a few questions, get some answers and look at the data.









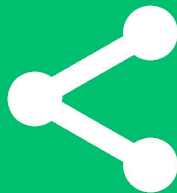
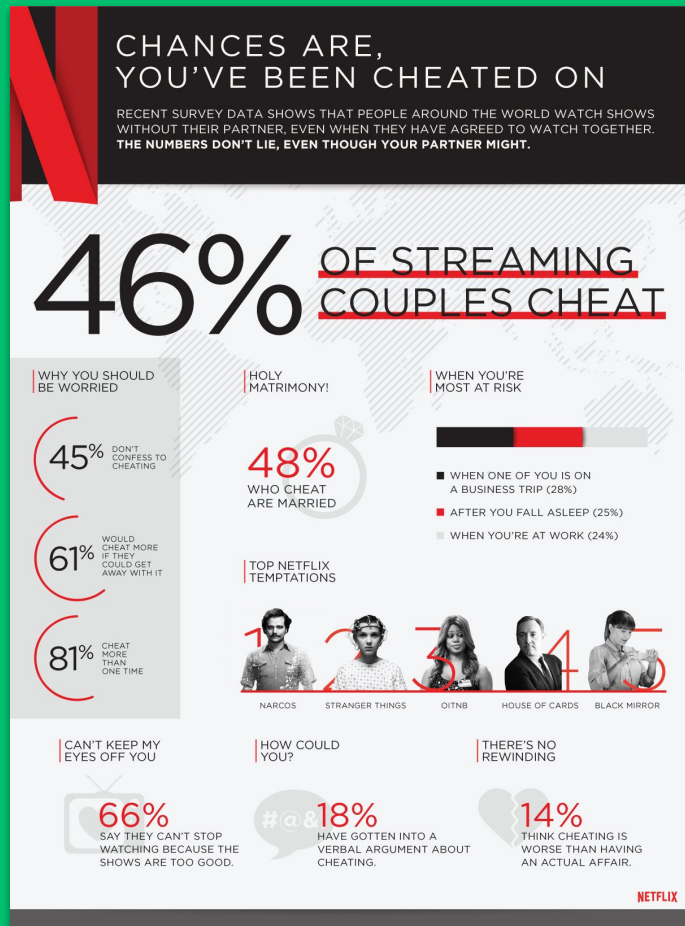
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**Scholarly articles for blogging statistics and trends**  
 Secular trends in ischemic stroke subtypes and stroke ... - Boglitzl - Cited by 45  
 Stroke trends in the WHO MONICA project - Thorvaldsen - Cited by 312  
 Trends in stroke incidence in Auckland, New Zealand, ... - Anderson - Cited by 157

**Blogging Statistics and Trends: The 2017 Survey of 1000+ Bloggers ...**  
<https://www.orbitmedia.com/blog/blogging-statistics/>   
 We asked 1377 bloggers how they create, promote, and analyze. They answered. Our 2017 Blogging Statistics survey shows the power of length and Analytics.

**28 Little-Known Blogging Statistics to Help Shape Your Strategy in 2018**  
<https://www.impactbnd.com/blog/blogging-statistics-to-boost-your-strategy/>   
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## Netflix cheating is a phenomenon that can put a pause on your relationship

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## "Netflix Cheating" Is Real and It's Probably Happened (or *Happening*) to You

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## Are you a Netflix cheater?

Money

## Netflix Reveals That Nearly Half of All Couples Cheat — When it Comes to TV

THE VERGE

TECH SCIENCE CULTURE CARS REVIEWS LONGFORM VIDEO MORE

ENTERTAINMENT TV NETFLIX

## Netflix's 'cheater test' tells you what you already know: you're a streaming cheater



## CNBC and SurveyMonkey Release Latest Small Business Survey Results



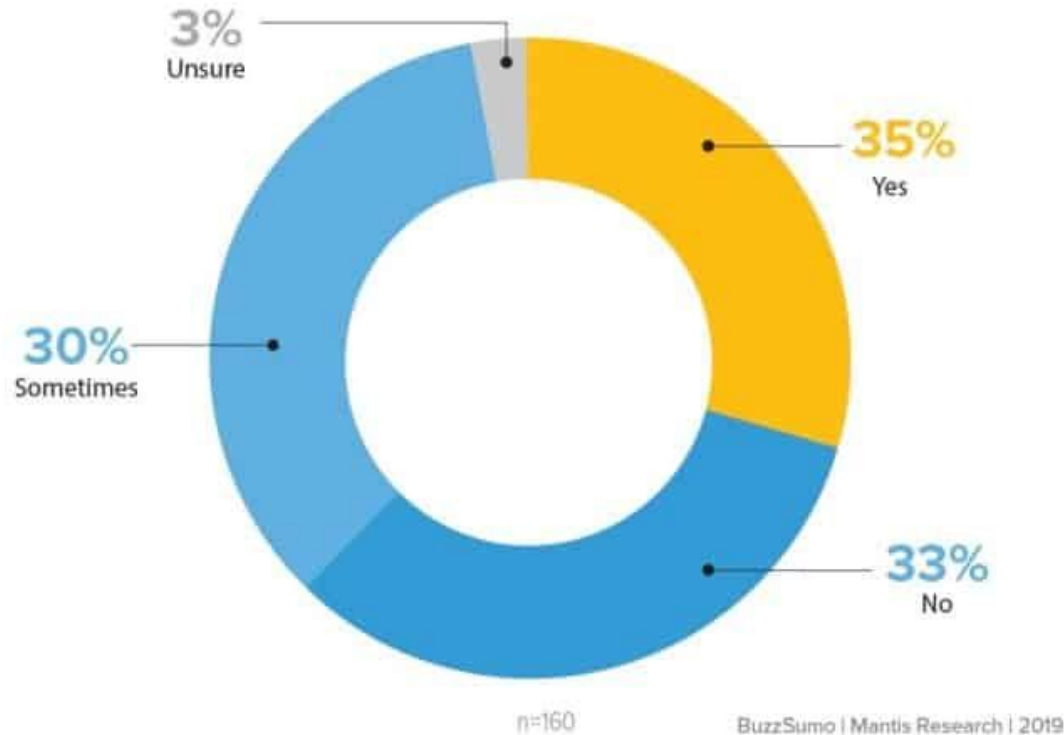
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## Do you gate your survey-based research findings?







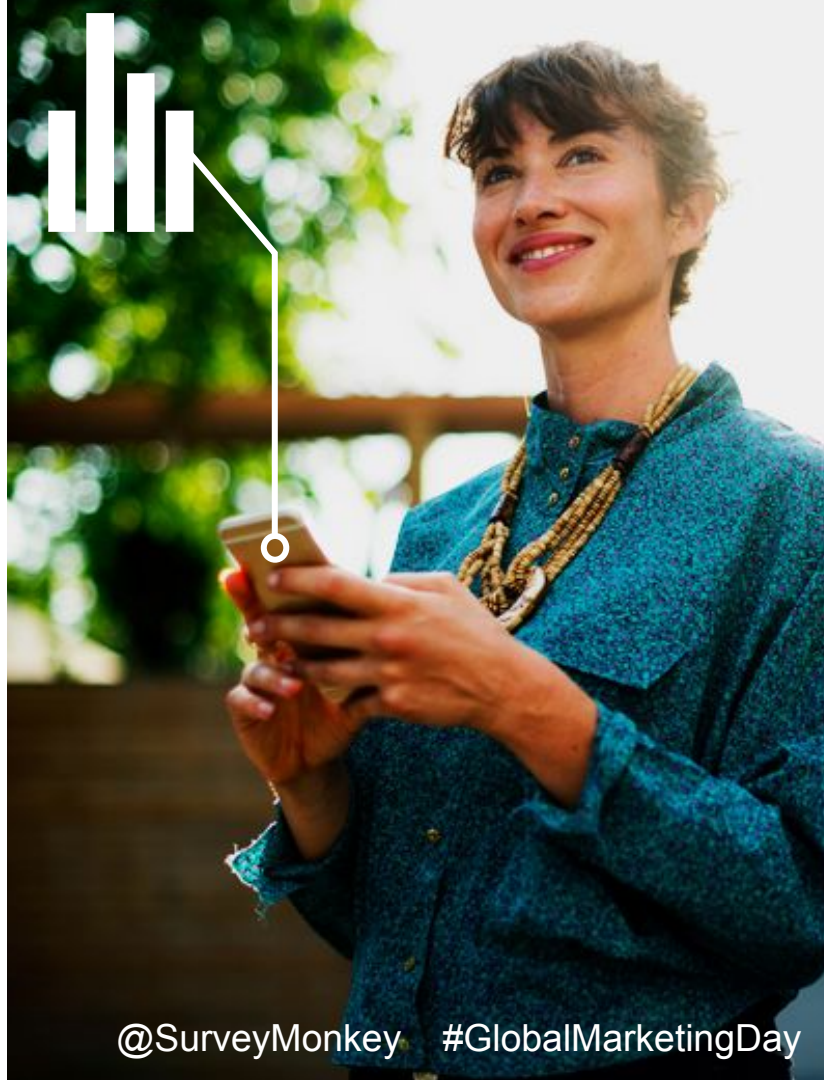
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# **CONVERSATIONAL MARKETING**

# 82%

of people would rather read  
an **article based on data** than  
the writer's opinion.



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# Content that contains data is more...



**74%**

trustworthy



**73%**

persuasive



**44%**

fun to read

...than content without data.

# Part 2: Doing survey research right

# SurveyMonkey study: microaggressions in the workplace



“A senior partner asked to ‘touch my hair’ in order to confirm it was ‘all mine.’”

“My hearing disability was written up as ‘making communication difficult for my co-workers.’”

# Scaled answer options work well for content

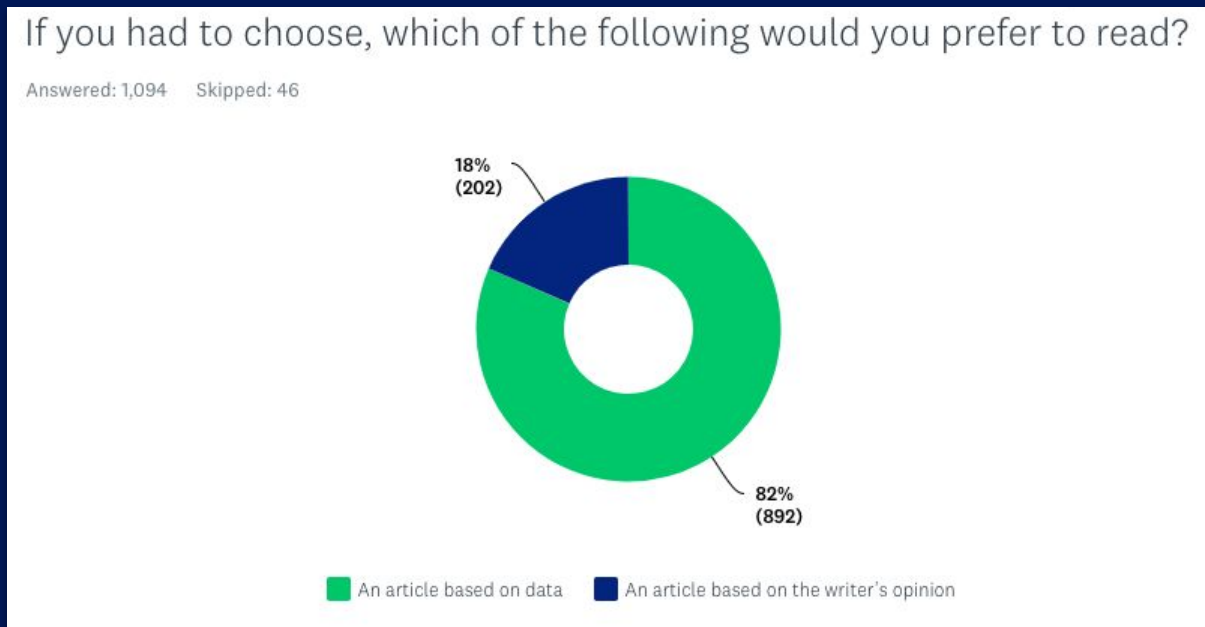
4. Is content that contains supporting data more or less **trustworthy** than content without any supporting data?

- ☐ Much more trustworthy
- ☒ Somewhat more trustworthy
- ☐ Neither more nor less trustworthy
- ☐ Somewhat less trustworthy
- ☐ Much less trustworthy

These answer options can be combined during analysis

# Polarized questions give you strong stats

“Would you rather?”





## Capture key demographics for data breakouts:

- Generation
- Gender
- Geography (state, country, city, urban vs. suburban)
- Career seniority/ income range
- Education level
- Ethnicity



# Decide who should take your survey



Your contacts



Your customers



Your followers



Research panel



### STEP 1: Who do you want to survey?

\$0.00



Country: United States  
Region: All regions



Gender: Both  
Balancing: Basic Census



Age: 18-100+  
Balancing: Basic Census



Income: \$0k-\$200k

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### STEP 2: How many responses do you need?

\$1.00

400



Margin of Error: +6%

Total Cost

\$800

USD

Complete Responses	400
Price Per Response	\$2.00
15 Survey Questions	\$1.00
10 Questions + 5 Row Matrix	—
Targeting Options	—
Qualification Rate: 100%	\$0.00
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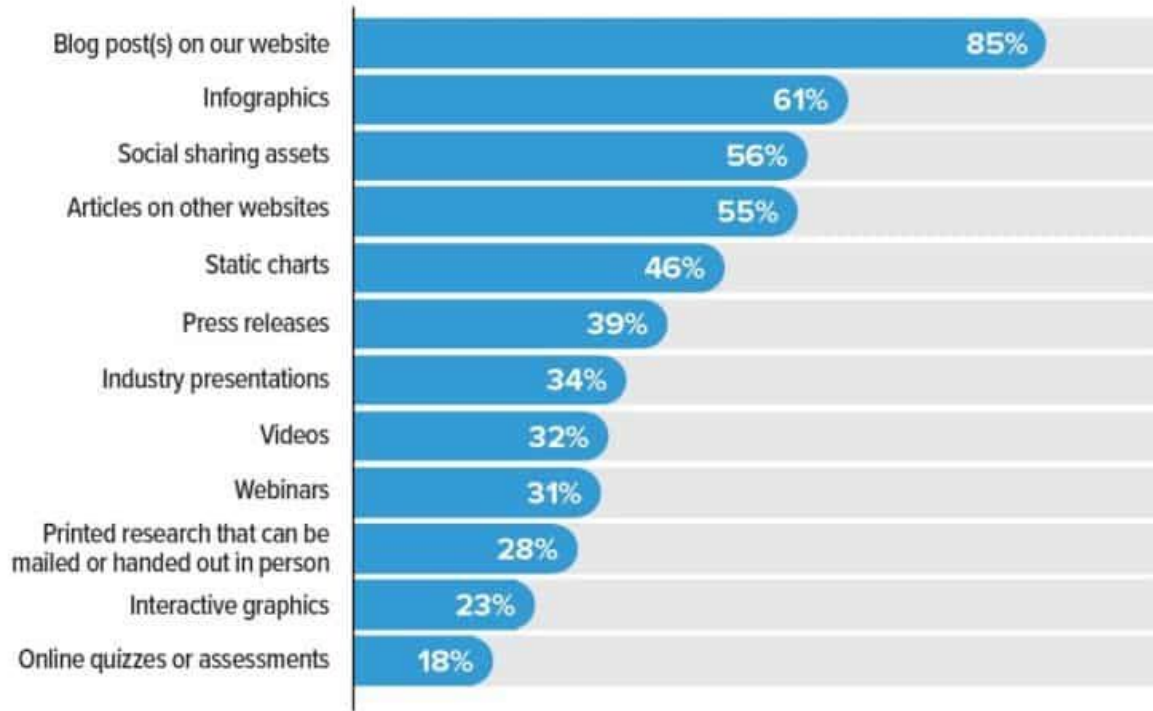
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# Part 3: Making the most of your original research

## What types of content do you produce from your original research?



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# The ultimate guide to using surveys for content marketing

