

Leveraging Consumer Narratives to Build a Targeted Portfolio Strategy

Background

Carbonated Soft Drinks are a \$40 million category

Zero Sugar CSDs are growing 2x as fast as category



Key Takeaways

01

How Pepsi was able to shift from a single brand approach to a portfolio approach

02

Using artificial intelligence to facilitate qualitative-at-scale to identify unique positioning

03

Understanding unique emotional benefits for Zeros vs. Regular and PepsiCo vs. competition

CHALLENGE

In carbonated soft drinks, Zero sugar trends continue to accelerate, and PepsiCo wanted to understand how to build a winning program in this highly competitive space.



Why Quester



- ✓ Hybrid System 1-2 Interviews to identify Brand Mind Models
- Category level approach that included Pepsi and three competitors
- Distinctive Attributes

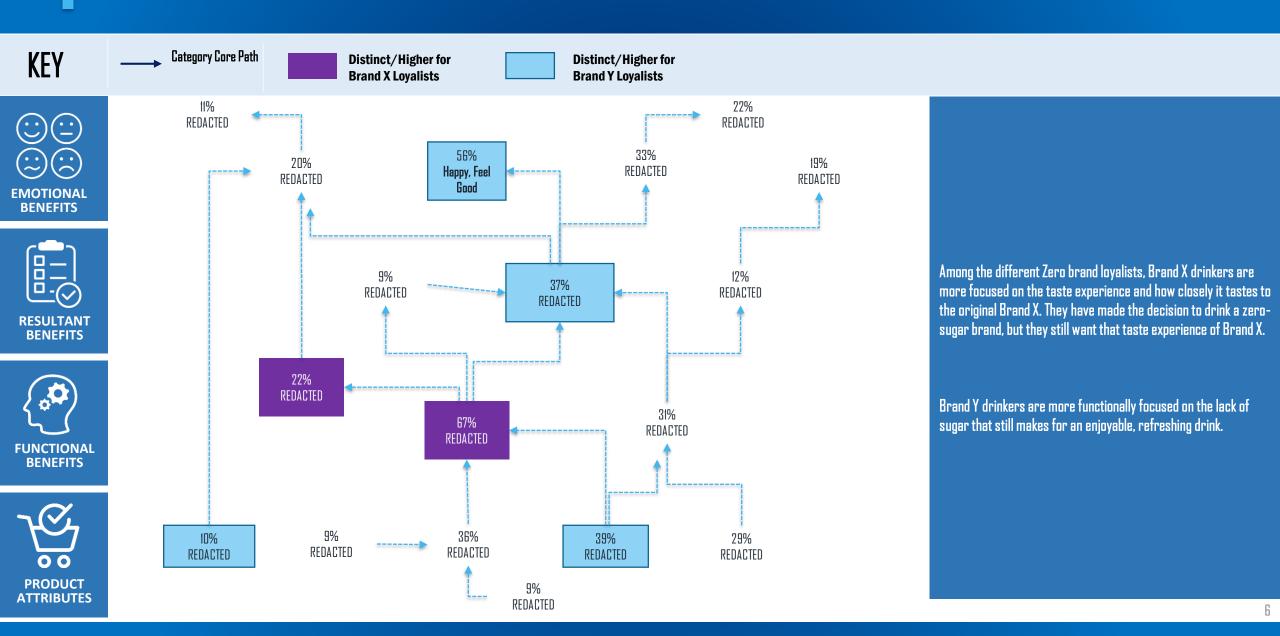
Benefit Laddering **System 1** – emotions

System 2 – consumer narratives

Linguistic Mind Modeling

ZERO BRAND LOYALIST LADDER





LOYALIST DISTINCT SPACES



Distinctive Brand Attributes & Benefits









Emotional Benefits









REDACTED

REDACTED

Happy, Feel Good

Resultant Benefits



REDACTED



REDACTED





REDACTED

Functional Benefits









REDACTED

Product Attributes













MAIN BENEFIT PATH - IN THEIR OWN WORDS



EMOTIONAL



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It makes me feel happy, refreshed, fulfills my sweet cravings and I love drinking it. It's like a joy, unspeakable when I drink it. I drink it at work, home, and/or on the road. Nothing makes me happier than having a Pepsi Zero to drink

RESULTANT



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It makes me feel more awake and alive especially on hot days where I'm just hot and exhausted. It's very refreshing. It makes me have a boost of energy, more up and alive.

FUNCTIONAL



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It is a huge benefit because I really like the taste of Pepsi and the taste doesn't get ruined. It makes a big difference because I would not drink it if the taste was a lot different.

PRODUCT



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That it has less sugar, which means that you can still enjoy your drink without having to worry about having too much sugar.



PORTFOLIO ZERO PROGRAM





360 PROGRAM DELIVERING IMPACT





IN STORE....







...AND ON SOCIAL











colleenwolfe Zero reasons to avoid the scenic route Drink it in baby #pepsizero #zerosogood #ad #morelikeADventure



itsnatewyatt Showed up to the office today

#StarryZeroSugar #ZeroSoGood #Ad



buttery_films Nothing gives me a boost like Mountain Dew Zero! #ZeroSoGood #mountaindewzerosugar #mountaindewpartner #ad

Business Impact

- 1
- Use the power of the PepsiCo CSD portfolio to win across our two powerhouse brands (Pepsi and Mt Dew) + an exciting new innovation (Starry)

- 2
- Used this as basis to build a program that combined our zero sugar CSD into a big bet program of "Buy Zeros to Win Zero\$"

- 3
- 360 media to shelf program across large and small format that has so far led to 36% \$ growth YOY and 22% increase in distribution



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