COVID Mail Attitudes

Understanding & Impact

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- Focus groups and other custom research
- Synthesis of primary and secondary research sources
- Quarterly insights deliverables for mail and shipping
- Addresses the state of USPS business and its competitors
Key Findings

Methodology

- Omnibus (online survey)
- # of survey respondents = 1,004 US adults
- Census representative of US population
- age 18+
- April 15-17 2020
- Weighted by age, sex, geographic region, race and education (to match census breakdowns)

Findings

- Consumers are feeling increasingly isolated and distant from people.
- Two-thirds have/would send mail, with family and friends the most common recipients.
- The majority (65%) want to support USPS during this time and agree that receiving mail lifts their spirits (65%). Mail is extra special during this time of social distancing (61%). Respondents feel they can feel more connected to people through the mail (54%)
Evolving Attitudes – Change in Emotion

Consumers are feeling increasingly isolated and distant from people.

Q2. How has the Coronavirus pandemic affected your mental wellbeing?

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Demographic skews (more isolated):

Middle aged 45-54: 72%

Base: Total (1004)
Source: Omnibus 4/15-4/17
Activities done more of in past few weeks

Around 1-in-6 consumers have been sending more letters/cards over the past few weeks. This skews higher income and those with kids in the home.

Q1. Thinking about your personal behavior since the coronavirus outbreak. How would you say each of these has changed, if at all, in the past few weeks?

Done a lot/little more

- Staying home: 87%
- Online shopping: 51%
- Connecting with friends/family: 37%
- Mailing letters/cards: 17%
- Going shopping to physical stores: 9%

Demographic skews (more frequent mailing letters/cards):

- Younger 18-44: 21%
- Income $100k+: 25%
- Urban residents: 25%
- Employed: 21%
- Kids in HH: 25%

Base: Total (1004)
Source: Omnibus 4/15-4/17
Sending Personal Correspondence

Two-thirds have/would send mail, with family and friends the most common recipients. Individuals who are younger, have higher income and those with kids in the home are more likely to want to send cards/letters.

Q3. During the Coronavirus pandemic, which of the following groups of people have or would you send greeting cards or letters to?

Demographic skews (any recipients):
- Younger 18-44: 76%
- Income $100k+: 74%
- Kids in HH: 75%
- Employed: 70%
- Urban/suburban residents: 69%

Base: Total (1004)
Source: Omnibus 4/15-4/17
Attitudes/Experiences

The majority want to support USPS during this time and agree that receiving mail lifts their spirits. Mail is extra special during this time of social distancing.

Q4. Thinking specifically about your experience during the Coronavirus pandemic, how much do you agree with the following?

Q5. Thinking specifically about your attitudes towards sending mail during the Coronavirus pandemic, how much do you agree with the following?

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I want to support the USPS during this difficult economic time
Cards/letters from friends/family lifts my spirits during this time
Receiving a card/letter in the mail makes me feel more connected during social distancing
Mailing/receiving cards/letters from friends/family is extra special because of social distancing
It means more to me to receive a card/letter than an e-mail
I feel less isolated when I receive a card/letter in the mail

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Respondents find they can have a more meaningful connection to those they send mail to, while some indicate the importance of flexibility in how they shop for mail products.

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