Why we are comfortable with store-brand paper towels but not laundry detergent

A deeper dive into consumer attitudes and intentions toward private-label shopping

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Let's talk about...

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Quality is the key

Quality of an item is a consistent driver behind private label purchase decisions. It is also the main barrier preventing switching from national brands. Consumers still prefer national brands, but they intend to move toward private label. Experiencing economic hardship accelerates the trend.

In some product categories – pet food, baby food, oral care – where **quality is harder to assess,** national brands are in a stronger position.

The importance of quality

Barriers preventing shoppers from purchasing private label Important factors in a private label purchase Differences between store and national brand decisions

The top barriers to purchasing private label revolves around perceived lower quality.

Top concerns about purchasing private label *Respondent answers; IdeaCloud*TM

Question: What are some concerns you may have that would prevent you from purchasing a store brand product?



Common Themes (with % Theme Support)*



Consumers look for value and quality when shopping for store brand products.



Q: Which of the following qualities are important to you when purchasing a store brand product? Select all that apply.

Pet product shoppers in particular look for confidence in product quality



Difference in ranked importance of an attribute; p < 0.10 (Significant difference in averages at a 90% confidence level)

Q:Please rank the following qualities in order of how important they are to you when purchasing a store brand/national brand product, with 1 being the most important quality to you.

Important for national brands Important for

Quality is important to higher income consumers. Cost to lower-income buyers.

QuantQual™: Top Concerns About Private Label by Consumer's Household Income



Respondent's Household Income

Increased openness to private-label

What product categories are shoppers more open to private label products?

Who tends to prefer private label products?

Are shoppers expecting purchasing more private label products in the future?

Consumers strongly prefer purchasing national brand pet food, baby food, and oral care products



Scale: 1 = "Only purchase national brand", 5 = "Only purchase store brand"

Consumers still prefer purchasing from national brands, but plan to increase their private label spending in the future.

In the future, national brands are still expected to be preferred, but store brands are likely to gain market share



Scale: 1 = "Only purchase national brand", 5 = "Only purchase store brand"

Store brands require a price discount, but its magnitude varies by product category



*Price Premium: Price increase (or decrease) vs benchmark (expressed in %) that would make the consumer indifferent between the two products

Experiencing economic hardship is the strongest driver to switch from national to store brands.



About GroupSolver

How our technology works

Our survey innovation helps you answer those burning why, what, and how questions in detail, unbiased, and in your audiences' own words.



Ideation

When respondents answer openended questions, our machine learning condenses their unaided answers and filters out noise such as gibberish, profanity, and low value answers.



Evaluation

Respondents then interact with each other's answers and provide support for answers with which they agree. This allows us to quantify the qualitative data.



Synthesis

Using the evaluation data, the openended answers are assigned statistical support and are visualized through insightful reports.

Introducing: *⊘* QuantQual [™]

Discover the feedback that matters most

With QuantQual[™], see the relationship between customers' answers to a quantitative question and answers to a qualitative one, making it simple to identify insights that *truly* move the needle.





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