Media monitoring: advertising for e-cigarettes and heated tobacco products in social media in Germany

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Background

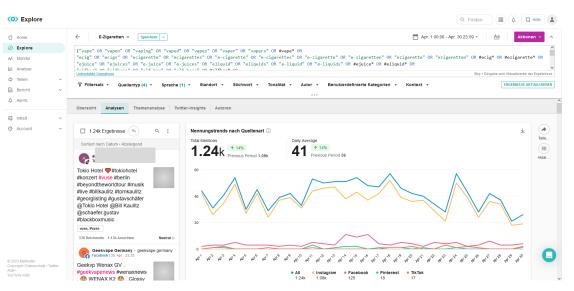
- Advertising for tobacco and e-cigarettes is banned on TV, radio, print, internet in EU
- In social media, it is often difficult to distinguish between paid advertising and user content
- Some social media platforms have voluntary selfregulation for products that are harmful to health
- These regulations are sometimes in-adequately implemented
- No data on the extent, forms and content of advertising for e-cigarettes and heated tobacco products in German social media is currently available





Methods

- Analytic tool: Meltwater
- Social media platforms: Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest, Tiktok
- Search: keywords and hashtags related to HTPs and e-cigarettes; brands
- Content filtered for German language





Methods

• Analysis:

- HTPs: February to May
- E-cigarettes: February April

Categorization of results:

- o account type (commercial, influencer, media, personal)
- o account subtype (producer, shop, online shop, event, other)
- o brand
- o marketing theme (special offer, taste, technical features, lifestyle etc.)
- Preliminary results are shown





HTPs

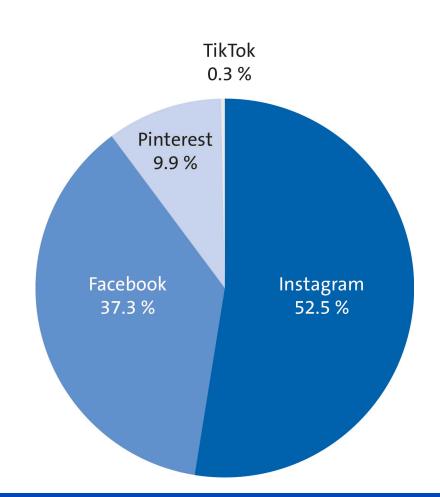
• 314 relevant posts

platform

about half on Instagram

TikTok

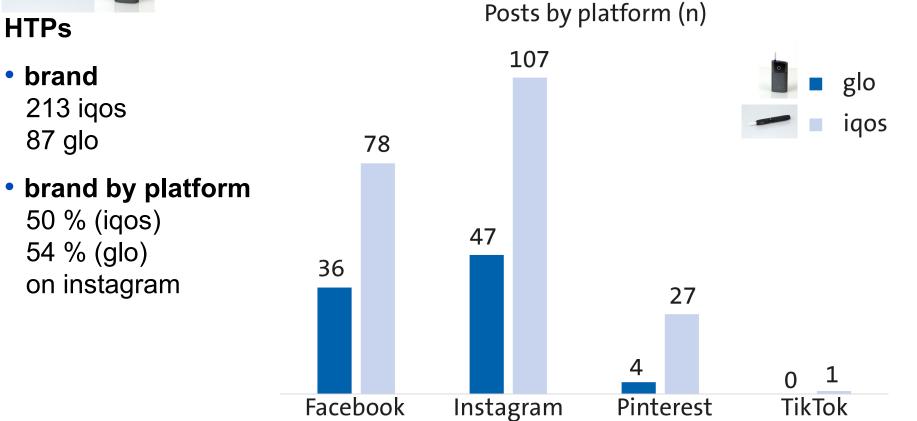
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HTPs

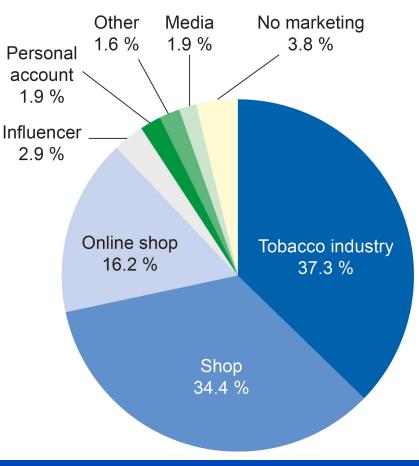






HTPs

account type 87.9 % commercial (tobacco industry, shops, online shops)







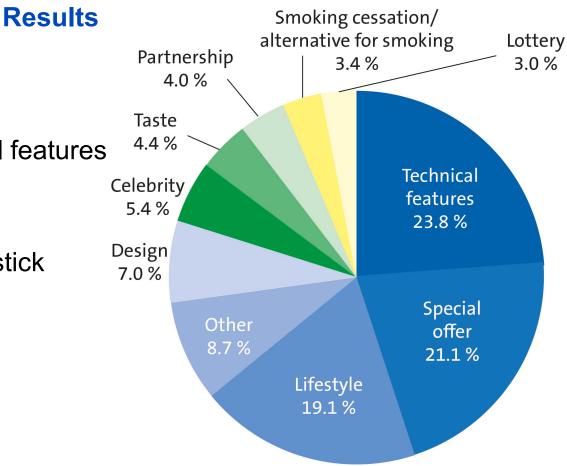
HTPs

marketing themes

tobacco industry: technical features shops: special offers

• Iqos

often device without heat stick







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Glo Germany 3. Februar - 🔇

Wie kaufst du lieber ein – online oder offline? Wenn du Team-Offline bist, kannst du auf unserer Website den Storefinder aufrufen, um dir easy alle Shops in deiner Umgebung anzeigen zu lassen, die unsere Devices und weitere glo™ Essentials verkaufen! Echt nice, oder?





https://www.facebook.com/glo.germany/posts/633897995410511



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https://www.facebook.com/iqos.support.de/photos/a.2132669436965762/3557572084475483/

Wir fragen Dich: Wie machst Du Dein IQOS Gerät unverwechselbar?



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- 🖕 = Irgendwie schräg, aber gute Idee!
- Ist mir wirklich schon mal passiert!
- = Ich erkenne meins so oder so!





IQOS stinkt nach Furz

67,100 Follower

https://www.instagram.com/reel/Co_7Uz2jrRz/

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Antworten

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Gefällt 860 Mal

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• Folgen

25 Wo.

Eure Meinung dazu? ⊗ € ich sag eher HEU #keinkommentar #frenzy #igos

2 Wo. Das ist ein Lifestyle Produkt

25 Wo. Man kann alles probieren (auch wenn man einiges nicht probieren sollte, wie Fliegenpilz und Co. und nur weil andere das nicht mögen, heißt es nicht, dass es schlimm ist - jeder hat seinen eigenen Geschmack: egal ob

Gaumen oder Nase. (2) Aber dein Song ist wie der ultimative Konter

nger - KEIN KOMMENT/





E-cigarettes

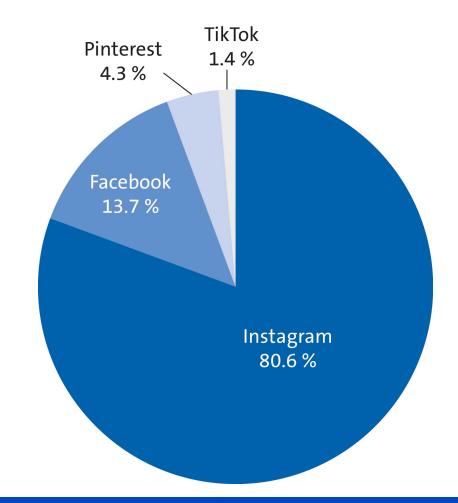
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• platform 80.6 % Insta

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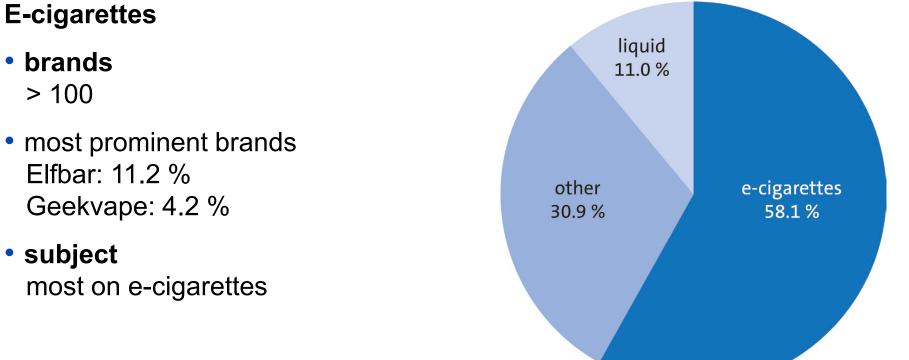
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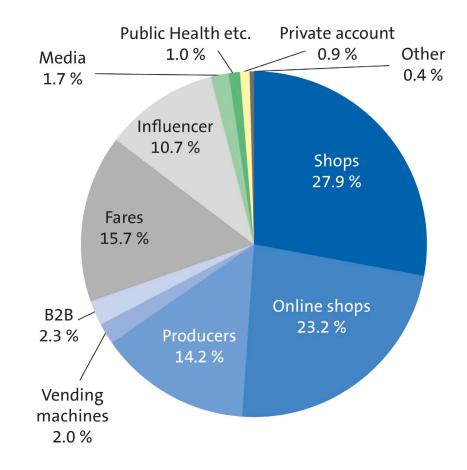


E-cigarettes

account

86.0 % commercial (shops, online shops, producers, vending machines, B2B, fares)

10.7 % influencer



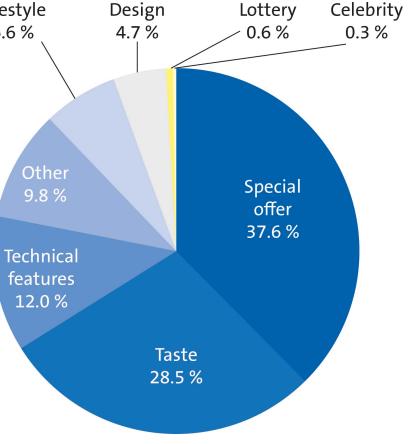




E-cigarettes

 marketing themes special offers taste technical features









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influencer		14	54	36	53	44	1	2	0
ent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
	28	0	10	0	0	2	0	0	0
	92	23	277	11	44	19	1	0	0
	272	23	138	26	77	27	0	0	0
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fares		299	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
producers		17	31	87	50	66	25	3	8	0
B2B		31	2	6	6	2	0	0	0	0
other		4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3





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taste

• comics

Results



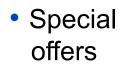
 Folgen ... Schaffhausen/Schweiz 24 Wo. Die neuen Monkey Vape sind fulminat fruchtig und dezent gekühlt, für alle Dampfer unter uns, die es kräftig im Geschmack mögen und den kommenden Sommer herbeisehnen, denn MNKY VAPE, hat den Sommervibe schon eingefangen! #mnkyvape #curieux #azhadselixirs#azhadflavors #dampferchefschaffhausen #schaffhausen #schaffhausen #schweiz #givelove #schaffhausencity #invape_switzerland #dampfmomente #dampfenstattrauchen 7 Gefällt 16 Mal Kommentieren ... (..)

Shop

dkfz.

https://www.instagram.com/p/CpPxNwCDXMC/





comics



https://www.instagram.com/p/CpNHwGxsS7h/







• partnership

• special offer



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THOV VALENTINSTAG - SPECIAL

Liebe Freunde, Besucher und Gäste der

auch in diesem Jahr ist es wieder Zeit für eine Valentinstag-Special Aktion. Pünktlich zum Tag der Liebe, möchten auch wir Euch etwas Liebe schenken.

OBJ

Beim Kauf eines Tickets (Tages- oder Wochenendtickets*), gibts es von uns mit viel Amore ein Gratis-Ticket für Eure bessere Hälfte von uns oben drauf. Code: Valentinstag

ACHTUNG:

Jeder Käufer erhält das kostenlose Partnerticket bis allerspätestens Ende der Woche automatisch von uns zugeschickt. Ihr müsst uns nicht gesondert anschreiben.

WICHTIG: * Diese Aktion gilt NICHT für VIP Tickets.

Euer Team

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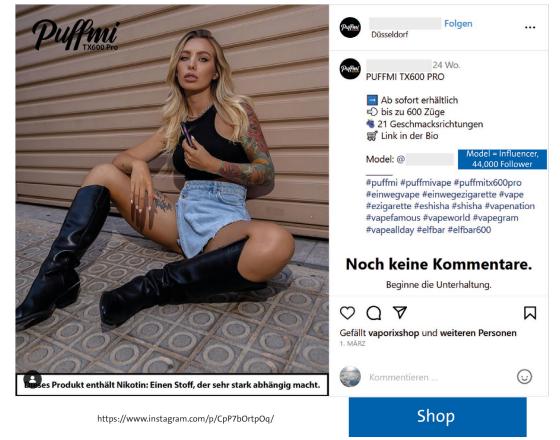
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Fare

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coolness

• brand

attractivity



Conclusions

- Despite the advertising ban there is advertising for HTPs and e-cigarettes on Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest and Tiktok
- Industry and shops are the main sources of advertising in social media
- Advertising does not exclusively address smokers
- Similar motives and themes for advertising on e-cigarettes and HTPs as for tobacco products and by using social media for advertising, the industry addresses a **young audience**
- Stronger regulation for social media and a stronger control of existing regulations are recommended



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