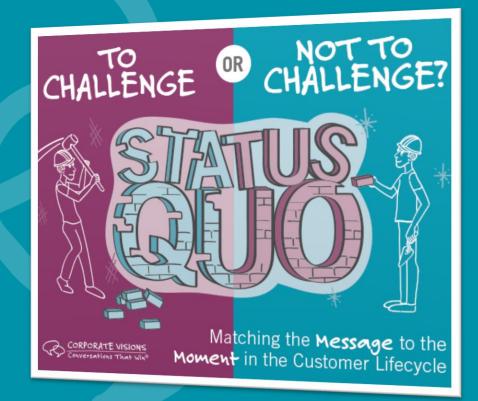


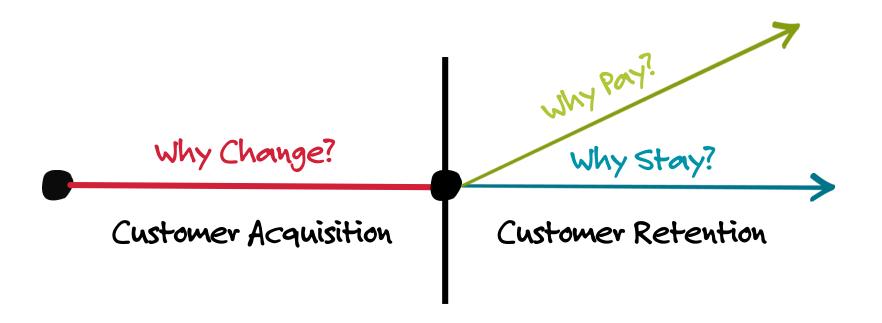
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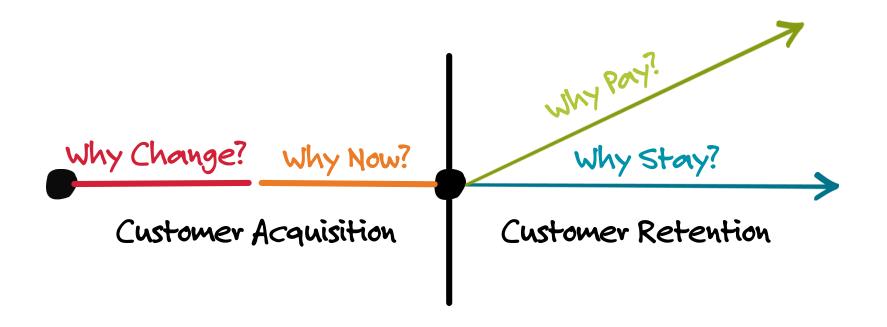
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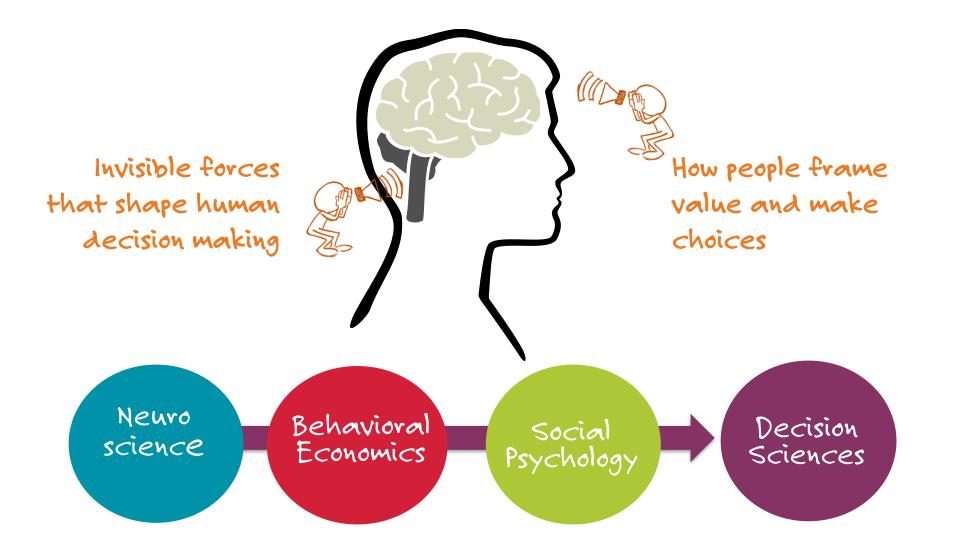


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Methodology

Frameworks and Skills

Exclusive Simulation Testing

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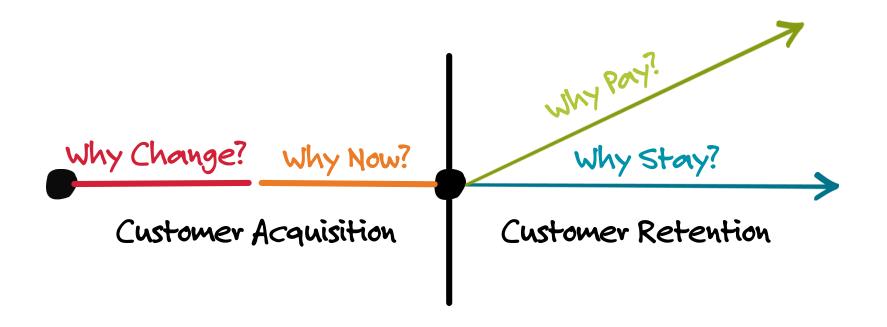


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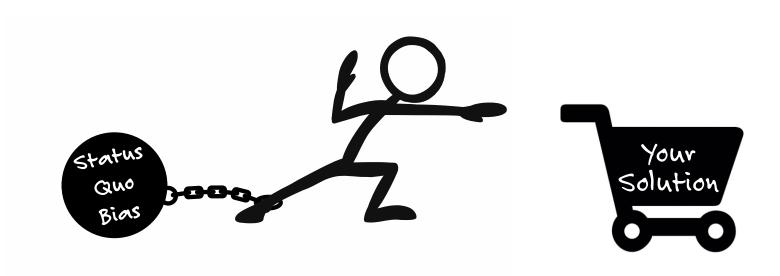
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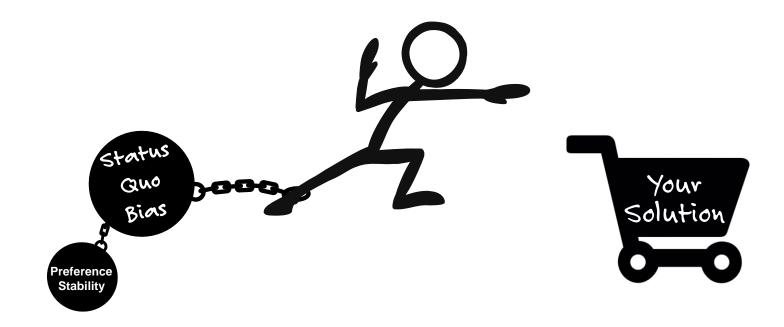
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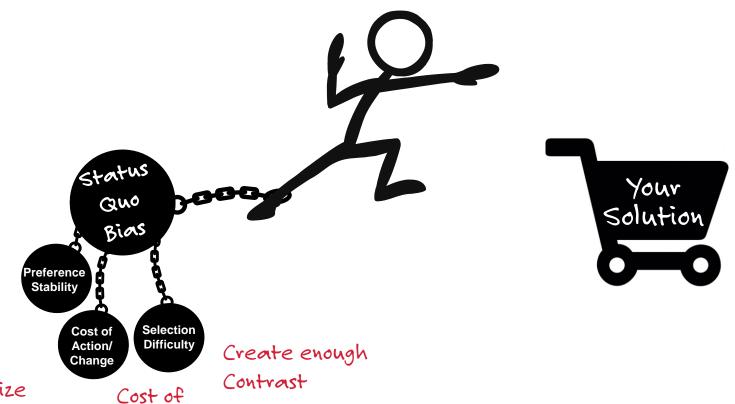


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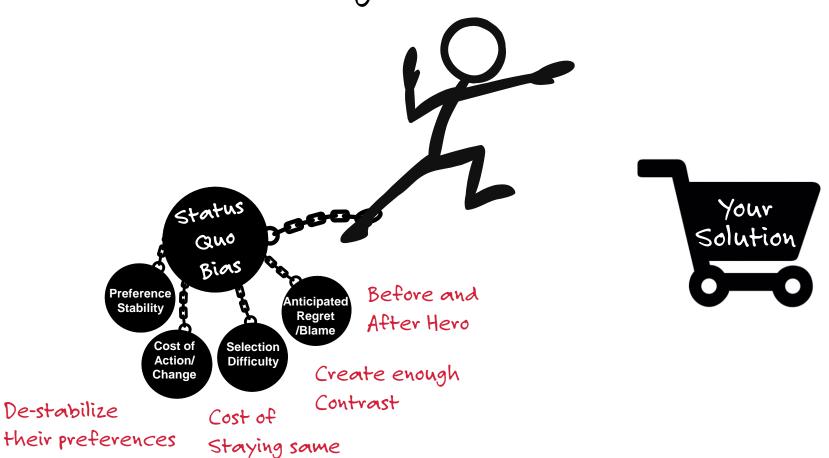
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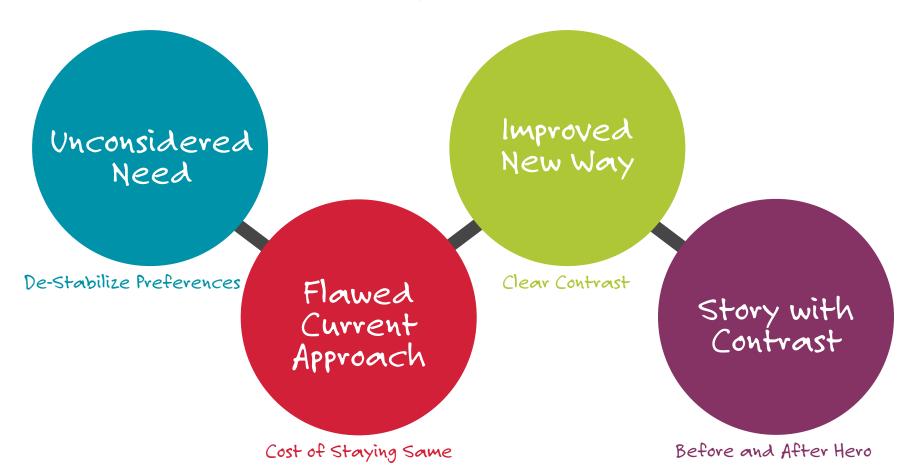


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Staying same



## Why Change Story Model





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# **Why Change Story**

Messaging Test

#### **Test Scenario**

- Small business owner facing difficult economic times with three specific business problems:
  - Sluggish sales
  - Slow customer payments
  - Increasing costs
- You need a \$10 Million line of credit to help sustain you through the projected recession
- You are going to meet with a bank and here their pitch for you business.



#### **Four Test Conditions**

Standard Problem/Solution/Credential Pitch

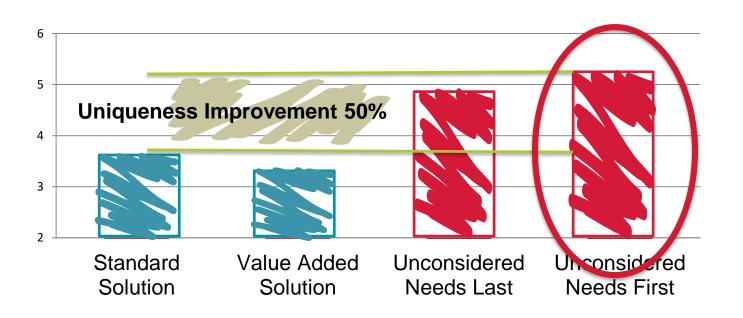
Problem/Solution w/Value Adds Pitch

Problem/Solution w/Unconsidered Needs Pitch

Why Change Model Pitch



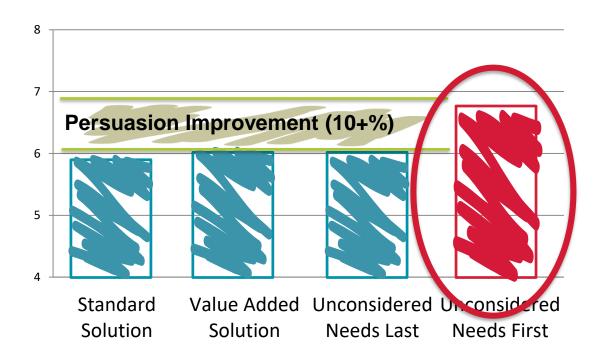
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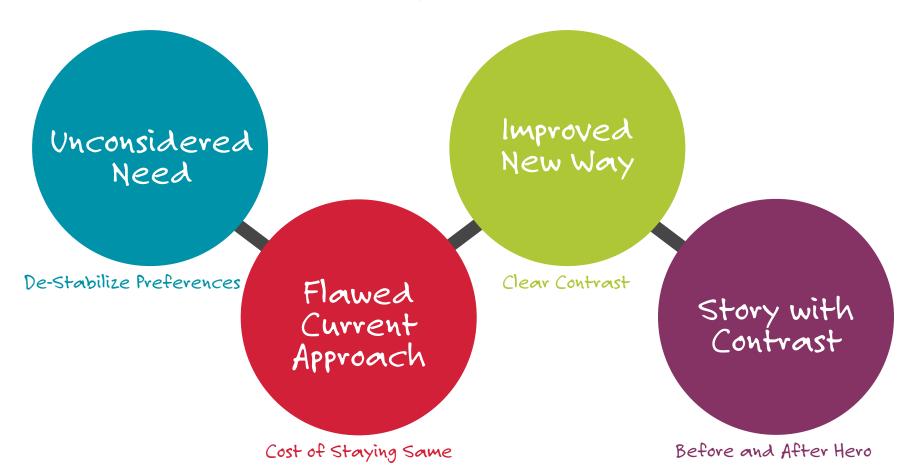
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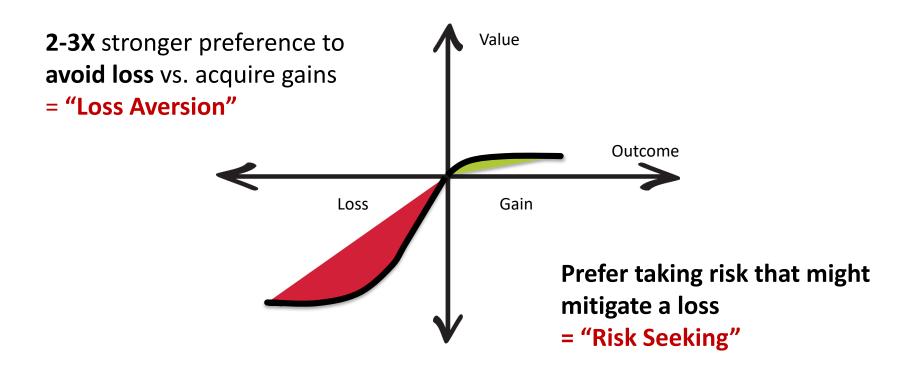
#### **Persuasiveness**



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## **Prospect Theory**



# **Why Change Story Test #2**

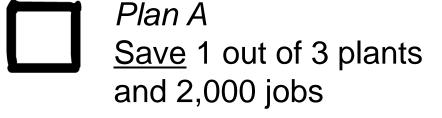
**Executive Emotions** 

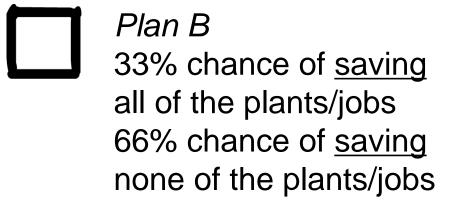
### **Test Scenario**

- You are an executive at an automotive manufacturer facing some difficult economic times.
- Your CFO has presented you with a plan for how to reduce costs involving plants and people
- There's an outside vendor with a plan that presents a risky plan with some significant upside if it works



#### Status Quo framed as a "gain"





#### Status Quo framed as a "gain"

Status Quo framed as a "loss"

74%

Plan A
Save 1 out of 3 plants
and 2,000 jobs



Plan A
2 out of 3 plants lost
along w/ 4,000 jobs

#### More than 70% increase in "persuasive power"

26%

Plan B

33% chance of <u>saving</u> all of the plants/jobs 66% chance of <u>saving</u> none of the plants/jobs

45% Plan E

32% chance of <u>losing</u> none of the plants/jobs 66% chance of <u>losing</u> all of the plants/jobs



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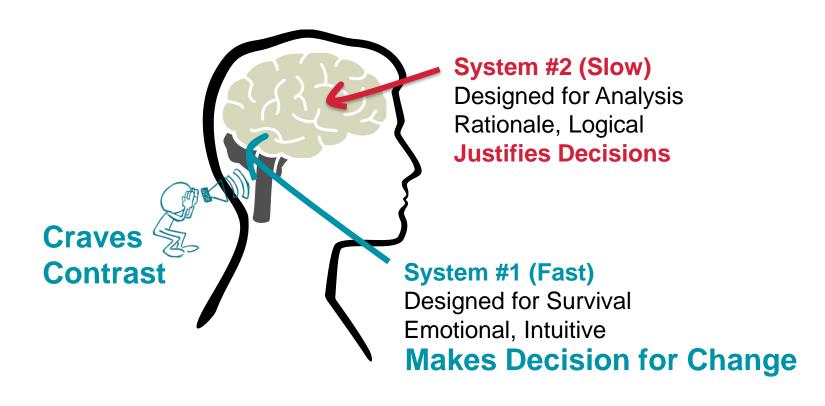


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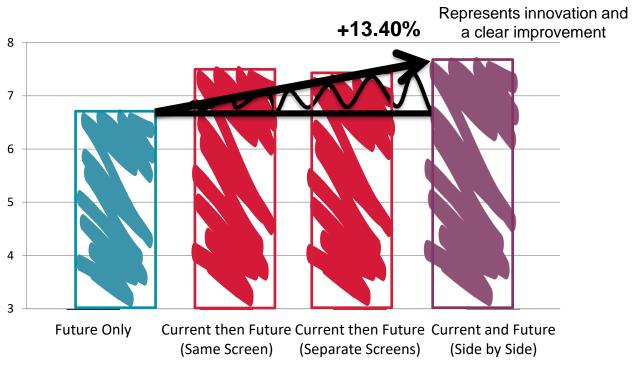


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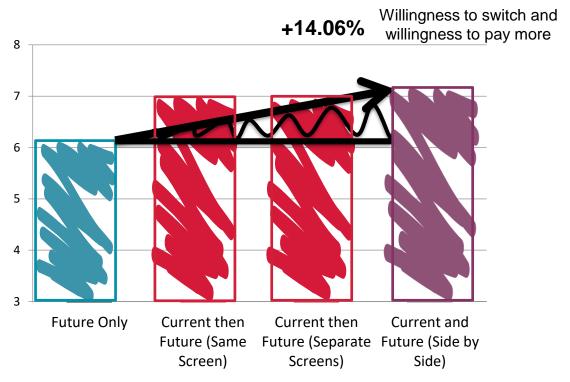


# Why Change Story Test #3 Contrast Study







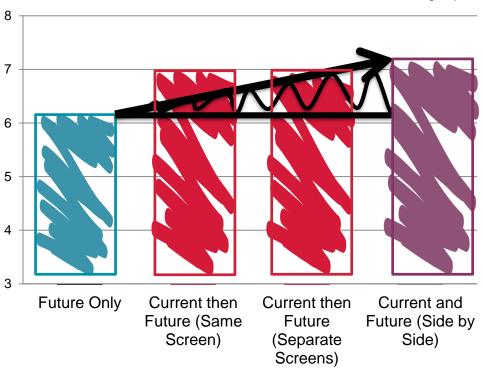




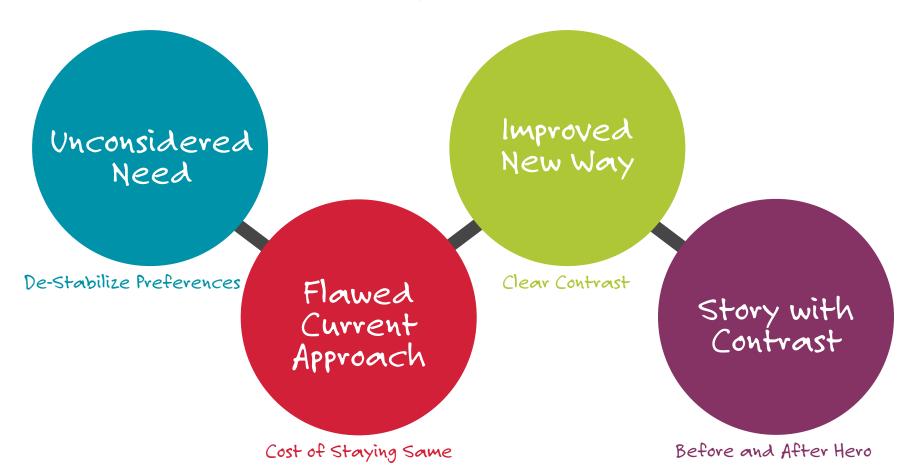
#### Purchase Intent

+14.63%

Interest and likelihood of making a purchase



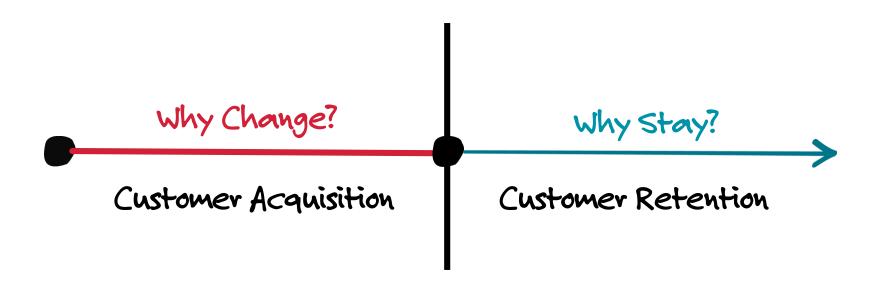
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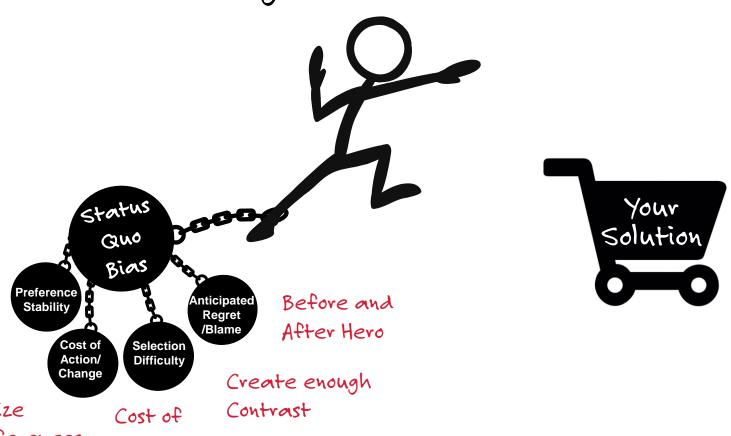
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## Defeating the Status Quo Bias



De-stabilize their preferences

Staying same

Defeating the Status Quo Bias REINFORCING status Your Solution Quo Bias Reinforce Reinforce Preference Sefore and Anticipated ( Stability Regret After Hero /Blame Cost of Selection Reinforce Action/ Difficulty Reinforce Change Cate enough Re-stabilize Contrast Sost of their preterences

Staying samo

#### Why Stay Story Model



# **Why Stay Story**

Messaging Test

# **Situation Background**

- Small business owner, hired firm to promote retirement plan After two years the contract is up for renewal
- Started at 20% participation, goal was 80%, achieved 50% Turnover down, but not sure if attributable to program
- Reminded that they did a thorough investigation originally reviewing multiple competitors for the program
- Tested messages to Provocative Why Change vs. Reinforcing Status Quo

#### **Three Test Conditions**

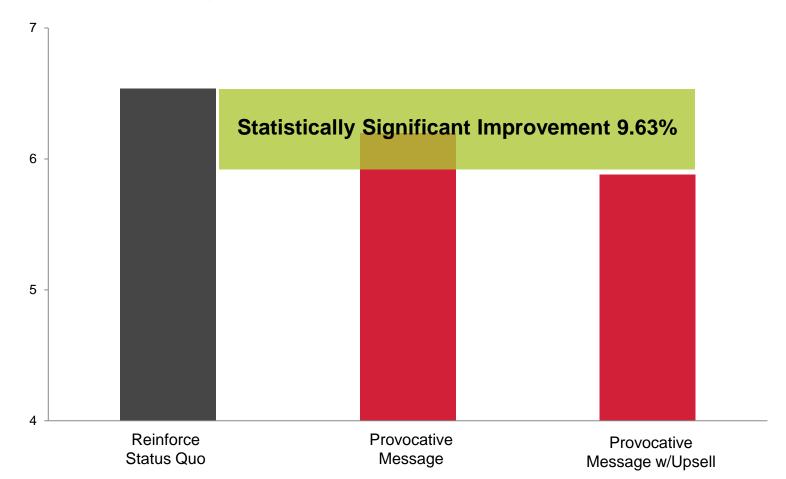
Reinforce Status Quo Why Stay Model Pitch

Provocative Why Change Model Pitch

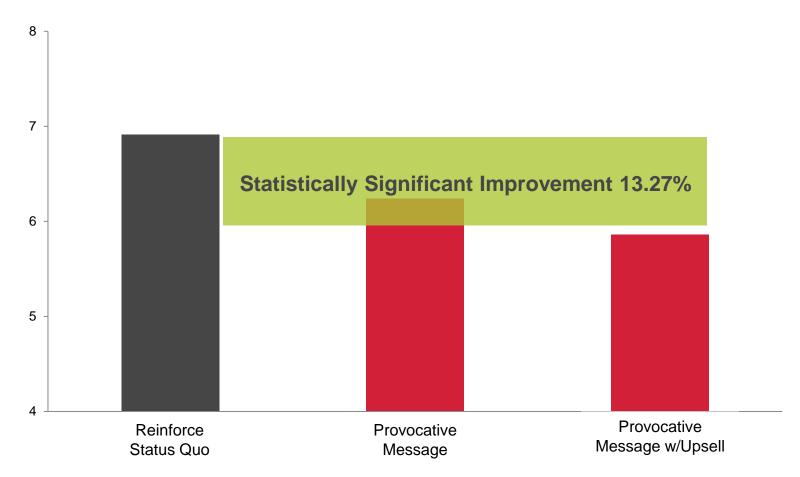
Provocative Pitch with Price Increase



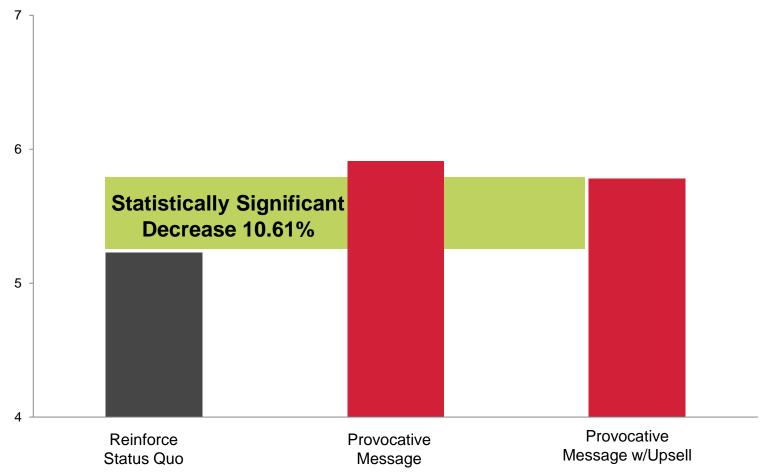
## **Attitudes**



#### **Intention to Renew**



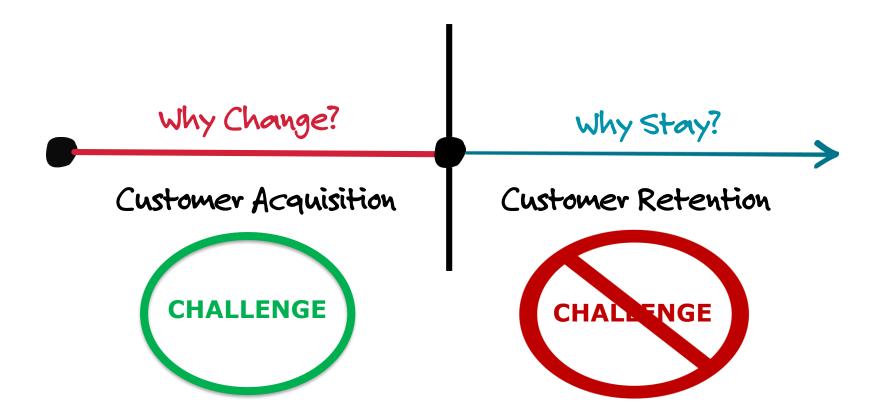
# **Switching Likelihood**



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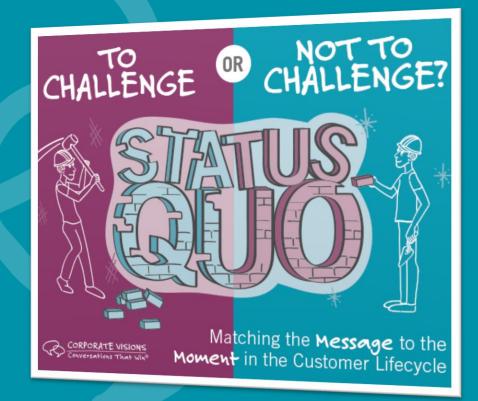




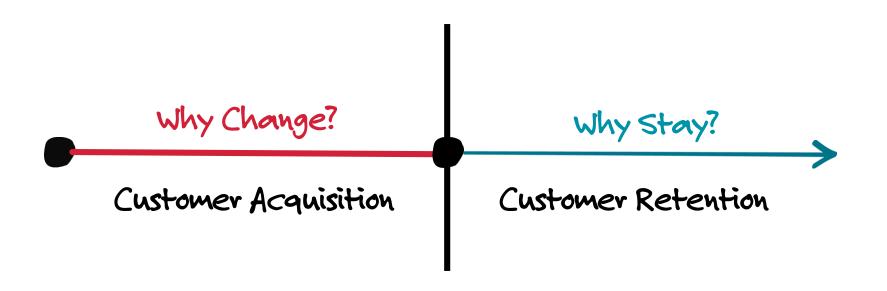
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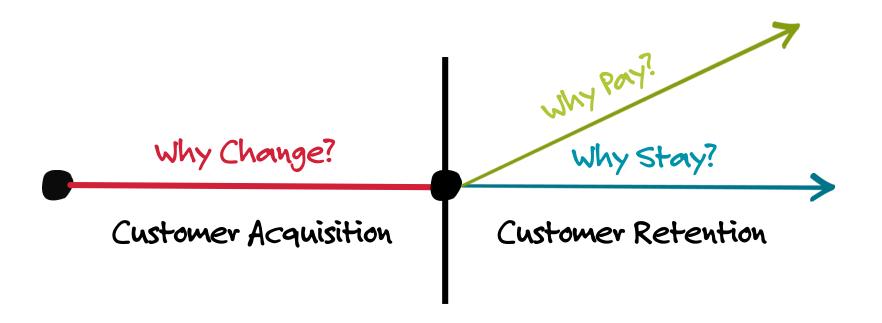
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# Why Pay

Messaging Test

## **Situation Background**

- Small business owner, hired firm to provide and promote health and wellness benefit program. Your contract is up for renewal
- Started at 20% participation, goal was 80%, achieved 50%. Turnover down, but not sure if attributable to program
- In addition to the renewal, your vendor is asking for a 4% price increase in the new two-year contract.
- Tested six different price increase messaging approaches to determine most effective.

#### **Six Test Conditions**

#### Same Opening Documents Business Results to Date

Introduce Unconsidered Need

New opt-out approach and new services

Will cost 4% more, but should see payback 1 yr

Improved Capabilities w/ Anchor

New features that increase performance

Adds 8% but we will share cost - net 4% increase Improved Capabilities No Anchor

New features that increase performance

Adds 4% to the cost of the contract

Improved Capabilities Timed Discount

New features that increase performance

Adds 8% to cost but you get 4% timing discount

External Factors No Control

Must pass along outside cost increase

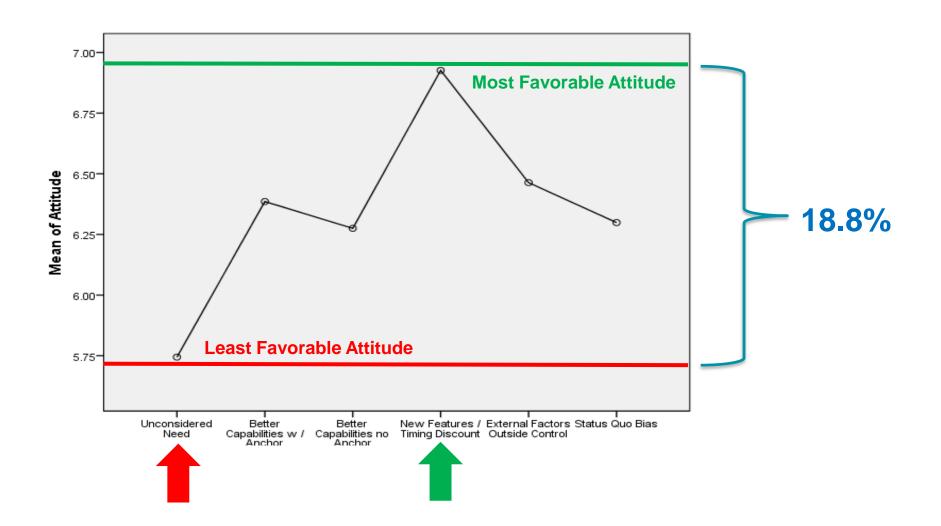
Adds 8% but will split the difference to make it 4%

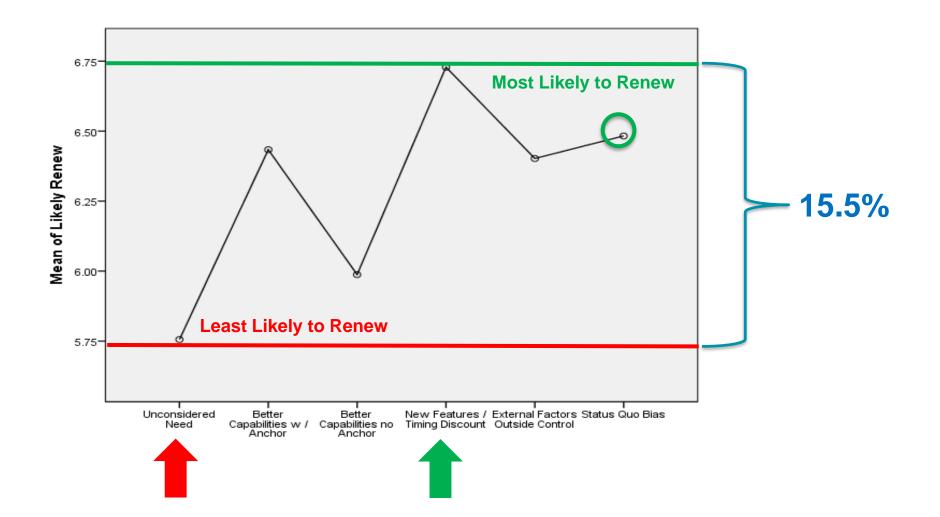
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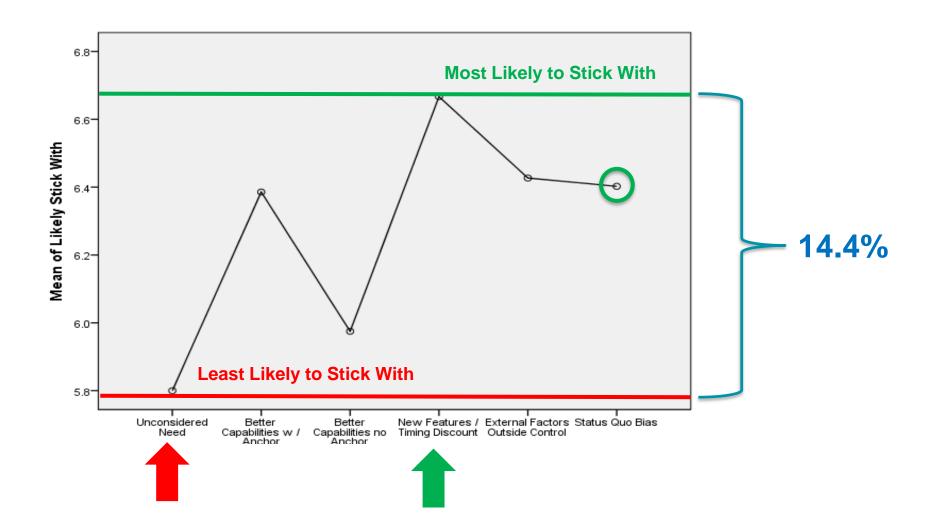
Deliberately reinforce and highlight new features

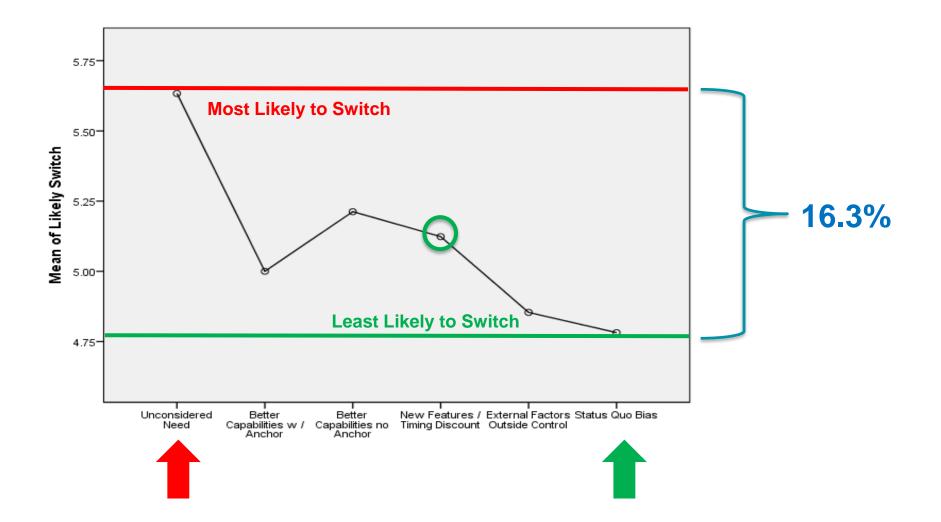
Will be adding 4% to cost of contract

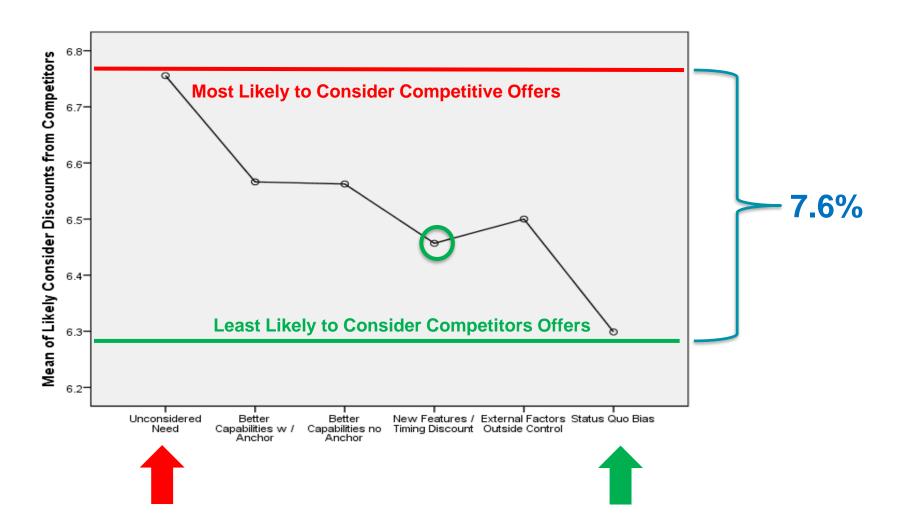
Same 4% Price Increase Rate In Every Case











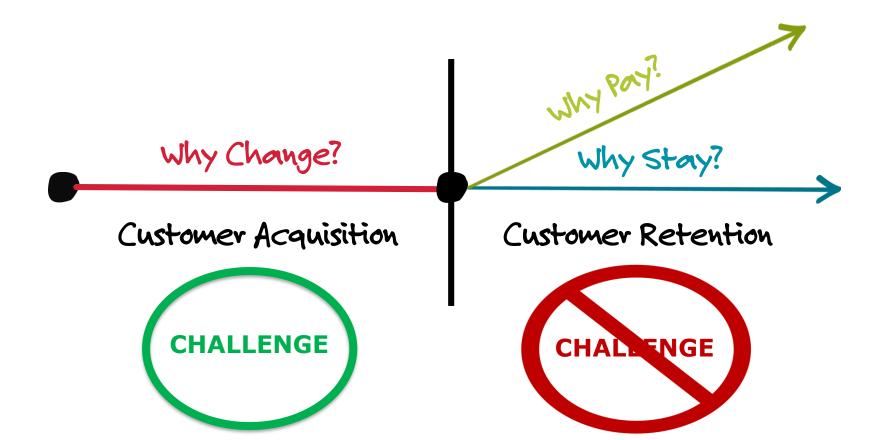
#### Put your customers at risk by challenging them

- Lowest favorable attitude
- Least likely to renew
- Least likely to stick
- Most likely to switch
- Most likely to look at competitive offers
- Lowest performer in 5 other areas:
   (least credible, lowest confidence, least innovative, least trustworthy, least compelling)
- Most unique and unexpected

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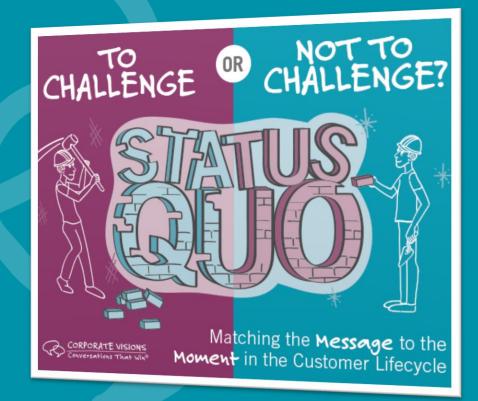




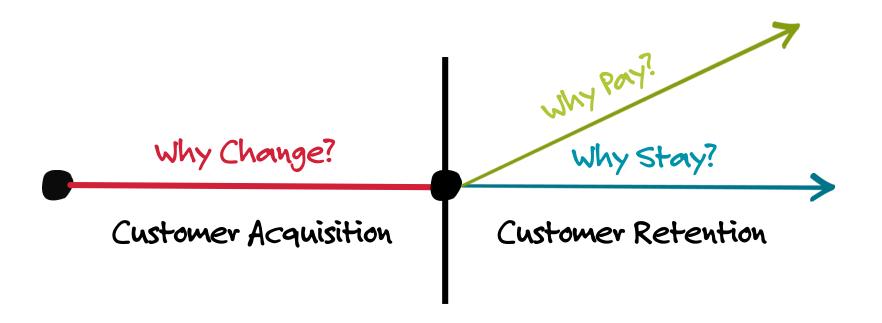
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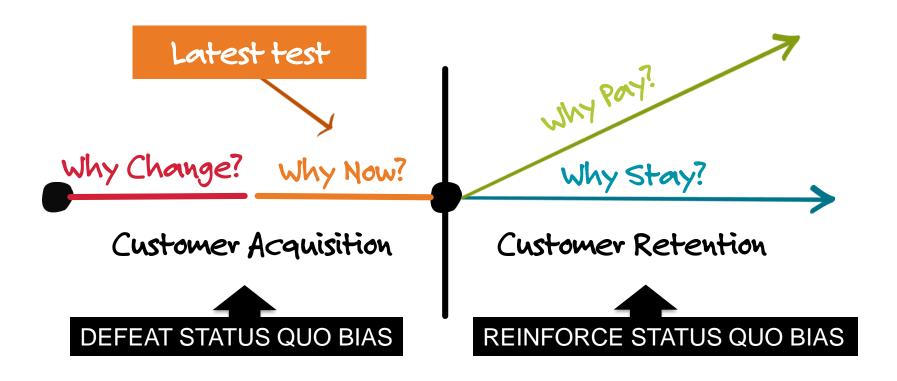
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# **Why Now**

Story Framework Test

## **Situation Background**

- You are an executive at a food processing company that cleans, sorts and packages vegetables.
- You have traditionally served large vegetable producers using large-scale equipment that can process several tons of vegetables per hour.
- However, the most promising growth market is organic and specialty food production, and unfortunately, you do not have equipment suitable for the small batch requirements of this "small-producer" market.
- You will be meeting with a company that makes smaller-scale, more flexible equipment that could help you enter this new market, and they present the following story as to why you should buy their equipment.

#### **Test Conditions**

We created six messaging elements:

- Business Issue: External factors and business initiatives
- Loss: Details about your loss to be avoided
- Gain: Details about your potential positive gain
- Unconsidered Needs: Introduces unsuspected threats
- Heavy ROI: Hard #s with detailed ROI breakdown
- Change Story: Business change story with light ROI

#### **Test Conditions**

We created six different frameworks with different messaging configurations:

- 1. Business Issue + Loss + Heavy ROI
- 2. Business Issue + Gain + Heavy ROI
- 3. Business Issue + Unconsidered Needs + Heavy ROI
- 4. Business Issue + Loss + Change Story
- 5. Business Issue + Gain + Change Story
- 6. Business Issue + Unconsidered Needs + Change Story











#### WHY NOW STORY MODEL

Business Issue

Identify a key industry trend and align it with a company's acknowledged strategic initiative

Unconsidered Needs

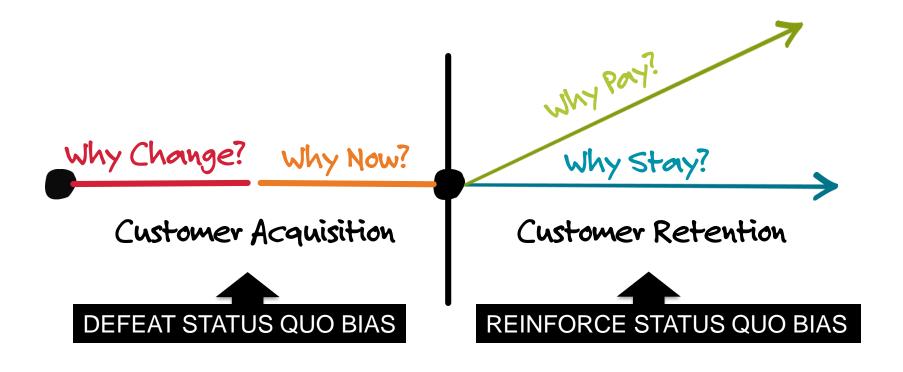
Show the Unexpected Flaws Or Limitations with their Current Approach That will Keep them from Responding Effectively

Solution Response

Present How You Can Resolve the Unconsidered Needs and Enable them to Realize their Goal Business Impact

Share a Preliminary
Calculation of
Quantified Impact Your
Solution will Provide

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