



# Four Truths about US Hispanic Consumers

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# Methodology

Google commissioned Ipsos OTX MediaCT, an independent market research company, to conduct research to gain insight into the behavior of US Hispanics when using the internet, specifically among the three different segments of Spanish Dominant, English Dominant and Bilingual US Hispanics.

To address these objectives, OTX conducted Attitude & Usage survey among these groups.

All qualified respondents were US residents age 18+, internet users and have purchased at least one of the following in the next 6 months:

- Auto
- Retail
- Tech
- CPG

Each respondent was assigned into one of the product categories they qualified for and answered a subset of questions specific to their category purchase.

Interviews were conducted in October, 2010 yielding a total sample of 4,117 respondents.

On average, the survey took approximately 20 minutes to complete.

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Truth #1:  
**Hispanics are  
High Speed**





# No More Digital Divide...

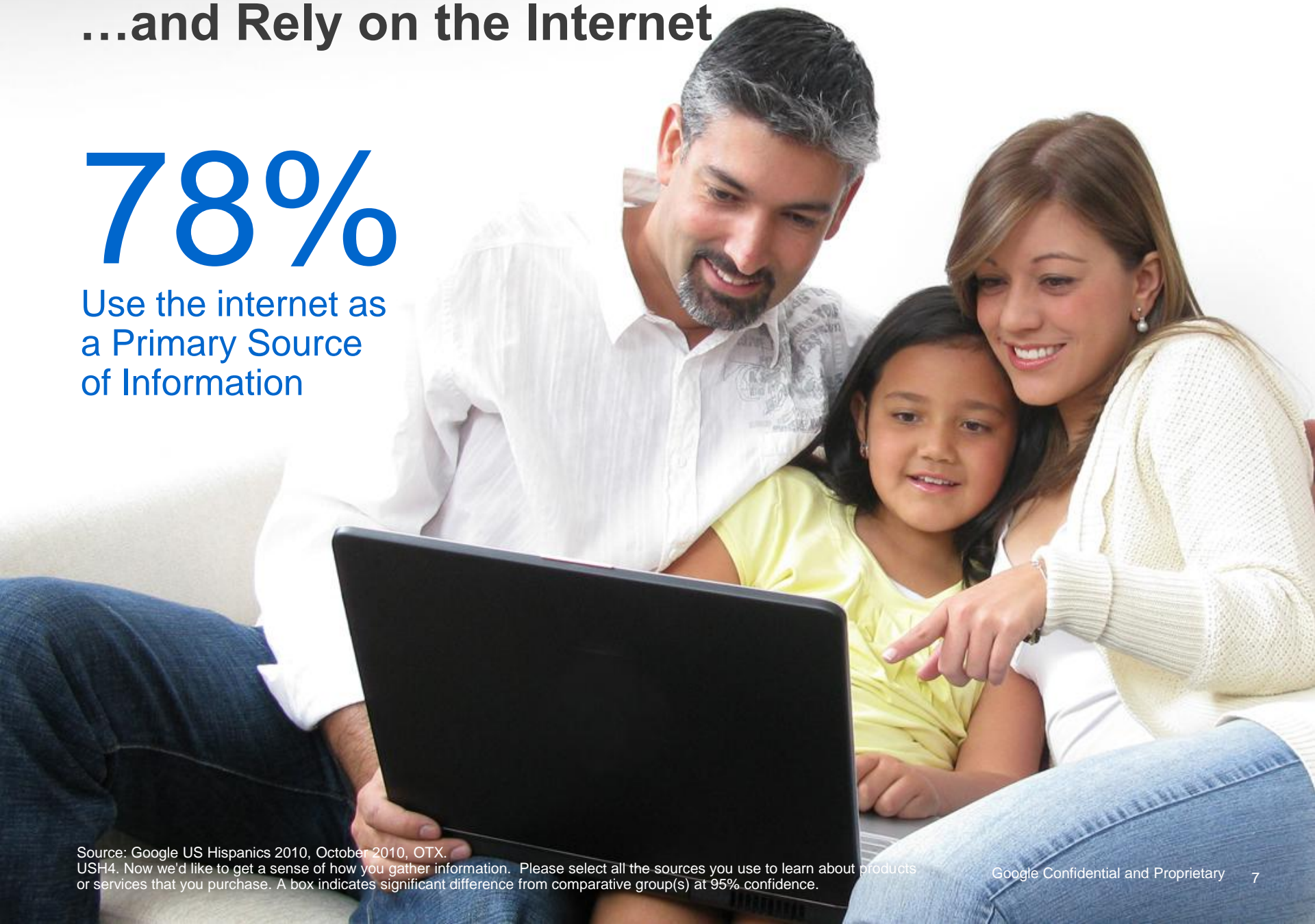


**86%**  
of Hispanics online  
have broadband

# ...and Rely on the Internet

# 78%

Use the internet as  
a Primary Source  
of Information

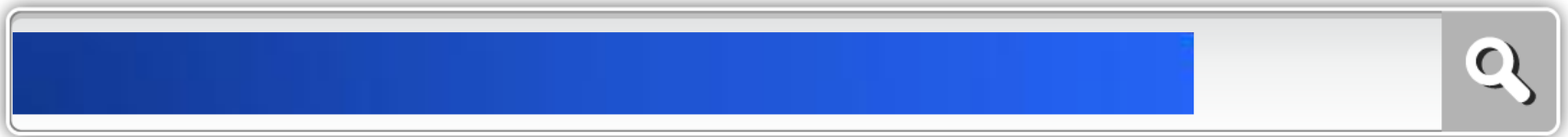


Source: Google US Hispanics 2010, October 2010, OTX, USH4. Now we'd like to get a sense of how you gather information. Please select all the sources you use to learn about products or services that you purchase. A box indicates significant difference from comparative group(s) at 95% confidence.

# Search and Video Drive Media Usage

84%

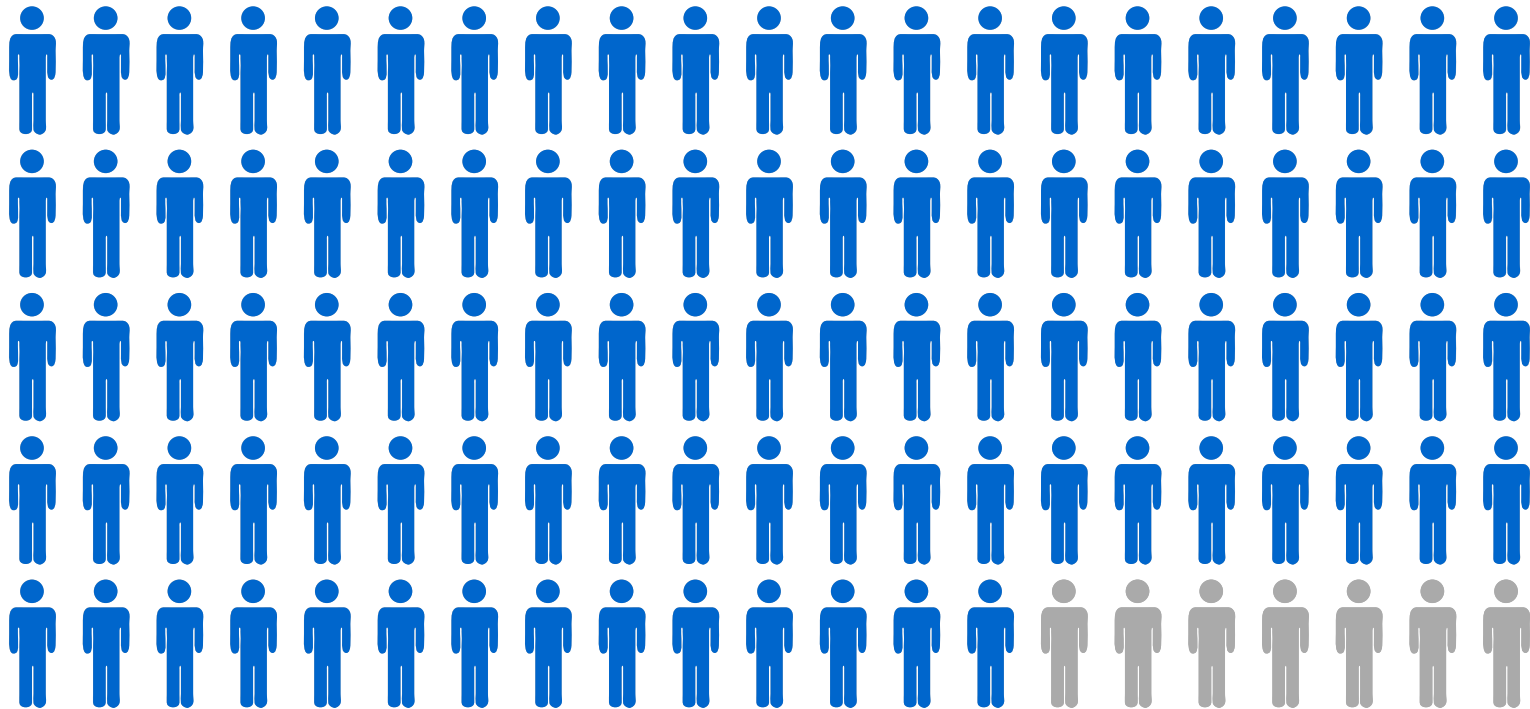
of US Hispanics typically use  
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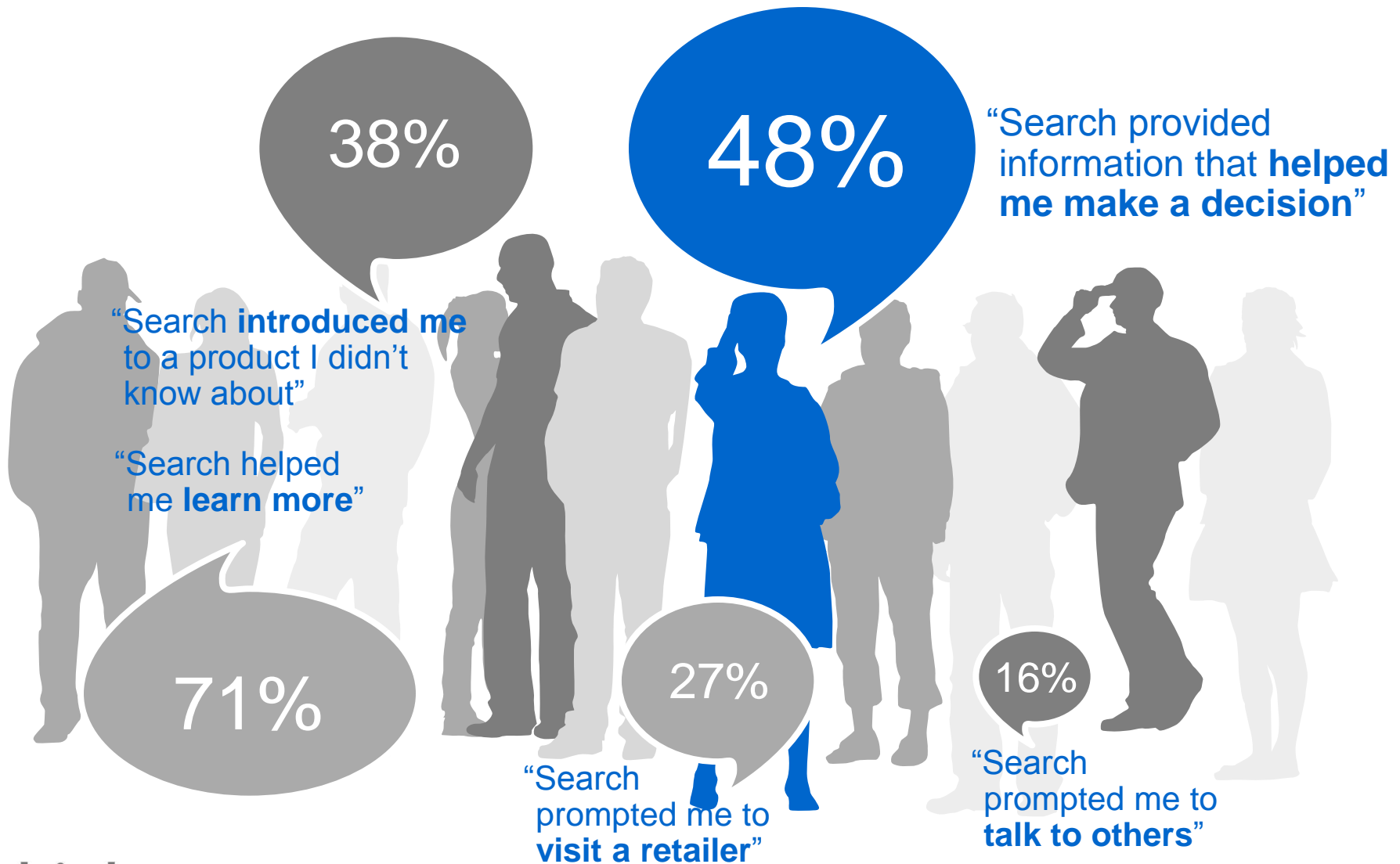


# US Hispanics Are Google Users

93% of US Hispanics use Google as their primary search engine



# Search Prompts Action



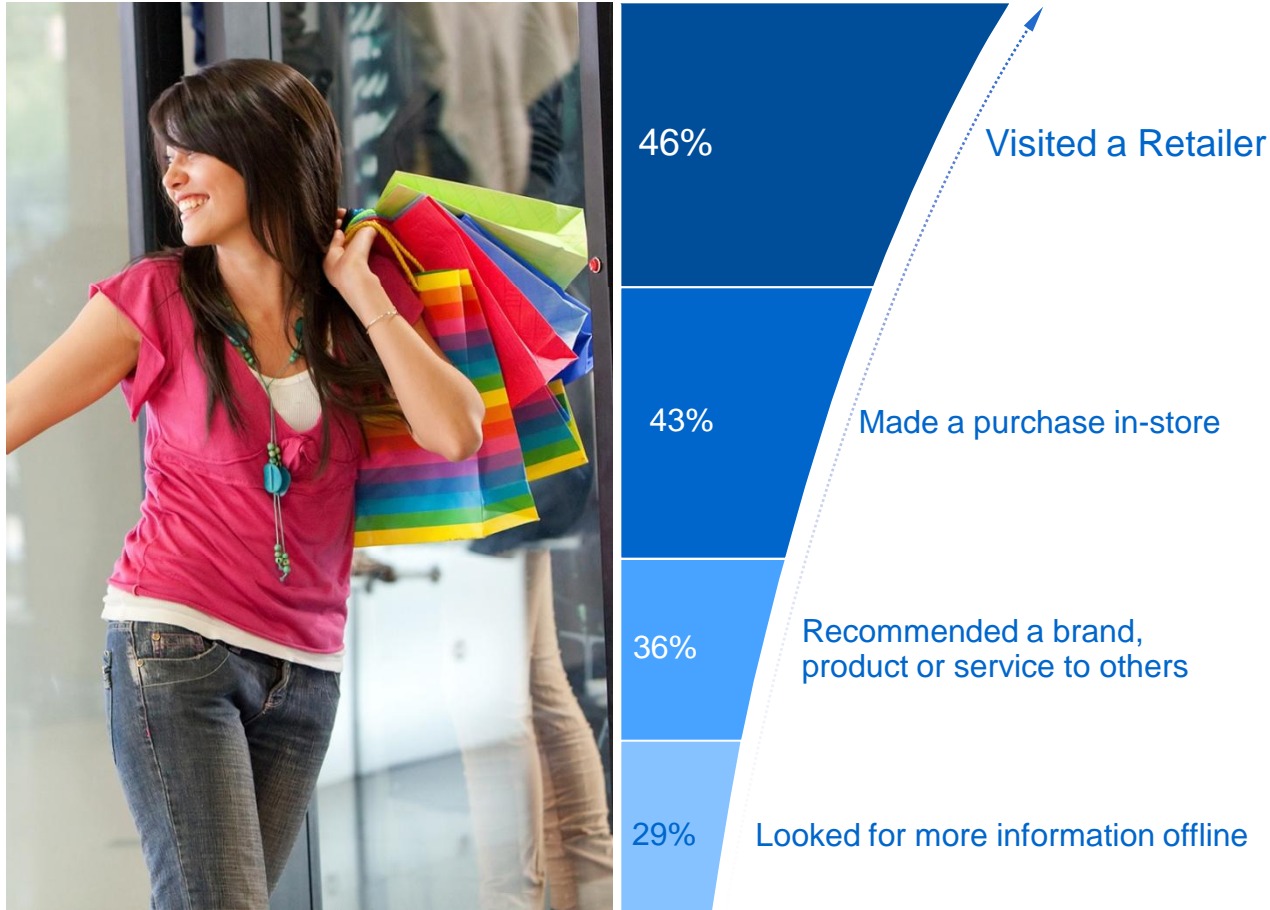
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## Offline Actions



# TV Is an Effective Trigger to Search



78%

of Hispanics have used a search engine to find more information on something seen on TV

think

Source: Google US Hispanics 2010, October 2010, OTX

Base: Search Engine Users

S5. Have you ever used a search engine to find more information on something that you ...

A box (letter) indicates significant difference from comparative group(s) at 95% confidence.



Truth #2:  
**Hispanics are Social  
Media Shoppers**



# Hispanics Visit Video Sites more Often

**64%** of Hispanics visit video sharing sites



vs. **50%** of the general population

think  
with Google

Source: Google US Hispanics 2010, October 2010, OTX  
Base: Visit online video sites V1. Earlier you mentioned that you visit online video sites to gather information.  
Which of the following online video sites do you visit?  
A box (letter) indicates significant difference from comparative group(s) at 95% confidence.

# Hispanics Watch a Variety of Videos Online & Engage with Longer Form Content

US Hispanics watch a significant amount of professionally produced videos



67%

movie clips & trailers

44%

technology related videos

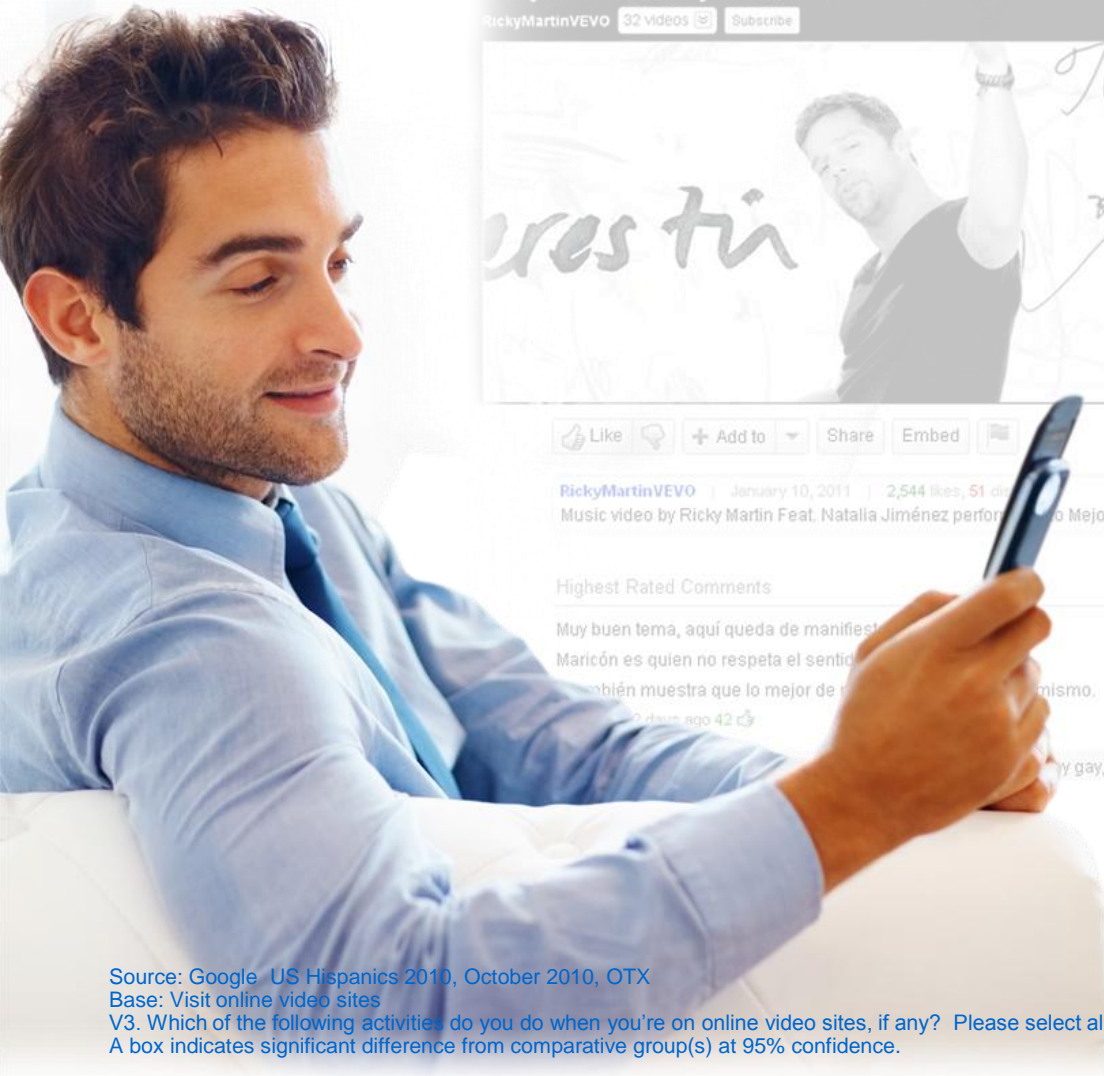
Over 30%

product reviews; beauty and fashion videos; health related videos

Source: Google US Hispanics 2010, October 2010, OTX  
Base: Visit online video sites V2. In general, which of the following types of videos do you typically watch on the Internet? Please select all that apply.  
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# Video Is a Social Activity



**57%** of Hispanics share videos

Hispanics **read comments on videos** as often as the general population but **are more likely to leave comments**

Source: Google US Hispanics 2010, October 2010, OTX  
Base: Visit online video sites

V3. Which of the following activities do you do when you're on online video sites, if any? Please select all that apply.  
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# YouTube Consumption



# 94%

of US Hispanics who watch online video visit YouTube

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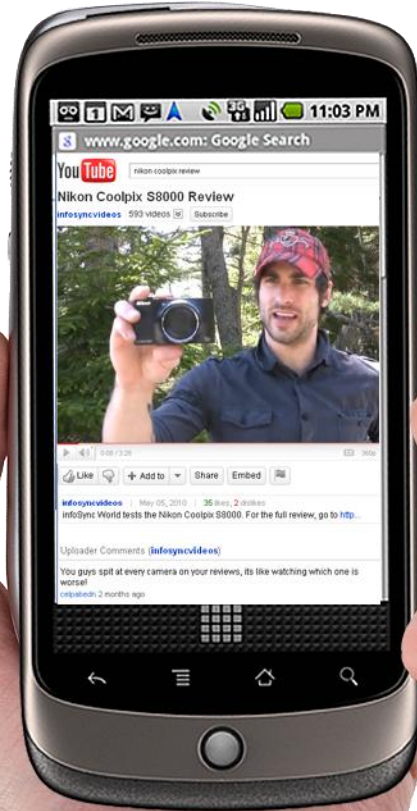


# Video Provides a Wealth of Relevant Product Information

When Hispanics view videos while shopping,

**66%**

consider product reviews and ratings.



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Source: Google US Hispanics 2010, October 2010, Q1  
Base: Visit online video sites (& have taken action as a result)  
V5. Which types of online videos have you viewed while shopping or making purchasing decisions? Please select all that apply.  
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# Video Drives Purchases Online and Offline

# 41%

of Hispanics watching video leads to a purchase online...

# 33%

made a purchase in-store



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Base: Visit online video sites (& have taken action as a result)  
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Truth #3:  
**Hispanics Maximize  
Mobile Media**





# Hispanics Maximize Mobile Media

93% of US Hispanics use a mobile phone regularly



Source: Google US Hispanics 2010, October 2010, OTX  
Base: Total M1. Which of the following types of mobile phones, if any, do you use regularly?

# Most Hispanics Have 'Contract Plans'

**87%** of  
U.S. Hispanics who  
use mobile phones  
have 'contract plans'  
with only **8%** opting  
for pre-paid  
alternatives



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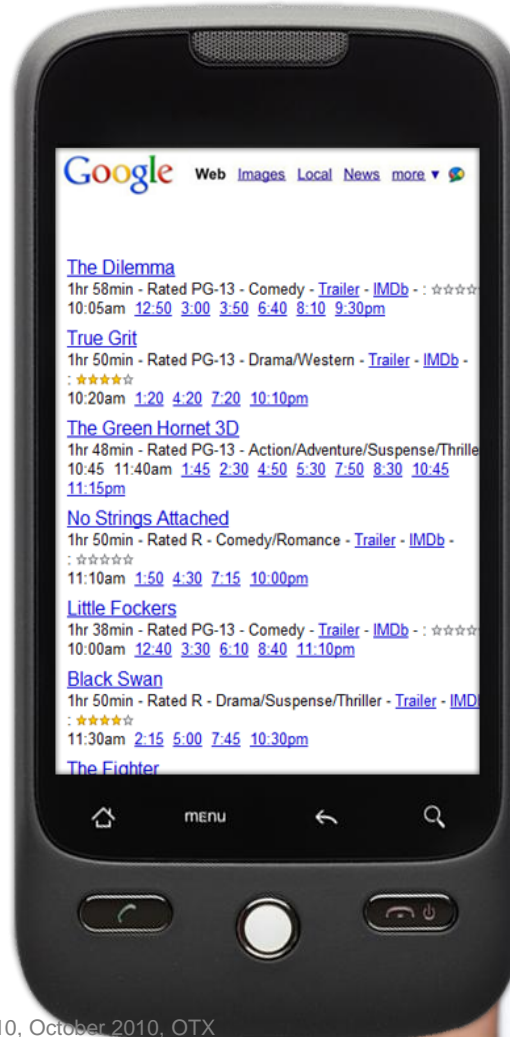
Hispanics are  
**significantly  
more likely**  
to have a smartphone  
than the general  
population. 45% of  
USH vs. 34% of Gen  
Pop



# Search Dominates Smartphone Usage

# 70%

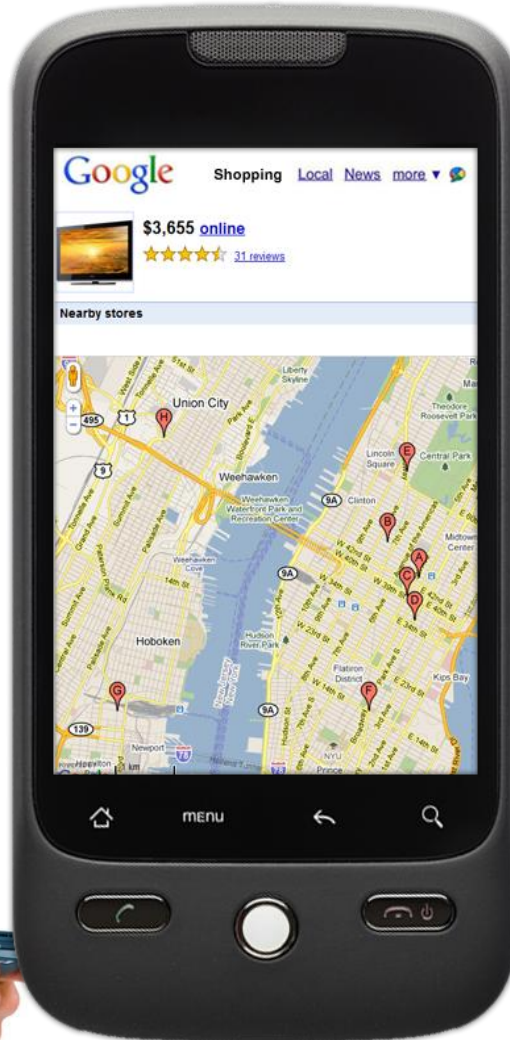
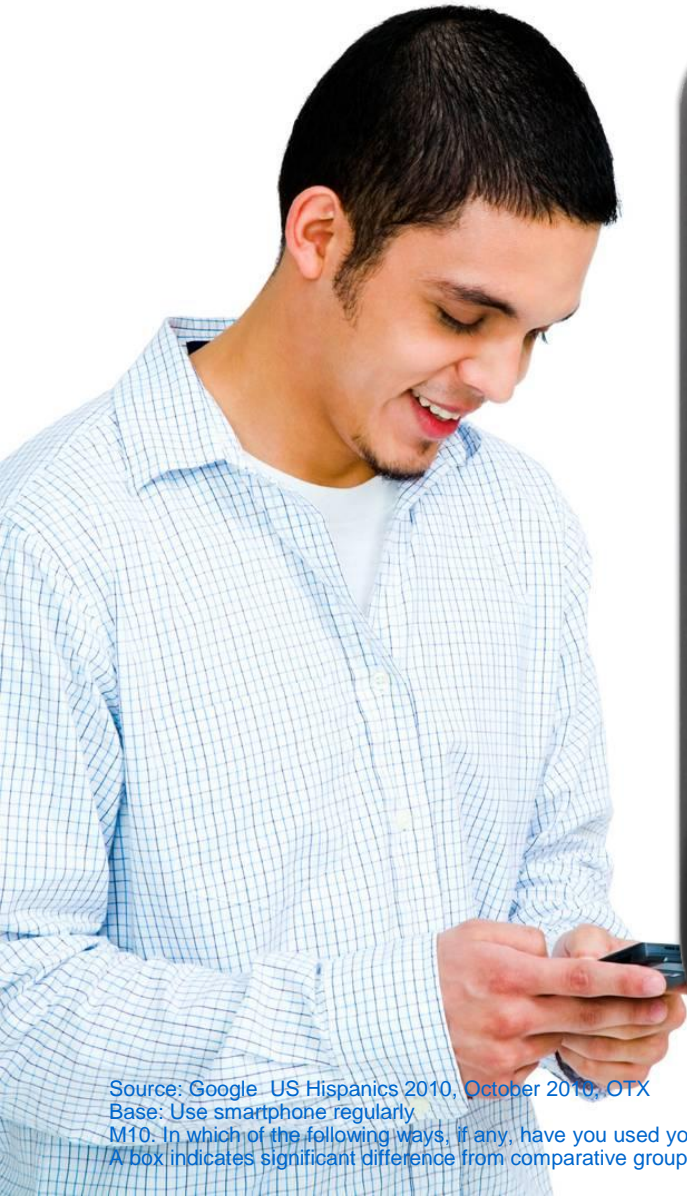
of Hispanics use their smartphones to search making search engines the most popular websites visited by Hispanics on smartphones.



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Source: Google US Hispanics 2010, October 2010, OTX  
Base: Use smartphone regularly  
M4. How often do you use your smartphone to access the Internet?  
A letter indicates significant difference from comparative group(s) at 95% confidence.

# Mobile is Already an Important Component of the Purchase Funnel



## Over 40%

of Hispanics are comparing prices and locating retailers via their smartphones.

Source: Google US Hispanics 2010, October 2010, OTX

Base: Use smartphone regularly

M10: In which of the following ways, if any, have you used your smartphone to do your shopping in the past?

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Truth #4:  
**Online is Hispanics' GPS to the Store**





# They Use Search to Shop

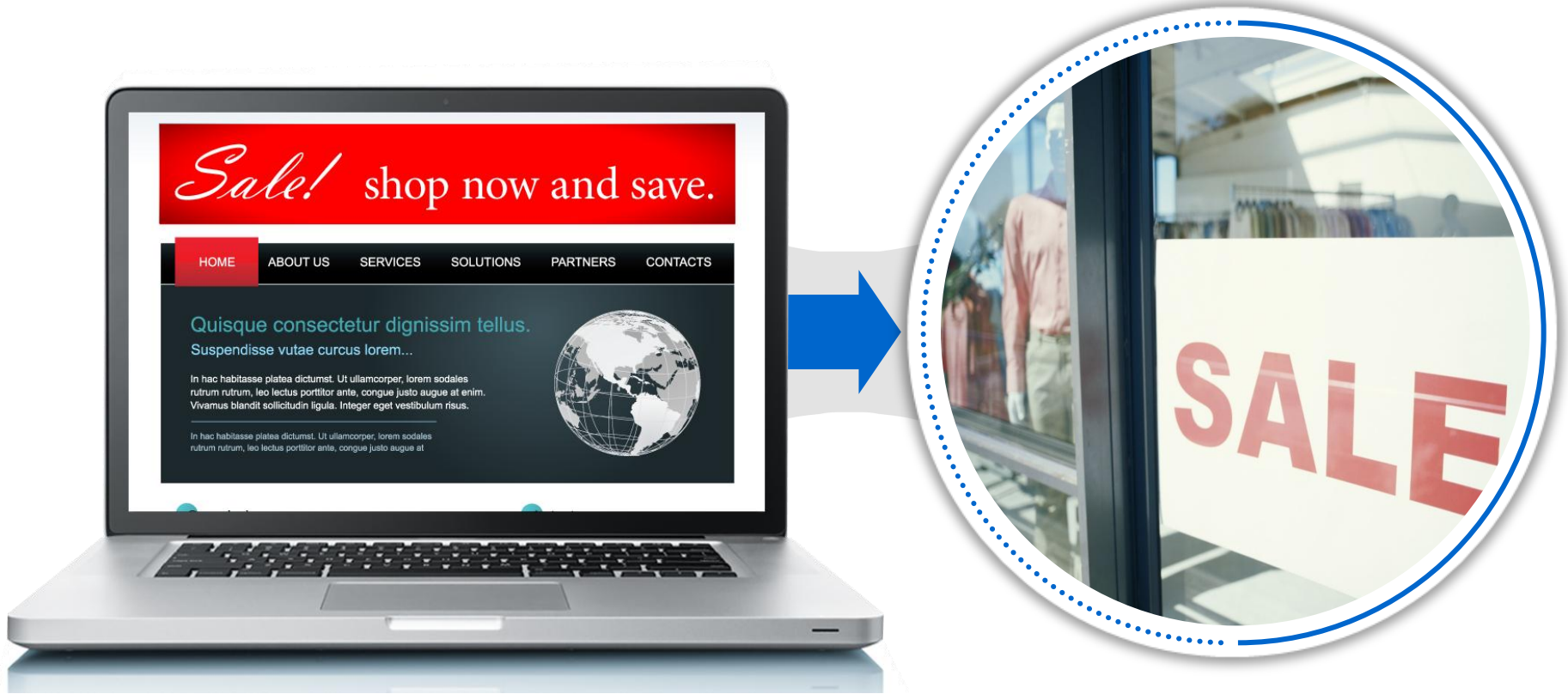
# 53%

of Hispanics use  
Search Engines  
to shop for and  
gather info  
on products.

Source: Google US Hispanics 2010, October 2010, OTX  
Base: Use internet to gather retail-specific info  
C2. Please select all of the online sources you used to shop for and gather  
information on <product>. A box indicates significant difference from  
comparative group(s) at 95% confidence.

# Action Taken as a Result of Online Ads

61% of Hispanics made a purchase in-store as a result of seeing online advertisements while researching products...



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...22% more than the general population

Source: Google US Hispanics 2010, October 2010, OTX

Base: Recall seeing/hearing any ads

C7. And, which of the following actions, if any, have you taken as a result of seeing or hearing any advertisements while gathering information for <product>?

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